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# THE EDITOR'S JOTTINGS

I always get concerned if an email arrives which has as its subject line the name of a friend. It's invariably bad news. Often it is the name of someone older than me, such as in the Rotary Club, but very occasionally it's a contemporary, and that's when real life goes on hold for a little while whilst you take in the news. My friend Jonathan Leonard died in South Africa during the summer, and a memorial service was held in Bristol Cathedral. A bittersweet occasion, it gave the opportunity to meet up with several old friends, and – as always – you just carry on where you left off all those years ago. I had not seen Lloyd Allington for years, but have since met up twice when going to see his drama productions on the Edinburgh Fringe at at Dean Close School in Cheltenham.

Last minute panic about the Master's Portrait. The actual portrait was supplied by email, and there was a photograph of the picture being painted by the artist on the Norman Gallery. The portrait itself hangs in the Great Hall. As I looked at the page proofs I noticed the photo of the portrait and the portrait itself were different. One had the Master's head to the left of the picture, the other to the right. Clearly they could not both be correct. I struggled to remember what was in the Great Hall, and I think I have got it right, but doubtless some kind soul will tell me if it is wrong. At least *Castellum's* treatment of the portrait will be consistent, even if consistently wrong.

I was delighted to have an article from Dr. Ian Doyle, the senior member of the Senior Common Room, on his 60 years in the SCR. We have also heard from Revd. Edward Underhill, now having retired after a long ministry in St. George's, Gateshead. Unsolicited manuscripts are welcome, but email is preferable so that the work can be passed straight to the typesetter when I start putting the magazine together in October. This statement clearly assumes my re-election as Editor of your magazine at the next reunion, but for some reason this has never proved a problem since I was first elected to the job in 1987! In the hope that this magazine might rekindle your own happy memories of a life in Castle, please enjoy. And remember that you too could be the next Chancellor...

*Alex J. Nelson  
Chester-le-Street, December 2010*

## **Rail tickets for the Reunion**

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on Thursday, 7th January 2011**

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# LETTER FROM THE MASTER

2009–10 has been my twelfth year as Master here in Castle and I guess notable for the fact that I reached the stage when it is customary to have one's portrait done! – something I did find quite embarrassing really, sitting there on the Norman Gallery for hours and hours, with occasional students and tourists walking past, but it is now hanging on the wall. This year has also been one when I was able to escape the worst winter in decades and spend three and a half months on sabbatical in Australia playing with rocks.<sup>1</sup> 2009–10 has also been special for the students in that our finalists were the best ever with 86% receiving 2.1's or 1st's, that is virtually top of the College League Table of Degree Results (actually top was Van Mildert with 88%, then Chads with 87%, then us (tying with Collingwood and Hatfield). Surprisingly perhaps, no-one here got a Third or a Pass Degree and no-one failed in the June exams. Is this grade inflation you ask? No, of course not, Castlemen are working harder than ever and achieving better results!

Our students are forever completing surveys, the National Student Survey being the most important from the point of view of league tables, but also one for their College, and one for every module they take (usually six). For the College experience survey you will be pleased to know that we came top of the maintained Colleges in Overall Satisfaction, Scholarly Community, Community and Sense of Belonging, Library Facilities, in participation in Music and Drama, and in Choosing this College again. We also did very well in Tutorial and Welfare Support. It is gratifying to know that our students are happy to be here and seem to appreciate what the College is providing for them.

Continuing with league tables, Durham University itself has done extremely well in the last few months, both nationally and internationally. In the *Complete/Good University Guide* for the *Independent* we came fourth, in *The Times* we were eighth and then fourteenth in the *Guardian* (fourteenth is actually amazing – we are usually way down in this one!). We have also moved significantly up the World University rankings from 108th to 85th; one of the University's strategic aims (KPI) is to be in the World Top 50 by 2020. At this rate it could be quite soon!

You may be interested to know that during the 2009–10 year, only two undergraduates left the College during the year, for medical reasons, and very tragically one second year student, Jordan Harker, died. At the end of the academic year, three students were required to leave for failing their

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<sup>1</sup>Editor's Note: It is interesting that coastal sedimentology always seems to involve nice beaches.

exams. In October 2010, we had one of the largest intakes of Freshers for many years with a total of 235, although this figure does include 10 Erasmus students from Europe here to study for just one year. The makeup of the student body this time is 199 home, 21 overseas, two Channel Islands and 13 European. This large intake caused some headaches in terms of finding accommodation but fortunately Cuthbert's was around 20 students short so we were able to take over a house of theirs on the Bailey, next to 24 (the Union Society's Bar). We were lucky – other Colleges also went over their quota and one had to house around 50 Freshers at Houghall College by Maiden Castle Sports Centre – a long way to walk (to Mary's) for breakfast (and lunch and dinner), but good exercise for them. Our Postgraduate numbers have also increased, to 132 (105 in 2009–10) so this makes a grand total of 740 students in this College for 2010–2011. We now have flats for 24 Postgraduates near the Hospital (Dryburn – recently renamed University Hospital of North Durham).

The College did well in many sports, and UCBC for example had one of its best years, winning over 100 pots. UCBC and some other Boat Clubs are having a problem this term in that as a result of the closure of Saddler Street for resurfacing, a job taking two months; traffic for Palace Green has to come over Prebends Bridge. That bridge is in a bit of state and needs repairing; but the Cathedral, who own it, cannot do that now because of the bats living underneath it. The outcome is that there is no river traffic allowed under the bridge. Thus UCBC, Aidans, Durham School and St. Leonard's cannot launch their boats from their boat houses, and have had to make other arrangements. This is awkward, and at a time when there is much rowing, especially with Fresher crews, as Inter-College and Local Regattas are taking place in November. We are very optimistic for College rugby this year since our Freshers team have just beaten Hatfield in the traditional first game of the season. Of course, as you'd expect, Hatfield tried to retrieve the looming defeat by sending on a few Third Year University Team players.

Castle Theatre Co. (CTC) performed *Murder in the Cathedral* in the Great Hall (November 2009) and came together with our Chapel Choir and Castle Orchestra for Britten's *Albert Herring* in the Assembly Rooms in November 2009, *Die Fledermaus* (February 2010) in the Hall and Handel's *Acis and Galatea* (June 2010) in the Fellows Garden. CTC performed *Macbeth* open-air here in the summer (June 2010), then toured Mansions and Castles in England in July. For the second-year running they performed at venues in the eastern US in September, a most successful tour which is partly funded by the University since this is a great flag-flying exercise for Durham. The Big Band and Castle Orchestra, with the Singing Society, entertained each term, and Quikfix did *Peter Pan* in

December 2009, when I was the crocodile. This coming Christmas the panto will be *Dick Whittington* and the Lumley Run Arts week (March 2009) was successful as always; the Chapel was also well-supported throughout the year. There were several sponsored formals (e.g. KPMG) which were useful for the JCR in terms of career advice and a bit of fundraising. The Castle–Hatfield Sporting Charity Challenge was a successful event again, although we lost overall, we did win the ergo (24-hour) rowing machine competition. It culminated in a rather noisy, boisterous Dinner in Hatfield, as you can imagine!

The MCR had a very successful year too, offering social events of various sorts, dining on high table on Tuesdays, low table Thursdays, termly Senate Suite Dinners, participation in JCR entertainments, and intercollege MCR events too.

Our Appeal to Castle Graduates for the Tunstall Chapel restoration has been very successful and with the £50,000 we have raised so far we have completed many tasks: the cleaning and repairing of the stained-glass windows, the lifting and relaying of the marble floor, the resetting of the wooden parquéed flooring, the repairs to the altar and to the misericords and choir stall-ends. The hassock repairs are in hand and there is still the rewiring and lighting to do. Many thanks to those of you who donated to this project.

We are planning on restoring the Chapel organ in the summer of 2011, which will be at a cost of around £50,000. We have around £40,000 already and just need another £10k. The organ will be repaired by Harrison & Harrison Ltd. – an international organ-builders who happen to be based in Meadowfield, just outside Durham, and amazingly they were the firm that installed the organ in 1878. The organ actually is rather special – it was constructed by Father Smith in the 17th century for the Cathedral and then when the Cathedral bought a new organ in the late 19th century, a cut-down version of the old organ was installed in the Tunstall Chapel.

Several staff have departed this year, some as a consequence of the University's catering review and others in response to a voluntary severance scheme. Staff leaving that former students may know include the Chefs Colin Thompson, John Sefton and Andrea McKenna, and Servery Staff Sarah Thompson and Val Dunn. Bedders Christine Chapman and Karen Bowman have also left.

Minor works around the College over the last year have included the refurbishment of the MCR; the restoration of the Gatehouse (Level 1), which is now being used as a very useful extra common room/meeting room for the JCR.

However, the big project coming up next year is the renovation of the Keep, Junction and Hall Stairs, which will take six months, from July 2011

through till January 2012, and the redecoration of the Great Hall and the installation of a new Servery, scheduled to take three months, July, August, September, 2011. These are major projects – many people are involved in the planning taking place now, with fortnightly meetings – Architects, Surveyors, Electrical Contractors, Heating Engineers, IT Specialists, Asbestos Removers, Health and Safety Officers, Risk Advisers, City Planners and Conservation Officers, and Staff from the University’s Estates Department and the Treasurer’s Office, as well as College Officers of course. En-suites will be placed in as many rooms in the Castle as possible – which will leave just 15 without. The Great Hall will have a new floor, will be painted and cleaned, have a new heating system and new lights. A third layer of paintings, which were there originally, will be hung up (a series of Saints). Of course the work in the Keep will mean that 65 students will have to be housed elsewhere for the Michaelmas Term. We have rooms booked at Teikyo (a hall next to Mary’s for Japanese students to spend a year in Durham – but not so many come these days), and then they can move onto brand new, palatial rooms in the Castle.

I spent the Epiphany term 2010 on sabbatical at the University of Western Australia, Perth, and had a marvellous time looking at the limestones up the West Coast. I found lots of new and exciting things (well to me at least) which included footprints over 100,000 years old (maybe marsupials) and evidence of forest fires then too. Research-wise I have been very busy this year with five PhD students; writing the fourth edition of one of my books, and attending conferences in Italy and Argentina.

The College is extremely grateful for all the support its Graduates have given over the years – there have been many donations to our University College Durham Trust, and to the University’s Telephone Appeal. We have used these funds to buy many things for the JCR–MCR and provide support for many clubs and societies, for example – a new eight for the Boat Club, equipment, match-referees fees and travel for our sports teams, materials for the Castle Fine Arts Soc, and bursaries for internships.

I wish all *Castlemen*, past and present, a great year ahead.

*Floreat Castellum*

*Maurice Tucker, October 2010*



# RIDLEY COATS

## Castle 1949–1952



This year we of the Old Guard lost two of our number: one, whose name will be more familiar to Castlemen than the other, Ridley Coats; the other Roy Arnold.

This testimonial to the first of these, to Ridley, will be no conventional one. He of all people would understand this, for one can cover a hundred, five hundred, pages with a list of a man's achievements and at the end leave the reader with no more idea of him than if one had written nothing at all. This is, if it is anything, a tribute to a man of the sweetest nature who was endowed with a courage few of us possess. With these qualities went that sense of humour that is possessed only by those who, having sounded to their shallow depths the vanity of human wishes, are thereby and thereafter enabled to take the God's eye

view of even the cruellest adversities.

Ridley, as his name indicates, came of Riever stock. He went to the Queen Elizabeth Grammar School in Hexham.

'Ridley,' I asked him once, 'how is it that though you went to school in Hexham you speak so beautifully?' He gave his usual gurgling laugh before confessing: 'Elocution, dear boy, elocution!'

He was called up to do his National Service, of course; and endured it in the Army. And he was one of the only two National Servicemen I have known who was commissioned.

'What were you in, Ridley?' Through my mind ran the names of famous Regiments; stirring every one as a drum-beat: the 7th–11th Hussars; the Black Watch; the 52nd Light Infantry, once the Ox and Bucks and now the heroic Rifles. Again came that gurgling self-mocking laugh, followed by: 'The Pay Corps, dear boy. The Pay Corps!'

He was one of those people who seem possessed of natural leadership; who seem as a matter of course to be sent by their fellows to the top, there effortlessly to manage, to organise, to keep the clockwork decently running. At Castle he was of course elected Senior Man.

Being one of those who do things, or rather see to it that other people do things, Ridley on going down went into industry. Into ICI. Here he rose; and rose. His every day was packed. 'You never find him in,' a friend once complained to me. 'He's never at home.' He worked long hours; he was Chairman of Governors of this school, and Chairman of Governors of that one, and graced Committee upon Committee. And no longer young enough or fit enough to play rugby or cricket, he took great delight in pub skittles.

Then he woke up one morning and told Beryl, his wife, that he could feel nothing at all all down one side of his body. He was forty-eight. In a day or two he would have been taking on a new job: ICI's Transport Manager for the North of England.

He missed the next two Reunions after that fearsome stroke. But he came along to the third. For some reason he had been put in a room up Hall Stairs; and with a mix of pity and awe and admiration we watched him creep, teeth gritted, at a snail's pace and backwards, down to us waiting below, taking those shallow stairs one at a time. Thereafter he was a faithful attender; but inevitably, as the years wore on and he grew less and less mobile, the difficulties the College had in housing him and that we had in hoisting him in his wheelchair up the steep stairs to the Senate Rooms, where we, the Old and diminishing Guard, have our Friday Dinner, made Castle Reunions for him things of painful memory.

He found himself jobs! Managed most expertly a Doctors' Practice in Northwich. And he was, I'm sure, something to do with a swish private employment agency; for he rang me one morning asking if I would be interested in taking over the finances of Durham Cathedral! 'Me, Ridley!' I exclaimed. 'With my Mathematics?' For I am scarcely numerate. And he founded a Stroke Club. 'One for the gee-gees', as he put it, he was intimate with all the racecourses, being ferried to them by his son John, twin to Joanna, his patient wheelchair in the boot. And he went regularly to the cricket up in Chester-le-Street. And to the Rugby. And, handicapped though he was, he went to Theatres I had never heard of up in North Wales and the West. Death took him only a day or two before he was going down to London, to the St George's Day celebrations at the Albert Hall.

He joined the Lodge too. He said to me one day, 'What do you think, Edgar? They want me to go on. To climb the ladder and go into the Chair. But you see, the old memory isn't what it was.'

'They won't care,' I said. 'They've not asked you because they expect you to give a theatrical performance. They've asked you because you're Ridley. They'll understand.'

And he did. And they did. I was his guest at many a Christmas meeting, and afterwards at his Lodge's Christmas Dinner, and I saw that I had been right.

To our astonishment, and not a little to our distress, Beryl died before him – one winter, and very suddenly, of pneumonia. Thereafter, living on his own, he was looked after by Carers for whom he could never find enough praise.

'A lovely girl my present one, Edgar! You'll see her when she comes tomorrow. And do you know – she comes from Durham!'

Oh paeon of praise indeed!

A sense of humour I said he had. Oh yes!

'I'm afraid I've had to give up driving,' he confessed to me, it seems not all that time ago. 'I was parking the car in the surgery car-park, and the automatic transmission got the better of me.' Again that distinctive gurgling laugh before he concluded: 'I'm afraid I took out three cars, including my doctor's, before she stopped!'

The Gods who had dealt so harshly with him seem at the last to have favoured him with a smile: for his Carer let herself in – was she another of his lovely girls from Durham? I wonder – and found him dead in his bed.

Dealt harshly with him, did I say? Perhaps I've misjudged those Inscrutable Ones; for I have met few so blessed with the love of so many friends.

*Edgar Jones*

# JONATHAN DAVID LEONARD, University College 1980–84 1962–2010



Jonathan Leonard sadly died on 1st of June 2010, at the age of 48, after a sudden illness, whilst he was music grade examining in South Africa.

Jonathan was born in Bristol on 11th June 1961, and was educated at Bristol Cathedral School where he was Organ Scholar of the Cathedral. Here he was awarded the Licentiate of the Guildhall School of Music for Organ Performance in 1978, and was also involved with the Cathedral as a Lay Clerk and Verger. In addition to this, from the age of fifteen, he directed the Choir of St Mary's Church in Fishponds, Bristol, where he is remembered for his love of choral music as well as some memorable concert performances with the Choir.

He went on to study Music at University College, Durham where he was Organ Scholar from 1982–1984. He also conducted the University Chamber Choir and the Castle Choir and gained the Fellowship of the Royal College of Organists, winning the prestigious Sawyer, Durrant and Samuel Baker Prizes.

In 1984 Jonathan began his teaching career at Ampleforth College in North Yorkshire as Head of Keyboard Studies and Conductor of the Abbey Choir *Schola Cantorum*. He was then appointed Director of Music at Christ College, Brecon, transforming the Music Department and inspiring even the most unlikely pupils.

Most recently, Jonathan was Musical Director at St Luke's Church in Chelsea where he was instrumental in expanding the repertoire of the Choir and establishing an exciting and varied concert series. During this time he also worked with several other Choirs and was always in demand as a Choral Director, Conductor and Organist, travelling extensively throughout Europe and beyond. In addition to this, he was a Music Examiner for Trinity College, London and a Principal 'A' Level Examiner for Edexcel.

I first met Jonny in 1980, thirty years ago, at Durham, where I was also a student at University College, and from that first night in the College Bar we became firm friends, later working together for a short while at Christ College Brecon, in the Music Department there in the late 1980's. Jonny's special qualities as a Teacher and Musician are well known, so I'd like to say a few more personal words about my old pal.

Of course, as Castle Organ Scholar, singing and organ playing was central to Jonny's life. He was blessed (some would say otherwise!) with a strong singing voice. He also had a Stentorian speaking voice, which occasionally got him into trouble. He was famous for his 'stage whispers', sometimes making less than complementary comments about people to a confidant, completely oblivious to the fact that everyone could hear him. Various nicknames for Jonny over the years have included '*Radio Leonard*' and '*Terry Tannoy*', and we have all had moments when we have had to shut him up for his own good!

Music was not the only passion in Jonny's life. His cooking is something that all of us who knew him have probably experienced at some point, and his Dinner Parties in the smallest of Castle rooms were legendary – I remember Jonny cooking dinner for some friends and I in the old kitchen at the end of the Norman Gallery, and serving it in my (small) room of N24 – I still have the photograph of the beautifully laid-out table! How he did this on two rings and a grill is still beyond me!

Jonny's love of a good party was a constant feature of his life, and many of us have spent a bibulous evening in his company. He was a man who enjoyed socialising to the full, but this never affected his uncanny ability to be out of bed before anyone else had stirred, cooking breakfast for his guests, with the washing-up all done and the table cleared of the previous night's carnage. It's not surprising, then, given the above stories, that one of Jonny's other nicknames was '*Legless Leonard*'.

Jonny could also be infuriatingly stubborn, irascible, and didn't suffer fools gladly. I'll never forget him, playing for Evensong in Wells Cathedral, and whipping back the organ loft curtain and hissing (loudly of course!) to a poor unsuspecting mother with a crying child in the nave. 'Don't you understand that Divine Service is in progress? Take that child and yourself out of the building now!' Immediately after, he launched into the anthem '*Let All The World*' by Vaughan Williams. He played with fury and fireworks, drowning out the Choir and using every stop he could find on the organ. 'That's the sort of noise we need in a Cathedral' he hurrumphed triumphantly afterwards!

Jonny was, of course, fun too. Who can forget the sight of him racing around inside St Luke's Church, Chelsea in a motorised wheelchair during a 40th birthday party after the special evensong there? Or going to Alton Towers in a CCB Sunday afternoon trip, losing his specs on the big dipper, but not caring a hoot!

Jonny was in many ways a complicated man, whose deepest need was to feel loved and accepted for who he was, unconditionally. He often expressed to many of us a need for someone special in his life, who he could look after, but often voiced that he felt that this would be always personally unobtainable for him. This constant and real frustration sometimes expressed itself in anger, self-destructiveness, self-loathing, and doubt in his God, interspersed with the

belief that he would die young – which, sadly, has come true. But that Jonny WAS loved is apparent. Emails, letters and Facebook comments were full of many expressions of admiration, love and respect for this great man. These would have gladdened his dear heart. Here are some of those expressions:

*'Many could have taught us music, but only you taught us passion.'*

*'Jonny, you were an amazing person who enjoyed life to the full, always ensuring those around you made the best out of every thing. You will be so sadly missed...'*

*'Jonny, you don't fully appreciate just how rare a breed you are, and how many lives you have changed indelibly. If we could all manage to be a fraction of the person you were the world would be a better place.'*

*'Terrible news – you had much more to give. I hope the Angel Choir that greets you is bloody good – otherwise you've got a job to do!'*

*'You are utterly irreplaceable. Thank you for being such a wonderful friend and human being. I will always love you.'*

Jonny's mortal remains are interred in the beautiful garden to the rear of Bristol Cathedral, where he started his professional career, and where his Memorial Service took place on Friday 28th June 2010. How Jonny will love that – always next to his beloved building, always listening to all the Evensongs of Eternity.

*Faire is the heaven where happy soules have place  
In full enjoyment of felicitie;  
Whence they do still behold the glorious face  
Of the Divine, Eternall Majestie*

Farewell, Jonny, and Rest In Peace.

*Jonathan Newell*



**University College Durham Trust, Durham University**

**Chairman and Master, Professor M.E. Tucker**

# **DURHAM CASTLE REFURBISHMENT APPEAL**

In the summer of 2011, the Castle is undergoing its first major refurbishment in decades (perhaps centuries) with new floor etc. in the Great Hall, new Servery, and complete refit of Student Rooms in the Keep, Junction and Hall Stairs, with many en-suites. Coinciding with this, we would like to raise £40,000 to provide 'extras' to enhance the student experience: equipment for the new Computer Room in Hall Stairs, good-quality furniture and fittings for the new Common Room in the Keep and kitchenettes there and Hall Stairs, along with a refit of the Toastie Bar.

Donations, single or regular, will be gratefully received.

Cheques, payable to 'University College Durham Trust', can be sent to the Trust at: **University College, Durham Castle, Durham, DH1 3RW** or paid through the Bankers Order Form on the reverse of this page (please enlarge if necessary), where there is also a Gift-Aid form.

*Also see our website:*

<http://www.dur.ac.uk/university.college/uctrust/appeal/>



# Minutes of the 64th Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 10th April 2010 in the Undercroft, Durham Castle at 5:30 p.m.

## *In the Chair*

Chairman of the Society, Prof. M.E.Tucker, Master of University College.

## *In Attendance*

42 Castlemen present.

## *Apologies for absence*

Peter Crowley, Martin Gunson, Nick Mercer, Chris Harrocks, Flo Chreseson, Eva Schumacher-Reid, John Hollier, Sven Kottwicz, John Crowther, Robin Morgan, Edgar Jones, Derek Elliott, John Nicholls, Harriet Russell, David Mallett, Stanley Robinson

The Chairman reported the deaths of: Jordan Harker, Second Year Undergraduate in December 2009; Peter Parkhouse (1956–1960), 2nd April 2010.

## *Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising.*

Minutes published in *Castellum* December 2009. Accepted. No matters arising.

## *Reports:*

### a) *Chairman of University College Durham Trust*

MET reported that the value of the Trust's assets now stood at around £570,000 and that its objective was to reach £1 million, from which the annual interest (approximately £25,000) would be used to support the College.

The appeal for funds to restore the Tunstall Chapel had reached its target of £50,000, and several of the necessary works had been completed. The College was also hoping to restore the organ as part of this Tunstall project.

MET thanked the Castle Society members for their support of the College and of the Trust.

### b) *Editor of Castellum*

Alex Nelson reported that *Castellum* has appeared in December as planned and it has been well received. MET thanked Alex for his work on the magazine – very impressive compared to other College Alumni mags.

### c) *Treasurer of Castle Society*

Report presented by MET in Martin Gunson's absence:

The Castle Society accounts for the last year were published in *Castellum* in December 2009.

Observations: there was a healthy income from subscriptions – £18,889; but with rates still low, only small amount of interest expected on savings account this year.

***Expenditure:***

Apart from secretarial costs and postage, main expenditure is printing and postage on *Castellum*. For the December 2009 edition, the printing costs were £6,100, so that each issue cost £1.92. This was regarded as good value.

MET recorded his gratitude, and the Society's, to Martin for his work as Treasurer.

***Business from Durham Castle Society Committee meeting:***

The Committee requested the Castle Society AGM to agree to: the annual £1,000 donation to the College Lowe Library for books; and a donation of £12,500 to University College Durham Trust – without specification, to help build up the funds. Both payments were agreed.

***Election of Officers.***

The Officers of the Society were duly re-elected: Martin Gunson (Treasurer), Alex Nelson (Representative on College Council and Editor of *Castellum*), Nick Mercer (Membership Secretary).

Douglas Pinnock and Richard Ellery stood down as Members of the Castle Society Committee and were thanked by the Master for their contributions.

The Chairman also thanked Peter Crowley for his work as Secretary of the Society and of the Trust.

John Morrissey was elected a Member of the Castle Society Committee and agreed to be the Secretary of the Society.

Kevin Hawes was re-elected as a Trustee of University College Durham Trust.

***Any other business***

There being no other business, the Master thanked all those present for their support of the College.

***Date of next meeting: 26th March 2011***



**64th Reunion Dinner  
Saturday 10th April 2010  
GREAT HALL**

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**Crab and Tomato Tart  
with Peppered Rocket and a Shrimp Dressing**

**Smoked Northumbrian Cheese and Leek Tart  
with Rocket and Herb Oil (V)**

★ ★ ★

**Roast Rump of Lamb with Garlic and Rosemary  
Served with Honey Roast Roots  
and Goose Fat Potatoes**

**Vegetable Pithliver with a White Wine Sauce  
topped with Crispy Leeks (V)**

★ ★ ★

**Individual Chocolate and Honeycomb Mousse  
with Castle Shortbread**

★ ★ ★

**Coffee, Tea, Mints**

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

***TOASTS***

<b>THE QUEEN</b>	<b>The Master</b>
<b>THE COLLEGE</b>	<b>Andy Hemmings</b>
<b>ABSENT FRIENDS</b>	<b>The Master</b>
<b>REPLY</b>	<b>The Master</b>

# SENIOR TUTOR'S SPEECH AT LADIES' NIGHT BALL 2009

## THE MOTTO WAS CIRQUE DU SOLEIL

What can I say about a circus ... I am sure you don't want me to go into the history of the circus starting in Roman times when the first circus called 'Circus Maximus' was built for 250,000 spectators. Actually, if they don't want me anymore here at Castle I could probably apply to one. I can juggle, I am used to tightrope walks, I can sit on a high horse, I am used to whistles from the audience and I can do a bit of lion taming. Really, the life of a Senior Tutor comprises quite a few circus elements. And it is never a dull day:

Now this could be a Friday, a Thursday, a Monday,  
a Wednesday, a Tuesday or even a Sunday.

Can't meet a deadline, I need a concession,  
I'm really worried about my academic progression,  
my timetable is a muddle,  
I need advice and a cuddle.

Two assessments were failed,  
I was drunk and got jailed.

I have got arthritis,  
swine flu, bronchitis,  
an ulcer and I'm snoring.

My lectures are boring,  
can I change my course, my module, my life?

I have no motivation, no interest, no drive.

I'd rather be on stage than sit in a lab,  
if you could tell my parents, that would really be fab.

I feel so bereft

my girl-friend has left.

My bed is too short, my room is too loud,  
academic achievement? – I very much doubt  
that I passed the last test  
though I did my very best.

My team lost in rowing.

Where am I going?

I've lost my direction,

can't get – well, I have some problems with a part of my anatomy...  
I climbed into the garden of the Master's own quarters  
and had to be removed by two of the Porters;  
he is really annoyed, can I make it better?  
Would he accept an apologetic letter?  
I was born to be wild,  
And now I'm expecting a child.  
My computer's gone funny,  
I have spent all my money.  
It's a reference I need,  
dear Mrs Schumacher-Reid,  
and I need it right now.  
I've been in a row  
with a tosser from Grey – Hatfield doesn't rhyme!  
I've got battles to pay.  
I'm so far from home in Durham County.  
I'm crying again, can I have a tissue, a Bounty?  
I fancy that bloke with the long dark hair,  
but he loves another, life is just so unfair.  
Why am I charged this really big fine?  
Because Mandy said I drank too much wine?  
I was seen on the roof?  
I'm sure you can't prove  
that. I was in my beddie  
with Tom, Dick and Freddie.  
I can't cope with rejection,  
but since you ask – on reflection  
I am having the best time of my life at Castle...

I hope that you are all having the best time here, and that tonight's Ladies Night will be one of your highlights of your UG time. Have a wonderful evening.

*Eva Schumacher-Reid, Senior Tutor*

# SENIOR MAN'S REPORT 2009–10

This time last year there was a grave concern that half of the University was about to come down with swine flu, which, thankfully, did not happen. Rather than fall desperately ill, the College flourished. Gary Cox became our Acting Bursar, and worked with John Wilson (JCR Treasurer) to render the JCR accounts of the previous few years comprehensible and presentable, according to the standards of BAS. It cannot be overstated what a staggering feat of achievement and hard work this was. We also commissioned and received a brand new JCR website. Other highlights for me include one fine November morning when I had the opportunity to steal the head of Hatfield's Lion mascot. The ensuing photographs have brought pleasure to many, including the President of Belarus, who saw these photographs plastered on the doors of the Norman Gallery, and thereafter kept winking at Eva Schumacher-Reid throughout their tour of the Castle and lunch in the Great Hall. As well as the rivalry with Hatfield, other Castle traditions were nurtured with due respect. The Lumley Run sign-up list was met with a scrum of eager young men desperate to take part and claim their tie. Ladies' Night and the June Ball were incredible evenings, and Stephanie Le Geyt (Social Chairman) and her team did a wonderful job. As per usual UCRAC distributed several thousand pounds to Castle's flourishing Clubs and Societies, from Rugby to Rock Climbing and from Ultimate Frisbee to the College Big Band.

Despite the successes, Michelmas Term 2009 ended in the worst way imaginable. The tragic death of Jordan Harker (2nd year Historian) brought University College to a stand-still amidst Durham's Christmas festivities. Jordan's friends and fellow Castle FC team-mates will never forget him, and have faced a difficult time coming to terms with his death. Yet, as someone remarked to me, Jordan's death was truly terrible even for those who did not know him well; he was one of us, we had lost a Castleman, which only demonstrates how genuinely the College Spirit gets under our skin and into our hearts.

Other black spots include the looming threat of University Officers to scrap free Formal Dinners for Livers-In. The academic year 2010–11

has already begun in Durham, and I have been blissfully out of the loop since the beginning of July, so I do not know the current state of play, but I hope that Castlemen are fighting for our traditions and that various hostile parties within the University come round to the idea that a compromise can be reached and that the Colleges and JCR's of Durham University are each unique and cannot be governed with a one-size-fits-all policy.

The issue of JCR governance and debates about JCR's becoming independent charities reached a stale mate by the end of the year. Becoming independent charities may not be the ideal solution for the JCRs of Durham but the problem is that the other options do not look much more attractive. The Executive Committees of the JCRs are there to act as representatives of the JCR and to look after its finances; both of which are functions which could disappear. Or, less pessimistically, it might be a waiting game for a few years until the Charities Commission gets round to delivering on its promises of previous years and creates a system suitable for Durham.

As Eva said to me before I ran for Senior Man, we as an Exec. do not want to do anything drastic; we just need to look after the College for the years to come. I think that the JCR and the JCR Executive Committee of 2009–10 succeeded in this spectacularly, through hard-work, commitment, loyalty and the joy which only comes from being a part of Castle.

*Harriet Russell, Senior Man, October 2010*





*Castle by Night.*



*Fun at the Bavarian Cultural Exchange (Bierfest 2010).*



*Castle frauleins at the Bavarian Cultural Exchange.*



*Castle Team at the Tough Guy Competition, January 2010.*



*Castle Theatre Company's Marat Sade in the bath in the Great Hall.*



*Frozen Castleman.*

# THE UNDERCROFT BAR

My tenure as Bar Chairman has probably been up there as the worst a Bar Chairman could have. The prices went up, Marilyn got nicked by some plebs from the hill, yards were banned, Smenergy has gone, post-shift relaxation ended, and the Bar Vice-Chairman got himself banned. Wow!

On a more positive note, we got the prices reduced to lower than they were to start with, yards are now back, Marilyn was taken home in the boot of a car, the Bar Vice-Chairman is now reinstated, and all may not be lost with Smenergy. The latest news from the Indian bloke in a bonded warehouse in Essex who makes the golden juice is that he has £50k tied up in empty Raw Spirit bottles, so obviously he wants to continue making it, but just needs to find somewhere to produce and bottle it. I looked into buying our own machine and offered to start up a beverage production company in the JCR. Apparently £35k is unreasonable! So who knows, when we head back for Castle Day next year, the place will hopefully be filled with happy sugary/caffeinated/boozed Smenergents and Castlemen supping once more the stuff of dreams.

Whilst frustrations with aspects of College Office are boring and never nice, they have not clouded what has truly been one of the best parts of my Castle experience. Who could forget the sheer epic-ness of the Bavarian Cultural Exchange (that's how you do a Bierfest Trevs...)? Whether imbibing in front of the bar, or working behind it, it has been the best place to be in College, and I'll miss the gentle chatter, crap playlists and clink of polycarbonate in the background when we are gone.

It goes without saying that the team who work the bar need a bigger thank you than I can ever write on paper. Back from the days of my first nervous shift with Kevin to flinging empty Raw Spirit bottles dangerously close to my head, right up to prepping probably the flairest June Ball bars ever known to man, the Bar Committee are the people who make this happen, and make it so enjoyable. Thanks ought to be mentioned to those members of the Bar Exec past who I have tried to emulate, and to those thanks of the Committee who do so much. You know who you all are. Best of luck to BDF and Staples for next year, you'll do a sterling job. And everyone else, whether you are working or just drinking there – keep doing what you are doing and enjoy our fantastic bar.

*Floreat Lashellum!*

*Geez*

# UNIVERSITY COLLEGE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

UCRFC got the opportunity to challenge in the Premiership for the first time in four years. A slew of young and talented Freshers were keen to step into the shoes of the departed stars, and hopes were high for a successful season.

The traditional Castle–Hatfield match was a hard fought affair, which was led by Castle with five minutes left. However, as the Castle legs grew weary, Hatfield's seemingly endless supply of substitutes were able to squeeze out victory in the final minutes.

The fixture list dealt us a bit of a blow as we faced four games in two weeks. A few early losses meant that it became apparent we were in a relegation battle. At one point, loss to Butler followed by a last play interception loss to Cuthbert's B significantly harmed our chances. The season became slightly disjointed as the winter weather took hold, which allowed the social side of UCRFC to become even more dominant. After the Winter break, UCRFC faced many of the larger Colleges from the Hill, so we knew we faced an uphill task. The highlight of the domestic season was a draw against Grey, under floodlights on the new 3G-rubber crumb pitch, and this registered Castle's first points in the Premier League for five years. Although the season ultimately ended in relegation, nevertheless there were some great times and some decent rugby.

However, we were swiftly given the chance to drown our sorrows in Prague. UCRFC combined with the University College Bar Committee, which meant we took 36 people in total. With Castle absolutely dominating Prague for four nights, we were confident ahead of our English and Czech opposition, until they got off their bus. Portsmouth University (with extremely flair kit) were our first opposition and were rather well built, with one member of the squad feeling the need to tell their centre how 'perfect his quads were'. The game began with a series of dubious calls from our Czech referee, which allowed UCRFC to establish some early dominance. However a breakaway try, followed swiftly by another, put a dent in our hopes. However, hope was salvaged by a try just before half time. After some inspirational words Castle came out with renewed vigour, leading to another score. Portsmouth re-established the lead, before UCRFC, in typically tense fashion, stole victory with two tries in the last three minutes. Having knocked off University our Czech hosts were dismissed with relative ease. The adventures of UCRFC in Prague were without doubt the highlight of the year, and my time at University.

Overall, UCRFC had a tough season facing some larger Colleges with much larger squads. Our performances on the whole have been good, and perhaps with a little more luck, we could have been looking at another season in the Premier League. Despite the disappointing performances on the field, UCRFC's off-season performance was much better. The numerous socials of all varieties as well as the tour to Prague means that 2009–10 will be looked back fondly upon by all UCRFC members.

*Iain Pearce*

# CASTLE TOUGH GUY TEAM

Billed as the “safest, most dangerous three hours of your life” the Tough Guy Challenge is an extreme obstacle course run in the name of charity.

Sending a team to the annual event has fast become a Castle Tradition. The event includes underwater tunnels, running over burning bales and even being electrocuted. Sleeping in a barn the night before and the huge number of eccentrics the event attracts add to the atmosphere.

Year on year this event has grown in size and I hope coach loads of future Castlemen will be able to enjoy it. It has always been our Ladies who have emerged as the true ‘Tough Guys’ and special mention must go to Kat and Rosalie who completed it in a great time and to Miss Roberts who finished the course despite taking permanent nose damage from a wooden plank. Her boyfriend (perhaps husband if you’re reading this in 2020) succumbed to the elements.

The 2008 event saw record low temperatures and I worried for the future of the event as we spent the morning looking for hypothermic Castlemen amongst the Florence Nightingale-esque field hospitals which had been set up. V.S.M. Benson was eventually found cowering under a heap of blankets. Despite the conditions, Matthew Green finished in the top 40, a massive achievement given the large number of international athletes the event attracts.

The event put two fingers up to the health and safety system which controls so much of what we can do and offers a unique challenge whilst raising money for charity. I hope to share a drink on the eve of the race with the Castle team in years to come.

*Charlie Forrest*

# UNIVERSITY COLLEGE MIXED LACROSSE CLUB

“Hey! Would you like to sign up for Mixed Lacrosse?”

“What the hell is Lacrosse?”

This, coupled with the fact that I turned up to the Castle Freshers’ Fair late and still quite drunk, to the untrained eye may have looked like things weren’t going to bode well for the future of UCMxL.

However, I knew it would be nothing but a roaring success and continued to entice people to sign up for the game that is ‘like that one from American Pie...’ Training sessions were very well attended as people learnt how to throw, catch, cradle, and shout “MY BALL!” as they picked it up from the floor.

A new University-wide League saw many matches being played and we were very unfortunate to not have won more, with final scores being very close and not always reflecting the team’s performance. One of the best was against Stephenson at Queen’s Campus, Stockton, Durham’s outpost. A good game of Lacrosse and some fantastic trash talk from both sides. Well, mainly ours but we held much higher ground to begin with.

Sadly the rain made it harder to hold regular training sessions but this wasn’t enough to hamper a very novice team’s commitment and ability and when we were able to get out, the standard of Lacrosse just continued to get better and better.

The year also saw the long, long, long awaited arrival of Stash, after failings from previous years’ Captains and then a blunder by the company. However, it eventually arrived, spelt correctly, and looking nothing like a Vs Shirt, just in time for the Hatfield game. We definitely won on style, and put up a very commendable fight against a very strong team.

The social side of Lacrosse was bigger and better than years gone by, many thanks to Miss Henzell for organising some fantastic nights. The first was an Assassins/James Bond themed Bar Crawl which saw each member of the team trying to kill off another, whilst trying to avoid being killed themselves. After I was VERY dubiously poisoned, I lost track of the game and don’t know who ended up winning. Well done to them though! A joint social with Hatfield saw all kinds of frolics, the details of which I shall kindly not mention here!

A final thanks to the whole team, for a very enjoyable years worth of Lacrosse both on and off the field and hopefully a better, and drier, next year awaits.

*Jonathan Harding*

# CASTLE THEATRE COMPANY

“**Durham Thesp**”: an animated species, usually seen in large street-filling gaggles. Frequents the watering hole ‘Fabio’s’ and often greets mates with a loud call, several kisses and an “Oh my goodness dahling you simply have to see my latest production, it’s so worthy of a d’Oscar!”.

Castle Theatre Company is the height of thespyness; based in a Castle, performing ‘*Summer Shakespeare*’ and producing arty epics such as *Marat/Sade* (the one with all the crazy mental patients, in which very few people had any clue as to what was going on!). But stereotypes aside, I have absolutely loved being a part of the Castle Theatrical Community. CTC has put on many diverse productions in the last three years from *Marat/Sade* to *Buried Child*, to *The Tempest*, *Closer*, *The Pillowman*, *Twelfth Night* and *Murder in the Cathedral* ... the list goes on. Yet all these productions, whatever their reception or reviews, have brought people together. Each show has had its own dramas, its own unique characters and stressful production weeks, yet they have all created lasting memories for cast members and audiences alike.

Being one of the few College Theatre Companies that recruit performers from across the University, CTC enables its members to experience the magic of Castle and the special community that lives here. In the past few years the company has forged new boundaries and connections in taking a *Shakespeare* tour to America and appearing at the *Edinburgh Fringe Festival* and we can only hope that these exciting opportunities will continue to grow for the next generation of actors who step through the gatehouse. As a Castleman, getting the chance to perform in your home is the ultimate honour. I feel extremely privileged to have been a part of CTC, for the friends I’ve made, for the shows that have been put on and for all the memories of late night tech rehearsals in the Great Hall and singing on the Black Staircase. I hope future generations of castlemen and Durham actors have as much fun as I have being a “Thesp”.

Cassie Bradley

*Castle Theatre Company Executive Committee 2008–2010*

# UNIVERSITY COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CLUB

The Women's Castle Basketball squad has definitely seen a huge range of talent flit through its membership records this year. With a new influx of Freshers, and Third and Second Years, the team has expanded and diversified allowing for its outstanding success.

The range of members within Castle Basketball has led to its overwhelming success this term, losing only two games in the whole season (one to a suspiciously tall and expanded Grey team – steroids and Chinese athlete importation? I think so!). Castle topped the Premiership throughout the year and were placed second overall in the Knock-Out League, losing to Grey in the final. **Castle–Hatfield Day also saw Castle victorious, as Hatfield were utterly annihilated by the glorious Castlewomen.**

Women's Castle Basketball has thereby maintained its position as one of the most successful sports teams within University College. With its customised 'Gareth Cosgrave' key rings, its highly sexy stash, and the blinding competitiveness within the team to squash 'all enemies'; who would not congratulate, and be jealous, of this fantastic part of Castle?

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# UNIVERSITY COLLEGE BOAT CLUB

Having arrived in Durham to find a boathouse caked in the mud and ooze of a 'one in a hundred-year flood', we set to work cleaning the boathouse, safe in the knowledge that we would not have to do it again in a hurry. Several weeks later, with the second 'one in a hundred-year flood' slowly seeping under the boathouse door, some would have become a little disheartened. Not UCBC. This has been one of the most successful years for the Club in many years, both on and off the water.

Following a one-hundred strong Fresher Bailey Bar Crawl, the Novice men and women braved the icy torrent of the autumnal River Wear. The tenacity and perhaps stubbornness of the Freshers and their Coaches must be admired, as against all odds, a large number of crews were ready to compete by Race Day. There were impressive races by all crews, culminating in UCBC's first Novice Cup victory for over a decade.

After Christmas, with river levels behaving themselves, rowing and socials began in earnest. The inaugural UCBC-HCBC (Hatfield) Ball was held. With more than 140 guests, a Ceilidh, and VIP entry to Klute, it was considered a resounding success. Preceding this was the Castle-Hatfield Ergo Challenge. The aim was for both crews to row the distance between Durham and London, with the Club who had contributed the most to the journey being pronounced the winner. Typically, UCBC stormed ahead leaving Hatfield to contemplate their second successive loss of the title.

Victory on the ergo was more than matched by victory on the water. The Men's 1st VIII and Women's 2nd VIII won at the Haywards Cup, whilst the Men's 1st VIII and Women's 1st VIII won at Tyne Head. This set up both squads for an impressive showing at the Tideway in London. Competing against Olympic athletes and crews who had travelled from as far as Australia, all four crews left with impressive results under their belts.

The women have dominated the regatta season so far, having won in every regatta that they have entered. The men are pushing hard, with the annual UCBC Old Boys race looming. The sun is shining (sometimes!), the Pimms is flowing and the floods have receded. This year UCBC has exuded all the characteristics which make it great: determination in the face of adversity, the will to win and above all, huge amounts of friendliness and spirit.

Every member of UCBC deserves a huge thank you for making this year the best that UCBC has seen for a long time. The Exec has worked with great dedication and the Club would not have been the well-oiled machine that it is without them. The very best of luck to those who are leaving this year, I'm sure it won't be too long before we find ourselves visiting Durham, the Castle and UCBC! For those left behind, good luck. Enjoy your remaining years with the best Club in the best College of Durham University.

*Andrew North, President*

# UNIVERSITY COLLEGE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

CAPTAINS: *First Year:* Laura Tapper; *Second Year:* Louise Hopkins;  
*Third Year:* Charlotte Evans.

It is fair to say the University College Women's Athletic Football Club has been graced by some truly world class talent. From Jane Bradley's "I-got-the-ball" sliding tackles, to Jasmin Becker's rather glamorous gymnastic tricks of the trade. This club has seen it all: from a bum-filled Castle/Hatfield penalty shoot-out to the infamous Bab's Panache.

Like all great teams, we have experienced our moments of defeat. One thing is for sure though, we have triumphed in some remarkable victories. From avoiding relegation in first year, to winning the Astro-League with some real flair in our second year. Our greatest achievement has to be our unbeaten record of Castle/Hatfield challenges-claiming the only Castle victory in our first year.

This Club has seen some great (yet rather messy) team socials some more memorable than others. From team socials to Newcastle, to our formals and pub crawls to our Christmas meals in Varsity. Whilst a "drink-off" with three types of wine seemed like a good idea at the time, I wouldn't advise it to anyone! The point being we have always found a way make the Club exciting. This consequently has resulted in some great friendships and dedication and commitment to the team.

This year has been a truly memorable year of football. Not only have we bonded with our new players, as we do every year, but we have seen some significant improvements in the quality of our play. Having lost to both Van Mildert and Josephine Butler at the beginning of the season, we left with our heads held high and claimed two extraordinary victories second time round. It is fair to say our final 11-a-side game against Cuthbert's was particularly emotional for us leaving players. So in order to stop the tears, we participated in some "cirque de soleil" activities with Jasmin (one has never been flung in so many ways!).

We have picked up some fantastic new players this year and although it has been difficult to let go, we feel we have left the Club in capable hands and are ready to say farewell and to fly the UCW AFC nest. One thing is for sure though, us old girls will definitely be flying back.

Until then ... Your full-time UCW AFC member ...

*Talin Aghanian*

# Employment Scholarship Report

Below are the contents of a Paper by JOHN HOLLAND. This presentation describes the background to the work, some of the challenges, the relevance to Space Science. The Scholarship funding was provided by the Alumni.

## Employability Scholarship Report

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### I. INTRODUCTION

There it was, in black and white; an offer of a Summer placement working on the opening stages for planning a space-probe's measurements of a comet at Imperial College London's Space Magnetometer Laboratory. I later discovered that this particular office-cum-electronics lab produced space-flight qualified components for space-craft – like the European Space Agency's Rosetta probe (currently travelling towards a comet called 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko (67P/C-G) at 16.5km/s relative to the Sun and way beyond the orbit of Mars (*Giorgini et al., 1996*) – and contained a team of five extraordinarily clever physicists. Most importantly, the lab produced one of the components of the Rosetta Plasma Consortium (RPC) instrument – a collection of five devices which measure the characteristics of plasma in the cometary atmosphere (its "coma") – on board the Rosetta probe and had access to some cash with which to fund a student to start planning for when the probe arrives at its target in 2014.



Figure 1 The Rosetta orbiter and "Philae," the lander. (ESA and NASA, 2004)

There had been little advance in the understanding of where exactly the Earth came from between the publication of Taylor (1992) and Taylor (2001) (the first and second editions of a popular text on planetary formation) and there was no prospect of any leap in understanding in the future. The problem was a fundamental lack of data on the chemical components of the proto-planetary nebula (a ring of dust and gas which condensed into the planets) – data locked up in the comets which litter the outer reaches of the Solar System. The only way to gather the information required was to go into space and sample it directly

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since any material which falls through the atmosphere heats up and undergoes chemical processing. The idea for a cometary orbiter and lander mission was conceived in the early 1990's, the European Space Agency (ESA) launched the Rosetta probe in 2004 and the main target rendezvous won't occur until 2014. It's called Rosetta because it is expected to be the "Rosetta stone" of the planets – the key to translating what we see in meteorites and stardust into knowledge about our origins. Specifically, it will help us understand why the planets have vastly different compositions, tell us why the Earth formed when and where it did, and tell us a lot about the formation of the other constituents of the Solar System like asteroids and the interplanetary-medium.

## II. PLANNING SCIENCE: AN IMPOSSIBLE TASK

One particular difference between ESA and NASA is the emphasis placed on planning science operations – the particular manoeuvres and measurements a spacecraft is expected to make when it reaches its target. I was told towards the start of my placement that where NASA would have hundreds of people working on each part of a big project,

"actually, there's just you, Emanuele and me working on planning for the RPC," said Chris Carr, my Supervisor for the Summer before adding "and I'm going to be planning my teaching for next year."

Planning science operations means deciding precise trajectories, pointing angles and which instruments to operate based on considerations of fuel, power availability, hazards in the environment and theoretical models of the target. My focus was on these theoretical models which predict where it will be likely to some feature of the target comet (like a turbulent discontinuity in the atmospheric flow, or a change in the magnetic field over a short spatial scale). I spent the majority of my time finding the best tools for the planning and investigating the cutting edge model of 67P/C-G which was produced by the International Space Science Institute (ISSI) in Belgium and calculated on an enormous supercomputer in the USA. It quickly became apparent that the ISSI model had significant failings due to a lack of data which could not be rectified until Rosetta had itself arrived at the comet. A supercomputer and above all time is required to recalculate more accurate models but time is short on the Rosetta mission; just a few months elapse between the first contact of the probe with the comet's tenuous atmosphere and measurements being taken very close (within 10 km) to its nucleus.

This difficult situation is compounded; whereas most other spacecraft are quite simple, with a few choice instruments which work in concert and are controlled by a monolithic organization (like NASA), Rosetta has a large inventory of instruments which each have different scientific aims and different principal investigators from across the world, "organised" under the umbrella of



Figure 2 The nucleus of 67P/C-G. (NASA et al., 2003)

ESA. Furthermore other spacecraft have orbital flightpaths, a well known target, or at least plenty of time to decide where to look next. Rosetta has only one chance to get many of the measurements it seeks and a very limited fuel budget.

### III. SOME RESULTS (AND THEIR RELEVANCE)

It was found that even when the comet is producing the most gas and has the most impressive tail, its atmosphere is not thick enough to block ultra-violet radiation. This is a marked difference from other comets (like Halley's Comet) as 67P/C-G only produces a little gas from its surface and means that the surface will always be bombarded by high-energy light and be a significant source of supra-thermal electrons. We also found that the photoionisation rate of gases in the comet's coma varies significantly between the least- and most-dense regions in its atmosphere; this necessitates the use of accurate spatial models of the whole coma when calculating ion production rates for each small region of the atmosphere – a fundamental part of simulating the activity of the comet. These results betray the importance of comprehensive simulation of the cometary atmosphere for the purposes of science planning and shorten quite considerably the time when the very specific trajectories of the probe can be planned since the data for completing reliable simulations will not be available until *rendezvous*.

I started the ball rolling at Imperial College and have produced useful results and researched background information that the team here will be able to extend in future. I have, in a small way, contributed to the furtherance of the Planetary Sciences. As a result of my placement I have in principle been offered a place for a Ph.D. studentship and have had a valuable insight into the benefits and politics of an academic research group.

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# CASTLE WILL NOT BE HOSTING ANY ENERGY SAVING CONFERENCES.



*To all former postgraduates of University College,*

# **GREETINGS FROM THE 2010–2011 MIDDLE COMMON ROOM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE!**

This year, we are seeking to formally establish an alumni list, consisting of as many previous Postgrads as possible – and whether or not the MCR actually existed as a distinct body within Castle when you were here, if you conducted any postgraduate research here, you would be very welcome to join our ranks as Life Members; a new category of membership this year.

Life members will be invited to Dinners and other specialised events both in Durham and in the south (London, in all likelihood) in order to mingle with one another and celebrate their shared history of being a postgraduate at Castle. Socialising aside, we expect the alumni list to provide very useful networking opportunities, connecting you with many other extremely eminent individuals, in as many fields as we study at Durham, and of course, across myriad vocations.

If you would be interested in adding your name to the ranks of alumni already accumulated, and being placed on our email list – via which details of the aforementioned events will be forthcoming – please email either Greg Carter, the MCR President ([g.l.k.carter@durham.ac.uk](mailto:g.l.k.carter@durham.ac.uk)) or Emma Wells, the MCR Secretary ([e.j.wells@durham.ac.uk](mailto:e.j.wells@durham.ac.uk)).

We hope to hear from you soon,

*Gregory Carter, Emma Jane Wells*

# CONTRIBUTIONS OF NEWS

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## NEWS ROUND-UP

### **BILL BRYSON STEPPING DOWN AS CHANCELLOR**



Durham University Chancellor Bill Bryson is to step down from the role by the end of 2011. Bill, a world famous author, became the University's 11th Chancellor - the formal head of the University - in April 2005 and is leaving to spend more time on his writing and family commitments.

Bill, who is US-born and has lived most of his adult life in England, is best known for his series of books observing life in North America, Britain, Europe and Australia. He sang the praises of the City of Durham in his best-selling book, *Notes from a Small Island*.

A Chancellor's most public role is in conferring Degrees at University Ceremonies, but the duties can be as varied as the post-holder wishes and Bill has made an outstanding contribution to life at Durham University.

Professor Chris Higgins, Vice-Chancellor of Durham University, said: "Bill has done far more than simply fulfilling his ceremonial duties at Congregation, giving his time, passion and inimitable talent to raise the University's national and international profile in so many ways.

"Bill has been a wonderful Ambassador for Durham, engaging with decision-makers, businesses, the media, University partners, and of course with our staff, students and Alumni in departments, colleges and at a

whole host of events in Durham and around the world.

"Sadly, Bill has indicated to us that, following careful reflection, he feels he should step down from his role as Chancellor by the end of 2011, after almost seven years in the role, due to his increasing professional and personal commitments. As an active writer, and more importantly as a husband, father and grandfather, he is, understandably, keen to spend more time at home."

Bill Bryson said: "I will treasure forever the time that I have spent at Durham University and in this beautiful city. It has been just the greatest privilege and honour I have had in my life to serve as Chancellor for such a remarkable community of students, staff and life-long University friends. I will miss Durham more than I can say and hope to find time to continue to visit after my time as Chancellor has come to an end."

Bill's charitable activities at Durham have included the "My friend Oli" campaign to encourage people to sign on to the NHS Organ Donor Register, and he has joined Durham students as a litter-picker whenever he can to help keep Durham clean.

His commitment to engaging with all aspects of Durham life has been a defining part of his Chancellorship. Sam Roseveare, President, Durham Students' Union, said: "Bill Bryson has been an inspiration and a true friend to Durham students. We will miss him greatly when he leaves.

"As a staunch advocate of student volunteering and charity work, Bill has made a genuine and personal impact on the student experience and coupled with the eloquence of his addresses at Congregations, he has been the very archetype of a Chancellor.

"There is a great deal of goodwill felt towards Bill - I was discussing his departure with a group of students and it was as if they had lost, if not a close family member, a close family friend!"

Durham University has now begun the process to nominate, and thereafter appoint, a new Chancellor to succeed Bill. An announcement will be made in due course. Bill Bryson's last official engagement as Chancellor will be on July 1st, 2011 at Summer Congregation.

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## DURHAM SCIENTISTS HELP MEASURE THE MOST DISTANT GALAXY EVER DISCOVERED

Durham University scientists have helped confirm that a distant Galaxy is the most remote object in the Universe ever observed.

The Galaxy, first spotted by the Hubble space telescope, was seen as it would have appeared 600 million years after the Big Bang, according to research published in the journal *Nature*.

This was when the Universe, which is 13.7 billion years old, was only four per cent of its present age, the scientists said.

The research was carried out by a European Team of Astronomers led for the UK by Scientists from the Universities of Durham and Bristol and contributed to by STFC's UK Astronomy Technology Centre.

Using the European Southern Observatory's (ESO's) Very Large Telescope, the team measured the distance to the remote Galaxy by carefully analysing the faint glow of the Galaxy. These are the first confirmed observations of a Galaxy whose light is difficult to see because of a hydrogen fog that filled the Universe at this early time.

"Using the ESO Very Large Telescope we have confirmed that a Galaxy spotted earlier using Hubble is the most remote object identified so far in the Universe," said lead Author Matt Lehnert of the Observatoire de Paris.

"The power of the VLT and its SINFONI spectrograph allows us to actually measure the distance to this very faint Galaxy and we find that we are seeing it when the Universe was less than 600 million years old."

Confirming the distances to such faint and remote objects is a huge challenge that currently can only reliably be done using spectroscopy from very large ground-based telescopes such as the VLT.

The difficulty is that by the time the young Galaxies' initially brilliant light reaches Earth they appear very faint and small and the remaining dim light falls mostly in the infrared part of the spectrum because its wavelength has been stretched by the expansion of the Universe – an effect known as 'redshift'.

The hydrogen fog that absorbed the fierce ultraviolet light from young Galaxies less than a billion years after the Big Bang, make this process more difficult.

Despite these challenges, 16 hours of observations on a candidate galaxy called UDFy-38135539 and then two months of

subsequent analysis and testing led to the team finding they had clearly detected the very faint glow from hydrogen at a redshift of 8.6, which makes this the most distant object ever confirmed by spectroscopy. A redshift of 8.6 corresponds to a Galaxy seen just 600 million years after the Big Bang.

"These observations are clearly at the cutting-edge of what is possible with current instrumentation. They demonstrate what will be more routinely achievable with the new generation of instruments coming on-line, particularly the UK-led KMOS spectrograph that is about to be installed on the VLT," said co-author Professor Simon Morris in the Department of Physics at Durham University.

"One of the surprising things about this discovery is that the glow from the observed Galaxy seems not to be strong enough on its own to clear out the hydrogen fog. There must be other Galaxies, probably fainter and less massive nearby companions," explains co-author Dr. Mark Swinbank also of the Department of Physics at Durham University.

"In the longer term, larger telescopes such as ESO's planned 42m E-ELT will be able to study in detail galaxies at these great distances using technology pioneered in the UK in proposed instruments such as EAGLE and HARMONI," added co-author Malcolm Bremer of the University of Bristol.

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## PLANS FOR BRITAIN'S BIGGEST SMART-GRID PROJECT LAUNCHED

Durham University is part of a bid which could test the impact of new low-carbon technologies on the electricity grid.

The plans for Britain's biggest "smart-grid project" which will involve 14,000 homes and businesses, test the impact of technologies such as electric cars and solar panels on the electricity grid and extend the learnings to whole of the UK using data from over 160,000 smart meters, have been unveiled.

The £54 million project, a partnership between Durham University, CE Electric UK, British Gas, and EA Technology, aims to lay the foundations for helping British homes and businesses to cut their carbon footprint, reduce their energy use and save money on a mass scale.

If successful, the knowledge gained from the project could speed up the installation of low-carbon technology, potentially saving homes and businesses across the UK around £8 billion in energy costs and 43 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

Durham University will play a dual role in the project by providing energy research, via the Durham Energy Institute, and as a participant in the planned trials.

Professor Phil Taylor, Durham Energy Institute, Durham University said: "Durham University carries out internationally leading multidisciplinary energy research across twelve departments and also has an ambitious University sustainability strategy.

"This project presents a unique opportunity for the University to work with leading industry partners to translate cutting edge research into high impact outcomes for the UK energy sector and to transform the University campus into a low carbon networks demonstrator of international importance."

Today's electricity grid was not designed to cope with widespread use of technology like solar photovoltaic (PV) panels, where households can sell excess electricity back to the grid, or electric cars which consume large amounts of electricity.

With these technologies set to grow in popularity and solar panel sales hitting record numbers, it is vital that the electricity grid can evolve to withstand these extra demands. The project will trial innovative technical and commercial solutions to improve the capability of the electricity grid.

The plans will focus primarily on the North East and Yorkshire putting the region and major cities like Durham, Leeds, Newcastle and Sheffield, at the forefront of the UK's transition to a low-carbon society.

Smart meters, which enable households to monitor their energy usage, will be installed in homes and businesses participating in the project to gather the data. British Gas is leading the roll-out of smart meters across the UK which means that findings from the North East and Yorkshire can be tested in other parts of the country as part of the project.

The total project is valued at £54 million with CE Electric UK and its partners seeking £28 million from Ofgem's Low Carbon Networks Fund. If successful in obtaining funding from Ofgem, the project team plan to work with household names to test new technology on the electricity grid. Companies in discussion with the project consortium include GE, Panasonic and Nissan. Nissan, the manufacturer of the UK's first all-electric vehicle, has based manufacture of the *Nissan Leaf* – the all-electric family hatchback – at its Sunderland plant.

A range of technology will be installed as part of the project. It is expected that around 14,000 homes will have smart meters installed with approximately 800 also installing solar PV panels, 150 with electric cars and up to 1,500 with either ground-source or air-source heat pumps. Some homes will also install combined heat and power boilers – boilers which create renewable electricity whilst they heat the home.

If Ofgem agrees to contribute to the project, work would begin in early 2011 with the technology installed later that year.

CE Electric UK, the power network operator for Yorkshire and the North East, will be leading the project. It will bring its experience of dealing with early adopters of low carbon technologies within its region and will be responsible for the trials of new network technology.

As the UK's largest energy supplier, British Gas will be responsible for recruiting and supporting customers involved in the trial. It will install smart meters in customers' homes to capture the data from the trial and will install other technologies such as solar panels and heat pumps.

EA Technology's role will be as technical lead in the deployment of new technology onto the distribution network, and in the transfer of successfully trialled solutions into business-as-usual for CE Electric and other similar organisations.

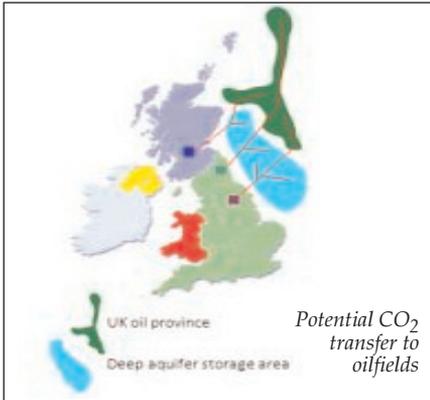
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## OIL BOOM POSSIBLE BUT TIME IS RUNNING OUT

Oil recovery using carbon dioxide could lead to a North Sea oil bonanza worth £150 billion (\$ 240 billion) – but only if the current infrastructure is enhanced now, according to a new study published by a world-leading energy expert.

A new calculation by Durham University of the net worth of the UK oil field shows that using carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) to enhance the recovery from our existing North Sea oil fields could yield an extra three billion barrels of oil over the next 20 years. Three billion barrels of oil could power, heat and transport the UK for two years with every other form of energy switched off.

Importantly, at a time of rising CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, the enhanced oil recovery process is just about carbon neutral with as much carbon being put back in the ground as will be taken out.



The technique could yield an enormous amount of oil revenue at a time of public service cuts and developing the infrastructure would put the UK in the driving seat for developing enhanced recovery off-shore oil production around the world. It would also allow the UK to develop its carbon storage techniques in line with the UK Government's commitments on emissions reductions.

The study, funded by DONG Energy (UK) Ltd. and Ikon Science Ltd., will be presented today, October 14th 2010, at a conference on Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS), at the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, London. The new figures are conservative estimates and extend a previous calculation that predicted a 2.7 billion barrel yield from selected fields in the North Sea.

The UK Government's Energy Statement, published in April 2010, outlines the continued role that fossil fuels will have to play in the UK energy mix. CO<sub>2</sub> enhanced oil recovery in the UK would secure supplies for the next 20 years.

Jon Gluyas, a Professor in CCS and Geo-Energy, Department of Earth Sciences, Durham University, who has calculated the new figures, said: "Time is running out to make best use of our precious remaining oil reserves because we are losing vital infrastructure as the oil fields decline and are abandoned. Once the infrastructure is removed, we will never go back and the opportunity will be wasted.

"We need to act now to develop the capture and transportation infrastructure to take the CO<sub>2</sub> to where it is needed. This would be a world-leading industry using new technology to deliver carbon dioxide to the North Sea oil fields. We must begin to do this as soon as possible before it becomes too expensive to do so.

"My figures are at the low end of expectations but they show that developing this technology could lead to a huge rejuvenation of the North Sea. The industrial CO<sub>2</sub> output from Aberdeen to Hull is all you need to deliver this enhanced oil recovery."

Carbon dioxide is emitted into the atmosphere when fossil fuels are burnt and the UK Government plans to collect it from Power Stations in the UK. Capturing and storing carbon dioxide is seen as a way to prevent global warming and ocean acidification. Old oil and gas fields, such as those in the North Sea, are considered to be likely stores.

Enhanced oil recovery using carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub> EOR) adds further value to the potential merits of CCS.

Oil is usually recovered by flushing Oil Wells through with water at pressure. Since the 1970's oil fields in West Texas, USA, have been successfully exploited using carbon dioxide. CO<sub>2</sub> is pumped as a fluid into oil fields at elevated pressure and helps sweep the oil to the production wells by contacting parts of the reservoirs not accessed by water injection; the result is much greater oil production.

Experience from the USA shows that an extra four to twelve per cent of the oil in place can be extracted using CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR. Professor Gluyas calculated the total oil in place in the UK fields and the potential UK gain in barrels and revenue from existing reserves using the American model.

David Hanstock, a founding director of Progressive Energy and director of COOTS Ltd, which is developing an offshore CO<sub>2</sub> transport and storage infrastructure in the North Sea, said: "The UK has significant storage capacity potential for captured carbon dioxide in North sea oil and gas fields.

"There is a unique opportunity to develop a new offshore industry using our considerable experience in offshore engineering. This would give us a technical lead on injecting and monitoring CO<sub>2</sub> that we could then export to the wider world to establish the UK as a world leader in carbon capture and storage technology."

Professor Gluyas added: "Enhanced recovery of oil in the North Sea oil fields can secure our energy supplies for the next fifty years. The extra three billion barrels of oil that could be produced by enhanced CO<sub>2</sub> recovery would make us self sufficient and would add around £60 billion in revenue to the Treasury.

“Priming the system now would mean we have 10–15 years to develop CO<sub>2</sub> recycling and sufficient time to help us bridge to a future serviced by renewable energy.”

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## DURHAM CEMENTS PLACE AMONG WORLD’S TOP UNIVERSITIES

Durham University has further cemented its position among the World’s Leading Universities after a second successive international rankings guide placed Durham firmly in its Top 100.

Following its move into the top 100 in the 2010 QS World University League Rankings, announced on September 9th, Durham University was confirmed at number 85 in a new World Universities League Table produced by *Times Higher Education (THE)* on Thursday, September 16th, 2010.

The *THE World University Rankings 2010-11* recognised Durham’s strengths in research, placing the University in the World’s Top 40 for the citations of its research by global academics and ranking our performance and reputation in Arts and Humanities and Social Sciences subject areas in the world’s top 50.

The QS rankings placed Durham in the top 25 globally for employer reputation (1) after 5,000 blue-chip organisations across the World ranked the quality and demand for Durham’s Graduates ahead of leading institutions in the UK and major international Universities in Singapore, Hong Kong, Toronto and Sydney, as well as a number of Ivy League Institutions in the US, including Princeton.

These international successes rounded-off a landmark year of recognition for the University with systematic rises up all major UK league tables.

Over the last five years, Durham has undertaken sustained work to ensure the quality of its education and research is world-class. For example, increased spending on student facilities and steps to make Durham graduates even more attractive to employers have further enhanced the University’s reputation for providing an outstanding student experience.

Such measures are becoming more widely recognised by the multitude of national and international assessments, despite the fact that they each use different methodologies.

In 2010, Durham achieved its highest ever-rankings in the *Complete University Guide*

(4th), *Good University Guide* (6th) and *Sunday Times University Guide* (6th) securing its position as the North of England’s finest University and the UK’s Best University outside the powerful ‘Golden Triangle’ of Oxford, Cambridge and London (2).

In the *Sunday Times Guide*, which was also announced in September, Durham demonstrated particularly outstanding performance in individual subject league tables securing first-place ranking in Education, English, History and Archaeology, and Languages. It also broke up the Oxbridge monopoly in the field of Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies to take second place and secured further top four placings in Economics, Geography, Law and Physical Science.

Even outside the traditional academic pursuits, Durham’s pedigree in performing arts and sport were seen to contribute to its standing, rivalled only by Oxford and Cambridge, as a broad-subject, multi-disciplinary University which boasts the toughest entry standards and lowest drop-out rates in the country.

Professor Chris Higgins, Durham University Vice-Chancellor, said: “It is good to be recognised by both National and International League Tables as one of the very best Universities around and to be leading a high-performing UK Higher Education sector in several subject areas.

“Durham University has long been recognised internationally for its distinctive dual-education delivered by our Colleges and departments and our heritage and culture, including our beautiful University Estate and World Heritage Site foundations, sets us apart from so many other international Universities. Breaking into the top 100 is a good step forward but our strategy is to break into the World’s top 50 by 2020.

“To have our graduates ranked in the World’s top 25 among employers is a great achievement and sits alongside the recognition of our world-leading research outputs across broad academic disciplines and the achievements of our alumni in putting Durham University firmly on the worldwide map.”

Durham is ranked in 92nd place overall in the *QS World University Rankings 2010* released on Thursday 9th September and 24th for ‘employer reputation’ – see [www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings/2010/results](http://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings/2010/results).

In the *Sunday Times* league table, only Oxford, Cambridge, and three leading

London institutions (Imperial College, University College London, and London School of Economics) are placed above Durham. The 'Golden Triangle' is a term used to describe these leading English research-intensive universities based in London, Oxford, and Cambridge.

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## DURHAM UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES RETURN OF SHAKESPEARE FIRST FOLIO

Durham University is celebrating after a rare 17th Century *First Folio* of *Shakespeare's* plays was returned more than ten years after being stolen.

*The Folio* – the first collected edition of *Shakespeare's* plays – was returned to the University following the conviction of Raymond Scott, 53, of Wingate, County Durham, at Newcastle Crown Court.

Scott was cleared of stealing the Folio but was found guilty of handling stolen goods and removing stolen property from the UK. He will be sentenced at a later date.

*The Folio* was one of seven books and manuscripts taken from Bishop Cosin's Library, part of the University Library, on Palace Green, Durham City, in December 1998.

The other six have never been recovered and Durham University is appealing for their return.

*The Folio* resurfaced in the summer of 2008 when it was handed in to the Folger Library, in Washington DC, by a man who asked for it to be valued. Folger Library staff contacted the authorities who subsequently arrested and charged Scott.

Although the University is delighted at the return of the book, there is disappointment that it has been damaged. The title-leaf has been torn out and it is generally in a poor condition.

As a result the book, which is essentially priceless in terms of its heritage value, has been given an estimated value of £1.5m.

*The Folio* will eventually be conserved by Durham University which employs some of the UK's expert conservators of rare books.

*The Shakespeare First Folio* was published in 1623. It was acquired by John Cosin, former Bishop of Durham, and was part of the Library he established in Durham in 1669. *The Folio* is the only one known to have stayed in the same personal library since its purchase.

At the time it was stolen experts described it as "the most important printed book in the English language".

Durham University plans to make *The Folio* the centrepiece of an exhibition of University treasures to be held in the refurbished University Library on Palace Green beginning in January 2011.

Bill Bryson, Chancellor of Durham University and author of an acclaimed book on *Shakespeare*, said: "*Shakespeare's First Folio* is arguably the most important book in English literature. It is fantastic that Durham's copy is coming home at last.

"I look forward to joining everyone in welcoming this wonderfully important book home to the University and the City when it eventually goes on display."

Durham University is custodian of a number of priceless historic treasures, many dating back to medieval times.

Professor Chris Higgins, Vice-Chancellor of Durham University, said: "The loss of *The Folio*, a national icon, was hugely upsetting for the University community, so it is tremendous that the book has been returned to where it rightfully belongs.

"*Shakespeare's First Folio* is extremely important, not only as a first collection of his works, but also a milestone in the History of English literature.

"We are delighted that *The Folio* will be able to be exhibited again alongside the many other historic and medieval treasures cared for by the University."

Professor Higgins added: "Since the theft, our security arrangements at Palace Green have been significantly tightened.

"The whole of the University Library, including Cosin's Library, is currently being refurbished to ensure all our treasures, of which this book is only the tip of the iceberg, are much more accessible to students, staff and the public while being fully protected both physically and environmentally."

The University will announce exact plans to display the *Shakespeare First Folio* and its other treasures at a later date.

The display will also include medieval manuscripts and other books from Bishop Cosin's Library. Museum objects such as the Sword and Robe of Ali Dinar, last Sultan of Darfur, now part of the University's Sudan Archive, will also be on show.

Durham University is appealing for the return of the other books and manuscripts stolen along with *The Folio*.

Included in the theft were two late 14th or early 15th Century manuscripts. One was a piece by the medieval political writer *Egidius Romanus*, with an added fragment of a poem by *Geoffrey Chaucer*, author of *The Canterbury Tales*; the other was an English translation of the *New Testament*.

Also taken were two printed works by the 10th century scholar *Aelfric*, Abbot of Eynsham (dated 1566 and 1709); a First Edition of a version of *Beowulf*, printed in 1815, and a volume containing three works on *English History With Maps* – *Michael Drayton's Poly-Olbion* (1612); *William Slayter's The History of Great Britanie* (1621) and *Matthew Stevenson's Florus Britannicus* (1662).

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of the other books is asked to contact Durham Constabulary on 0345 6060 365 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

The refurbishment of the University Library on Palace Green means Durham will have one of the best exhibition facilities in the UK.

The return of *The Folio* complements the anticipated return to Durham City's World Heritage Site in 2013 of the iconic *Lindisfarne Gospels*, on loan from the British Library.

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## DURHAM STUDENTS AMONGST THE MOST SATISFIED IN UK

Students at Durham University are among the most satisfied in the UK, according to this year's National Student Survey (NSS).

The independent annual survey evaluates how satisfied students are with the overall quality of their higher education experience.

Students rated their satisfaction in seven areas of academic life: teaching; assessment and feedback; academic support; organisation and management; learning resources; personal development and overall satisfaction.

Durham has seen rises in student satisfaction in: Assessment and Feedback, Academic Support and Personal Development, and in Learning Resources which includes questions related to the quality and accessibility of Information Technology, library, room and laboratory resources.

87 per cent of respondents agreed that overall they were satisfied with the quality of their course compared to a national average of 82 per cent. Durham University Departments

such as English and History registered particularly high satisfaction ratings of 97 per cent and 98 per cent respectively.

The ratings follow excellent league table results for Durham University. *The Complete University Guide (CUG) 2010-2011* ranked Durham as the fourth best institution in the country – up from fifth last year – placing it firmly alongside other leading research-led institutions such as Oxford, Cambridge and Imperial College London.

Durham also moved up two places to sixth at the top echelons of *The Times Good University Guide (GUG) 2011*.

In both Guides Durham scored high marks in student satisfaction and for the average amount it spends per student on facilities for education, social and leisure purposes such as its Colleges and sport facilities.

Professor Anthony Forster, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education), Durham University, said: "Durham offers an excellent academic experience to students and through our 16 Residential Colleges provides unparalleled opportunities for study and personal development.

"Significant investment in new resources, such as Lecture Theatres and Laboratories, has added to the world-class research facilities here at Durham and students clearly value being taught by leading experts in their field.

"Over the next five years we will be investing more than £60 million in extending our Library, building a new Law School, and providing a new Centre for Student Services that will house Admissions, Counselling, Welfare Support and Careers Advice.

"These changes will further enhance the student experience at Durham University supported by the unique social and pastoral experience offered by our Colleges."

Durham Students' Union Education and Welfare Officer, Jake Wanstall said: "Durham is a great place to study because you get to engage with some of the best academics in the world, yet are encouraged to recognise that your time here is about so much more than that.

"Durham students are satisfied because they are connected. The fantastic college system helps to ensure they are connected to each other, their Students' Union and to the whole University structure. This is, after all, the University where Bill Bryson finds time to litter-pick with his students."

## WORK BEGINS ON £48 MILLION UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT

Preparations are underway for work on a landmark £48 million development on the Science Site. Contracts have been exchanged between the University and its appointed construction partner, Laing O'Rourke, and work will begin in earnest at the end of this month.



*View between Library*

The new development, which is positioned at the edge of the University's Science Site along Stockton Road, in Durham City, will sustain 200 construction jobs in the local economy.

The development will house a major Library extension, a new Law School and a Student Services Building to be known as the *Palatine Centre*.

This is not an expansion of the University, but brings together activities which are currently dispersed across the City into purpose-built facilities. The scheme was granted planning permission by Durham County Council in December 2009 and is due to be completed by September 2012.

The project is a major step forward in the University's long-term strategy to provide sustainable and world-class facilities in line with its standing as a top five UK University. Its buildings in Durham City and at Stockton form one of the most complex and important University Estates in the World. There are 63 Grade I and II Listed Buildings and the UNESCO World Heritage Site which is owned jointly with Durham Cathedral.

The design of the scheme was informed by a two-year programme of consultation with students, staff, local residents and regulatory bodies. The new buildings will have first rate environmental credentials,

achieving the recognised BRE Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM) 'excellent' standard.

The project will also contribute to the University's Cultural Strategy with public art incorporated into the landscaping proposals – building on the University's contribution to the visitor economy through its attractions at Durham Castle and Palace Green, the Botanic Garden, Oriental Museum and a vibrant student arts and outreach programme.

University Vice-Chancellor and Durham resident, Professor Chris Higgins said: "These new developments are central to Durham University's estates strategy and will be a catalyst for improvements across the City. Our new Law School will build on our renowned academic strengths in this area. Maintaining a world-class Library must be at the heart of any major University, and the *Palatine Centre* brings together student services which are currently scattered around the City.

"The scheme as a whole takes advantage of an under-utilised site to provide a coherent, high-quality new development."

The Stockton Road scheme also releases space elsewhere in the University's City Estate to provide facilities which will benefit residents and visitors to Durham's historic core.

An Interpretation Centre for visitors to the World Heritage Site is being established in the former Almshouses in Owengate on the approach to Palace Green. It opens in Easter 2011 and will be operated by the University and Durham Cathedral in partnership with Durham County Council.

The University's Palace Green Library is being redeveloped to include major public exhibition facilities, the first phase of which will be completed early next year, when Durham celebrates the 25th Anniversary of the inscription of the World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

The redevelopment, which includes the 17th Century Cosin's Library and the 1960's Pace Library Rooms, will provide greater public and scholarly access to the University's special heritage collections. It will also provide a new Public Exhibition Hall to display precious manuscripts and artefacts, including the recovered *Shakespeare First Folio*.

The reconfiguration of University buildings around Palace Green will extend to the Bailey area. Refurbished accommoda-

tion will be provided for Durham's History, Theology, Classics, Philosophy and Music Departments. In addition a new £8 million energy-efficient heating system is being installed.

The refurbishment of premises at Mountjoy by Miller Construction to house the University's administrative services, and the enhancement of sports facilities at Maiden Castle are also now underway as part of an ambitious wider estates plan. The new Sports Complex will house improved indoor facilities, including a rowing tank, and follows the creation last year of a first-class floodlit rubber-crumb pitch, primarily for rugby and lacrosse.

In total, the University's planned works across the estate in the next three years represent an investment in the local economy of more than £55 million. Finance for the development work has been secured from a number of sources including capital grants from the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) and generous philanthropic donations.

Professor Higgins added: "Over the past 150 years our Durham City Estate has expanded in a somewhat *ad-hoc* fashion. This scheme is central to an ambitious development and reconfiguration programme which will transform the University's Estate for the benefit of students, staff, local people and visitors from across the World.

"It also reflects the long-term commitment and planning which the University has undertaken to invest in the City and its workforce and the contracts we have now exchanged with our construction partners send a clear declaration that Durham City remains open for business, despite challenging economic circumstances."

Councillor Neil Foster, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Economic Development at Durham County Council said: "The University is a core partner in our Development Plans for Durham. The investment it is making complements other important developments in the City – from improvements to our transport infrastructure with the Transit 15 Highways Scheme to the 'Heart of the City' project to redevelop the Market Place and Vennels.

"The jobs which will be created by the University's investment and the benefits to local people of the reconfiguration of the University's estate across the City could not have come at a better time. The new

facilities which the University and the Cathedral are providing at the UNESCO World Heritage Site, in partnership with the County Council, will provide important new facilities for residents and support the development of our visitor economy."

John Osborne, Laing O'Rourke's Project Manager, said "The project offers a great opportunity to strengthen our relationship with Durham University, and working in partnership with them, we look forward to delivering a World Class Facility."

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## SATS ARE HARMING SCHOOLS, SAYS EDUCATION EXPERT

Statutory testing at the age of 11 is doing more harm than good to Teachers and Pupils, according to a leading Education expert at Durham University.

Standard Assessment Tests (SATs), which started on Monday May 10th, are being boycotted by two Teachers' Unions, the National Association of Head Teachers and the National Union of Teachers, who say the tests create unnecessary stress.

Professor Peter Tymms, a Director in the Centre for Evaluation and Monitoring (CEM) at Durham University, identifies the main problem as lying with the creation of league tables and the timing of the tests.

He said: "The league tables generate unhealthy pressure on schoolteachers and pupils and this leads to a narrowing of the curriculum.

"The information on performance is generated right at the end of primary school when it is too late for teachers to use the results to help their pupils."



Professor Peter Tymms

He added that good assessment information is needed to help teachers to help their pupils. This would enable headteachers to run their schools and assure taxpayers that their money is being well spent.

Prof Tymms, whose research centre is the largest educational research unit in a UK university, believes that a two-pronged approach would be better than the current system of SATs.

He said: "First, there should be tests of a sample of pupils to establish standards in various areas, notably maths, English and science, on a yearly basis at key ages. This would establish what children know and can do nationally.

"Secondly, diagnostic assessment in key areas should be available to schools, to provide information that can help teachers to teach and schools to evaluate themselves."

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## DURHAM GRADUATE BECOMES YOUNGEST CONSERVATIVE MP

James Stephen Wharton (born 16th February 1984) is a British Conservative Party Politician, who has been the Member of Parliament for Stockton South since the 2010 General Election, having defeated the sitting Labour MP Dari Taylor.

He grew up in Wolviston. He went to the independent Yarm School, followed by Durham University where he studied Law and was a member of the OTC (part of the Northumbrian UOTC). Following his graduation from Durham he studied the Legal Practice Course at The College of Law in York and qualified a solicitor with BHP Law, a firm in the North East. At 26, he is one of the youngest MPs in the House of Commons and is the youngest Conservative MP in the current Parliament.

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

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

*\*The Editor acknowledges that this email address was quite convenient when he lived in Burnopfield, less so now that he lives in Chester-le-Street*

# CONSERVATION IN THE TUNSTAL CHAPEL.

A lengthy programme of conservation of 500-year-old woodwork in the Tunstal Chapel was completed in April 2010, an important part of the on-going general refurbishment of the Chapel.

The Chapel was built for Bishop Cuthbert Tunstal (or Tunstall; he used both spellings) in the 1540's; but many of the richly-carved pews, including most of those at the west end, are even older, having been transferred from the (now-demolished) upper Chapel at Auckland Palace, the Bishop's Country Residence.

The pew-ends bear the arms of Bishop Ruthall (1509–23); and the seats are probably of a similar age. These seats are misericords ("mercy-seats"): hinges allowed them to be folded back to the wall so that the congregation could stand, but a small projection on the underside of each seat afforded something of a prop for those standing during an overlong service. Many of the seats are intricately carved on their undersides (only), my own favourites being a pig playing the Northumbrian bagpipes and a man pushing his wife in a wheelbarrow.

The Chapel is, of course, in constant use, and many of the pews were in desperate need of care and attention – but they have now received just that, thanks to a generous donation from the Pearson family, in memory of Neville Pearson (Castle 1959–62).

*The Master*



# BANNERS FOR THE GREAT HALL

In Summer 2011 the Great Hall is due for a facelift: the walls will be painted; a new floor will be laid; newly-restored paintings and armorials will be hung; more arms and armour will be displayed; and, last but not least, two enormous Banners displaying the College Crest will be hung at the south end of the Hall, above the Minstrels' Gallery.

The Banners, each more than 17 feet long, are being made for us (free of charge!) by the Ladies of the Sunderland Embroiderers' Guild. (Some of you may remember a series of College Banners, also made by the Guild, in the Exhibition Hall of the Palace Green Library: our Banners will be equally magnificent, but much bigger!) The first Banner is now complete and the second partially so, the Ladies already having totted up just over 2,000 hours of labour.

Members of this dedicated band are pictured below.

*The Master*



# SIXTY YEARS AS A MEMBER OF UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

By A. I. DOYLE

On Monday 2nd October 1950 I first came to Durham. As I came by train, having been educated on the flatness of South-West Lancashire and Cambridgeshire I was bowled over by the hilly wooded landscape of County Durham. On Tuesday 3rd October, another beautiful Autumn day, I was interviewed in the Librarian's Room, over the entrance to the then Main Library at Palace Green, by a panel including Leonard Salter, Reader in Geography and Vice-Master of University College, then in charge of its outpost at Lumley Castle, who offered me a room there.

I was appointed as a Senior Library Assistant to catalogue the older books, at a salary of £375 a year, when Assistant Lecturers got £450, with annual increments. It was then quite adequate to pay for living in College, which I had been used to in Cambridge. Len (as I only very much later learned to call him) lived at Lumley with his family, and four or five single Dons and about 75 Undergraduates, all members of University College. Among the other Dons was Robert Thomson, Censor and Tutor for Arts later Sole Censor and Tutor when John Gregory, Censor and Tutor for Science, left, with rooms off the Norman Gallery. (Lumley Castle was the ancestral seat of the Earl of Scarborough, later Chancellor of the University, leased to meet the first expansion of student numbers after the Second World War.) Undergraduates were normally sent there in their first year, though a few chose to stay there later. They got breakfast and also dinner there if they wanted, but lunch, when they chose, in Durham Castle with the rest of the College, some of later years having bed and breakfast in Durham rooms found for them by the College.

A double-decker bus collected us every weekday in term to get into Durham in time for lectures at 9.00 a.m. or other work, but we had to take an ordinary buses back to Chester-le-Street with a card supplied by the College, and then usually walk back; indeed on some occasions in the winter I had to crawl up the glaciated drive in the evening. Dons were favoured with a teatray, left in their rooms if they weren't there. In Term we had a Formal Dinner, with grace, gowns, high table and S.C.R.

I had a room on the S.C.R. corridor which was the site of the only authenticated ghost story, which we were told by Lord Scarborough when he came to dinner, not knowing it was then mine. One evening before the Second World War when he lived there and had had an open day for a charity, he thought everyone had been cleared out and went to bed (in my room), where there was just outside in the corridor a hump over the groundfloor gateway into the courtyard, with three steps up on one side but four on the other. He

heard footsteps coming along the corridor and stumble over the steps. He jumped out of bed and the door, but there was no-one there. He was sure he wasn't asleep and dreaming it, but he didn't have any explanation. He had no time for the common stories about a Grey Lady and an underground passage to Durham.

After 15 months I, as the last arrival, had to leave, to accommodate an Engineer engaged with the pouring of sand into the foundations to secure the building, and I moved to a pair of rooms on the first floor of the unrestored Cosin's Hall, all then used by University College, Dr. Jimmy Whitworth, Lecturer in Mathematics, being another resident. While I was there Colonel Macfarlane-Grieve (so colloquially styled, having retired as Lieutenant-Colonel) as Master, invited me to be a College Tutor, which I was for what was then the normal term of seven years, with 33 Undergraduates, who were expected to see me at the beginning of each term and for an exeat at the end and if they had good reason for absence during it, besides when invited by me for drinks or when they had problems. Most were reading English, my own original subject (for which I did some part-time teaching in Durham) but others included some Scientists. I gave reports on them to the Master and Senior Tutor, and writing recommendations for jobs was a long-term responsibility, now I think finished as a lot of them have also retired.

Eventually when Cosin's Hall was to be restored I had to move to a set (en suite as it would now be called, almost unheard of then even for Dons) in the old Bailey House, as part of University College, which I did till that in turn was to be demolished and replaced. I then went to Parson's Field House, a rapidly erected concrete building off Whinney Hall, half occupied by 100 Undergraduates of University College displaced from Bailey House and Lumley (which it had been decided to surrender on grounds of cost). I was Resident Tutor there, while Alan Piper (a member in fact of our S.C.R. and later its Secretary) looked after the other half, assigned to the new Graduate Society (since rechristened Ustinov College). When Castle gave that up, to move into the new Moatside Court, although offered a set over the entrance there, I decided I had outgrown it and it was time to invest in a house, in 1976. But being a bachelor and working daily on Palace Green I continued to take almost all my meals, apart from breakfast, in Castle until quite recently, and still do most lunches in term (for even the Dons are now denied most of them in vacation in the interests of more profitable commercial activities, imposed by the University).

From 1953 I was an appointed member of the Governing Body, by election from the S.C.R., until 1989, when I had to retire because of age under Governmental directives. Because of my interest in the history of the Castle, I had been put at first in the 1950's on a Sub-committee of the Durham Colleges Council for the building and its contents (which had been a good deal neglected since the restoration before the Second World War), and then on the succeeding committee of Governing Body for the same purposes, as

indeed I still am, though it is now under the much weaker College Council. A lot has been achieved in that time, especially since a part-time Curator was appointed. Some damaging proposals have also been averted. Len Slater as Master was adept at devising more usable space, such as the first conversion of the Undercroft of the Great Hall from a furniture store into the Bar and J.C.R., and of the move of the Lowe Library from the first floor of Garden Stairs (where it had also been a waiting room to the Master's Office) to the ground floor of Hall Stairs (instead of a housekeeper's room and kitchen store). But his well-meant notions of a new doorway into the Black Staircase and of a three-storey block of rooms along the west side of the Barbican met wide opposition, which I led in Governing Body. The principle that alterations to the Castle should not be undertaken without approval by the Committee and Governing Body was established by the University Council, as well of course as by the Planning Authorities, though recently it seems to be in danger of being forgotten. In some smaller instances I am proud of having intervened personally, to prevent the boss in the Norman Gateway vault being damaged by an electrician, and stopping part of an eleventh-century capital (now in the Norman Chapel) being carted away as waste, besides finding a new hanging place in the Palace Green Library for pictures and armorials connected with the collections there, which were rapidly deteriorating unregarded in Castle.

When it began to be mooted that the College should be mixed in gender, following the fashion of older and new Universities, the J.C.R. twice voted against and as I was then on Senate I got a motion passed to amend University statutes to provide that it would continue to maintain at least one College for each gender, on grounds of free preference, without obvious opposition. But as soon as I had left Senate the authorities got it reversed. When it came to college Governing Body it was argued by the then Master, Ted Salthouse, that as we were no longer the leader for the number of applications for admission, but Collingwood College, already mixed. It seemed to me that if we still had by far more than enough qualified candidates that should do. I was the only member of Governing Body to vote against the decision, because I didn't and don't think it conducive to study, still presumably the first purpose of a university, quite apart from other influences of one on the other sex.

I was not happy when, following the first formal dinner after the change, I saw two women being carried drunk in the courtyard. And now, with the proportion of women much higher, the unrestrained effect of the higher pitch of their voices in hall, outshouted by the mens', makes meals for me, now with hearing problems, extremely unpleasant.

When I moved into Durham from Lumley I found another small community of about half a dozen resident Dons who regularly ate and talked together in Hall and the S.C.R., with other members and fairly frequent guests, often interesting and important to the University, such as external

examiners, not least the Warden and Treasurer, who with fewer Colleges could lunch once a week. As all meals were then served, to low as well as high table, we sat down in moderate numbers and could talk freely, getting to know each other, University and public business. Once or twice they occasionally brought in Ministers of the Government, who had to listen to views that may have enlightened them, and once with surprising effect. Until 1971 the Castle, as a legacy from The Bishops, had to house two or three Assize Judges and their retinue for a couple of weeks three times a year and once on each occasion there was a Dinner for them at high table, where the residents and other members could meet them, while there was a ceremonial departure to the courts daily and an enhanced one to the Cathedral one Sunday. Again one learned a lot from it.

A nucleus of resident Dons, most of them College Tutors as well as Departmental Teachers or Researchers, persisted for years, some going to other jobs or getting married but being replaced, and they took an active part both in student activities and in concern for the Castle and its contents. This probably began to break down as earlier marriages and the financial advantages of owning a house took a toll, the virtual abandonment of the University rule of residence within a short distance of Durham, and of Saturday teaching, meant increasingly frequent absences. A few former residents, like myself, have tried to maintain the customs and conveniences of the S.C.R., but against by a vastly increased number of members, most of whom (even the many tutors) rarely if ever eat at high table or take a share in communal responsibilities. One good thing however has been that the visiting Slater and Pemberton Fellows, though here for only a term or so, who mostly have been very appreciative of the advantages of living, eating and talking in College.

It may seem curious that, despite my attachment to the College which has been my main home so long, and as a member of the Castle Society, I have very rarely attended much of the reunions, and only once spoken at one, feeling still somewhat of an outsider, and increasingly incapable of multiple converse.

When I came to Durham there were about 1,000 undergraduates, up to 200 in the College. Now there are about 15 times as many students in the whole University, and more than 600 in the College. There have been obvious material benefits but I am one of those who think there are too many for the town and the Castle.

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Dr Doyle is Honorary Reader in Bibliography, former Keeper of Rare Books in the University Library; Fellow of the British Academy, Honorary Fellow of University College and one of the first two recipients of the Chancellor of the University's Medal, 2010.

# PORTRAIT OF A MASTER

A portrait of the Master, Maurice Tucker, was commissioned last year and unveiled in June 2010, after the last formal meal of the Academic Year. The Artist is Andrew Ratcliffe, who also painted our portraits of Ted Salthouse (Master 1979–1998) and John Atkin (the latter also featured in a recent edition of *Castellum*). The picture was financed jointly by the Castle Society, the Senior Common Room and the Junior Common Room. Once again, we gave the Artist a near-impossible commission, asking for a portrait with something of a contemporary feel that would nonetheless blend in with the others in the Great Hall. Andrew is pictured at work on the Norman Gallery.

The portrait itself shows the Master seated on the Norman Gallery. Under the microscope by his side is a fossil which the young Maurice, then aged seven, found in the family back garden in Newbury Park – a find which started him on his career in Geology. In the background, the Cathedral and Gatehouse are visible through the window – and the car in the courtyard is Maurice's own (included, at his insistence, to counter the suggestion of antiquity provided by the microscope). Also notice the tie, a College colours tie – for representing castle at table tennis when he was here as an undergraduate, 1965-68!



*Artist Andrew Ratcliffe with the Master seated on the Norman Gallery for his portrait.*



*The finished portrait.*

# “WHY SPIT ON YOUR LUCK”?

## AN OCTOGENARIAN REFLECTS ON SERVICES IN THE TUNSTALL CHAPEL

The item in the Accounts of Durham Castle Society for the year ending 31st July 2009 for “£500 – Sale of Prayer Books” is interesting if not alarming. Was it true? Did we sell off Prayer Books from the Chapel? If so, why? Having just returned from speaking at the Annual Conference of the Prayer Book Society, where I had been introduced as having used the Prayer Book for all Services during my 52 years’ incumbancy of St. George’s Gateshead, my ears pricked up; a new, lady, Chaplain and things get moving fast. What is going on?

Surely Castlemen and Women were not being subjected to the new *Common Worship*, which is not only erroneous in doctrine – anamnesis the wrong way round – epiclesis on inanimate objects – the Gloria misplaced, and so on – but is also banal in its words and thought forms. Peter Hitchens in *The Rage Against God* (2010 *Continuum*) reminds us that “the new denatured, committee designed prayer and services are not just ugly, but they contain a different message, which was not strong enough or hard enough to satisfy my need to atone” (page 81). He adds that the *Common Worship* Catechism has “all the poetic force of a driving test ...”. But all is not lost the Chaplain assures us – “Although we have *Common Worship* for most Sunday Eucharists, the *Prayer Book* is used once, or twice, a term, and every Thursday for Choral Evensong”. So let us be thankful for small mercies, as W.H. Auden suggests.

This *Castellum* item throws one back to one’s Undergraduate years – in my case 1947–1950 – when there were services of Evening Prayer at 6.30 p.m. each day, from which we went straight into Hall. The Master, Lt. Col. MacFarlane Grieve, a Presbyterian of renown, was always in his stall under the organ – and generally without any socks even in the coldest of winter days. As the Master comes happily into mind again, one inevitably remembers his unique method of interviewing candidates for admission. Probably he had done his homework on each candidate, but the logistics of the face-to-face encounter were, as we all know, brief and to the point. My experience was even shorter than that of Harold Evans which he describes in the extract from *My Paper Chase*, his autobiography, in *Castellum 2009* (pages 42-43). After asking me why I had applied to University College, the Master came to his main point. “I hear that you can run”. I replied that yes, Sir, I “run over the country” and am a member of three Athletic Clubs. “We are rather low on athletics at the moment – call on the Bursar on your way out”. So I was in and, like Harold Evans, became Captain of Athletics in my Third Year.

The Chaplain in the forties and fifties, Ronald Jasper, became Dean of York and was largely responsible for subjecting the Church to the studied ambiguity of the Revised Services 1, 2, 3 or the 60's. To his credit though he insisted that all Castle ordinands do some N.T. Greek with him one morning a week. This was useful not only for the Greek but because we sat around his large study fire, whereas our ration of one bucket of coal a day didn't run to a fire in one's room in the morning. Central heating was a long way off in those days – when all Universities were smaller and more compact. Hastings Rashdall, who died in harness as a well-loved Dean of Carlisle, was appointed a Tutor at University College Durham in 1883 with the prospect of being Chaplain when he was ordained. He lived in the Keep, taught well and energetically, but said that he found the society of Cathedral and University not always congenial. He did "Sunday Duty" in many of the Durham County Churches; once taking a Men's Bible Class in Sunderland for 800 men.

When Rashdall went up to New College Oxford in 1877 he found, his biographer says, that the "smaller numbers and simpler and more concentrated life, made a particularly strong appeal to Rashdall" (*Matheson's Life* p.291). One is, perhaps, tempted looking back from 2010 to the 1940's, to feel that a tighter, more compact University set-up has much to commend it. Certainly before the vast increase in the number of Colleges and of student numbers it was possible to get to know a wide spectrum of one's fellow Undergraduates. And do I hear the unthinkable that there are some lectures held now in the afternoons? There was a time too, when Brown's Boat House was still a boathouse.

"And is there honey still for tea?" The answer to this rhetorical question is certainly, yes ... and plenty of it! But sadly one doesn't even have to ask if there are still the adequate and statutory Prayer Book Services held in the Tunstall Chapel; the Chaplain gives us the current spread which, she writes: is "once a week at Evening Prayer and once a term on Sundays". How sad. Our current members and staff are deprived. Let us as a Society ask the Chaplain and Chapel Clerk to play the game a little better. After all we are an Anglican College. Some of us want and need something better than the "cowboy job" of *Common Worship*. We've got it in the *Book of Common Prayer* – let us not sell all the copies off but use them more regularly.

Revd. Edward Underhill

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EDITOR'S NOTE: *Our Treasurer, Martin Gunson, arranged to bind additional copies of the Book of Common Prayer for members to purchase copies with the College Crest etc.*

# TREASURER'S REPORT

It is always a pleasure to report on the financial well being of the Society, enabling us to offer continuing support to our College and especially the JCR and our Students, and all without a Government bail out!

Those of you who have visited the University's website will be aware that once again the league tables have reflected what an outstanding University and most especially College you belong to, and demand for places remains as hard fought as ever.

Whilst we help in whichever way we can, members will be pleased to hear that the University's Alumni telephone appeal monies allocated to College are used by the Master to great advantage, and have even enabled projects we had offered support for to be funded through this channel.

The main support we have given this year is therefore to the University College Durham Trust; this allows me to remind members that wish to offer further financial assistance to their College is that the most beneficial way is by a donation to the aforesaid University College Durham Trust (which has charitable status), and the necessary forms to enable the reclaiming of tax under the Gift Aid provisions can be obtained from the College Office or via the website.

Due to successful fund raising within College, we have actually had to contribute less than expected towards the sound system purchased in the previous year, giving rise to a credit to our accounts.

As in the past, we continue to offer support to the College Library, and which is a popular and well used facility, albeit with more of a high tech content than many of us remember.

As ever, I must extend my grateful thanks for the work and support of Lynne Carrick in the College Office and of our esteemed Master, and together we are able to maintain the successful and productive management of the Society's finances, and continue the work the Society does to support our beloved College.

With your continued support, the future success of the best College at the best University can be maintained and enhanced – *Floreat Castellum!*

*Martin E. Gunson, F.C.A., F.R.S.A., F.F.A, F.I.A.B., M.C.M.I,  
Honorary Treasurer, July 31st, 2010*

## DURHAM CASTLE SOCIETY

Income and Expenditure Account  
for the year ended 31st July 2010

	31-07-2010	31-07-2009
	£	£
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Subscriptions	18,804.00	18,889.52
Interest Received (Net)	16.53	441.04
Prayer Book Sales	-	500.00
	<u>18,820.53</u>	<u>19,830.56</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE:</b>		
Castellum	6,175.00	6,155.00
Postage and Distribution	2,637.23	2,380.29
Reunion Expenses	905.50	869.10
Other Printing & Stationery	73.50	216.82
Miscellaneous	103.67	35.00
Secretarial Costs	500.00	500.00
	<u>10,394.90</u>	<u>10,156.21</u>
	<u>8,425.63</u>	<u>9,674.35</u>
Graduand Hospitality	164.40	138.60
Lowie Library Books	1,000.00	1,000.00
Portable Sound System	(585.75)	4,000.00
University College Durham Trust	12,500.00	-
Portrait of Master (1/3rd Share)	1,500.00	-
Undercroft Furniture	-	3,848.72
Castle Old Boys F.C.	-	500.00
	<u>14,578.65</u>	<u>9,487.32</u>
	<u>£(6,153.02)</u>	<u>£187.03</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		

## DURHAM CASTLE SOCIETY

Balance Sheet as at 31st July 2010

	31-07-2010	31-07-2009
	£	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
Sundry Debtors	-	7,414.25
Business Base Rate Tracker Account	33,154.77	31,738.24
Business Community Account	59.31	486.37
	<u>£33,214.08</u>	<u>£39,638.86</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		
Subscriptions in Advance	13,660.00	13,815.00
Corporation Tax	-	116.76
	<u>13,660.00</u>	<u>13,931.76</u>
	<u>£19,554.08</u>	<u>£25,707.10</u>
<b>Represented By:</b>		
<b>ACCUMULATED FUND</b>		
Opening Balance	25,707.10	25,520.07
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	(6,153.02)	187.03
	<u>£19,554.08</u>	<u>£25,707.10</u>

**Note:** Expenditure authorised and unspent at the Balance Sheet date amounted to £5,000.00, but all or part may be funded from other sources, including central Alumni donations.

**Martin E. Gunson, F.C.A., F.R.S.A., F.F.A., F.I.A.B., M.C.M.I.**  
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## **Dates of 2011 Reunion**

Friday 25th March to Sunday 27th March 2010.

The Reunion Dinner is on Saturday, 26th March 2010.

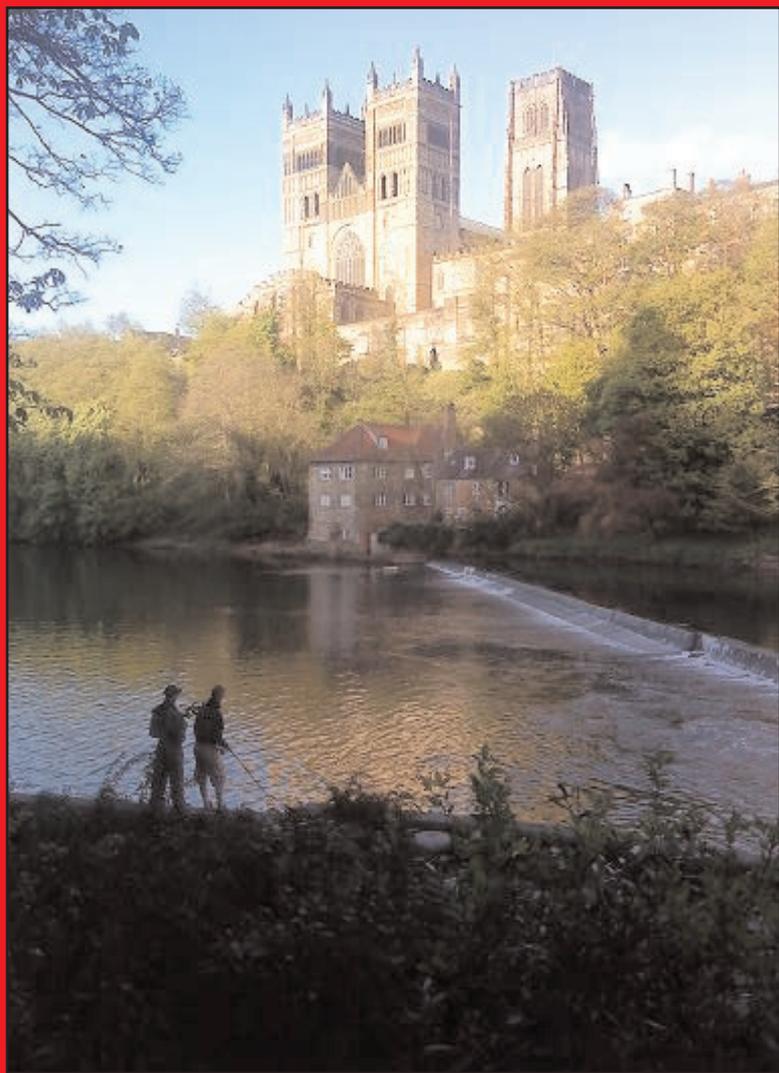
## **Dates of 2012 Reunion**

Friday 23rd March to Sunday 25th March 2012.

The Reunion Dinner is on Saturday, 24th March 2012.

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