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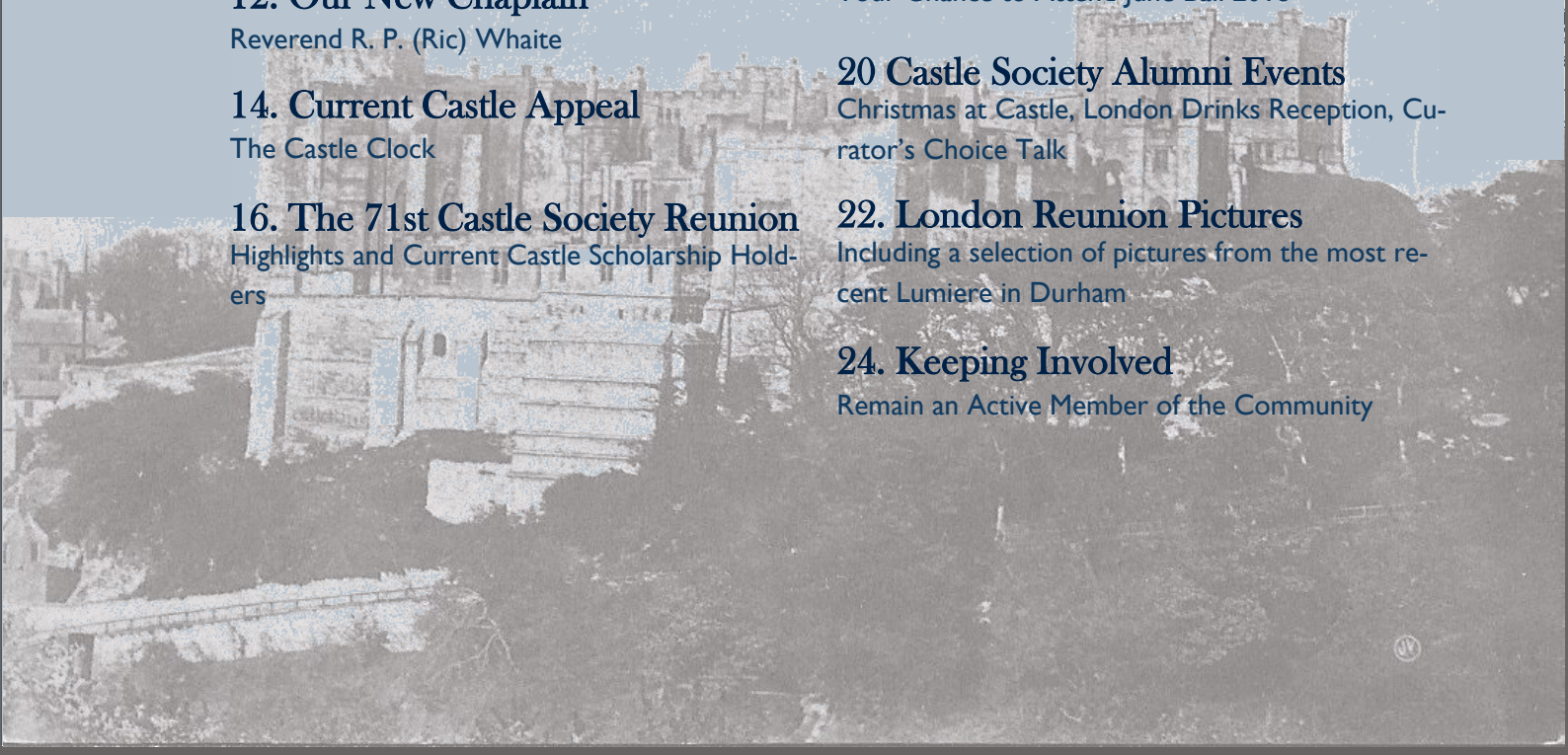
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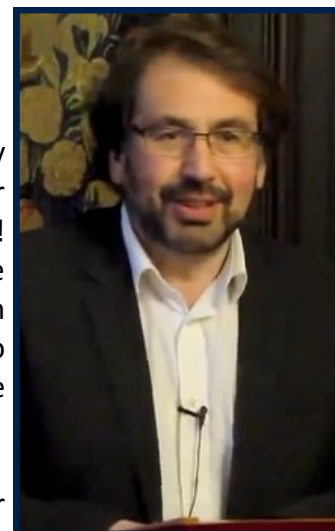
Remain an Active Member of the Community



From the Master

Ever seeking to enhance our bonds with the broader community

For me the academic year always starts with our Alumni Reunion. The Castle Society Reunion Weekend was a great event. I enormously enjoyed meeting many former students who together represent Castle students over a 50 year period. Remarkable! Support for the Society and the Trust is strong, and numbers for the 1072 Club continue to grow, and I am delighted that we have so many active alumni. I cannot stress enough how grateful we are for your support and interest in Castle, and I would like to encourage more alumni to become active members of the Castle community in the future.



The start of term has been both busy and highly productive. We have welcomed over 275 undergraduates and 300 postgraduates. This growth is, of course, all in line with the current University Strategy to expand overall student numbers, which will reflect in the growth of our College community, and in the number of colleges which are increasing from sixteen to twenty-two over the next decade. The collegiate system is an integral part of the vision for Durham University's expansion. It offers a fundamental experience that past and present students appreciate in so many ways, across so many dimensions.

What does that growth mean for Castle in the longer term? In the first instance, we will take on more accommodation for the student population. We have already taken on a new building for the next academic year at a complex called New Kepier Court. This will help as the quality of the accommodation is excellent. But clearly the proportion of students living in will continue to shift towards those who live out.

One of my priorities, as I noted before, is a Fellowships Scheme which we will put in place soon. It will offer our students enhanced links with academics, who will continue to enrich the College. It will also distinguish us from other colleges in Durham. If this is something that you would feel you might support, please contact the Development Officer at castle.alumni@durham.ac.uk.

Finally, many thanks to those who work with the Castle Society and the Durham Trust. Your efforts are of tremendous value to the College. We cannot thank you enough.

From the Alumni Relations and Development Officer

It is a pleasure to be back for a consecutive year, and so great to see many alumni again at Castle. Please let me know if you are planning a trip back to Durham. I am pleased to show alumni around the College, and if you do not have a [Castle Alumni Card](#), I encourage you all to apply for one.

We have many events for you to look forward to, including our annual drinks receptions in London, scheduled for the 23rd of February, Gemma Lewis' Curator's Choice Talk will take place in February, and we have a celebratory Christmas Drinks Reception at Castle on the 9th of December. I would like to encourage as many alumni to attend, and

please do pass the news on to your Castle friends.

Some other things to look forward to in this edition are the dates of the forthcoming Durham Castle Lecture Series, news from our Chapel Choir highlighting their newly recorded CD, soon to be released, and your opportunity to support CCA in an exceptional auction to help their charitable work, bidding for your chance to attend June Ball 2018.

If you would like to be in touch, please email castle.alumni@durham.ac.uk.
Floreat Castellum.





From the JCR Senior Student

Hello all! My name is Pippa and I am this year's JCR Senior Student. My role, this year is balanced alongside my third year Law LLB studies, and I have just begun writing my dissertation on UK Constitutional law. Much has changed over the last year, and we have many wonderful developments to look forward to heading into 2018. The 2017 June Ball, themed 'Never Grow Up,' was most certainly a success, as was this year's Fresher's week where we welcomed over 275 new Castle JCR members into the community. With the help of our new JCR Development Officer, Owen Sparkes, we have also set up a new Careers and Sponsorship Committee (CarSponComm) which is aimed at connecting Castle alumni and affiliates with current members of the JCR. We have also broadened our community and outreach activities this year with a new Outreach Officer on our Executive Committee. Castle Community Action and our Environment and Charities divisions have also seen tremendous growth and input in the last 12 months. The rowing club are very thankful to be the proud owners of a new Eight, which has been named Eva Schumacher-Reid in her honour. The whole college shares the joyous anticipation over the new development in the West Courtyard which will bring another multi-use space and Café into the walls of Castle. As with other common rooms, it can surely be said that we will continue to grow and develop Castle, though we presently wait to see how new University Strategy plans will unveil and how they may begin to shape the future. As always, if you want to get in touch then please do not hesitate. I can be reached at castle.seniorstudent@durham.ac.uk

Kindest regards,
Pippa Prevost-Jones



From the President of the SCR

I have recently taken on the position of SCR President, and I am pleased to have the opportunity to work closely with this unique community. The SCR is a thriving and ever-growing group made up of University staff, alumni and members of the local community, as well as some senior postgraduates and early career fellows. As senior members of the college, we seek to integrate ourselves and support the local Castle community. Whether through the support of the Castle Lecture Series, the Chapel community and its vibrant Chapel Choir, taking on the role of Academic Mentors to many undergraduates in the college, putting together the Cutting-Edge Lecture Series, or through the simple act of supporting a range of events at Castle and attending formal dinners. We enjoy being a part of this community and I would like to welcome and encourage our alumni to participate in Castle events and hope to see you back in Durham.

Best wishes,
Dr. Andreas Pantazatos



From the MCR President

The MCR continues to grow at a rapid pace. With a larger intake of postgrads than undergrads for the current year, University College is now a community with a thriving MCR with over 500 postgraduate students. Induction week proved to be a huge success and all within budget! So far Michaelmas has been an exciting term for the MCR with very high numbers for attendance at both academic and social events. The big news is the creation of a new Executive position: The MCR Ball Chair. We felt that the Charity Ball had matured enough to warrant a position solely in charge of its smooth running. Another consequence of this change has of course been the liberation of the Social Chair position. Without the concern of the ball, there has been a vast variety of social events within the MCR. With board game nights, film nights, acoustic open mic nights there has been something for everyone. The physical MCR is being used almost constantly for both work and leisure. We have introduced a fortnightly brunch event with smoked salmon and cream cheese bagels and sparkling wine. This has been running very successfully with the Maurice. E. Tucker room being almost pushed to capacity each time! On the academic side of things, this summer saw the inaugural Durham Castle Conference run exclusively through our common room. This Conference attracted speakers from all across the north-east to deliver talks along the theme of "Evolution." With parallel sessions all drawing large crowds, the fiscally sound Durham Castle Conference can only be called a huge success. The seminar series has this term already provided an extensive variety of thought-provoking talks such as: "The gender crossings of the Chevalier and Chevalière d'Éon" and also "How to grow eyes from hair – an introduction into 'cellular reprogramming.'" We hope that this will continue as our set of academic events looks ever more exciting and interesting! As always, we're very keen to see alumni return to Castle, so we'll keep you updated on the events happening throughout the rest of the year, and if there is something specific that you'd like to attend, please do get in touch and come along!

All the best,
James Black



Introducing the New JCR Executive Committee for 2017-2018



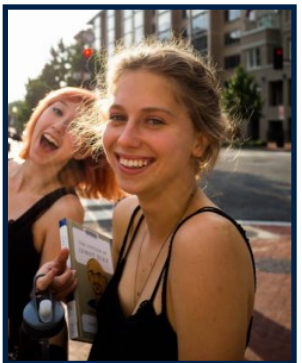
Owen Sparkes, Development Officer

Hi everyone, my name is Owen and I'm the Development Officer for this year. This role means that I'm in charge of overseeing our careers, sponsorship and alumni outreach programmes. This year you will hopefully be hearing from me quite a bit, as we seek to improve our outlook in this area; I would love to hear from you if you have any ideas or want to have a more active role as alumni of the JCR. Please email me at owen.a.sparkes@durham.ac.uk with any questions. I look forward to speaking to you!



Erin Collins, Welfare Officer

I have a number of duties in college as Welfare Officer. Together with Katya (the Campaigns Officer), the Welfare Officer's main role is to provide one-to-one support to anyone who may need it, as well as to be available to anyone who would just like a chat. I can then help to signpost people with specific issues onto relevant useful services, both inside and outside of College and the University. I also lead the welfare team and assist Katya with campaigns that run throughout the year.



Katya Ellis, Campaigns Officer

I'm in charge of organising various student welfare campaigns throughout the year, such as mental health awareness, sexual health, exam stress, and general well-being. In addition to this, alongside Erin, I'm here for the students as a point of contact regarding various support services, as well as to listen and support them with any issues they may face throughout the year. Favourite Fresher's Week Moment: it's a tough tie between the magic of matriculation day and boogieing to all the best throwbacks in the Undie on 90s Night.





Carl Nabert, Treasurer

As treasurer I have the lovely job of ensuring that the JCR finances are in order and that all our clubs and events can run smoothly.



Ben Rich , Unions and Societies Officer

I am essentially responsible for most of the extra-curricular activities available at Castle. I oversee the college’s sports teams, societies, drama, arts, music, and any other interest group. I also represent Castle to many bodies in the University at large – the Students’ Union, Team Durham, and others, to ensure that Castle’s voice is heard when decisions are made that could affect the college.



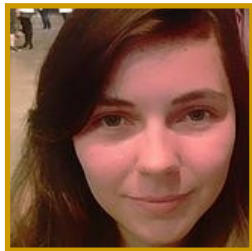
Jimmy Lee, Social Chairman

As **Social Chairman**, my role includes managing the Ents Committee and the June Ball Committee, and to plan and execute both the small scale events and the three major balls at College - Ladies Night, Halfway Hall and The June Ball.

Both the Ents Committee and The June Ball Committee offer a wide range of roles for students to get involved and network around college. For example organising the aesthetics, working with logistics and administration, seeking sponsorship, selecting food and drink, and recruiting bands for entertainment.



Introducing the New MCR Executive Committee for 2017-2018



Welfare Officer

I'm Jess and I'm an ESRC NINEDTP student studying MA Research Methods in Psychology (Developmental Psychology). In my role as Welfare Officer I promote the wellbeing of all the students, either through campaigns or through one-on-one confidential chats over tea and biscuits. I also head the Welfare Committee and liaise with the student's union to make sure students can get the support they need when they need it, as well as providing anonymised feedback to the MCR Committee on the issues students are facing.



Internal Affairs

I am Lenka, a PhD candidate in Visual Culture of History of Science and Medicine based in the Department of Philosophy. As the Internal Affairs Officer of the MCR I serve as an advisor to the Executive committee and am responsible for maintaining the MCR Standing Orders. I am also responsible for running the MCR elections and other ballots.



Secretary

Hi, I'm Jonathan, the MCR Secretary. It's my role to maintain the Castle MCR website and other social media accounts. I also write and publish the MCR Newsletter as well as the minutes of all MCR meetings. Finally, I organise the sign-up to Thursday formals.



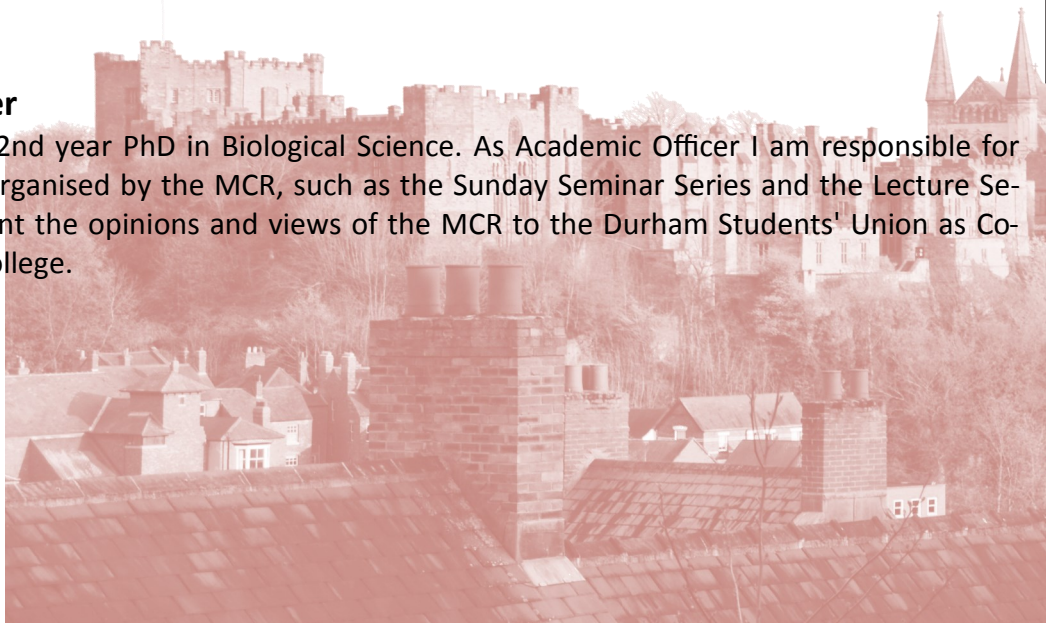
Steward

Hello, I am Peter. I am a first year PhD student in the Classics Department and currently in my fifth year here at Castle. Alongside my research in Latin poetry and teaching commitments, I am the Steward of the MCR and responsible for maintaining the Maurice Tucker Room.



Academic Officer

Hi, I'm Melissa, a 2nd year PhD in Biological Science. As Academic Officer I am responsible for academic events organised by the MCR, such as the Sunday Seminar Series and the Lecture Series. I also represent the opinions and views of the MCR to the Durham Students' Union as Co-DSU Rep for the College.





President

I'm James, The President of the MCR. I started here in Castle in October 2011 and I am now pursuing a PhD in Theoretical Physics. My role within the MCR is to oversee the operations of the Common Room and represent the best interests of its members across many college and university wide committees.



Treasurer

My name is Robert Leigh, and I'm currently studying a PhD in real estate finance. I have a masters degree in finance and investment and a bachelors degree in theoretical physics. I am responsible for the sound administration of the MCR's finances. I enjoy badminton, swimming and reading.



Social Chair

I'm Joey, The Social Chair of the MCR. I joined Castle when I started my PhD in Theoretical Particle Physics in October 2016. My role within the MCR is to create a varied social calendar that spans the course of the year. The experiences enjoyed together at such social events bring the MCR together and strengthen the sense of community.



CCA Rep

Hi, I'm Linge Wei. I am studying for an LLM in International Trade and Commercial Law. As the CCA (Castle Community Action) Rep I am responsible for working with the CCA Executive Committee to keep MCR Members informed about community outreach and volunteering opportunities in the Durham area.



Ball Chair

I'm Thomas, an MSc Student in Biosciences. As ball chair I am responsible for the organisation of the annual MCR Charity Ball, the only ball in college run exclusively by the MCR. This includes booking entertainment and catering for the evening and managing the ball committee.



Durham Castle Lecture Series

2017/2018

The Durham Castle Lecture series has been made possible thanks to a generous gift from Santander Universities.

22nd November - Professor Peter Horrocks

The Future of the University Series

'The University and the Role of Distance Learning - Tackling Sector Diversity'

13th December - Professor Peter Coveney

The Future of the University Series

'The Future of Scientific Research in UK Universities

17 January - Professor Christian Joppke

'Is Multiculturalism Dead?'

24th January - Professor Edith Hall

'Aristotle Goes to the Movies'

8th February - Lord David Willetts

The Future of the University Series

'A University Education'

All of the lectures in the series are free and open to all.

Doors open from 7.30pm.

Lectures begin at 8pm, with questions for the speaker at 9pm.

For more information please go to: [Durham Castle Lecture Series](#)

www.dur.ac.uk/castle.lectures

To see previous DCLS [online](#) please follow the link: www.castlealumni.uk/video





28th February - Professor Stuart Corbridge

The Future of the University Series

'What are Universities For?'

7th March - Professor N. Katherine Hayles

The Future of the University Series

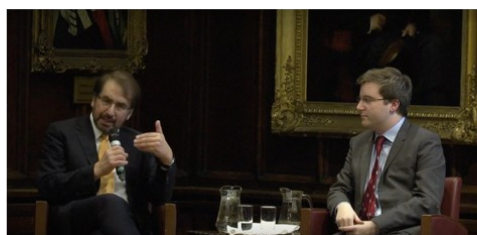
Universities at the Crossroads: Directing Cultural Transformations

25th April - Professor Markus Gabriel

'Are We Real? Consciousness and Fiction'

3rd May - Professor Linda Colley

'Why Do Constitutions Matter and Why Should We Care?'





News from Our New Chaplain



The College have appointed the Revd R. P. (Ric) Whaite to the role of Chaplain and Solway Fellow in University College. There was a very strong field of candidates, but following a meeting with JCR, MCR, SCR members and staff, as well as a formal interview with representatives of the college, the University and the diocese of Durham, Ric emerged as our unanimous choice to succeed the Revd Dr Hannah Cleugh.

Prior to serving in Durham, Ric was Curate at All Saints Parish Church, Fulham in the Diocese of London, and an assisting priest in the parish of St Clement and St James, North Kensington. Before ordination he worked with students at the University of Notre Dame (IN, USA). His previous degrees are in history and theology and whilst in Durham will be writing a thesis on cross confessional alliances and religious peace around the Thirty Years' War (1618-1648).

The college is delighted to also introduce this years Senior and Junior Organ Scholars. These roles are given to talented church musicians, adept at balancing the different demands chapel and university life place upon them. The Chaplain, Director of Music and Chapel Committee are delighted to have appointed Imogen Morgan (Senior) and Ted O'Hare (Junior). We hope if you find yourselves in or near to Durham on a Thursday evening or a Sunday morning you will come and experience their talents first hand.

Castle's Chapel Choir News

Over the summer, Castle's Chapel Choir went to St Davids for their annual tour. Although not as exotic as previous years, part of the appeal for this domestic tour was a residence in St Davids Cathedral - involving two Evensongs and a concert that represented the culmination of the years' work - and the opportunity to record a CD.

The main chunk of the CD is Howells' *Requiem*. This is an early example of Howells' sacred music output, written as it was in 1932/33, but it wasn't released until 1980 - just three years before the composers' own death. A common belief is that it was written for the premature death of his son Michael, but it was in fact written for Kings' Cambridge in the model of Henry Walford Davies own short requiem.

Both the melodic writing and, in particular, the lush, complex harmonies are searingly beautiful. It was a challenge to record, but I believe the final outcome is well worth the effort we put in.

The rest of the CD contains other 20th century classics,

including Harris' *Faire is the Heaven* and Bairstow's *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*, but it also contains some slightly later works that may be less well known. The titular piece of music - James MacMillan's *Christus Vincit* - is a textbook example of the composers' meditations on a very short few words. For around seven minutes, the eight voices (plus soprano solo) sings just 'Christ conquers, Christ is King, Christ is Lord of all' (*Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat*). The two soprano solos, sung by Abigail Ingram and Lydia Marshall, are extraordinarily high and beautifully effective. John Sanders' *My Beloved Spake*, a setting of the song of songs, has become a firm favourite among the choir and for good reason. It's incredibly hard to put it into words - only a listen will be able to express it!

The CD, recorded and mastered by the incredibly talented Myles Eastwood, captures the choir in fine voice and masterfully directed by Joshua Ridley. We hope to have a release date imminently, but I can promise that the sound of the choir and the expression of the music is absolutely first rate.



Castle Community Action Grand Auction 2017

PUTTING DURHAM CASTLE BACK IN THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY



CCA's most recent fundraising event, the annual CCA Grand Auction, kicked off the Castle black-tie social calendar with a bang including an incredible performance by Castle Big Band, a whole host of prizes, and a lot of drunk bidding! It's safe to say some student's wallets, as well as their heads, were hurting the next day! But on a more serious note, the event was a huge success with over £5,000 being raised for our organisation which will have a huge impact for the coming year.

Throughout recent years CCA has continued to expand and grow from strength to strength, with the introduction and expansion of several projects such as one-to-one reading, regular coffee mornings at a local elderly home, termly afternoon teas in the undie in partnership with Age UK, and the production of shelter packs for vulnerable adults in our community.

CCA wouldn't be able to continue its amazing work and grow its projects as it currently does (and plans to continue), without the generosity of Castle students, alumni and local businesses when it comes to fundraising – so we'd like to say a massive thank you to everyone who helps us with this!

For those of you who might not know, Castle Community Action (CCA) - Castle's student-run outreach organisation – has been running for five years. CCA aims to put Durham Castle back at the heart of the Durham community by connecting students with other members of the local community to create lasting, reciprocal relationships. This done through projects in our 5 divisions: Homelessness Care, Elderly Care, Community Days, Primary Education and Secondary Education. Some of the most popular projects include our weekly Community Meal, where volunteers cook a 3 course meal from ingredients donated by local cafes and shops for homeless and vulnerable adults in the local area; our Community Days, where the Castle is opened up to the local community for family fun days with a whole host of exciting themes; and our Easter Residential, where a group of underprivileged Year 10 students stay in the Castle and are introduced to university life, with the hope of helping them explore avenues for the future that they may not have been exposed to otherwise.

If you'd like anymore information about CCA, our projects or how you can help with fundraising please don't hesitate to check out the website (www.castlecommunityaction.org.uk) or email Castle's Outreach Officer, Christina, at cca.president@durham.ac.uk

Matriculation

Yet another superb day for Matriculation. Our Fresher reps did us proud! A huge welcome back to returning students who gave the traditional Castle welcome equipped with pots and pans. We are excited to welcome over 570 into our cohort this year.

The photo includes members of College Office, waiting to lead the procession to the Cathedral.



Future Appeals

We Need to Fix Our Clock!

Some things at Castle never do change!

Currently set at the stroke of midnight our courtyard clock accurately tells the time twice a day.

While it is a permanent backdrop fixture in all of our daily lives do we ever take the time to know the significance of this crucial fixture?

The clock is, in fact, the War Memorial Clock in honour of those who were killed during the 1939-45 War. During the War, the RAF were stationed at Durham Castle.

That one!



In the 3rd edition of *Castellum*, 1950, on pages 10-13 and 26 you can read about the installation of the Memorial Clock and the life of the previous Quad Clock before it. There is an article titled The War Memorial Fund highlight an appeal to ex-Castlemen for £200 to cover the expense of installing the clock and to prepare a Book of Remembrance. The War Memorial clock was noted as a *restoration* as parts of its external appearance came from the original Quad Clock, "There does not seem to be anyone surviving who is able to describe it, but the external appearance must have been very similar to what we see at the moment as the dial is the same one." (P.11). If you would like to read more, please follow the link to read the [1950 edition of Castellum](#).

The chairman of the Turret Clock Group of the Antiquarian Horological Society commented:

I have seen quite a few Cope clocks, they are always painted grey as yours is. It represents an interesting period in turret clock history when they were still making mechanical clocks with Lord Grimthorpe's gravity escapement*, but by this time electric winding was installed from the start. Clocks from this era are not very common so it is well worth preserving.

* that is the escapement used in "The Great Clock (Big Ben) which clock was designed by Grimthorpe.

This is not the first time that our beloved War Memorial Clock or previous Quad Clock has stopped working, but it is something that we feel passionate about, especially given its exciting history within the Castle and its prominence in the daily lives of those at the College.



What needs to be done?

- Conservation of all moving and non-moving surfaces
- Polish all pivots and bushes
- Renew all bushes as necessary
- Manufacture a new suspension spring-this is the main issue at the moment as the pendulum has snapped.
- Reassemble the clock, lubricate as necessary, and test out

We need £4000.00 to get our clock into working order. If you would like to see it restored to pristine, time telling, condition then please help through donating. Donations can be made out to The University College Durham Trust, highlighting the Courtyard Clock Appeal.

Courtyard Clock

Take me down tenderly
Clean me with care,
Send some clock member by
Me to repair.

Gild my dear Alphabet
Polish my dial
Hands on their axle set
Feed with 'ile'.

Then shall I note one more
Time's hastening flight,
Then shall men quote once more
'Clock in Quad's right'.

Yours sadly
'Castle Clock'

Durham University Journal, March 25th, 1882

News From Our Castle Curator Gemma Lewis

The Curator's Choice Talk, 20th February, 2018



All are welcome to attend the Durham Castle Curator's Choice Talk. Tuesday 20th February - Senate Suite, 5:30pm.

In the past, Gemma has discussed a myriad number of different items, from paintings, silver, plaques and more through to the structure of the castle. What is lovely about her talks is her ability to weave in the narrative of those lives attached to the items, the stories and the secrets bound to the objects within the collection.

What might be uncovered in this discussion? You have to come along and discover for yourself.

Please follow us on the [Durham Castle Museum Website](#) to keep up to date with events and tours.

71st Castle Society Reunion 2017

We would like to thank everyone who attended the Seventy-First Castle Society Reunion, which was held on Saturday, 15th September 2017.

It is always humbling and encouraging to see so many alumni come back to the College from across the UK, and the world, for the weekend.

Some of the highlights of the reunion were Friday night's Sherry Party, Gemma Lewis' Curators Choice talk, which had an excellent turnout, our discussions at the AGM, and the dinner in the evening on Saturday.

A big thank you to our honoured guest speakers, Kevin Hawes and Alex Nelson. Both did a terrific job on the Saturday night during the main dinner.

Alex Nelson has been editor of *Castellum* for 30 years now, and we owe him huge thanks and congratulations for all of his hard work, time, continued effort and support for Castle. We will be looking forward to next year's edition of *Castellum*, which will be released in the early months of 2018.

We value alumni feedback, so please let us know your thoughts about the weekend and what you would like to have happen in the future.





Castle Scholarship Holders



Huge congratulations to Laura Littlefair who is the recipient of the UCDT MA in Museum Studies Scholarship. Laura will spend the next two years at Castle working with our curator Gemma Lewis, and help with the conservation of our collection. We wish her a happy time at Castle!

Will Throp, recipient of the Michael McCarthy Memorial Bursary tells us about his research trip to the USA.

In the summer of 2017, I was fortunate enough to be invited to intern at International Business-Government Counsellors, a government-relations firm based in Washington D.C that specialises in providing advice and analysis for private industry actors regarding upcoming shifts in U.S trade policy.

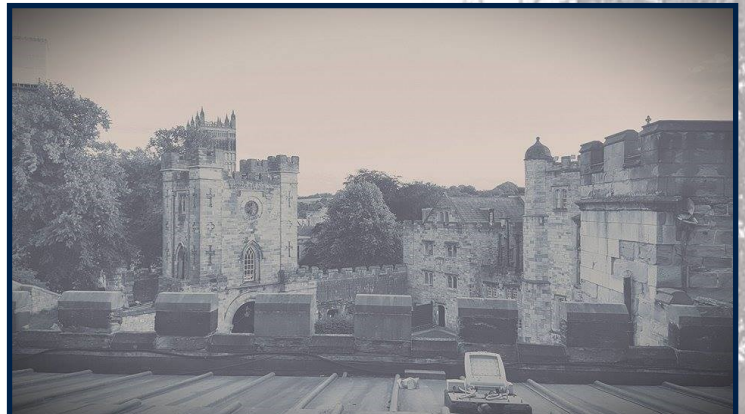


As a Global Politics MSc student with an avid interest in international trade, this was a superb opportunity for me to learn in a practical setting about the challenges and opportunities facing businesses in an uncertain trading environment.

The experiences I gained while in Washington D.C would not have been possible without the kindness and generosity of University College and the Michael McCarthy scholarship. I am immensely grateful to Michael’s family for establishing the scholarship and would like to thank them personally – the funding that was available for me gave me real insight into the inner workings of the American political system.



Very warm congratulations to Sophie Ridley, our previous MA in Museums Studies Scholarship holder from 2015-2017. Sophie now finds herself in the position of Assistant Curator at the River and Rowing Museum, Henley-on-Thames. We wish her the best of luck in her new job.



June Ball 2017



The 2016/17 Exec Handing Over to the New 2017/18 Exec



Brilliant Queen Tribute Band



Susan Wright Makes it to 50 Years at Castle



Farewell Speech and Gift for the wonderful Hannah Cleugh.

Hannah finished as our Chaplain at the end of the academic year.



The Boys Having Fun!

David Held (Master), Richard Lawrie (Vice-Master, Senior Tutor), Mark Shaw (Assistant Senior Tutor).



Castle Community Action's Grand Auction



Alumni June Ball Dining Tickets

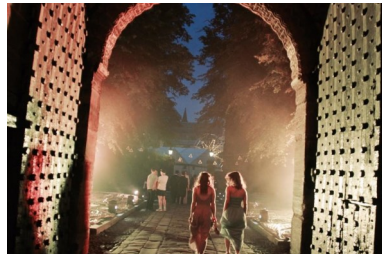
You can bid for two seats on an alumni June Ball table. The six highest bids will receive tickets. NB. Reserve of £350 for two dining and ents tickets, as well as attending the Master's Drinks Reception beforehand.

As part of our CCA campaign, CCA has joined forces with the June Ball committee. The proceeds of the tickets will go towards special CCA projects: to find out more please visit our [website](#).

Not only will you get the chance to attend June Ball (Tuesday 19th June 2018) but you will also be supporting a great cause. For your chance to get seats at the 2018 June Ball, email castle.alumni@durham.ac.uk with your bid!

The Auction will close on the 15th of December, and the highest bidders will be notified at that point.

We wish you the best of luck and hope to see you at June Ball!
For more information on June Ball, please follow the [link](#).





Alumni News

You never fully leave Castle.

When you graduate you join the vibrant and exciting Castle Alumni body. We offer many fantastic events and ways for you to always feel a part of the College.

Castle Society and SCR Christmas Drinks at Castle

Saturday 9th December 2017 from 7.00pm to 11.00pm

Location: Senior Common Room, University College

We would like to invite you to be our guest at a special Christmas Drinks Reception for SCR members, College Alumni, and friends of Castle

Starting with carols from 7pm and drinks and light nibbles at 7:30pm. There is a small cover charge of £10. SCR members to book and pay via the online system, and Alumni to book via Natalie Matias, The Development Office University College with a cheque for £10 payable to University College SCR.

For more news on how to book into this events please follow the [link](#).



Castle Society London Drinks Reception

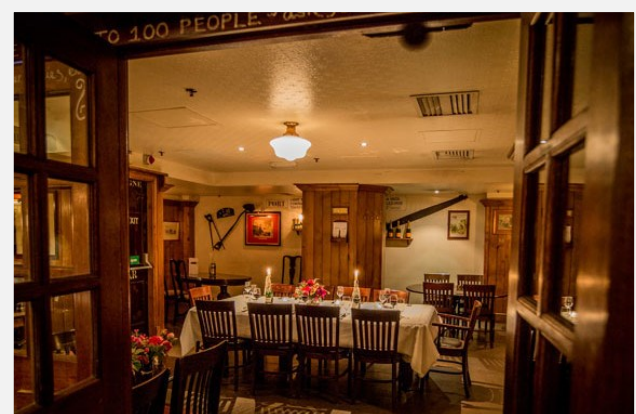
Friday 23rd of February from 7.00pm to 11.00pm
Champagne Charlies

Location: 17 The Arches, Villiers Street, WC2N 6NG | 020 7930 7737

champagnecharlies@davy.co.uk

The venue is a pub and not a champagne bar, although they do sell champagne if that's your tippie! There will be a cash bar and food is also available to purchase. It's an informal event so feel free to drop in on the evening.

Please follow the [link](#) to register for this event.



Curators Choice Talk March 2018

Tuesday 20th February - Senate Suite, 5:30pm.
Discover the precious collection within University College, as Castle Curator, Gemma Lewis uncovers the story of a select few choice items in her Curator's Choice Talk.

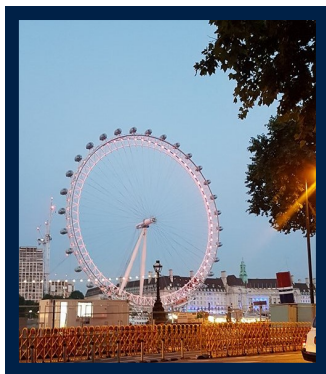
This event is not to be missed.
Free to attend.

Please email castle.alumni@durham.ac.uk for any questions about this talk.

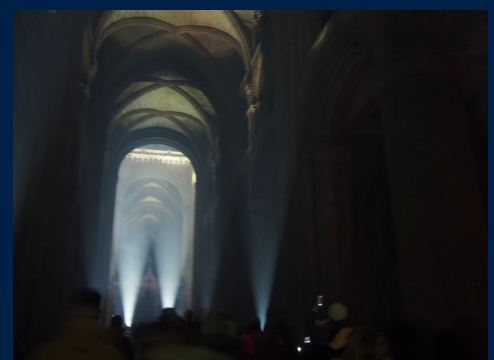
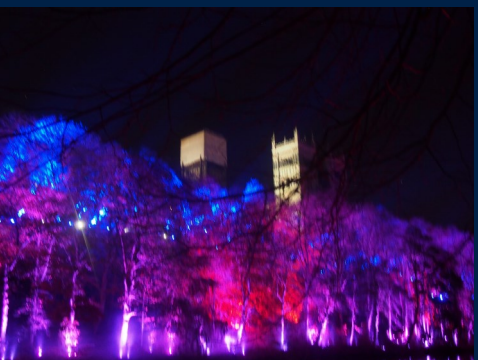
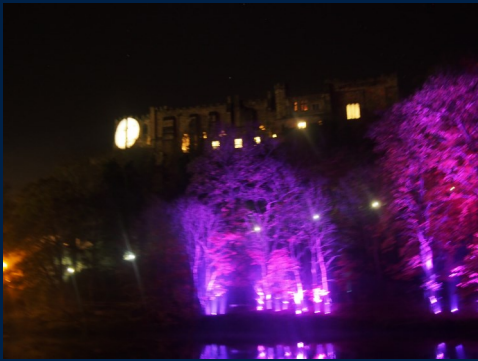
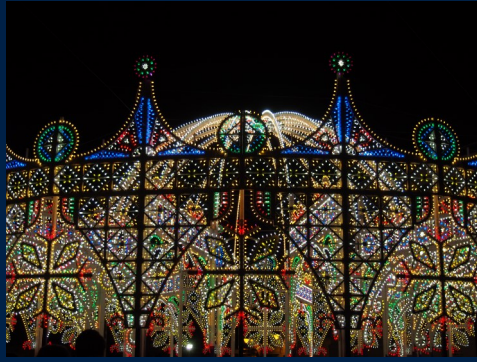




A selection of shots from the Castle Society Drinks Reception at the Tattershall Castle in July 2017



Our last London drinks reception took place at the Tattershall Castle on 6th July. The reception was well attended and the atmosphere was jovial and highly pleasant. It was great to see so many recent alumni attend. Due to a slight mishap in the booking drinks and canapes were free for our guests! This made all Castle staff aboard the ship very popular with the alumni who attended. We hope to see many of you again in the future!



Supporting Castle

We now have a wide range of ways that you can support Castle. The 1072 Club is proving ever more popular and have now expanded to include a 1072 USA extension. We also recently launched a Sports Fund and an [Academic Fund](#). For more information please click on the links.



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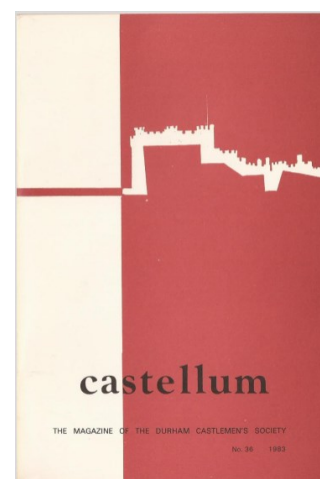
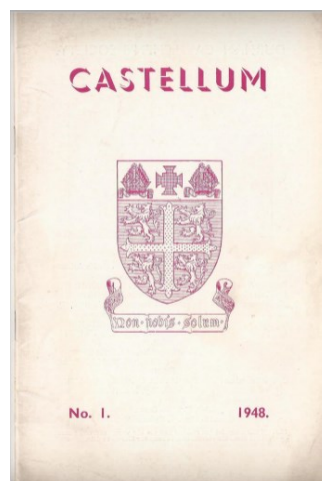


Castle Alumni Cards

Any former student of University College can register to receive an exclusive Castle alumni card.

This allows you to visit Castle, drink in the Undercroft during term time, and receive discounts at local pubs and cafes in Durham listed on the website.

[Click here to order your card.](#)




Castellum, the Durham Castle Society's official magazine, has been produced by the Society since 1948. The current Editor is Alex Nelson, who would be pleased to receive submissions for the next edition at alexnelson@dunelm.org.uk. Subscribing members of the Society receive a paper copy each year, but all Castle alumni are welcome to read the magazine for free online.

Leaving a legacy

Legacies are essential to Castle's development and they place dedicated alumni at the forefront of the Trust's project to continually enhance the life of the College and our students.

Deciding to leave a legacy through the University College Durham Trust, which is a registered charity in England and Wales (no. 1151821) ensures that your gift works to help the College to support its students in whatever way is most appropriate at the time of the gift being received. Legacies enable the Trust to maintain sustainable long-term financial planning, and the College is very grateful for this kind of support. Please contact castle.alumni@durham.ac.uk for more information.

A large, multi-story stone building with Gothic-style windows, including large arched windows with intricate tracery. The building is illuminated by warm, golden light, likely from the setting or rising sun. In the foreground, a courtyard features several wooden picnic tables on a green lawn. A paved path leads towards the building. In the immediate foreground, two teddy bears are sitting on a wooden surface, one wearing a dark graduation cap and gown. A semi-transparent dark box with white text is overlaid on the middle of the image.

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