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We have reached the end of another successful year at Castle. Highlights of the past term included a visit from Prof. Noam Chomsky, a world-renowned intellectual, as part of the Durham Castle Lecture Series (which you can now [watch online](#)); another excellent June Ball to mark the end of the academic year; the College Trust reaching the £1m milestone, and the launch of our new alumni website. Both Castle Day and our London drinks event in May were well-attended by a wide range of Castle alumni. It is always a pleasure to have Castle graduates involved in the College community: do get in touch with our Alumni Office and let us know what more we can do to encourage your involvement.



Durham Castle Society Website

We are delighted to announce the launch of the [Durham Castle Society's website](#), which is the new hub of the Castle alumni community. On the website you can find out about upcoming events, sign up for an alumni card, join our mentor scheme or discover how many Castlemen are based in your area.

Sabbatical Development Officer 2013-2014: Lindsay

After five years at Castle, it is finally time for me to move on! Thank you to all the wonderful Castlemen I have had the pleasure of meeting and working alongside this year - in particular, the Trustees of the University College Durham Trust for giving me this opportunity and for all they do in supporting the College's activities. The most humbling part of my job has been to meet alumni who, more than fifty years after leaving College, still think of Castle as 'home' and want to do all they can to support the College and its students. I hope to meet many more of you in future as an alumna, as I leave our alumni community to develop and flourish in the very capable hands of Georgia Brooke.



*Lindsay and Georgia with
Richard Lawrie (Assistant to the
Master) and Shelagh Bladon
(wife of Peter Bladon, Castle
1956-1961)*

Sabbatical Development Officer 2014-2015: Georgia

I am very much looking forward to taking over from Lindsay at the end of August and continuing all the amazing work she has done. I hope to hear from as many of you as possible over the coming year so please do not hesitate to get in touch about anything. We have some very exciting things planned so watch this space!





JCR Senior Man 2014-2015

The JCR's new Senior Man is Henry Winlow, a third year Economics student.



JCR Exec handover at June Ball 2014.



University College Durham Trust

Trust reaches £1m milestone

We are delighted to announce that the University College Durham Trust, the College's independent fund, has reached the milestone of £1 million. The Trustees, who are all Castle alumni, are very grateful for the generosity of all those who have supported the Trust since its creation in 1990. In this time, the Trust has supported major development projects such as the creation of the JCR and West Courtyard area, the expansion of the Lowe Library, the creation of the Fellows Garden building, as well as regularly supporting other College needs. To find out more about how you can join others in supporting the Trust, please visit: www.castlealumni.co.uk/support

MCR President 2014-2015

I'm Chris Bosson, Castle MCR President for 2014-15. A Castleman of six years now, and alumnus myself, I graduated from Castle in 2013 with my first degree, in Physics, and am now entering the second year of my PhD investigating a material for photovoltaic solar cells. As the MCR grows significantly again this year, it is my duty to see that it takes its place in college life, with MCR members getting the most they can out of their time here and contributing to making Castle the truly outstanding place and community that it is, by keeping up our wonderful traditions and upholding the excellence in both academic and the wide range of extra-curricular activities that we are so proud of. I look forward to hearing from and meeting plenty of Castle alumni over the year, so please don't hesitate to get in touch!



Castle Alumni Cards

You can now apply for your exclusive Alumni Card, which gives you a form of identification as a Castle graduate when you come up to visit us in College. With your card, you'll be able to visit the Undercroft Bar in term time, and arrange a visit to the College year round. You will also receive exclusive discounts, including 20% off B&B bookings at Castle. For more information, and to apply for your card, please [click here](#).





Visiting Castle

Once you have applied for your [Castle Alumni Card](#), please get in touch with the Alumni Office to let us know you are planning to visit. As alumni, you are always welcome in College and we would be pleased to meet you during your time in Durham. However, as Castle is often closed to the public for weddings, conferences and student events, it is important that we know when to expect you.



Castle Contacts

We have now launched our 'Castle Contacts' scheme, in which current students and recent graduates can reach out to fellow Castlemen for advice and guidance on their future careers.

We will be launching the scheme to students at the start of the next academic year. If you would be interested in offering this sort of advice to Castle students, please [sign up here](#).

Castle Day 2014

This year's Castle Day, organised by Livia Carron, had a 'garden party' theme.



It featured the traditional Castle Iron Man competition, performances from Castle Big Band, and an afternoon BBQ. We hope that all alumni who attended enjoyed their return to Castle!

You can watch a short video of the day's highlights [here](#).

Merchandise

Castle cufflinks, charms and lapel pins are available now! Ties and bow ties are coming soon...

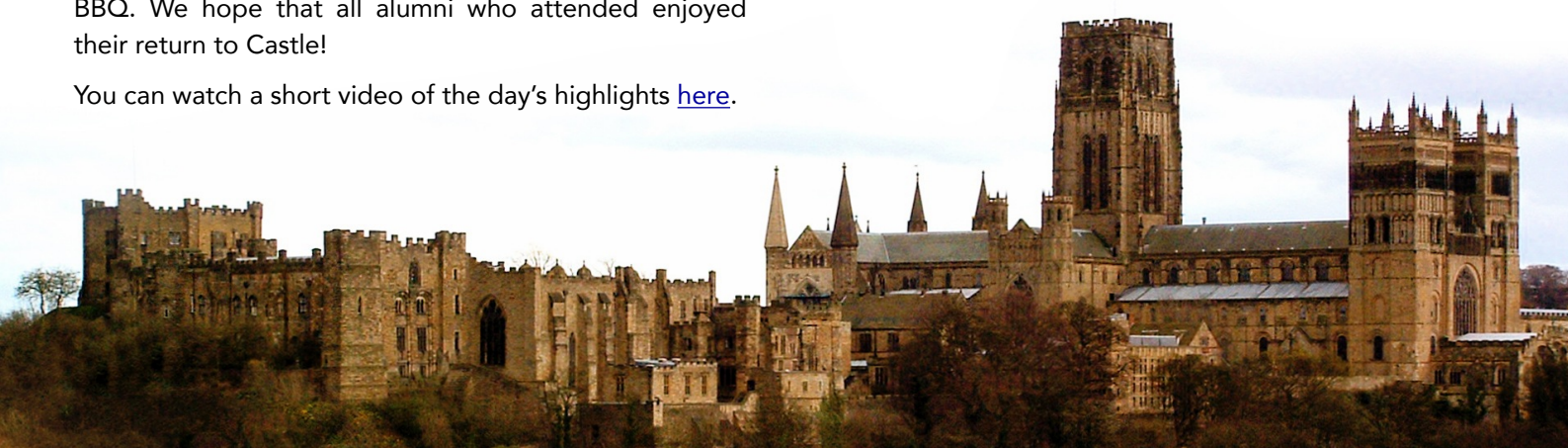
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June Ball 2014



This year's June Ball theme was The Zodiac, with themed areas of the Castle representing Fire, Earth, Air and Water. Highlights included a sushi bar, a live set by the Noisettes and a silent disco in the Norman Chapel.



Memorial Dinner in Castle

This November, we are hosting a fundraising dinner for a postgraduate scholarship in memory of the late Michael McCarthy (Castle 2000-2002), organised by his friend John Slinger (Castle 1993-1996; 2001-2002). Tickets include a three course dinner in the Senate Suite. Our guest speaker is the US Ambassador-at-large Daniel Benjamin. All are welcome, whether you knew Michael or not - a perfect opportunity to come back to Durham and support a great cause. For more information, please [click here](#).



MICHAEL REID MCCARTHY

Alumni event in London



Thanks to Michael Osbaldeston (Castle 1971-74) and City & Guilds for hosting our last London drinks event at Brewers' Hall in the City on 21st May.

Our next event is likely to be a drinks reception in the House of Lords. Watch this space...

Alumni event in Manchester

We are holding our next event in Manchester in October. The event is likely to be co-hosted with another College. Please get in touch if you would be interested in attending or helping to organise this event.

Could you host an event?

We are always looking for alumni volunteers to host events for Castlemen - whether this is through company sponsorship such as City & Guilds, or simply organising a meet-up in a pub or bar. Please [get in touch](#) if you'd like to get involved.

Castle Chapel Choir in Oxford

The Castle Chapel Choir will be touring in Oxford this August and would love to see Castlemen and their families at their performances! For more information about their schedule, please [click here](#).



Congratulations

Fantastic to hear news of two new Castle marriages so far this summer - Pankajrai Karadia & Kathryn Harris (both 2001-2004) and Daisy MacMillan-Scott and Hugh O'Shea (both 2006-2009). Best wishes for the future from everyone at Castle!

Congratulations also to Castlemen included in the Queen's Birthday Honours list this June: journalist and writer Hunter Davies (1954-57, Senior Man in his final year) who received an OBE for services to literature, and Paul Mainds (1972-1973) who received a BEM for services to Heritage Education.

Keep in Touch!

We would like to keep you updated with selected College and alumni news, and invites to special alumni events. Here's how you can connect with College:



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