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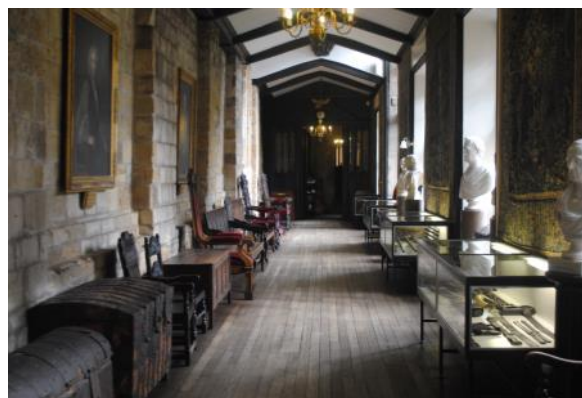
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Professor David Held, Master

Since the last edition of the Alumni Magazine, there have been a number of significant developments. Dr Richard Lawrie has filled the position of Vice-Master and Senior Tutor, and we have appointed Dr Mark Shaw as Assistant Senior Tutor. I am very pleased with these appointments, all made from crowded fields.

As most of you will know there are major changes in the University’s strategy. The University has made a commitment to growth and to further developing its research and teaching excellence. Stockton students will be moved to Durham in the near future to form one campus. And there will be a rise in student numbers to 22,000 students in the coming years. Two new colleges will be built to accommodate the increase in numbers, and some colleges will expand.

Our strategy is to make sure our current buildings are maintained in very good shape. Major refurbishments, such as developed gym facilities and renovating and revitalising the West Courtyard, will mean that the spaces within Castle will be better utilised and become more welcoming environments.

In the coming years, it is our intention to expand the College modestly, offering our students the best accommodation and facilities as the priority. It is also our commitment to ensure that we have the means to provide for disadvantaged students, who might not otherwise be able to attend Durham University and the College.



It has been a pleasure meeting alumni who have visited the Castle throughout the year. Thank you for your continued interest and support in the College.

We welcome all feedback and any form of support. Please note that you are always welcome at Castle, and I hope that you feel encouraged to visit and stay in communication with us.

Floreat Castellum

Natalie Matias, Alumni Relations and Development Officer

As we have ended of the second term, I would like to say how much I have enjoyed the post of Alumni Relations and Development Officer. It is extremely encouraging to meet so many active alumni throughout the year, and I have had the pleasure of hosting many at formal dinners, giving tours of the Castle, and in keeping regular contact with many of you by email. Feedback is always encouraged, and I am always happy to help with any alumni-related initiatives so please stay in touch.

I would like to thank the alumni and SCR members who attended the Heritage Dinner. It was a highly successful evening, promoting the outstanding work done by our Curator.

Other highlights of the term include the Castle Charity Ball, hosted by the MCR. This ball in recent years has become a major feature of the College calendar, and we now have a regular attendance of alumni. I also had a great time meeting a group of alumni for dinner at Spaggs before the ball. On the 17th of February, I travelled down with the Vice-Master to London to Smith

and Williamson; Matthew Maneely kindly hosted the drinks reception.

Look out for our two upcoming reunions in Edinburgh, Bristol, and our London Summer drinks reception. At Castle, College will be hosting their annual Castle Day on the 3rd of June, and the SCR will be having their annual Garden Party on the 14th of July. Alumni are welcome at these events. I also hope to see many of you at the Castle Society Reunion 15th—17th September.



If you have any questions or requests, please do not hesitate to contact me at castle.alumni@durham.ac.uk I also welcome feedback and am happy to help different year groups and societies plan alumni events.

Fraser Desforges-Medhurst, JCR Senior Student



The JCR has been busy since last I wrote to you - perhaps most significantly, we voted to add an Outreach Officer to the Executive Committee. This person will oversee Castle Community Action, the Charities Officer (who organises fundraising activities) and the Environment Officer (who runs campaigns and projects aimed at making Castle more environmentally-friendly). These three strands have much to gain from being brought together, particularly because they share so many aims and need so many similar skills.

In other exciting news, the JCR has put together a proposal for the facilities at Castle – numbers continue to grow, and our communal facilities must be able to keep up with the added pressures that more students will bring. In addition, unlike some colleges we lack the ability to expand without acquiring new buildings; how we would do so on the Bailey given the monopoly of the University and Cathedral is unclear.

The proposal is an exciting one and should do a lot for the JCR, improving our work and social spaces, giving our

societies more rooms to use, improving our gym provision and enhancing our outdoor areas.

We are also currently exploring our status as a Durham Student Organisation (DSO) – there is considerable dissatisfaction with the DSO Framework due to the level of regulation imposed on JCRs, the slowness with which the University responds to our desires and the fundamental flaw with the JCR falling directly underneath the University that it so often has to lobby against. It's a peculiar system and one that might be improvable, but only with the University's support – more on this to come!

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you want to chat about anything I am available at castle.seniorstudent@durham.ac.uk and would love to hear about your time here. Also, if you want to support the JCR in any way then please do say – I had a lovely conversation with an alumnus recently and we explored the possibility of alumni engaging in our volunteering programme, so if there is anything at all that you would like to do then please just say!

Professor Corinne Saunders, President of the SCR



We are delighted to be able to report that the Senior Common Room continues to thrive and develop. Weekly formal dinners continue to be a lively focus of the Common Room, bringing together members of the University and the wider Durham community. The SCR provides an active social and cultural programme of events, with the Cutting Edge and Castle Lecture Series playing important roles in its intellectual life. Members of the SCR also play an active part in the Chapel community, and appreciate the rich musical life of the College, including its excellent Choir.

Membership continues to flourish, with members drawn from University staff, alumni and members of the local community, as well as some senior postgraduates and early career fellows, numbers remain manageable.

The SCR is firmly committed to nurturing relations with alumni. We are delighted that alumni return to College to take part in events, and welcome their attendance at Formal Dinners. We were very pleased to support the very successful Heritage Dinner on 10th February, and hope that this will become an annual event.



Cal Murrell, MCR President

It's been a busy few months for the MCR. Michaelmas Term 2016 was among the busiest and most successful terms in our history, with the largest intake of new postgraduate students ever, the MCR has gone from strength to strength. Participation in academic and social events has been stellar and the year is in full swing.

really does cement Castle as the pre-eminent place to come and study in Durham for postgraduate study.

Epiphany Term is traditionally a more subdued term than Michaelmas, with everyone having settled in to life at Durham and their courses and getting down to the grind. Not this year. If there's a motto for 2016-17 it's work hard, play hard. Having gone from the most successful Charity Ball we've ever held, to Castle-Hatfield Day, and have moved forward into Arts Week over 22-26 February, it really has been non-stop. Key features of last term's calendar included an inter-MCR Formal held in Castle on 13th Feb, the College Fashion Show on 19th Feb and then College Feast on 23rd Feb. On the academic calendar this term we have a poster session, bi-weekly Sunday Seminars, a monthly MCR Lecture - topics this term have included lectures on topics from Harry Potter, to Margaret Thatcher, to Classical Rhetoric. Quite a varied spread!

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!

The Castle Charity Ball, held on 28 January 2017, was attended by over 500 people, many of whom were alumni. I couldn't be happier with how the event went and feedback has been extremely positive from all sides. We're now taking stock of everything we've learned over the last two years and pouring it into the planning for an even bigger ball next year, watch this space, it's a date not to miss! The inaugural Postgraduate Conference held in Castle over the summer (26-27 July 2017) has now been opened for applications and our Academic Officer, Alex Llewelyn, has continued to build upon the strengths of last term. We have a strong programme of Sunday Seminars, MCR Lectures, workshops and poster sessions held throughout the year. As far as I'm aware, we are the only college to offer such an array of academic events and, in addition to the Durham Castle Lecture Series, this





West Courtyard Refurbishment

We would like feedback on the plans for the West Court Yard Refurbishment from the University College community.

The refurbishment will include the following:


- Opening up the Courtyard behind the current toastie bar, including seating;
- Moving and increasing the size of toastie bar to include a professional coffee machine;
- Roof lights to allow for more light into the area.


The [West Courtyard](#) renovation has been in planning for a number of years. The current plan involves moving the [Toastie Bar](#) to the other side of the room and creating a seating area in the outside area behind the current location of the Toastie Bar ([see Courtyard Panorama](#)).


The new Toastie Bar will be made larger and more open: with a £7000 manually-operated coffee machine installed to serve drinks during the day, with scope for a greater variety of snacks and drinks too. The new Toastie Bar will also be used more to serve drinks during events, and the courtyard itself will become more of a café space,.

There are currently three proposed designs for the renovation outlined below:

Resources

[Proposed Layout Option 1](#) (last modified: 3 March 2017) 

[Proposed Layout Option 2](#) (last modified: 3 March 2017) 

[Proposed Layout Option 3](#) (last modified: 3 March 2017) 



West Courtyard Proposed Layout 1

[Panorama](#)



West Courtyard Proposed Layout 2

[Panorama](#)



West Courtyard Proposed Layout 3

[Panorama](#)

Let the College Know Your Preference

As part of the College's wider community we would love to get your feedback. Do let us have your views on this development, which as alumni of the College and alumni card holders, you will have access to when you visit the Castle.

If this seems like a project that you would like to contribute to please contact: castle.alumni@durham.ac.uk

We are fundraising towards this project and would appreciate any level of donation. Please follow the link to [contribute to this project](#). Or <https://castlealumni.charitycheckout.co.uk/westcourtyard>

You can find further Floor Plan Drawings for each of the 3 Proposals [here](#).

Durham Castle Lecture Series

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

Upcoming Lectures

26 April - Professor Michael Walzer

Professor Emeritus, Institute of Advanced Study, Princeton University
Global Government and the Politics of Pretending

10 May - Professor Stefan Collini

Emeritus Professor of Intellectual History and English Literature, University of Cambridge
Mind your language: the vocabulary of higher education today

For more information please go to: [Durham Castle Lecture Series](https://www.dur.ac.uk/castle.lectures)

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

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.



Interesting data on the DCLS to date

Since the start of the Durham Castle Lecture Series, we have held 53 lectures (2012-13: 10; 2013-14: 11; 2014-15: 10; 2015-16: 13; 2016-17: 9, with 3 to come) with an estimated 'live' audience of around 12,000 people.

51 videos of the lectures have been produced, and are uploaded to the University's YouTube channel, where they receive a wide audience. The total number of views for all of the videos is now over 350,000.

Top 5 videos:

Noam Chomsky – 'Surviving the 21st Century': 179,176 views (Some of which are on an external YouTube channel)

Owen Jones – 'The Establishment and how they get away with it': 49,603 views

Rowan Williams – 'The Tree of Knowledge': 14,080 views

Simon Critchley – 'Suicide: A Defence': 10,849 views

David Re – 'To The Hague': 10,001 views

As you can see, the Chomsky video dominates (and the figure includes a copy of the video on a channel dedicated to videos of Chomsky). However, many of our other videos have received wide audiences many times the size of the 'live' audience for these lectures, underlining the value of the videos as an outreach tool. They constitute an near-unrivalled archive of contemporary thinking on big issues over the past 5 years, which could be leveraged by the University as a resource.



Heritage News

New display cases for the Tunstall Gallery

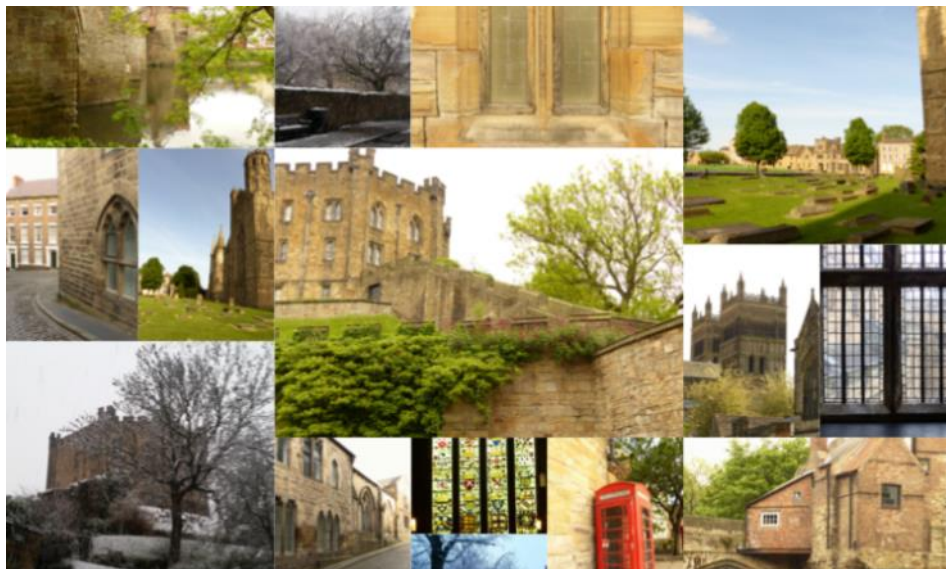
Durham Castle has received £67,000 from Department of Culture, Media and Sport, Wolfson Museums and Galleries Improvement Fund to enable new showcases to be purchased for the Tunstall Gallery. For nearly 500 years, the Tunstall Gallery has been a space to promenade and enjoy the surroundings of the Castle,



and the new cases will help items from our collection continue to be enjoyed within the gallery. The cases will offer increased environmental control and security, which will enable more of the castle's wonderful collection to be exhibited and rotated. The Castle is now working on acquiring match funding for conservation and exhibition materials and we will continue to let you know how the project goes.

University College Durham Trust Scholarship

The University College Durham Trust Scholarship was set up in memory of Lt-Col Angus Alexander Macfarlane-Grieve, Master of University College from 1939-1953. The scholarship has been hugely successful with the current holder Sophie Ridley being involved with all aspects of college, department and museum life. We have just finished advertising for the next University College Durham Trust Scholar to start in the next academic year 2017-2019. The scholarship involves a two-year part-time course in Museum and Artefact Studies at Durham University. The scholarship holder will have access to the College collections while undertaking their studies in order to improve the College as a museum and accessible heritage site. The Scholarship includes part-time course fees and accommodation within University College for each year of the two year course, we will keep you up to date with who the new scholarship holder is. This is thanks to the generous funding of the University College Durham Trust.



Castle Heritage Dinner February 10, 2017

In February the Castle Society held a fundraising dinner in support of heritage at Castle, to highlight the collection and the work done at the College. The event was supported by alumni and SCR members, who we gladly welcomed to Castle. It was very encouraging to meet many alumni interested in returning and who were fascinated with the Castle's unique history and collection.



As part of the evening we enjoyed the object handling session presented by our curator Gemma Lewis. Some of the items included a Regatta medal, a veilleuse (a ceramic item which allowed, with the help of a candle, a cup of tea to be warmed), some of the college silver and even an unknown "mystery object".

Dinner was followed by two stimulating talks in the Senior Common Room. The first talk was given by Dr Adrian Green, who is a Lecturer from the Department of History with a focus on Early Modern British and American History. He covered the Castle and the developments and changes under Bishop Cosin. Dr Richard Pears who is the Academic Liaison Librarian for Durham University, talked about the gun loop on the clock stairs created by Bishop Tunstall, Both talks ended with interesting discussions on the fabric of Durham Castle.

We would like to thank all our guests for attending the event. The money raised has gone to the Heritage Appeal, and will go some way to supporting the work that our curator does within the College.

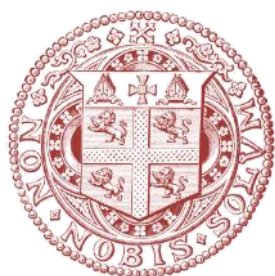
If you are interested in supporting Heritage at Castle and would like to leave a Legacy in support of refurbishment of the Castle's museum and antiquities, please follow the [link](#) to see what projects we wish to undertake, and how you can help. Also if you have any objects, photograph's or interesting stories please get in touch.

It is our hope to host similar campaign dinners in the future, and to see alumni return to visit us at Castle. If you have any thoughts on future events that you would like to see hosted at Castle, please do not hesitate to contact Natalie Matias at castle.alumni@durham.ac.uk





Introducing the New Fellowships Initiative



Your Funding and Support Will Go A Long Way

Castle has created a new selection of fellowships, aimed at integrating Fellows into the College, and funding academic Fellows of different disciplines to join our College community. This will insure that our students have the very best academic support possible, unrivalled by any other Durham College. Your donations can make this possible. Please consider leaving the College a named fellowship legacy.

Fellows are members of College with an academic connection to the University. Fellowships are awarded to those who wish to become part of the academic community of University College, and intend to make a distinctive contribution to the College's scholarly activities. The College has a number of fellowship categories: Fellows, Emeritus Fellows; Junior Research Fellows; Honorary Research Fellows; and Senior Research Visiting Fellows.

It is the College's intention to expand its named and legacy fellowships. These will either be in particular fields or wide-ranging enough to cover a number of disciplines and subject areas. The precise offer of the fellowship (such as stipendiary or non-stipendiary) will depend on the College's fundraising. Such fellowships can, where feasible, form part of the recruitment offer to new academic staff, but will also be open to existing University members.

Appointment Procedure and Tenure

Fellows, Emeritus Fellows, Junior Research Fellows and Honorary Research Fellows are appointed through a two-stage selection process. Candidates first apply to the College's Fellowship Appointments Committee, consisting of a representative from each of the Faculties of Arts and Humanities, Science, and Social Sciences and Health, and chaired by the Master of University College. Appointments deemed suitable are then considered by College Council for the award of a fellowship.

By assisting this pro academic cause, you will be giving directly back to the College and to students who share a passion in your discipline. Please consider bestowing a University College Durham Trust Fellowship in your name.

Assistant Senior Tutor - Mark Shaw

College is very pleased to announce that Dr Mark Shaw has been appointed to the new position of Assistant Senior Tutor within College. Competition for the post was strong, and Mark has just taken up his new role, starting on the 10th April, ready for next term,

Mark has been a keen member and supporter of Castle. He was President of the MCR in 2012-2013, and has helped organise the Castle Lecture Series for many years.

We wish Mark all the best in his new role.





Castle Day 2017

Celebrating the history of the Castle, and the College

All alumni are welcome to attend Castle Day this year on the 3rd June. The day promises to be fun filled with different attractions and food. There will also be a drinks reception specially put on for returning alumni in the SCR. I would encourage you to contact old friends and make the most of the day with you peers.

More details about this event, including ticket prices, will be released shortly. Please email castle.alumni@durham.ac.uk for further information.

SCR Garden Party

On the 14th July, the Senior Common Room will host their annual Garden Party (£3) and Summer Buffet (£25).

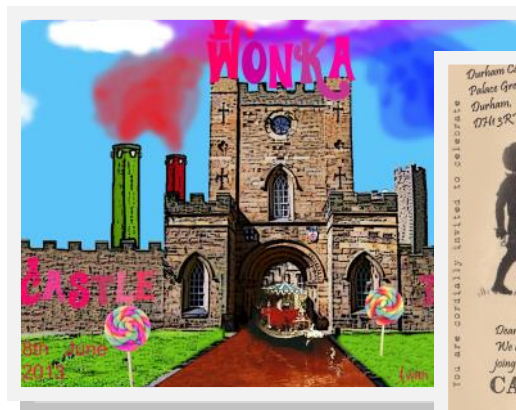
Alumni can attend either or both events, and guests are very welcome.

Garden Party: any time from 3pm in Fellows' Garden. This will include tea, strawberries and cream and a Pimms and sparkling wine bar, together with games such as croquet. SCR Summer Buffet: served in Fellows' Garden or Senate Room (depending on the weather) at 7.00 pm, after drinks from 6.30 pm, including a welcome drink. The dress code for the Garden Party is casual, and the buffet blazer or jacket and tie for gentlemen.

Please contact castle.alumni@durham.ac.uk for more details.



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Castle-Hatfield Day 2017 Report



After last year's Castle-Hatfield Day devastating defeat, this year Team Castle came back stronger, and did not give up without a fight. After many amusing publicity photos from the Castle Hatfield Day Rep, Pookie Collier, we were raring to go. We kicked off the games with the erg challenge and showed Hatfield what true determination looked like with a big win by 2km. The following Friday saw more great wins by Castle in Hockey and on the Saturday with Basketball and Men's and Women's Rugby. By the end of Saturday, Castle, for the first time in many years were leading the competition! However, it was on the Sunday when it seemed that our luck (or soberness) had run out.

After valiant efforts by all teams involved, including a win from Netball A's, a walkover from Table Tennis, a heart breaking draw in Women's Football from an own goal, a surprising draw from the Men's Football team and another draw from Darts, we concluded the day ultimately losing to Hatfield.

Special mentions must go to Squash who played very close games and only just missed out on a win, Ultimate Frisbee who, to quote Ben Abreo, did not get slaughtered as much as last time and for playing in what can only be classified as a mud bath. Mixed Lax also tried their best against a team who definitely had way over the limit of the number of DU players allowed to play, and who sustained some pretty bad injuries.

The day ended with a delicious formal where Hatfielder's truly learnt the rules of the game and a fantastic set played by Castle Big Band and Kinky Jeff. A big shout out to Ranulph Hely Hutchinson (Tech Director) and his tech team for lighting up the Great Hall with such style and to the exec and helpers for helping set up the Great Hall and run the event. Also, thanks must also go to Club Captains, Pookie, the serving staff and our friends over at Hatfield for helping to organise such a fun event.

Although slightly heartbroken, I can say with a lot of faith that we really did give Hatfield a run for their money and I wish Castle the best of luck next year in defeating Hatfield.



- Laura Doherty
(Unions and Societies Officer
2016-17)



Castle JCR rallies in preparation for the Castle vs Hatfield erg competition in The Library. (Oil on canvas, 2017).

Cuthle WRFC (Joint Castle and Cuth's Women's Rugby Football Club)



Cuthle WRFC have had a fantastic season so far. With many of our numbers having graduated last year we have a team full of fresh faces, most of whom were completely new to Rugby, and they've all taken wonderfully to the sport. We got off to a shaky start with 2 close losses but as we progressed and became more confident we followed them up with four strong wins. We won the semi-finals 92-0, stopping the game at only 30 minutes of the usual 40 minutes as Colingwood didn't want to continue. We narrowly lost the finals with 7-14, it was a very close match. Throughout this season, win or lose, we have ended every match with a smile and knowing that we put our all into it. I have had a brilliant time Captaining such a committed and talented bunch of girls.

Ella Cowen
(Castle Cuthle Captain 2016-17)



University College Boat Club

Hello to all Castlemen!

The year for the boat club so far has proved to be a successful and exciting one, with regatta season and both men's and women's Head of the River Races yet to come! This year we have welcomed a new intake for the club with a mix of both fresher's and older years taking part in our learn to row scheme run by our novice squad captains. We're now even seeing some of our talented fresher's in top senior boats ready for our biggest races of the year.



Both squads have been training hard, and recently showed that it has paid off at the BUCS Head race with the men's 1st IV coming 10th of 44 crews in the division and the women's IV 24th of 36. Unfortunately, the novice division was called off due to bad weather meaning the women's VIII didn't race but the men's VIII placed 28th of 43 crews. Such results against top rowing universities such as Newcastle, and in Durham amongst other colleges, demonstrates just how much Castlemen can do with limited resources in comparison to our competitors!

A thanks should go out to the boat club alumni, Floreat Castellum Boat Club, who constantly support us. FCBC have recently donated a new fine IV+ and will soon help us with the purchase of a new VIII which are much needed replacements for our rapidly aging fleet! If you would like to find out more about the alumni boat club, our alumni events or the club in general, please do get in contact with me. We would also love to hear from you if you would like to know how to keep in touch or if you were once a member of the UCBC and have stories, photos or documents of the boat club past!

We hope to see you at upcoming events or races, but until then, see what we are doing at twitter.com/UCBCDurham or visit ucbc.co.uk!

All the best from the University College Boat Club,

James Simpson
(University College Boat Club President 2016-17)
James.Simpson@Durham.ac.uk



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.

Edinburgh Reunion

Beehive Inn
5th May
7pm

Castle is coming up for its first ever drinks reception in Edinburgh, and we would love to see our alumni there. Please pass on the news to your Castle friends.

For details about the event and how to sign up, please follow the [link](#).



Bristol Reunion

Toto's Wine Bar
19th May
7pm

Castle is returning to Toto's Wine Bar in May. We would love to meet as many of our Bristol based alumni as possible.

Tell your friends and come along!

For details about the event and how to sign up, please follow the [link](#).



London Summer Reunion

Tattershall Castle
6th July
6:30—9:00pm

Following on from popular demand, we hope to see many of our London based alumni at the Tattershall Castle Drinks Reception in July. Encourage your Castle friends to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

For details about the event and how to sign up, please follow the [link](#).



Smith & Williamson – London Drinks

On Friday the 17th of February Matthew Maneely and the team at Smith & Williamson kindly hosted an alumni drinks reception in London. It was great to see a number of year groups represented, and thank alumni for their support and continued interest in the College. It was great to chat with you and update our alumni on the progress of the College and the University.



It would be wonderful to catch up with many of you and your friends around the country.

For future events please let Castle know if there are any specific year group events that you might wish to plan. We are always happy to help you make contact with your friends, and encourage you to return to see us at Durham.

Contact: castle.alumni@durham.ac.uk



The Ogden Centre of Fundamental Physics Opening

Congratulations to Castle Alumnus Peter Ogden. The Ogden Centre for Fundamental Physics is truly an impressive building, designed by Daniel Libeskind, and is an incredible addition to the University.

The festivities for the opening of the event consisted of a number of talks given at a symposium on the afternoon of the first day, and we were then treated to an installation from the 2015 Lumiere Light Festival in Durham, which was projected onto the façade of the new building called Reworking of the 'World Machine'.

The celebratory dinner was a fantastic meal and highly memorable, with the University's Chancellor Sir Thomas Allen closing the evening with a song.

The building was officially opened the following day. It was great to see Castle alumni at such a superb event.



1072—Introducing a 4th tear of Membership at a Quarterly Rate

During the annual Castle Society Reunion, it was noted that a vast number of members would like to be able to donate to the College on a quarterly basis. We are happy to announce that we have set up this payment option, which can be found when you go to the donations page on our alumni website. Please follow the [link](#) to see the new option.

Donating to the College quarterly will be classified at the level of Friend. It will give alumni the chance to give back to College four times over the course of the year. The option of giving once a year is also still available, and we thank our alumni who already donate at this level.

How does the 1072 Club work?

1072 works on the basis of a three tear donation and membership plan. Those who give £10.72 a year or on a quarterly basis are classified as friends of the College. At this level you will:

- Stay up to date with the 1072 Club and contribute to meeting our goal.
- Exclusive discounts on selected Castle merchandise and memorabilia.
- A private tour of the Castle for you and your guests.

Members of 1072 donate £10.72 per month, and this includes:

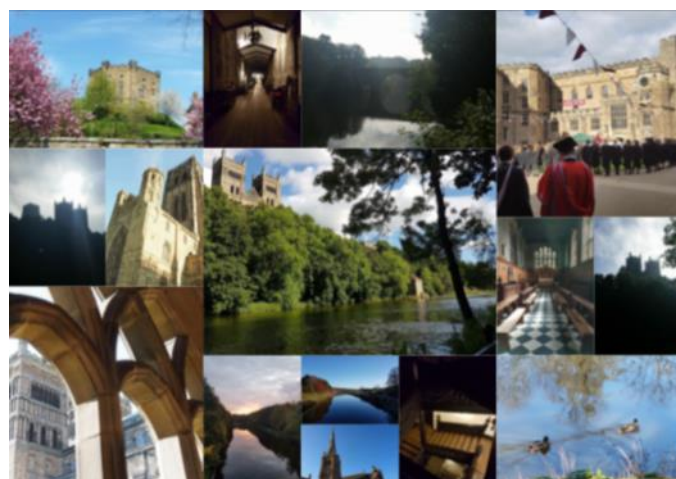
- Support our ongoing development.
- Use of Senior Common Room (SCR) facilities for you and one guest when you visit Durham.
- Ballot entry to join SCR at one of five High Table formals per year.
- Invitation to 1072 Club drinks event.
- Optional acknowledgement on our alumni website.
- All the benefits of 'Friend' level supporters.

Patrons of 1072 donate £10.72 a week, this status of membership entitles you to:

- Help build a lasting legacy.
- Full membership of University College SCR.
- Invitation to the exclusive 1072 Club Annual Dinner.
- All the benefits of 'Friend' and 'Member' level supporters.

We are ever grateful for any level of donation, and while it may seem that Castle is far away, your contributions go a long way to helping the sustainability of the College. Your donations and legacies ensure that we can offer opportunities to students through the Hardship Fund and in the upkeep of our facilities.

As the University expands and demand for Castle continues to grow we need to consider expanding our accommodation, to house postgraduates and undergraduates. Any donation that you can make to the [University College Durham Trust](#) will go a long way.



JOIN ^{The} 1072
Club

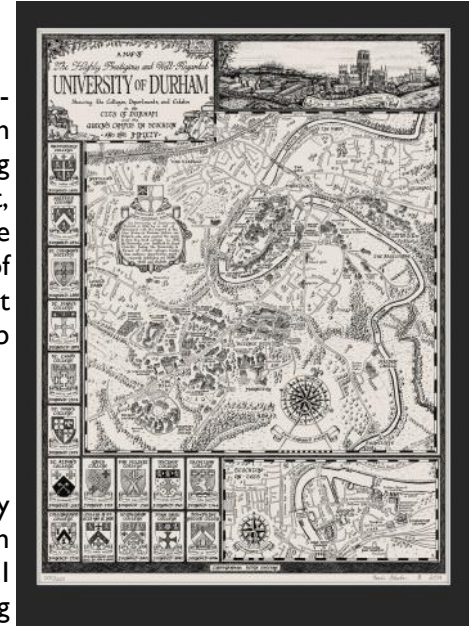


Mapping Durham and Beyond

Castle alumnus and artist **Kevin Sheehan** talks about his Durham business **Manuscript Maps**

What got you started?

Geographically, Durham is a perfect city to map. It's fairly small, with well defined borders, and the peninsula formed by the river makes for a perfect focal point, jewelled with the Castle and Cathedral right in the middle. The first map of Durham I drew was during my first undergraduate year at Castle (2003) to give to my parents as a Christmas gift, and later drew more maps. In 2011, while working on my PhD, the then director of the World Heritage Site - Seif el Rashidi - asked me if I wanted to draw a couple of maps of Durham of which the new Visitor Centre could sell prints, which sounded like a great opportunity. I worked with Durham University Retail to create the University and Pub Maps (pictured).

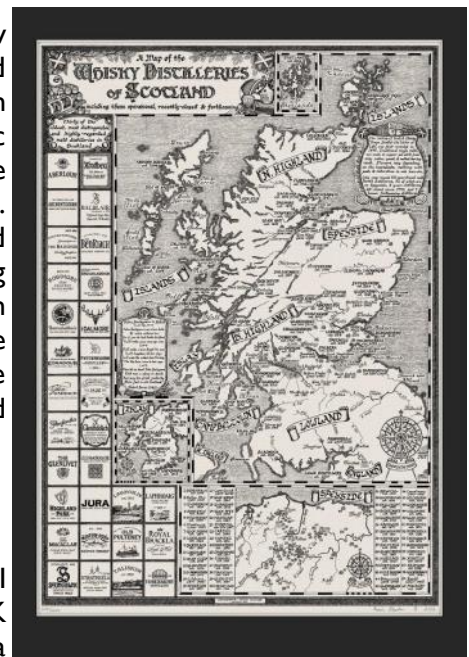


You also did a PhD on map-making?

For my PhD I was studying the history of medieval cartography, and, I think inspired by the maps I made for the World Heritage Site, I started investigating the process by which medieval cartographers made maps. To answer many questions about early map-making I did an archaeological reconstruction of a portolan chart, drawing it on calf vellum using materials and techniques that would have been available to a medieval map-maker. When I finished my PhD in 2014, I launched Manuscript Maps, and began drawing other maps: The Shipping Forecast Map, the Gin Map of Britain and Ireland, and by far my best seller, the Whisky Map of Scotland (pictured).

So how do you make one of your maps?

I begin by sketching and designing a general plan and layout. Once I've worked out how everything fits together, I lightly pencil the plan on the paper; I use a thick hot-pressed watercolour paper on which to draw the actual map. Once I've pencilled everything on the map, I go over in pen, using waterproof ink and dip-pens with different calligraphic nibs. All text is written first, so as to leave the white space around it when drawing the rest. Then I draw various elements like rivers, coastlines, buildings, etc., then decorations. If I make a mistake, I let the ink dry, then use a scalpel blade to remove the mistake and the thinnest layer of paper underneath, and then I rub over the area with a smoothing tool, then redo it. There are always a few mistakes! Once the drawing is done, I use an eraser to remove any pencil marks and then scan the map to make prints, which are printed by a local company up in Newcastle. The whole process can take months - the Whisky Map for instance took over 120 hours to draw, plus time doing research and contacting distilleries.



What are your future plans?

This year I've got a few map commissions, including one of the Yorkshire Ridings, but I will be selling prints of them. I'm also planning on drawing a Champagne map, a UK cheese map, a Caribbean rum map, a map of London theatres, an Irish whiskey map, a York city map, and two planisphere-style world maps: one of teas and one of coffees.

All of Kevin's maps can be viewed on his website: www.manuscriptmaps.com
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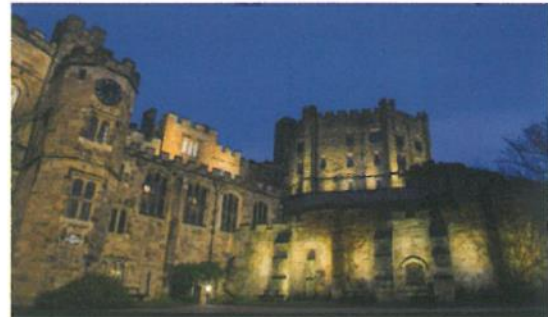
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