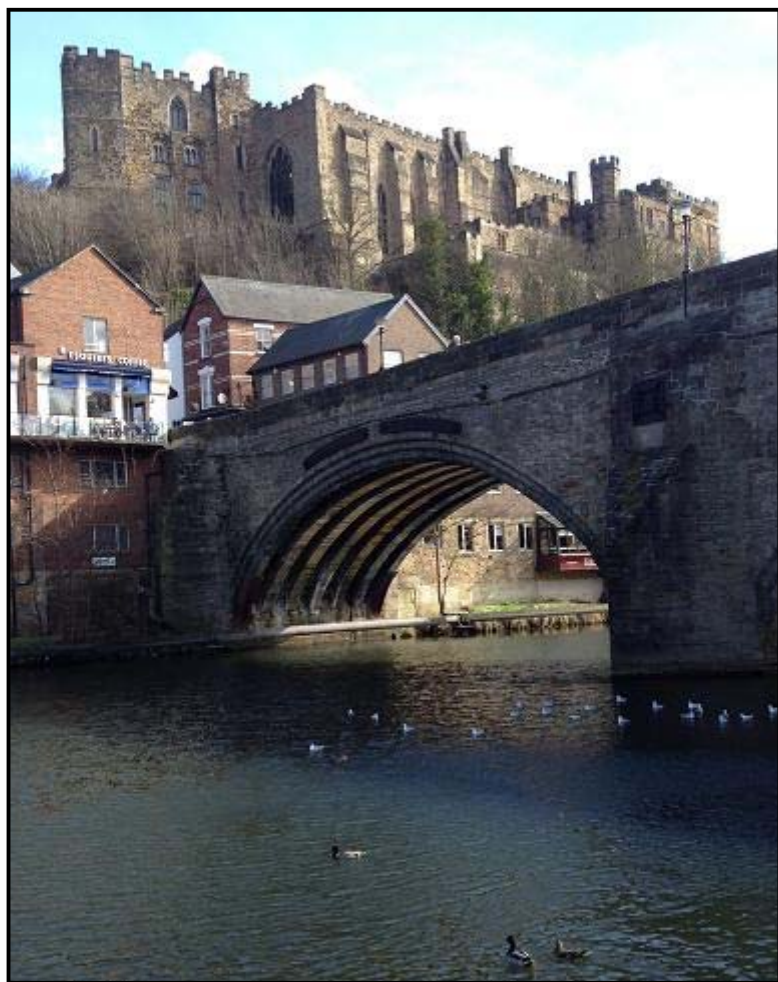


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THE EDITOR'S JOTTINGS



If you have not visited the website or were not at the reunion last year, you may not be aware that the annual reunion is moving to September. This year it will be on the 13–15th September weekend, with the Reunion Dinner on the Saturday night as usual. We have been used to March or April reunions, moving around depending on the dates of terms and the way Easter falls, but in future it will be in the middle of September towards the end of the long vacation. The main reason is that student accommodation in College is now based on 38 week lets so that students have the right to occupy their rooms, without additional payment, during the Christmas and Easter holidays. There would therefore be a reduced

supply of rooms during the Easter vacation if we wished to continue holding the reunions at that time, and people would have to stay in local hotels which would ruin the nature of the reunion. In September, the whole College accommodation stock could be available, and the Society at its last AGM accepted that this change would be desirable both for members and the student body.

That left us with the issue of when to issue *Castellum*, which normally comes out in January or February. It's a review of the academic year and covers the start of the Michaelmas Term. My current view is that we should continue to issue *Castellum* towards the beginning of the year, including the booking forms for the reunion which is now in September. We may do a second mailing to members in June or July if there is something meaningful to say. If we issued *Castellum* right at the end of the academic year, say in July, then it would not be possible to include the freshers lists, but - more importantly - would be too close to the September reunion to send out the booking forms. Increasingly people book on line, but others are reminded of the reunion when the form comes in the post and a late July magazine would be only six weeks before the new reunion date which would be too tight. Opinions would be welcome about when is the best time for the magazine to come out.

As often happens, concern that I do not have enough material turns into concern that I have too much, and apologies to some contributors I have not been able to include. Specifically I am not including reports from drinking clubs, offence having been caused last year. I want to reflect the positive aspects of the College, not concentrate on predominantly male excesses which do nothing to enhance the College's reputation in the City, nor the University as a whole. There are many excellent strands of endeavour within the College community which I would prefer to promote through the magazine, and I hope members will allow me the latitude to spike a few guns when the need arises. Enjoy *Castellum*!

Alex Nelson, Pelton, Chester-le-Street, February 2013

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTARY

2013 marks the 40th Anniversary of my arrival in Castle. Due to Mother's foresight in packing mugs, coffee, powdered milk and sugar, a large cohort gathered in my room, A21 Bailey Court, with clear views overlooking Hatfield and adjacent to the Assembly Rooms. Every one of those Castlemen remains a close friend and the heart of the group still meets several times a year. My diary records a lively Fresher's Week with "discos" at Van Mildert, St. Chad's and St. Mary's – an Emancipation Disco. It took St. Mary's thirty more years to become mixed whilst Castle was head of the race at *circa* ten years. Castle demonstrates that it is progressive and has maintained its popularity, high standards and quality of life, prospering as a unique institution among the Durham Colleges and further afield. The Castle cape is never discarded despite the march of time.

I have known five Masters, Len Slater, McDowall, Ted Salthouse, Maurice Tucker and our new Master David Held. Len, quite simply a legend amongst our now most senior members is remembered for creating Castle as we know it still and was part of the process under the Vice-Chancellorship of Sir Derman Christopherson that turned Durham in to a world class university. Ted and Maurice both served long terms managing a great and happy house and changed the relationships between staff and students beyond recognition whilst maintaining high standards. David is sponsoring a diverse and interesting programme of College functions that are open to all Castlemen, current and past and I encourage all of you to support him in developing the cultural side of the College. It will enhance the reputation and independent status of Castle and cement our position as the greatest of the Durham Colleges.

The Society continues to prosper and the 2012 Reunion was the best attended ever; changes in university finance from government grant to a student fee led regime (funded by government but ultimately funded by graduates through their working lives) forced us to move the Reunion from March to September in order to access accommodation in College. We will get over the change in routine. About one third of our annual income comes from subscriptions deducted from Freshers; there is some threat to the collection of this income under the new funding regime and the Committee are keeping a weather eye on the issue. Income historically paid to the Society in October was finally received on 11th of December. Income shortfalls in future years, if they occur, will necessitate a review of current commitments undrawn, loans advanced but outstanding and our ability to be generous with new requests for support from both the JCR and MCR.

Durham joined the research intensive university grouping, the Russell Group, this year. Some Russell Group universities suffered a catastrophic drop in admissions because of the tandem effect of the change in university

funding and the government's adjusting the number of students admitted without financial penalty for over-recruitment. Nationally a drop of 11% was recorded in new undergraduates and universities such as Southampton and Surrey suffered unexpected shortfalls of several hundred undergraduates each. This is no way for a government to preside over a globally strong academy of outstanding repute and the financial wizardry of the Treasury in formulating both changes, coupled with sustained political attacks on overseas students by the Home Office, taxes the sanity of university administrators, prejudices financial stability in the sector and endangers the teaching and research prospects for academics, post and under graduates. To those Castlemen who are qualified to comment on what is happening to our universities and the burden cast upon our children and our children's children I urge you to comment to government in the strongest terms.

I wish all Castlemen a happy and healthy 2013 and add that I look forward to presiding over another record breaking Reunion, the 67th, from 13th to of 15th September.

Douglas Denham St. Pinnock,
Chairman

The Chairman is a Governor of London South Bank University, a financially stable post 1992 university serving the diverse communities of south London. League tables, all predicated on school leaving undergraduate entrants, do it no justice in that more than half the cohort are non white, many are mature and are part time students. He has spent all his working life in the City, raising capital and debt finance for publicly funded bodies such as local authorities and universities. At Durham he was the last non sabbatical Treasurer of DSU in 1974 and a candidate for President in 1975, winning Bede, St Hild's and Nevilles Cross Colleges and losing the university Colleges to his predecessor as Treasurer Andy MacFarlane (Collingwood), now a Lord Justice of Appeal. He graduated in 1976 with a 2nd Class General Arts Degree in Economics, History and Politics.



LETTER FROM THE MASTER

I am pleased to write my first letter for *Castellum*. I am a custodian of a very lively, robust community. The Castle remains the jewel in the crown of Durham University and is the centre of vibrant academic and social activity.

It is a privilege to have taken over the post of College Master from **Maurice Tucker**. Maurice's legacy is everywhere and this has enabled me to try and build on the strengths he has left. Maurice was and continues to be hugely popular with staff and students, and he is a very hard act to follow. So too is **Eva-Schumacher-Reid** who was an interim Master until I arrived. She did a great job and we are lucky that her positive influence on the College continues in the role of Senior Tutor.

The refurbishment programme to the Great Hall and Castle bedrooms has been a huge success. Students are delighted with the rooms and the Great Hall is at the centre of both College life and many of the leading events of the University. I am also delighted with the refurbishment of the Master's house. It is a beautiful place to live and the quality of the interior now matches the stunning exterior views. Every time I go into the house I tend to think I should be looking for a reception desk to ask which is my room! It is a spacious and gracious home.

Building on the achievements of Maurice, I have used my first year to think about how I might make a modest contribution to the College in a number of ways. After a few months it became clear that there was some scope to improve and develop the governance structures, communication infrastructures, and the fundraising capacities of the College. In addition, Durham University has shifted its view of Colleges to focus their development as scholarly communities. While University College has always been a strong academic College, I have come to the view that more can be done to put it at the centre of discussion and debate at the University. To this end of I have introduced a number of lecture series which I mention below in more detail

Governance Structures

I have made some changes to the governance structure of the College. These were put in place simply to bring in more external figures onto College Council and to help stimulate greater connections between Common Rooms. The new governance structures are beginning to work well and yield more effective and responsive outcomes.

Some changes have also been made to the SCR which now has new standing rules and a full executive. I would like to welcome **Gleider Hernandez** as the new President of the SCR and **Richard Lawrie** as the Secretary. In addition, there are the following new positions: Steward, Visual Arts Secretary, Music Secretary, Science Secretary, Social Secretary and a Castle Society Representative. For the first time, the Master is no longer the President of the SCR; this is particularly significant as it brings in another academic into the running of the College. I hope all of these developments will help focus the energies of the SCR both in terms of its own enhancement and engagement with wider College community.

The JCR and the MCR are running terrifically well and this year's Senior Man, **Jenny Dell**, and MCR President, **Mark Shaw** are making a major contribution.

Communication Infrastructure

Energies have been invested in making College website more adventurous. The

College is constrained on how it can develop its website by University IT systems. However, we are doing what we can to make our online presence more lively and up to date. We are now on *Twitter* (@durhamcastle) and *Facebook* (University College Official). We have also been recording and podcasting College lectures which are now available via the College website. It is crucial we communicate better with each other and also project the excellence of what we do to a larger community. I would like to live stream lectures in the future but unfortunately the University does not have the capacity to do this at the moment.

Fundraising Capacities

Fundraising and *Alumni* relations are areas that could receive more attention. I have much to learn here but I think there is scope for major development. Thanks to the support of the excellent *University College Durham Trust* we are now in a financial position to appoint a Sabbatical Development Officer. I think the position is vital to help me systematise dynamic and reciprocal relations with alumni both for life-long learning and fundraising. The purpose of the post would be to bring together in one place an up to date communications list with alumni, to organise regular events with *Alumni* for particular fundraising purposes, and to help think about the long-term College requirements.

Scholarly Community

In line with University policy, Colleges will be expected to develop further as centres of academic, research and intellectual activity. To this end, I have put two major lecture series which I hope will be annual events in the future: The *Durham Castle Lecture Series* (sponsored by *Santander*) and *Cutting Edge at Castle*. The former will bring to College outstanding individuals who can lecture on issues of global significance. The latter is designed to showcase Castle talent. Both lecture schedules for this year are attached to this report, as Appendix 1.

We are also working on a regular PhD Workshop showcasing the work done by our doctoral students on award of their degrees. This is a very welcome development.

In addition, I am reflecting on the possibility of linking the College to the development of my new *Institute of Global Policy*. This would add research focus in the College but discussions are still under way. If the main base of the new institute is in SGIA, it will still be possible to link it to Castle, which would open up the use of College interns and related resources.

Arts and Music

Discussions are also under way for the development of a gallery between the Black Staircase and the Norman Chapel with **Henry Dyson** and **Paulina Lubacz**. These are in early stages but a Gallery would allow us to show top collections of paintings and sculpture in a way that adds some variety to what is on display at Castle. Since Castle is a Grade I listed building, one cannot, of course, rush into this.

The SCR Music Secretary, **Jonathan Clinch**, is also developing the idea of a music lecture series. We need to be careful not to overload ourselves with activities but this is a very promising idea. Together with **Chris Dent**, the SCR Steward, he is developing proposals for regular concerts throughout the year. This is a wonderful development and will sit alongside many musical activities we host by virtue of being Castle.

Accommodation

I am delighted to announce that University College has recently acquired a building on Church Street, which after extensive refurbishment will provide more undergraduate accommodation. It promises to be an excellent new development. The building will replace 26 North Bailey, currently on lease from St. Cuthbert's Society.

The University has resolved that over the next few years all accommodation will be upgraded to either A or B standards. A is new build and B is fully renovated old build. University College has a great deal of accommodation, with Owengate the clearest example, which can be ranked below these levels. This poses considerable development challenges in the years ahead.

The development of better accommodation provisions for postgraduates is a priority for me. I have had many discussions with our postgraduates who are, for understandable reasons, unhappy with our current housing capacity. I fully support them and I am doing everything I can to try and meet their concerns in the medium term.

Admissions

Another major challenge ahead is the proposed University switch from a selection procedure for undergraduates, which is based on College scrutiny of each and every application, to a centralised allocation model. In a College like ours, with a huge number of applicants per place, this poses many questions. Clearly, there could be administrative efficiencies in allocating students to Colleges based on first preferences using this centralised model. However, the model risks weakening our ability to select students based on the idea of a balanced community where we would wish to select for talent across not just a number of academic subjects but in many areas important to College life: music, theatre, chapel, sport, etc. I have been a critic of this development for some time but it looks like we will have to learn to live with it and make it work the best we can ensuring that no area of College life suffers as a result.

Final Word

I have had a wonderful first year in an environment that is enormously stimulating and engaging. Of course, the College would be nothing without its students who are a lively and impressive group. *The University College Durham Trust* and the *Castle Society* also make huge contributions to making the Castle such a success. Many *Alumni* continue to visit and their support is crucial to what we do. The College Officers keep the College working in a way that reflects both incredible hard work and generosity of spirit. Who could not be delighted to work in a place like this!

College Statistics

2011–12: Ten applications for financial hardship; 53 concessions; 13 undergraduates departed during the year, but three returned; seven undergraduates required to leave through exam failure at the end of the academic year.

October 2012 Intake: *Undergraduates:* Freshers, consisting of 174 home, 25 overseas, five Islands, 17 European (of whom 12 are Erasmus exchange students). 710 total undergraduate number, consisting of 221 freshers, 489 returners. *Postgraduates:* 195.

904 Total College Community in 2012–13.

Living in College 2012–13: 335 Undergraduates, consisting of 205 freshers and 130 returners. 24 Postgraduates.

Castle Graduates: 230 attended Castle Society Reunion. Approximately 80 attended recent graduates reunion which coincided with Castle Day.

Events: There were numerous musical, theatrical and charity events. A full list is available for inspection should this be required.

Appendix 1

Durham Castle Lecture Series 2012-13

The Durham Castle Lecture Series is devoted to bringing high-profile speakers to Durham who can contribute to academic and public discussion on issues of global significance. The presenters have made an outstanding contribution over a sustained period of time which makes them an obvious choice for this new major lecture series.

PROGRAMME

31st October 2012 Professor Lord Tony Giddens

*Former Director of the London School of Economics
Emeritus Professor of Sociology, London School of Economics
“The Politics of Climate Change”*

14th November 2012 The Rt. Revd. Justin Welby

*Bishop of Durham
Formerly Dean of Liverpool Cathedral
“Seen but Not Heard – Should Believers have a Voice in the Polis?”*

28th November 2012 Professor David Held

*Master of University College, Durham University
Professor of International Relations, Durham University
“Gridlock: Why Global Cooperation is Failing”*

23rd January 2013 Professor Conor Gearty

*Rausling Professor of Human Rights Law, London School of Economics
Director, Centre for the Study of Human Rights, London School of Economics
“Liberty and Security – For All?”*

6th February 2013 Professor Justin Yifu Lin – postponed

*Founder and First Director of the China Center for Economic Research
Former Chief Economist and Senior Vice President of the World Bank
Former Professor of Economics, Peking University and Hong Kong University of Science
and Technology
“Beyond Keynesianism: Changwu and Lessons of the Great Recession”*

27th February 2013 Mr. Martin Wolf

*Associate Editor and Chief Economics Commentator at the Financial Times
“How the Financial Crisis has Changed the World”*

6th March 2013 Professor Danny Quah

*Kuwait Professor of Economics and International Development, London School of
Economics
“Managing the World: We have to talk about Hegemonic Stability”*

13th March 2013 Professor Michael Cox

*Professor of International Relations at the London School of Economics
"Power Shifts, Economic Change and the Decline of the West?"*

15th May 2013 Professor John Thompson

*Professor of Sociology and Fellow of Jesus College, University of Cambridge
"The Future of the Book"*

29th May 2013 Professor Graig Calhoun

*Director of the London School of Economics
"Human Suffering and Humanitarian Response"*

Appendix 2

Castle Cutting Edge 2012-13

This academic year we would like to showcase the talent we have in the University College Senior Common Room with a series of cutting edge seminars after Thursday's formal with some wine, port and cheese.

PROGRAMME

22nd November 2012 Professor Gillian Foulger

*Professor in the Department of Geophysics
"What is Science and How is it Different from a Belief System; and Why Does Iceland Exist?"*

6th December 2012 Professor Corinne Saunders

*Professor in the Department of English Studies
"Mind, Body and Voice in Medieval Literature"*

17th January 2013 Professor Martin Ward

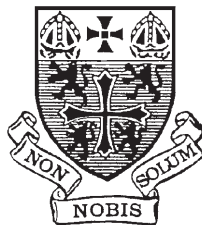
*Head of the Department of Physics
Temple Chevallier Chair of Astronomy
"Understanding the Cosmos: Darkness Made Visible"*

31st January 2013 Dr Giles Gasper

*Lecture of the Department of History
"Order out of Chaos: Medieval Visions of the Universe"*

14th February 2013 Professor Veronica Strang

*Executive Director, Institute of Advance Study, Durham
"Grey Matter Thoroughly Discombobulated"*



OBITUARIES

NORMAN CROUDACE (1952–56)

Norman Croudace was educated at *Hereford Cathedral School*, but came up to Durham after two years of National Service. Like others who followed this route, he brought an amiable, wry cynicism towards life in general, presenting a healthy dose of realism to those Castlemen who came up straight from school, starry-eyed, but wet behind the ears.

He was friendly and well-liked, though he always shunned the limelight. This aspect of his personality was never more evident than at his wedding to Pat in 1966. Their Wedding Day coincided with the **World Cup Final**, and Norman used the imminence of the kick-off as an excuse to bring the formal reception to an abrupt end, thus neatly side-stepping the obligation of making a speech.

Despite his fondness for the conviviality of the Union Bar he was a fine squash player, winning colours for Castle and Durham Colleges. He was particularly proud, in later years, of the unusual record of spending all of his undergraduate years in rooms in the Keep.

An able Mathematician, he was rewarded with a well-deserved 2.1, then stayed on to complete a Dip.Ed., for he always intended to teach. There followed jobs in Lutterworth and Scunthorpe, before *Wymondham College*, where he was joined by Pat. His successful career in education culminated in appointment as Maths Advisor to Norfolk CC, and a contented domestic life in Wymondham also brought two daughters, the apples of his eye. Sadly, his final years were blighted by motor-neurone disease, though he remained cheerful to the end. His surviving friends will have warm memories.

Bill Charlton

*The Editor apologises for missing this Obituary
from last year's magazine.*

Rev. PETER GEORGE HISCOCK

Peter Hiscock (b. 1931) grew up on a council estate in Southampton, where he became a Chorister and Server in his local *Pear Tree Church*. During World War Two, he was evacuated to Andover, but later returned to become Head Boy at *Itchen Grammar School*, before gaining a scholarship to read English at *Wadham, Oxford*. His Theological training at Ely, was interrupted by National Service in the RAF.

He was made Deacon and a Priest in Liverpool, working in two parishes, and then in Southport. Unexpectedly, he became a Chaplain (Dean of Residence) to Trinity College, Dublin, as no other English man had or has been appointed. There he married and had two sons, before continuing his Chaplaincy work at *St Stephen's College, Delhi*.

On returning to the U.K., he became a team Vicar at the *Venerable Bede's, St Paul's Church, Jarrow*, enjoying the Archeological Studies that led him to a Chaplaincy at *University College, Durham*. The Bishop of Newcastle asked him to become Area Dean of Newcastle, where he ended his full-time ministry at *St Matthew's Dimlington*. From 1995, he has had permission to officiate in London, where he helped out in various *Hackney and Tower Hamlet Parishes*. His funeral, after several years of heart disease, took place in *St John of Jerusalem, South Hackney*, his local parish.

JOHN WILLIAM NICHOLLS (1951–1955)

It was with a deep sense of shock and loss that I picked up the telephone in the latter part of November 2012, to hear Andrew Nicholls tell me that his father John, (“Nick” to all his Castle friends,) had died suddenly in hospital on the 20th November. The shock was greater because only two or three weeks earlier he had telephoned to see how I was faring after a severe knee injury.

Nick and I had first met on a train the day we were demobilised, he from the RAEC and myself from the Royal Engineers. Striking up the normal “squaddie chat,” we soon discovered to our mutual surprise that we were both soon going to Castle. This was the start of what proved to be a long and enduring friendship.

We soon became part of a much wider circle of friends, which was rooted in the methodical way in which rooms in the Keep were allocated and crammed full in those far-off days of 1951. In adjacent rooms on the third floor were Mike Lofting, Johnny Maund, and Peter Mitchell; David Moore, Nick, and Beau Nash; and then myself with two others in a third room.

The seven of us rapidly found each other’s company very congenial and I have very many pleasant memories of those distant days. Hindsight is a dangerous thing, but it seems to me that we all then happily put as much effort into the rich social and sporting life of Castle and the University, as we did into our studies. The spectre of debt and unemployment which so bedevils current student life, certainly did not haunt us.

In the next three years we never all again lived in such close physical proximity, but the friendship endured, as we each developed our own interests. Nick played hockey both for Castle and the Durham Colleges, and this remained a life-long interest, so much so that he was a very well-known figure in Sheffield hockey circles right up to his death.

In June 1951 he became a member of the Student Representative Council, and was elected President in June 1954. Under his aegis a better relationship was established between the Durham and Newcastle divisions; and between staff and students, so much so that the Council of the Durham Colleges proposed to invite the President of the SRC to its council and committee meetings when matters of direct concern to the student body were to be discussed.

Education was always his forte. He was Secretary of a youth committee before doing his National Service in the RAEC. He studied Classics and after graduating he obtained the Diploma in Education. A profile of him as President of the SRC in “*Palatinate*” (27th May 1955) says:

“His attitude to the Presidency is that everyone in a community should attempt to make some contribution to it in return for what he is gaining from it, and he felt that by becoming President he might be able to make some contribution.”

I strongly suspect that this attitude which I heard him reiterate on many occasions, was rooted in his study and love of the Classics. An enduring memory is of my walking into the room he shared with David Moore (a Botanist) and Beau Nash (a Zoologist) to find him sitting on one side of a table studying some text, surrounded by a large number of unspeakable bits of animals in jars which Beau was working on, while lying on the other side of the table was a huge heap of plants being slimily crushed under some convenient slab put there by David, while overhead swarmed a huge cloud of gnats. "This" remarked Nick pensively, "Is definitely no place for a civilised Classicist."

High Storrs Grammar School to which Nick went on leaving Castle, seems by contrast to have been exactly the place for a civilised Classicist since he stayed there all his working life, becoming Deputy Headmaster. In 1979 the International Educational Technology Conference was held in Sheffield, and I invited him along to see all the developments in Programmed Learning. He was singularly underwhelmed, and rightly so, since most have proved ephemeral since then. He was far more upset when the Grammar Schools were destroyed, including his own, prophesying quite rightly in several long phone calls, that this would inevitably shut down access to University for the brightest working class boys.

I last saw him in 2011 when my wife and I toured around, meeting with old friends here and there. It was a delight to be able to lunch with Nick and Maureen in a favoured restaurant, and to spend time with them afterwards in their home. I then learned that after his hockey days were over, he had become equally skilled at bowls from the large number of trophies on display. It was obvious that since his two hip operations, he had slowed down a little, but he still remained as open, friendly, bluff, jokey, and approachable as ever. He was precisely the same during his last telephone call to me, which makes his sudden death that more shocking and painful for both myself, his many other friends, and above all his family Maureen, Andrew and Kathryn.

Sixty-one years is a long time for a friendship to last on the same solid basis as it began. I know that many other Castlemen are just as fortunate in their friendships. Castle and its particular ambience plays a great part in this, and we should all thank God for it. I know that David and I, (the last two of the seven unless Beau is alive somewhere,) will miss Nick enormously, and so will all the other Castlemen who knew him, and met him at reunions. Many who dined companionably with very old friends at Reunion Dinners, were probably unaware that for years, in his capacity as a committee member of the Durham Castle Society, he sensitively and with great attention to detail, arranged the seating plan. But we are enormously glad and grateful to have known him, and we send our condolences and deepest sympathy to his family. *Vade in pace Nick. Suaviter in modo, fortiter in re. Hodie tibi cras mihi.*

Squire Oakley

ALAN PIPER

Extract of the Sermon at the funeral by The Very Reverend Michael Sadgrove, Dean of Durham (preached at St Oswald's Church) on 1st March 2012

Alan Piper's life was devoted to the study of Durham Cathedral Priory. So it is perhaps appropriate that a successor of the Priors should preach his funeral sermon. It is certainly a privilege, if of a sad kind. Alan was a keen commentator on sermons. It is only a month or so since I preached on an historical theme in the Cathedral. After the service, he bounced up to me to tell me that I had got my facts right; he didn't add somewhat to his surprise. But you always knew that his standards were exacting. Today I am conscious that the audience is not only the living but the departed. So perhaps the living will forgive me if I speak directly to the departed.

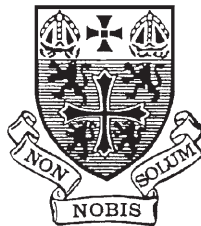
Alan, we are here, your family, your academic and church colleagues, your friends because of our respect and affection for you. You were widely known and admired across Durham: in the University, the Castle, No. 5 the College, St Oswald's, the Cathedral. You loved this city for its long Christian history, its townscapes and heritage, the learning that is written into its stones. Above all, you loved its libraries, muniments and manuscript collections: "paleography and diplomatic" – what other academic discipline is so specialised and has such a resonant, poetic title? You were never happier than when you were poring over parchment. To you, these precious survivals from the middle ages, so abundant in Durham, were the key to opening a window on to another world. That world of monks and scholars was as real and alive to you as our own age. Not only was it endlessly fascinating to touch the lives of flesh-and-blood medieval people and make their careers and communities more accessible to us through your writings; you also believed, I think, that the middle ages could hold up a mirror to us who belong to such a different era. Your research into those who inhabited them helped us understand not only who they were but in important way, who we are too. Alas, how much knowledge has died with you! How much you had yet to research and write. You were full of what you had yet to do. It is hard not to regret that loss; because your death was so sudden and unexpected, what has been taken away is not only your own future but something of ours too.

Yours was a distinguished life, Alan, but we should not pretend that it was an easy one. You were not always an easy or a comfortable colleague. You could be direct in ways that were sometimes disconcerting: I am not the only person here today with memories of conversations where hard things

were said. You would say of yourself that yours was a complex personality, as is so often true of gifted men and women. Yet I never doubted your belief that in our life together we must always be led by conviction not pragmatism. Nor did I doubt your gift for affection and friendship. I have a cherished series of emails from you. They are written with great care: long, learned, literary, and above all, kind. In the last of them, you thanked us for an uplifting Cathedral service. *"My dear friend"* you wrote, *"[this is] to assure you (needlessly?) that my words after yesterday morning's Eucharist were indeed heartfelt, as I was seeking a lifting of my spirits and had found it aplenty."* It is moving to have re-read this since you died. I knew, we all did, that you had your demons and you struggled with them. But that is over now. Indeed, in recent years you seemed by God's grace to have come into a better place and were more at peace with yourself. Perhaps the many you befriended and the young whom you encouraged saw in you a wounded healer.

Here in St Oswald's, we are in one of the places that have been home to you. Your ministry as a reader, and your long commitment to the work of this diocese through the synod and its boards and committees, testify to your deep Christian faith and your part in the church's vocation to be an instrument for good in the world. I fancy that you did not always sympathise with the direction the Church of England was taking in your lifetime; it did not always feel like the Church of Archbishop Laud, Bishop Cosin of Durham and John Donne the great Dean of St Paul's whose holy sonnet on death we heard earlier. That church you loved for its Caroline balance and stability, its instinct for the reasonable as well as the heartfelt, its catholic feeling for the beauty of holiness. It was the faith by which you lived and died, nourished and sustained by word and sacrament to the end.

*'Alan Piper was for many years
Secretary of the Senior Common Room at Castle'*



DAVID SILVESTER

David James Silvester was born on 7th January 1932 in Peterborough. He was a high achieving pupil at the *City of Bath Boys' School* and took a great and lifelong interest in Music, playing the violin to a high standard. From school, David gained a place to read Chemistry at Durham. After graduating in 1954, he completed a PhD in radiochemistry in 1958. These were exciting days in this new science and David took full advantage, accepting a post as a Research Assistant at Brookhaven National Laboratory, New York.

From Brookhaven, David joined the Medical Research Council's team at Hammersmith Hospital. It was there that he met Ann Stevenson. David and Ann were married in September 1961.

David was the opposite of flash, but the nearest thing he came to it was in his preference for Italian cars – there was a procession of oily Fiats and rusty Lancias in the 1970's and 1980's, which only stayed on the road thanks to his mechanical skills and a good deal of WD40.

At work, David and his team carried out important research in the field of Radiochemistry. From comments made by those who worked alongside him, it is clear that David was a great research scientist. Indeed, a current Professor of Chemistry in the US referred to him as "*one of a handful of pioneering giants in the application of radiochemistry to human medicine*". Since his retirement from the MRC in 1994 from the post of *Section Head of the MRC Cyclotron*, scan technology has taken off and is now able to make full use of his research work.

David must have been in some demand as a Guest Lecturer for he travelled extensively, taking in the US, Japan and Russia well before these were everyday places to visit.

Along with his family and his work, David's third love was his music, which he managed to indulge despite his other priorities. He was a keen singer in several choirs over the years, but his main love was attending live performances, whether of orchestral music or of opera. After retirement and moving to Ainsdale, David became very involved with the *Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Society*.

David had many other interests and abilities. He enjoyed some sports (notably squash), but was not able to take part in many after an operation in the 1970's left him effectively blind in one eye.

David was a quiet man, not given to outspoken opinion, but so competent and independent in all that he did. He was slow to anger and always saw the best in people. He had a genuine feeling about how things should be done and what was right and just. He did not have expensive tastes and believed that, as long as one had a certain level of comfort, other things were more important. Chief amongst these were his enduring love for his family and friends.

Albert Cartmell

Minutes of the 66th Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 24th March 2012 in the Undercroft, Durham Castle at 5:30 p.m.

In the Chair

Chairman of the Society, Douglas Denham St. Pinnock.

In Attendance

Sixty Castlemen were present.

Apologies for absence

The Master, Professor David Held, Edgar Jones, Darius Ferrigno, Stuart McFarlane, Mike Pulling, Lionel Albert Herring, Nick Mercer, Albert Cartmell, John Crowther, David Silvester, Simon Cash, Ed Gunson, Peter Luff, John Fair, Sven Kottrich, Alan Mills. The Master, who was appointed in November 2011, was unavoidably absent, as he had made a commitment some years earlier to lecture in Australia during a period in March 2012 that coincided with the Reunion.

Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising

Minutes accepted and duly signed. There were no matters arising.

The Durham Castle Society Constitution

The aims and objectives of the DCS remain the same.

The former Master, Maurice Tucker recommended that The President be the Master and that the Chairman be a member of and appointed by the DCS. This amendment was accepted.

The ex-Master was invited to become an Honorary Vice-President, but not a member of the DCS Committee.

The new constitution was accepted.

Appointment of the Chairman

Douglas Denham St. Pinnock was elected to act as Chairman and accepted the position.

Maurice Tucker was appointed an Honorary Vice-President.

The new Chairman thanked Maurice Tucker for his years of service as Chairman of the DCS.

He also recognised the exceptional contribution to the College made by Stan Ramsey, Bursar and part-time Psychology Lecturer from 1957, Senior Tutor from 1964, Vice Master from 1970 and acting Master in 1979, retiring in 1983 and who passed away in 2011. He extended his thanks to Mrs. Eva Schumacher-Reid who was Acting Master between September 2011 and December 2011, when the new Master was appointed.

Lastly he also paid tribute to Professor Richard Chapman, an inspirational Politics lecturer from 1971, Chair of the Board of Politics 1973–76, Dean of Social Sciences 1976–78, retiring in 1996 and Emeritus Professor at the Durham Business School who was a member of the SCR in the 1970's and to Mary Vine, the former College Housekeeper, both of whom died in 2011.

Reports

a) Chairman of University College Durham Trust

In the absence of the Master, Maurice Tucker reported that the Trust was making good progress in achieving its objective of raising £1m, so that it could use the interest to support the College and the JCR. Investments were valued at £692,000, having increased from £620,000 in October 2011.

The investments were managed by Cornelian, an investment company based in Edinburgh that specialised in managing investments for Charities. The total fund was valued at £750,000, including cash. Four years earlier it was valued at £400,000.

Members of the DCS donate cash.

The last Appeal for the restoration of the Tunstall Chapel Organ raised £60,000.

The Chapel Organ was renovated in the summer of 2011.

Another Appeal had been launched to support the refurbishment of the Castle in 2011–2012, which will cost £5.5m. The purpose of the new Appeal is to raise funds to provide additional items that the budget for the Castle refurbishment will not cover, including equipment for the new Computer Room in Hall Stairs, the Pantries and Kitchen Rooms and the Toastie Bar. The Appeal raised £13,300.

The Trust has ten Trustees, who are members of the DCS. They meet twice a year.

Two of the Trustees, being Officers on the DCS Committee, namely the Secretary and Representative on the College Council, are ex-officio members of the Trust. The remaining Trustees are appointed.

Alistair Gibb was due for re-election and was re-appointed.

The members are: The Master, David Held; Henry Ashworth; Alistair Gibb; Kevin Hawes; John Hollier; David Mallett; Matthew Maneely; John Morrissey; Alex Nelson and James Rowley.

The next meeting of the Trustees is scheduled for Saturday 13th October 2012 at 1.00 p.m. in the Senate Suite of the Castle.

b) Editor of *Castellum*

Alex Nelson reported that copies of *Castellum* had been printed and distributed at a unit cost of £2.50. He reminded members that Roy Todd is willing to organise events at Lumley Castle Cricket Club.

c) Treasurer's Report and presentation of accounts (published in *Castellum*)

Martin Gunson reported that Castle Society accounts for the last year were published in *Castellum* (Number 64) in 2011.

Certain expenditure was delayed, including amounts earmarked for the Multiplex and for furniture to be placed in the Norman Gallery.

A proposal to adopt the Accounts was approved.

The following expenditure was approved:

1. Donation to Lowe Library, £1,000
2. Staff Gratuity (Staff Christmas Party Fund), £1,000
3. Donation to University College Durham Trust, £5,000
4. Purchase of Crests of all original Durham Colleges, £250 (including Newcastle) to decorate the Middle Common Room. Consent of Historic Building Committee would be required.

5. Trophies for MCR for three competitions: Silver Cup for Croquet; Platter for Debating; Shield for Chess; Total cost of £310. The trophies would be displayed in glass cases in the Great Hall
6. Contribution towards tie for MCR, £500. Quotations to be obtained from various suppliers.
7. Formals: DCS would sponsor one Formal each Term at a cost of £1,050, £350 per Formal. Members could attend, Total cost would be £9,110.

Election of Officers

The Officers of the Society were duly re-elected:

- Editor of *Castellum* – Alex Nelson
- Membership Secretary – Nick Mercer
- Representative on College Council – Alex Nelson
- Treasurer Castle Society – Martin Gunson
- Secretary – John Morrissey

A vote of thanks was proposed for Martin Gunson for his work as Treasurer. Trustees of University College Durham Trust – Alistair Gibb was due for re-election and was re-appointed.

Other Vacancies

James Rowley stood down and was re-elected and Richard Ellery was nominated and elected as Members of the DCS Committee.

Date of Next Reunion

All students will pay fees for a 38-week rental period from October to June.

This will jeopardise the Easter Reunion of DCS.

The option of buying back the rooms for the Easter Reunion would be expensive.

The other option was to switch the date to September.

175 Members who attended the 2012 Reunion stayed in College.

In September all rooms in College would be available.

The unity of the Reunion would be adversely affected, if Members lived in local hotels.

The College was pre-booked for September 2012 for other events.

It was agreed that the next Reunion be held between the 13th and 15th September 2013.

Any Other Business

1. The College was congratulated on the refurbishment of The Keep.
2. There was a vote of thanks for the Chairman.

Date of next meeting: 14th September 2013



66th Reunion Dinner
Saturday 24th March 2012
GREAT HALL



**Northumbria Leek, Stilton and Roasted Fennel Soup
with Herb Snippets**



Rump of Lamb with Duck Fat Roasted Potatoes
**Served with Celeriac Pureé, Young Vegetables
and Port Sauce**

**Roasted Butternut Squash, Wild Rice and
Spinach Wellington with a Red Wine Sauce (V)**



**White Chocolate and Blueberry Cheesecake
with Crème Anglaise**



Coffee, Tea



TOASTS

THE QUEEN	Maurice Tucker
THE COLLEGE	David Mallett
ABSENT FRIENDS	Eva Schumacher-Reid Vice-Master & Senior Tutor

SENIOR MAN'S REPORT 2011-12

The 2011-12 academic year has proven to be a testing one. A number of tasks and challenges crystallised by the time I and the other ten JCR Executive Members took office in the summer of 2011. Some of them we had anticipated, whilst others unexpectedly crept up throughout the year.

Starting on some of the highlights – Ladies' Night saw the College board the "*Titanic*" and enjoy its lavish lounges and other exuberant luxuries before culminating in the famed collision. Whilst the social events are naturally the highlights of each term, the second term social event (which for the previous two years had to be cancelled) was revamped and reintroduced as "*Halfway Hall*", a highly applauded hybrid between a Formal and Ball. The academic year finally ended with an epic *June Ball* that exposed the guests to the evils and wondrous curiosities set free from the depths of "*Pandora's Box*". These and other events were greatly enjoyed and successfully organised by the Social Chairman, **Natalie Rimmer**, and her Ents. team.

The refurbishment of the Keep was one of the anticipated difficulties which lasted for approximately half a year, starting in June 2011 and ending at the start of the Epiphany Term in January 2012. Though the brand new layout and furniture are greatly appreciated, it was nonetheless a burden having a good proportion of the College residing on the hill for a term. Moreover, the Great Hall, the Servery and many other parts of the Castle underwent a refurbishment over the summer and are now looking as splendid as ever.

The departure of **Maurice Tucker** at the end of last academic year left us without a permanent Master. **Eva Schumacher-Reid** stepped up and took on the position as Acting Master leading the College successfully as the construction works continued and the search for a suitable Master progressed. The search ended when **David Held** arrived in Durham to become the new Master of University College. His first few months in office brought a stream of fresh thoughts that helped question some old paradigms whilst at the same time keeping our treasured traditions.

This year marked the first year of the JCR's new status as a Durham Student Organisation (DSO). Having formally joined the University, a lot of the changes within the DSO framework had to be integrated into the day to day runnings of the JCR. An overhaul to the JCR treasury system became necessary and through the brilliant leadership of the Treasurer, **Joe Murphy**, is now more accountable and transparent than ever before. Joining the University as a DSO also meant that we are now fully covered by the University's insurance policies thereby freeing up a healthy proportion of our funds. These newly available resources will give the JCR more financial manoeuvrability in the future. Though constant vigilance and awareness is required regarding the University's framework (and, let's be honest, to keep

the JCR firmly under the control of its members), this advancement means that the JCR can now focus on more proactive projects.

A slightly more controversial aspect of this past year was the much needed reform of our bi-weekly formals that continuously resulted in grave financial liabilities to the College which had to be passed on to the JCR. An agreement was reached that sees the collection of a token £1 per liver-in and an additional £1 per liver-out. Amongst other sources the Undercroft will contribute a portion dependent on the sum of the remaining costs. Many expressed their concerns regarding the effect this reform would have on attendances. However, it is to be reviewed on an annual basis by the JCR to assess the actual financial burdens to the JCR as well as the sentiment towards these measures.

Finally, there are a great host of people to be thanked for the effort they've put into all aspects that keeps our undergraduate community going (as small as they might seem). Whether it is on a sports and societies level, by organising socials and other events or in a College office or executive function within the JCR; a lot of effort and participation at various levels has occurred throughout the year upholding and strengthening a community to be proud of. I wish every JCR member all the best in their future endeavours and I look forward to seeing the JCR develop further in the near and far future.

Floreat Castellum.

C.D. Winterhoff, Senior Man

VAN MILDERT CLUB

Joe Stone, who is the JCR Representative on the Durham Castle Society Committee, writes . . .

The Society has been going on for around 60 years and I am sure many members of the Society will have been part of it. Its purpose is a way of offering recognition and gratitude for the effort that members of Castle put in to College, beyond what would be expected of them. The Club involves a Dinner twice a year for the students who become part of it. The current cost however is very high (£50, plus extra for tie and photo). We are wondering if any old members would like to donate any form of monetary support to the Club to try and lower the meal fee and make it more accessible to all. Many thanks.

Joe may be contacted at the College or by email on
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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT



My name is **Hannah Cleugh** (pronounced “Clue”) and I have arrived at Castle this Epiphany term as Chaplain and Solway Fellow, having previously been a curate in the Dorchester Team in south Oxfordshire. I say “arrived” but I am new neither to Castle (where I spent part of last year on secondment covering for **Miranda Threlfall-Holmes** who was then Interim Principal of Ustinov College), nor to County Durham (I grew up just outside Consett). I am married to David, who is now priest-in-charge of Leadgate (also just outside Consett!).

I find the Chapel in good heart, and must begin by thanking the Chapel Committee (Chapel Clerks: **Danni Oliver-Wakeley** and **Ben Rowarth**, Sacristan: **Toby Thornes**, Director of

Music: **James Day**) for their extremely hard work in keeping the Chapel running so well during the term between Miranda’s departure to be Vicar of Belmont and Pitlington and my arrival. They have done a fantastic job, supported by **Eva Schumacher-Reid** and the SCR Chapel-faithful (you and they know who they are!), and I could not be more appreciative of that.

Last term saw a well-received sermon series on “*Faith and Life*”, exploring the relations between Christian faith and a number of different academic subject areas; this term we are developing that on the Epiphany theme of “faith journeys”. Also last term, the choir launched its latest CD “*Carols from Castle*”.

The standard of the Choirs (Chapel and College), again this year under the direction of third year Castle undergraduate **James Day**, is exceptional. As well as singing the regular Thursday and Sunday services, the Choir has already this term given concerts in St. Giles, Edinburgh and St. John’s, Healey, as well as continuing the tradition of singing a Sunday service at St. James’, Riding Mill. Future engagements include performing the *Bach B Minor Mass* in Durham Cathedral on 19th of April as part of the **World Heritage Weekend**, and a tour to Italy in July. We look forward also to welcoming back old members of the Choir and Chapel for our second Reunion Weekend, this year in early March.

The other half of my role is as Solway Research Fellow. I am a Reformation Historian by background, and am now connected with the Department of Theology and Religion. My project could not be more domestic, in some senses, for someone whose office is in the Black Stairs: I am writing a study of John Cosin’s theological thought and its liturgical expression, and looking at how religious identity is forged in a changing society.

I look forward to meeting many of you at the Reunion Weekend in September, but if you are in Durham during term time please do take the opportunity to join us in chapel and hear the choir. With all good wishes,

Hannah Cleugh, Chaplain and Solway Fellow

BRACKENBURY



Gregg Carter (left) and Mark Snow (right) are the past and present Secretaries of the Middle Common Room. They accompanied your Editor on an expedition to Brackenbury on the site of the Old Dryburn Hospital to the north-west side of the city.



Accommodation is of a reasonably good quality but the location is very poor for virtually all University Departments and 25 minutes walk from the Castle.

It is hoped to improve the quality of the Postgraduates' experience by developing an accommodation block closer to the College.



REPORT FROM THE J.C.R.

UNDERCROFT BAR REPORT

At the beginning of the academic year *The Undercroft* was a building site after the wider renovation to the Castle over the summer break. We had a day and a half to shape things up in time for the influx of Fresh faces, and thankfully by the first night the Bar was looking presentable. Behind the scenes however, the year has been a constant battle against innumerate break-downs that have tested our creative capabilities and the patience of our friends running *Hatfield Bar*, however I shall not bore you with the details.

NEW STAFF

This year we decided to take on two sets of new staff. Coming into the role, interviews were one aspect of the role we were both particularly looking forward to, and they did not disappoint. Some highlights were monkey impressions, sing-us-a-song and learning details of how some of the female applicants would try and get both myself and **Mike (Oldroyd, Vice-Bar Chair)** back to their place in under an hour.

SOCIAL

Outside of *The Undercroft* there was uproar over a Klute refurbishment that many thought signalled the end of its heralded cult status. Once the doors opened however, it is safe to say that there was an improvement that justified a 50 pence price hike for a quaddie. They still play "*That's Amore*" at the end of Thursday nights.

The closure of Hound at the DSU has arguably ended the big Friday night around College and with it a destination when the Bar acts as The Secondary.

The social calendar for the Committee has focused on a few key events throughout the year. A Social to welcome the first set of new recruits was held in First Term and the *Second Annual Bar Christmas Meal* (which ended up being held in Easter) was a boozy afternoon in the Senate Suite. Our end of year meal was held in Newcastle and turned into a top night afterwards. As ever, the Awards Ceremony proved as enjoyable as ever.

MANAGEMENT

Our task of running the Bar has had to be within the straightjacket of University Regulations. One of our ideas was to encourage *Beer Pong in the Undie*, however this involved explaining to the Powers That Be what it entailed. Mike gave a rendition of the rules: "*You throw a ping pong ball into cup with beer in it and then the other team drink it*" before quickly qualifying "*but it's only a very, very small amount of beer, like, less than a pint between six*

cups ... it's actually less than if you drank it normally". They didn't buy it and the idea was shelved.

That said, we have had some success with the Bar Management, extending weekend opening hours to keep people in the Bar longer. Perhaps the biggest achievement has come in the Summer Term, negotiating a "*Seven Hour Happy Hour*" every day after exams from 2.00–9.00pm, with drinks sold at the lowest prices possible.

There has also been a change in role for our immediate Line Manager, from a Bar Steward dedicated solely to the Bar, to a Food and Beverages Services Manager. It is my opinion that this role is not in the best interests of the JCR as we have definitely felt ourselves taking on more operational responsibility. By the end our tenure we will have our third FBSM which is perhaps telling of the pressures of the role.

ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO COME TO THE BAR

The annual drive to persuade Freshers to frequent *The Undercroft* took a more tacit approach than previous years that had reduced to just shouting in Moatside courtyard. Thankfully they are realising the merits of the great establishment over the dingy S-block kitchens, although they still occasionally need reminding.

The projector has provided entertainment throughout the year, allowing large groups nestle in the sofas for the **Six Nations** and a great **Champions League Final**. It was decided on the latter occasion that one jubilant Second Year would have a yard of *Blue WKD* to celebrate the Chelsea victory.

Mundie in the Undie has been a roaring success this year with packed crowds and people queuing up to play every fortnight. **Simon Josling** deserves great credit for his dedication towards the co-ordinating of the Open Mic event.

The Undercroft now also has its own clothing range of sorts. A new line of T-Shirts have been produced bearing the *Smenergy* name in the style of



Superdry. Early indications are that they will be an excellent seller. Thanks must be extended to **Chris Swainson**, **Kevin Kendaru** and **Amy Rolf** for their role in taking the idea from a chat over breakfast to our first delivery in time for the end of term.

Despite the tribulations of the role, there are certain perks that are encompassed into the duties of the Bar Executive. We have gone wine tastings, attended cocktail mixing classes and even went to York to sample a host of new whiskies. Security relations were strengthened with the inaugural Bar *vs.* Security afternoon.

In all, it has been a great year that has been a thoroughly enjoyable experience. On a personal level, the role has even helped my academic endeavours, with my dissertation being on beer!

It is the members of the Bar Committee though, always eager to cover shifts, offer up ideas and keep the bar clean night after night, that deserve most credit and for that, myself and Mike extend our gratitude. I am confident that the guys next year will keep up the traditions, continue the high footfall and maintain *The Undercroft* as the envy of all other bars in Durham.

Sam Floy



Bar Executive handover at a Champagne Reception in the Courtyard Summer Meal

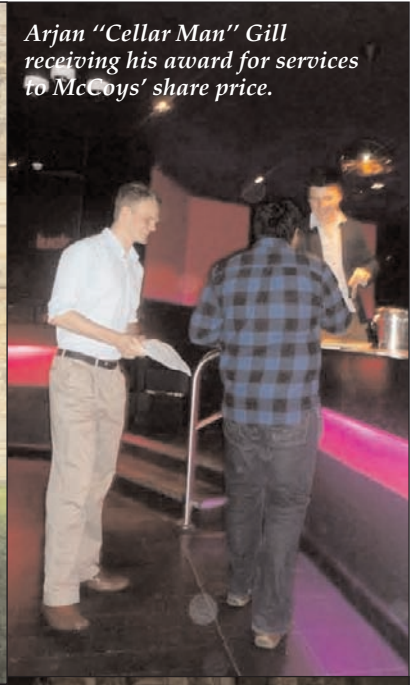


Bar Committee, Summer Meal 2012

Summer Meal 2012



Arjan "Cellar Man" Gill receiving his award for services to McCoys' share price.



Bar Easter Meal 2012

CASTLE AEROBICS

Despite being less well-known than some other societies in College, **Castle Aerobics** has been running sessions throughout the year on a Saturday morning in the Undie. It gets together around 10–20 Castlemen for an hour of aerobics, split into a cardio and toning section. The aim is not to become a professional aerobics instructor, but just to keep fit, to have fun and to be able to feel like you really deserve brunch! It is completely free and anyone in College is welcome, boys included! Thanks to all of you who have been to the sessions this year! We hope to see even more of you there next year!

BIG BAND

The **Big Band** is another year older and is still in good health. Although the band has only had a few Freshers join this year the addition of some talented interlopers has boosted the brass sections of the band.

The band has also recruited a fantastic group of singers which has enabled the band to expand its repertoire. Whilst the cheesy favourites will always remain, the energetic funky sounds of **Stevie Wonder** and **Michael Jackson** are now balanced out with some big swing numbers and everything in between.

This year's *Christmas Gig* was the best attended in the last three years and saw the Great Hall packed with an audience who gradually got more animated and by the end were screaming for an encore of "*All I Want For Christmas Is You*".

The *Arts Week Gig* was less attended despite Press Officer **P.J. Skinner's** ridiculous attempt at an internet viral spamming campaign. However the band put on a good show for those attending and the aftershow party was certainly not lacking in enthusiasm.

Social highlights as ever come from the infamous aftershow parties and this year include emotional speeches from a certain member of the Band's Exec, realising that the band had managed to elect a President who for once would not let himself be taped to a chair, the 2.00 a.m. AGM and the now traditional gin and tonic ritual (**B. Russell** *Copyrighted 2011*).

In addition Friday night rehearsals when **Simon Josling** or **P.J. Skinner** have got lost on their way to rehearsal for approximately five hours are always entertaining.

Huge thanks to the Band's Exec for their work behind the scenes, especially Band President **Harry Clarke**.

Chris Swainson Musical Director University College Big Band

UCHC WOMEN'S

2011–2012 has arguably been one of UCHC's most successful years yet. Those loyal few who have been devoted from earlier and darker times, took

pleasure in seeing the Club expand beyond any boundary set in place. Many fervently claim that UCHC has entered a golden age, much like the Roman Empire at its zenith, with the founding fathers of *Romulus (Hannah)* and *Remus (Craig)* leaving a mythical legacy of how they laid the foundations of our great Club. But power, status and success are not all UCHC provides, for many it has fused lifelong bonds, whether friendship, or maybe something more.

A question we asked our members at the beginning of this year was “*What does UCHC mean to you*”? **Douglas Simon’s** response was as follows: “*A noble spirit embiggens the smallest [two]man*”. A memorable and meaningful quote from one of last centuries most pivotal screenwriters. This in itself is what UCHC means to me, the pride I feel when I put on a team shirt, a team skort, a team gilet. The ability of the spirit of our team to “*pick me up when I feel down*”. Wise and weighty words which strike true to any who has let UCHC enter their heart.

Sadly, much like the lustful beginnings of young romance, some members’ honeymoons seems to be over, but remember, the love of UCHC will last a life time, with whatever it meant to you. Love and Thanks,

(I think this is about Hockey – Editor)

UCHC

BADMINTON

It has been an extremely successful year for **Castle Badminton**. With Club numbers dwindling at the end of last year, the acquisition of many new super keen Fresher’s was greatly welcomed in our ranks. The relocation of courts from **Gilesgate** to **Freemans Quay** proved to be hugely successful move and saved us the trek up to Gilesgate. As for results, **Ami Jayakrishnan** captained her Women’s Team to place fourth in the League, a very respectable position given the challenging opposition faced this year. In the Men’s League, captained by **Tim Duckenfield** were placed third – we were level on points with the top two teams but lost out on count back! As for Mixed League, we placed fourth which again is respectable given the very challenging opposition we faced. In the Mixed Knockout League (which is still as yet to be finished) we are through to the semi-finals.

Overall, despite a very costly win over Mildert in the Mixed League (whereby **Karen Dickman** broke a racket and the Club Captain demolished **Mr. Botcherby’s** extremely expensive racket) and the unfortunate lack of players for **Castle Hatfield Day** it has been an extremely enjoyable year for the Club, with many socials being held and Hatfield wall being conquered by all members the Club has gone from strength to strength.

Thanks go to **Robert Botcherby** for his outstanding performance and dedication to the Club – easily talented enough to go to D.U., he committed

and stayed with Castle Badminton for all four years he has been here and has been the reason for many successful wins in both the mixed and men's teams. Best of luck to the future.

Brad Knights

DARTS

2011–12 has been something of a season of change for **UCDC**, with the addition of a B-Team, later renamed the *Spartans*, for the first time ever and the recruitment of thirteen new members of the playing squad, including the ever attractive presence of Emily Pearson as *Spartans* Captain. The performance on the oche has remained as high as ever though, with Castle maintaining one of Durham's finest darting cultures. Both Castle sides have achieved success with the A-Team finishing in a commendable seventh in the 22 Team League and with a couple of rearranged fixtures left to play, *Spartans* pushing for a very respectable top half finish in their maiden year. Particular individual highlights have included stunning competitive 180's from **Mike Hughes-Narborough**, **Chris Saunders**, **Jonathan Gaskell** and failed Senior Man candidate **Ben March**, as well as an excellent number of high checkouts, most notably **Alec Vjestica** (124), **Mike Yorke** (122), **P.J. Skinner** (121) and **Matt Funnell** (120), and an A-Team string of beer leg victories spanning two glorious terms. With a first ever overseas tour to Amsterdam coming up in June, and a 20-man travelling party, a hugely enjoyable year of darts in Castle will undoubtedly end on a high.

Alec Vjestica

NETBALL

Another fantastic year of **Netball**, as a result of two excellent teams "winning" regularly both on and off the pitch.

The **Netball Club** is heterogeneous mix of the finest girls from University College. The very loud (apologies) to the very quiet, Freshers to the wise old fourth years.

Led this year by your Club President (**Fiona Macleod**) A-Team Captain (**Stef Jones**) and B-Team Captain (myself, **Hannah Cool**) we have had two successful teams. After losing a number of players last year a talented Fresher intake meant we could put together a talented A-Team and an equally promising B-Team. The netball squad has also grown this year and in the future I would love to see a C-Team develop to nurture those girls who turn up week in, week out to training. The A-Team has maintained its rightful spot in the premiership, and hopefully next year we can give the title holders Hild Bede a run for their money. The B-Team has done me proud this year, finishing fourth in Division 1, after a shakey start we found our footing and had some serious laughs in the process. WELL DONE GIRLS!

Funniest Moments; being sick next to a tree midway through a match, broken finger, getting angry with umpires.

A mention now to members of UCNC who are spreading their wings and graduating: Fourth Years: **Rachael Graham** – committed member of the A-Team; **Fiona Macleod** – President this year without whom our new kit would not be the envy of other college teams; **Ellie Austin, Hannah Blackburn** and **Claire Henry** – also committed A-Team players. Third Years: **Hannah Cool** (committed B-Team player – Captain and social at heart for life).

Next year I wish UCNC much success. I for one am proud to be a member of **Castle Netball Club** and will take away fond memories from my time as part of UCNC.

Netball Love, Hannah Cool

FOOTBALL

Captains: **James Benson** (Club), **Chris Moore** (A), **Dexter Tate** (B), **Chris Bellaby** (C) and **Arjan Gill** (D).

This year's football season has proved unforgettable in many ways both on and off the pitch. After an eventful first social, the effects of which were felt for a long time afterwards, the Club started the season with the A-Team in the mighty reaches of the Premiership for the first time in College memory, whereas both the Super C's and perennial underachieving B's resided in the lowly echelons of the newly formed Division 4.

Expectation was initially low amongst the A-team. However, with the arrival of Freshers **Pacman** and **Megs Benedict**, coupled with the year-long loan signing of **Stewie Lewie Spiers**, the promotion winning squad had significantly strengthened over the summer with the loss of few players.

A battling 1–0 defeat to last winners treble-winners Hild Bede A was the sign of things to come, and was quickly backed up by a gritty 1–0 victory over Grey A. The results soon followed, with comfortable victories over the likes Cuths A, Stephenson A and John Snow A, plus a stunning comeback against Collingwood B, meant that with five wins, two draws and four defeats Castle finished fifth out of twelve, knowing a bit more top-flight experience and luck was the only barrier to a credible title push. Maybe next season?

Both the B-Team and Super C's battled gallantly throughout the season in what was ultimately an unsuccessful promotion push by both sides. The B's started with a whole new squad, with the likes of **Dexter, V.J., Floy** and **Benson** giving solid former/current A-team experience, B-Team stalwarts **Magic T** (released from Hatfield), **Conrad** and **Dink** (after returning unfortunately from his loan spell in France) and Freshers such as **Tyler The Creator, J.S.M.** and **Rich Jones** causing the season to start with promise. After an 11.00 a.m. Saturday start at Queens Campus ended in an inevitable

hungover loss, resounding 11–1, 13–1 and 4–1 results were interwoven with some shocking performances as the team struggled to gel as a new team and attain the consistency required for promotion, despite the January signing of Italian midfielder **Massimo**.

The Super C's however had no such problems, and by Christmas were the league leaders, three convincing wins at the start of the season disrupted only temporarily by a shock 3–2 defeat to Van Mildert F. After continuing their good form they moved into the crunch game against the B's with their destiny seemingly in their own hands. After **Stevie Byrne** took the lead through a dubious penalty, the B's hit back before the break when **T** poked home from close range. The game looked to be heading for a 1–1 draw when spectacularly the C's scored what seemed a certain winner through an ecstatic looking **Stompie The Retard**. Amazingly though, this match had one final twist, as **Conrad** swooped home from a corner in the dying moments to seal the draw, much to the dismay of the packed, partisan, orange-clad crowd. After this, the C's could only mustle up two further draws as their promotion flame flickered out, finishing third on 24 points, one place and three points above their B-team rivals.

In the Cup, Castle had resounding success from all sections of the Club. Castle A marched forward with convincing victories to the last 16, where they faced fierce rivals Hatfield A. After a dogged and determined display, a fine **Jack Bauer** strike in the closing moments so the match go to penalties, where some composure and balls of steel so Castle spectacularly prevail. Their success then inspired the Sunderland squad, traveling from the Three Tuns for their FA Cup match with Arsenal, to repeat their Cup underdog success. In the quarter-finals against Hild Bede A, yet more thrilling football so Castle come desperately close to claiming a deserved victory on many occasions. Alas, the breakthrough did not come and this time penalties did not prove Castle's Saviour.

The B-team also recorded their most resounding successes in the Cup. A hard fought game with Mary's B, from a higher league, saw the Clubs first penalty action of the season. Answering his countlessly many critics, **Dinkleman** held his nerve at the crucial time to slot home the winning kick and send the team, and the onlooking Rugby squad, into raptures. Next up was Van Mildert A, a team four leagues higher who had previously held Castle A to a 1–1 draw. Despite some defensive lapses at the start of the second half helping them to a 3–0 lead, the B-team mustered up a special comeback with two goals from **Magic** giving Mildert more than a scare. Unfortunately the equaliser did not come, but it was the performance the B-team had been promising all season, and one they failed to achieve again.

Elsewhere, we also had a D-Team for the first time in the Cup. In the first round against Cuths G an **Arjan Gill** inspired team ran out comfortable 7–3 winners, with A-team keeper "**Soft as Shit**" **Swindells** bagging four on his outfield debut. Sadly a heavy Halloween V's session and the prospect of

(JCR Football, continued on page 47)

The Queen visits Durham University



Her Majesty The Queen meets the Master, Professor David Held, and the Bishop of Durham, Justin Welby, who is now Archbishop of Canterbury

University College hosted Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh as part of their Diamond Jubilee tour of the United Kingdom on 18 July 2012.

The Royal couple visited Durham where they had lunch with dignitaries and students.

The visit was hosted by the University in partnership with Durham County Council.

The Diamond Jubilee tour has seen The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh travel the length and breadth of the UK as part of the celebrations to mark Her Majesty's 60 years as Monarch.

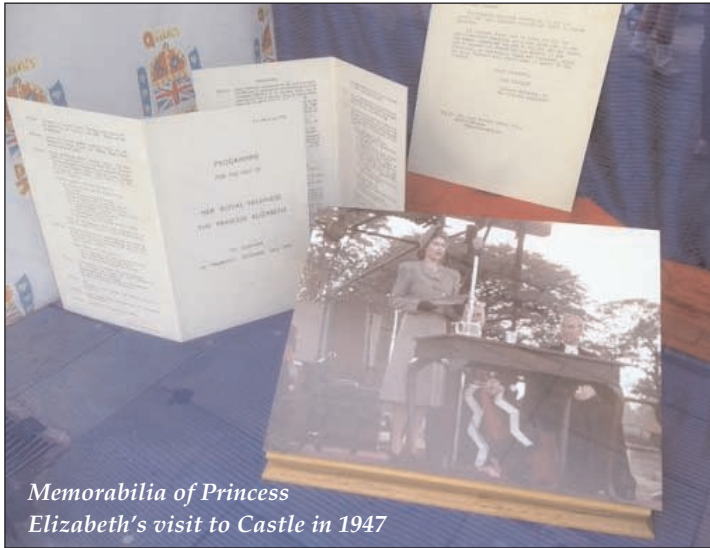
The Royal couple also visited Durham Castle in 2002 during Her Majesty's Golden Jubilee celebrations. On that occasion The Duke of

Edinburgh visited Durham University's Stockton campus to announce that it had been awarded the title of Queen's Campus.

The Royal couple were joined at the private event by guests including Professor Chris Higgins, Vice-Chancellor of Durham University, The Right Reverend Justin Welby, Bishop of Durham, and Councillor Linda Marshall, JP, Chairman of Durham County Council.

Lunch was served in the Great Hall of Durham Castle, which was once used as a backdrop in the Harry Potter movies, and is also the Dining Hall for students at University College.

Professor Chris Higgins, Vice-Chancellor of Durham University, said: "Durham is a World University



Memorabilia of Princess Elizabeth's visit to Castle in 1947

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The Diamond Jubilee visit was the Queen's seventh visit to the Castle. She was here in May 2002, November 1991 during a tour of County Durham, and

with very firm roots in the North of England and we are proud to host Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh on behalf of the University, the City and County Durham." A video of the visit is available at [www.dur.ac.uk /tour/queenvisit/](http://www.dur.ac.uk/tour/queenvisit/)

in March 1967, following the Royal Maundy Service at Durham Cathedral. She also visited the Castle in May 1960, and came in October 1947 as Princess Elizabeth. This first visit to Durham Castle was in the same university term in which this Society was founded.

Current student awarded MBE

A current University College student has been appointed MBE in the New Year Honours for 2013. In total 1,225 individuals have been recommended for an award, of which 72% are individuals who have carried out outstanding work in their communities.

University College student and rowing cox **Lily van den Broecke** has been awarded an MBE for her

services to rowing and paralympic sport. In 2011, Lily won the Gold Medal in the (LTA) Mixed Coxed Four at the World Rowing Championships in Slovenia and again at the World Cup in Munich. Lily and crewmates, **Pamela Relph**, **Naomi Riches**, **Dave Smith** and **James Roe** repeated their success and took the Gold Medal at the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

Lily is currently in her second year at Durham and is reading for a BA in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics.

Castellum

NEWS ROUND-UP

SEARCH FOR THE FIRST 'MAN'S BEST FRIEND'



A Saluki dog, which features as part of the team's research. Image courtesy of Keith Dobney.

Scientists at Durham University hope to find out when and where dogs first became man's best friend by examining DNA and bones from ancient

remains – of wolves as well as dogs.

The earliest conclusive evidence for domestic dogs is about 14,000 years ago, but some theories suggest dogs could have been domesticated as long as 35,000 years ago.

Arguments persist regarding where the process first began. Some researchers insist dogs were domesticated just once in East Asia – and spread from there – while others suggest the practice happened in a variety of different areas and at different times.

The project, funded by a major grant from the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC), will enable researchers from Durham University and the University of Aberdeen to apply cutting-edge techniques to examine the DNA, bones and teeth of dog remains found across Asia and Europe.

Lead researcher Dr. Greger Larson, a Reader and ancient DNA expert in the Department of Archaeology at Durham University, said: "It is remarkable that despite the fact we have a good feel for the times and places of when cows, sheep, goats, and pigs were domesticated, we still don't have the first clue about dogs. Using a combination of state-of-the-art techniques we hope to change that."

Professor Keith Dobney, Sixth Century Chair of Human Palaeoecology at the University of Aberdeen, said: "Just about everything associated with domestication is really about the beginnings of farming. Except dogs.

"Dogs were domesticated by hunter-gatherers at least 3,000-5,000 years before agriculture and possibly tens of thousands of years earlier.

Researchers will employ new techniques to study the genetics and shapes of ancient bones and teeth to gain insights into how domestication affected the dogs biologically, and also to chart how domesticated dogs moved across the globe.

GPs SPOT EIGHTY PER CENT OF CANCERS AFTER TWO VISITS

Professor Greg Rubin

More than eighty per cent of cancers diagnosed by GPs are spotted in the first two consultations, with more than half being referred to see a specialist at the first appointment, according to a new study by a team of scientists including Durham University.

The research, published in the *British Journal of Cancer*, looked at data from over 13,000 patients in order to measure the promptness of cancer diagnosis in primary care. They found that 82 per cent of people were referred after two visits, with over half of patients (58 per cent) referred to a specialist after the first visit.

The study, by Durham, Cambridge and Bangor Universities, has also revealed that some cancers are proving harder to spot in the first few consultations, such as lung cancer and myeloma. This may be because they often produce symptoms that are common and not unique to cancer, so can be mistaken for less serious conditions.

The findings show that, the more consultations a patient needs, the greater number of weeks between first presentation and referral. With most of the patients who have these harder-to-spot cancers, it takes longer before there is a suspicion of cancer and they are seen by hospital specialists.

Last year, the *Royal College of General Practitioners*, in partnership with *Cancer Research UK*, launched a five-year programme to improve early diagnosis of cancer in general practice, and appointed Durham University's Greg Rubin as the first ever Clinical Lead for Cancer.

Co-author Greg Rubin, Professor of General Practice and Primary Care in the School of Medicine, Pharmacy and Health said: "We've found that most patients who go to their GP with cancer symptoms are being promptly referred to a specialist. NICE referral guidelines have helped people with classic symptoms to be seen more quickly but, for patients with less typical symptoms, the decision to refer isn't always as simple.

"Reducing the number of pre-referral consultations can result in a more timely diagnosis of cancer. We need to consider ways of making the process of primary care assessment even smarter, for instance by wider use of clinical decision support tools or more efficient investigation pathways."

Dr. Georgios Lyratzopoulos, study author and National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) post-



doctoral research fellow working at the Cambridge Centre for Health Services Research, said: "These results show the progress we're making in spotting cancer at the earliest opportunity. We now understand the typical symptoms of some cancers, like breast and melanoma, very well and that helps doctors to spot them quickly."

"Other cancers have less typical symptoms, making them more difficult to recognise straight away. Not suspecting cancer early enough can be stressful for patients and their relatives so understanding the symptoms of these cancers better is where we need to be making greater research efforts to help spot the disease earlier."

Sara Hiom, early Diagnosis Director at *Cancer Research UK*, said: "These findings highlight the progress we're making, as well as the areas that need to be improved. Cancer can be treated more effectively when diagnosed early, so it's essential that GPs know what to look out for and have the necessary resources to get cancers consistently diagnosed more quickly and accurately."

"But it is also important that we all act on any persistent health changes that concern us and have the confidence to go back to our GPs if problems don't clear up after an initial visit."

BIRDS MAY NEED A HAND TO WEATHER CLIMATE CHANGE

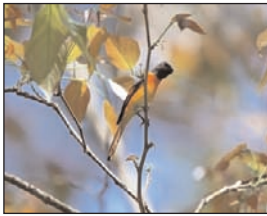


Image courtesy of Andy and Gill Swash (World Wildlife Images)

Birds in Asia may need a helping hand to adapt to climate change, according to scientists.

A new study

led by Durham University and BirdLife International, shows that many bird species are likely to suffer under future climate change, and will require enhanced protection of important sites, better management of the wider countryside, and in some of the most extreme cases may need to be physically moved to climatically suitable areas to help them survive.

The priority, the researchers say, is for stronger protection and effective management of networks of important sites for conservation which currently support priority species and could offer new habitat for birds forced to shift their distribution in future.

The research, published in the journal *Global Change Biology*, examined the potential future distributions of suitable climate within conservation sites (Important Bird Areas) for 370 Asian bird species of conservation concern across the Eastern Himalaya and Lower Mekong regions.

According to the scientists, the findings demonstrate how climate change could affect birdlife and conservation policy across the globe. The researchers say that adapting the way that

conservation sites are managed, and facilitating the movement of species to suitable areas, will be critical to future conservation.

Projections show that at least 45% and possibly up to 88% of the 370 species studied will experience declines in suitable climate, leading to changing species composition at individual sites.

The study considered almost 500 scenarios of each bird species' response to future climate change and showed, for the first time, that despite uncertainty in future climate projections, it was extremely likely that these changes in bird communities would occur. However, the site network as a whole is still likely to retain suitable climate for all species in future, meaning that current conservation efforts should be strengthened, but also adapted.

Co-lead author, Dr. Robert Bagchi, a Research Fellow at the ETH Zurich (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology), Zurich, who conducted the analysis while at Durham University, said: "It is striking that despite big differences among these scenarios, they agree on the final outcome. Even under the least extreme scenarios of climate change, most species we examined will have to shift their ranges in order to find suitable areas in the future."

The regions studied by the research team include the countries of, Bhutan, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam, as well as parts of Nepal and India.

Co-lead author, Dr. Stephen Willis, School of Biological and Biomedical Sciences, said: "As climate changes, we may have to assist birds to move to more suitable locations to help them survive. Although many birds will adjust their distributions, and will find new habitats with suitable climate, we need to manage the countryside to help them disperse, or even relocate birds in the most extreme cases.

"We expect there to be 24 times as many 'losers' as 'winners' in terms of bird species losing or gaining habitat in the future."

The researchers explored climate change impacts on birds in the biodiversity hotspots of the Eastern Himalaya and the Lower Mekong. They then forecasted the likelihood of the IBA (Important Bird Area) network to maintain suitable climate for species of conservation concern.

Co-author, Dr. Stuart Butchart, Head of Science at BirdLife International, said: "Overall, while these important sites will continue to sustain bird species of conservation concern, climate change will modify which species each site will be suitable for.

"We therefore need to adapt our conservation management. The good news, however, is that protecting natural habitats benefits people too, helping communities to adapt to climate change. Healthy ecosystems enhance resilience to the adverse impacts of climate change and reduce the vulnerability of people."

The results show that IBAs in the Lower Mekong region were affected more negatively than those in the Eastern Himalaya. Many parts of these regions will experience significant turnover of bird species (the rate of birds newly colonising or becoming locally extinct) over time.

The study draws upon the work of thousands of experts and organisations, in particular the Partners that form BirdLife International, who contributed to defining species of conservation concern (through the IUCN Red List), mapping their distributions, and identifying Important Bird Areas. The work was funded by a MacArthur Foundation grant to BirdLife International and Dr. Willis at Durham University.

The research was led by Durham University and BirdLife International (including BirdLife International in Indochina) with research partners including Bird Conservation Nepal, Bombay Natural History Society and Conservation International.

VULTURES FORAGING FAR AND WIDE FACE A POISONOUS FUTURE



White backed vultures

African vultures face an increasing risk of fatal poisoning, according to Durham University research.

A first ever study of the range and habits of white-backed vultures across southern Africa shows that they often shun national parks, preferring to forage further afield on private farmland.

This behaviour and their tendency to scavenge in groups, means that vultures risk encountering dead cattle that have been administered veterinary drugs that are poisonous to them, or even poisoned carcasses intended to control other carnivores such as jackals.

The research, using Global Positioning System (GPS) satellite transmitters to track the movements of adolescent vultures, is published in the journal *PLOS ONE*.

The white-backed vulture is a widespread but declining species in Africa and it is now listed as endangered. In India, several vulture species are on the verge of extinction due to accidental poisoning from cattle carcasses that contain anti-inflammatory drugs administered by farmers. These drugs are non-lethal to cattle yet fatal to vultures. There is a concern that these drugs could become more widely used in Africa.

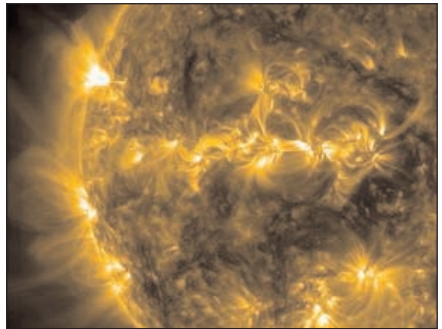
Vultures prefer to feed in savannah grassland habitats and away from other competing

carnivores, such as lions, and the new study shows that the birds will go to considerable lengths to find food, crossing multiple state boundaries, with each bird on average ranging across an area twice the size of England.

Vulture facts:

1. The vulture family includes the Californian and Andean Condors.
2. A group of feeding vultures is called a wake.
3. Vultures are found on every continent except Australia and Antarctica.
4. A particular characteristic of many vultures is a bald head, devoid of normal feathers. This helps to keep the head clean when feeding.
5. Three species of south Asia's vultures are critically threatened with extinction: the Oriental white-backed, the long-billed and the slender-billed vulture - have declined by more than 97% since the early 1990s.
6. Vultures play an important role in Tibetan "Sky burials" where a dead body is prepared and then exposed on a slab of rock for vultures and other scavengers to eat.

DURHAM UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC LANDS FUNDING FOR SOLAR RESEARCH



Magnetic loops in the solar corona. Courtesy of NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory

A lecturer from Durham University has been awarded a grant for his part in a project that seeks to further our understanding of how the sun works.

Dr. Anthony Yeates, from the Department of Mathematical Sciences, has landed the £68,000 award as part of an £818,000 consortium grant awarded to the Universities of Dundee and Durham.

The aim of the work is to understand the basic physical processes that go on in plasmas on the sun and throughout the Universe. In this project they will particularly focus on the solar corona, the outer atmosphere of the sun. Magnetic loops in the solar corona, solar flares and coronal mass ejections, are among the phenomena that scientists still cannot fully explain.

Plasma, an ionised gas, clings to magnetic fields in the sun's atmosphere. This means that the magnetic loops in the atmosphere can be seen by high-powered telescopes due to the radiating plasma. The images these telescopes capture show that the plasma on the magnetic loops has temperatures of more than a million degrees, far higher than that of the 5800C surface of the sun.

POOR MENTORING CAN BE WORSE THAN NO MENTORING, NEW TEACHERS' TOOLKIT REVEALS



School pupils

Poor mentoring can be worse than no mentoring for vulnerable young people. That is one of the insights for teachers provided by the revamped Sutton Trust-Education Endowment Foundation Teaching and Learning Toolkit.

The updated Toolkit, developed by a team of academics at Durham University led by Professor Steve Higgins, shows how schools can best use their resources to provide the biggest possible increases in pupils' learning.

The interactive guide has been revamped and now summarises over 3,000 studies on the impact of a range of interventions including improved behaviour strategies, a school's physical environment, collaborative learning and extending the school day.

Thousands of schools have already been introduced to the research-led approach as a way of using the £623 per pupil they receive for each disadvantaged youngster on their roll through the Pupil Premium. The Premium is set to rise to £900 next year, and is likely in to increase again in 2014-15.

On mentoring, the Toolkit collates research from both sides of the Atlantic to show the importance of having mentors whom young people can trust – perhaps successful people from a similar background – who have been given training and support.

The Toolkit says: "The impact of mentoring is variable, but on average it has tended to be low in terms of direct effect on academic outcomes. There is some evidence that pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds are likely to benefit more (nearly

double the impact). Other positive benefits have been reported in terms of attitudes to school, attendance and behaviour."

"However, there are also risks associated with unsuccessful mentor pairings which may have a detrimental effect on the mentee, and the negative overall impacts seen in some studies should prompt caution."

Programmes where mentors drop out soon after establishing contact with a young person can damage the student's chances.

The new Toolkit adds to the list of approaches that research shows are effective at boosting attainment, while comparing their relative cost effectiveness. Each of the following can be worth the equivalent of four months' learning time to a school:

- * Improved behaviour strategies, particularly those targeted at individual young people who are persistently misbehaving
- * Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning programmes, which focus on improving student behaviour and attitudes, and on the ethos of the school
- * Small group tuition, which can be nearly as effective as individual tuition, but at a lower cost

DURHAM YOUTH AMBASSADORS RECOGNISED FOR CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE IN NORTHERN IRELAND

*Enya Doyle,
Kate Carroll
and Lauren
Sloan
(Presseye/
Durham)*



Two Durham University students have been recognised for organising a mass peace campaign in

Northern Ireland by becoming the first ever recipients of national peace awards presented by David Ford, Justice Minister, Northern Ireland.

Music student, Enya Doyle (Trevelyan College) and Law student, Lauren Sloan (Josephine Butler College) set up a cross-community peace movement based around a Celtic music ensemble called "Not in My Name".

The group formed three years ago in response to the murder in March 2009 of Constable Steve Carroll, the first Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) Police Officer to be murdered by republican dissidents.

"Not in My Name" developed a particular repertoire of music, including tunes and songs from all communities (including Celtic, Ulster Scots and Irish traditional music), to send out a message of

hope and to promote peace and justice across Northern Ireland through concerts.

At the age of 15, Enya Doyle, from Lurgan, Northern Ireland, set up the group while at school and then together with Lauren Sloan, then aged 16, from Banbridge, Northern Ireland, they campaigned for peace throughout their studies at school and university.

The group also inspired a mass protest movement following the murder of Constable Ronan Kerr, in 2011, when tens of thousands of people attended a rally for peace and held up placards saying "Not in my Name", calling for an end to violence.

Lauren, assisted by Enya, set up a social media campaign, lobbying for equality of sentencing in murder trials, following the sentencing in May 2012 of the killers of Steve Carroll.

The Steve Carroll Foundation, set up in memory of Constable Steve Carroll, was officially launched at Parliament Buildings, Stormont, by his widow, Kate, on Monday 14th January, 2013. Constable Carroll, aged 48, was shot dead while on duty in Craigavon, County Armagh, on 9th March, 2009, by the Continuity IRA. Two men are serving jail terms for his murder.

The new foundation has created a set of annual national peace awards. The awards are to be presented at the launch.

Enya Doyle, age 18, Durham University Music Student from Lurgan, Northern Ireland, will receive the *Beacon of Hope Scholarship* for outstanding, inspirational, courageous and a sustained contribution to peace. Enya will also receive the *Northern Ireland Young Peacemaker of the Year* award presented by Luke Waters, NYPD/FBI Special Task Force.

Lauren Sloan, age 19, Durham University Law student from Banbridge, Northern Ireland, will receive the *Northern Ireland Youth for Justice Campaigner Prize* for her tireless dedication to promoting justice by demanding the reform of sentencing tariffs for murder in Northern Ireland presented by David Ford, N.I. Justice Minister.

Kate Carroll visited Durham University on 18th February 2013 to begin peace work with young people, students and universities. Enya Doyle is a recipient of the *Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship* for Music at Durham University.

Durham University music student, Enya Doyle, said: "Northern Ireland has been in the news again recently for all the wrong reasons. I was promised peace and that promise continues to be shattered.

"The Steve Carroll Foundation is about to be launched and I am proud to stand beside Kate on this new, exciting and courageous journey. This foundation offers us all an alternative Northern Ireland and one that I want to be engaging with. Violence is never justified and we will not stall in our fervour for a safer, shared future here."

She added: "Fifteen years ago, a very courageous, former Durham University student called Mo Mowlam stood at the parliament at Stormont and called for peace. Her words still matter: 'If

everyone is willing to accept some change, we can do it.'"

Durham University student, Lauren Sloan, said: "The images of Northern Ireland that I have seen broadcast recently whilst studying, have both shocked and disheartened me. The horrific scenes of youths battling police, and the streets I know so well erupting into riot grounds, is neither the Northern Ireland I remember, nor want to promote.

"The launch of the foundation fills me with hope, as it provides a platform for discussion, peaceful resolution, and most importantly, recognition for young people who don't want to resort to the ways of the past. The message and vision of the foundation is stronger than that of lawless individuals, and has capacity to bring about real, effective change in our country that we can all be proud of."

UNIVERSITY HONOURS LEADING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL FIGURES



*Ken West,
Professor Higgins
and
Baroness Amos*

Durham University has honoured four successful national and

international figures in equal opportunities and human rights, sociology, music and natural burials at its Winter Congregation celebrations.

Durham's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Chris Higgins, presented Honorary Degrees to prominent figures in their fields.

Baroness Valerie Amos, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator at the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Civil Law.

She said: "It is a great privilege to be honoured by Durham University, a University with a long and proud history where there is a strong commitment to the principles of social justice."

Baroness Amos was nominated by Professor Lena Dominelli, from Durham University's School of Applied Social Sciences (SASS), who first met her when they were both community development workers in the West Midlands in the early 1980s.

"Valerie is an outstanding individual who has contributed to the development of cohesive societies, championing human rights and social justice for women and minority ethnic groups in the UK and across the world," said Professor Dominelli.

"She has worked her way to the top from humble beginnings and provides an inspirational role model for staff and students affiliated to Durham University."

Ken West MBE, the pioneer of natural burials, received an honorary Master of Arts. Mr. West started his career in the funeral industry as a 15-year-old horticultural trainee in Shrewsbury Cemetery. He rose to become Bereavement Services Manager for Carlisle in the late 1980's and established the world's first "green" burial service in 1993.

His lead has since been followed in North America, Australia and New Zealand. He was made an MBE in 2002 for his services to burial and cremation.

He said: "The death industry is rarely topical or appealing, so I feel overwhelmed to be recognised for my contribution to work in bereavement. I will also remain forever indebted to those people in the North, including Durham, who gave me support when natural burial was in its infancy in Cumbria. Without these passionate advocates, I would not be in this fortunate position."

Mr. West was nominated by Professor Douglas Davies – among other members of Durham University's Departments of Theology and Religion, Anthropology and the School of Medicine, Pharmacy and Health – who said: "It is rare for a single individual to be hugely catalytic of a social trend that emerges distinct from new social policies forged by national or local government. He has, in effect, engendered a new British 'way of death', that has spread to over 200 sites."

Musician Graham Johnson, OBE, received an Honorary Doctor of Music. A pianist and accompanist, he has performed with the world's foremost vocalists to critical acclaim. His is particularly noted for his commercial recordings of lieder – generally romantic poems set to music – and the scholarship of his liner notes for these recordings.

Mr. Johnson also has a longstanding artistic relationship with the Wigmore Hall, and is Chairman of the jury for the Wigmore Hall Song Competition. He is also Senior Professor of Accompaniment at the Guildhall School of Music.

He said: "I am delighted to be honoured with a doctorate by a University with such an august musical tradition. As a performer who attended a conservatoire in his youth, rather than a University, I can think of no better centre of learning with which to be to be associated than Durham."

"By a very happy coincidence, my first and most important piano teacher was born and brought up in Bishop Auckland and often visited Durham as a little girl. Nearly 55 years after my first piano lessons from her, it is a joy to Nora Hutchinson-Smith that my Doctorate should be awarded in the county of her birth. She is travelling all the way from South Africa for the ceremony."

Mr. Johnson was nominated by Sir Thomas Allen, Durham University Chancellor and world-renowned opera singer, who said: "Durham University, proud of its musically talented student body and its high performing music department, recognises the outstanding contribution made to music by Graham Johnson; not only in his services to performance, accompanying myself on various occasions, but also in his commitment to the furtherance of knowledge. He is, quite simply, an extraordinary fellow."

Professor Huw Beynon, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters.

A distinguished Industrial Sociologist of international repute, he joined Durham University in 1977 and spent the next ten years here. It was a momentous period in the political economy of the UK and one that was to have a profound effect on his research. Once in Durham, he researched the mining trade unions and communities, which led to his involvement in contesting the Government's policy of pit closures.

"The twelve years I spent in Durham were amongst the most memorable of my life," he said. "Obviously it is a great honour to be awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the University. It is also very significant for me that the University has recognised the importance of academics working closely with local people and communities, particularly during these times of great upheavals and change."

"My strongest memories are of the warmth and generosity of the people I met as part of my research in the towns and villages across Durham and on Tyneside."

Professor Beynon was nominated by Professor Ray Hudson of Durham University's Geography Department.

Professor Chris Higgins, Vice-Chancellor of Durham University, said: "All of our Honorary Degree recipients have made outstanding contributions in their chosen fields and are a real example to our students of what can be achieved with drive, determination and skill."

"Our students benefit from research-led teaching, delivered by some of the world's finest academics, and a truly unique student experience providing opportunities through our Colleges, sport, societies and outreach to develop key skills such as teamwork, leadership and critical thinking."

MUMS MAY INFLUENCE BABIES' PAIN AT ROUTINE VACCINATIONS

Dr. Nadja Reissland

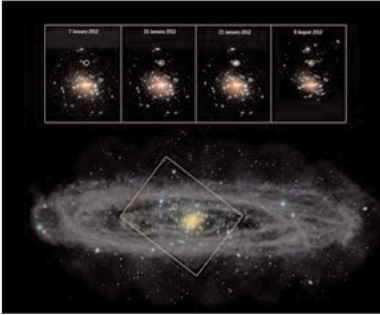
Babies of first-time mums express more pain during routine vaccinations than those of experienced mothers, according to new research.

The Durham University study suggests that first-time mothers' anxiety about the procedure has an effect on their babies.

The researchers say babies' early experience of pain shapes their response to painful events later in life so reduction of anxiety in both mother and baby is important.



ASTRONOMERS DISCOVER “MISSING LINK” OF BLACK HOLES

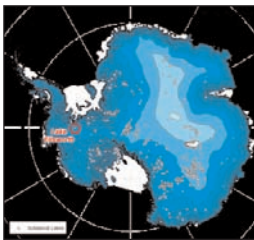


(Credit – European Space Agency)

The discovery of a bingeing black hole that is expelling powerful beams of material has shed new light on some of the brightest X-ray sources seen in other galaxies, according to new research led by Durham University.

Using Earth-orbiting X-ray telescopes, including NASA’s Swift and the European Space Agency’s XMM-Newton satellites, a large international team of astronomers watched as the X-ray emission from the black hole in our nearest neighbouring galaxy, Andromeda – found more than two million light years away – brightened and faded over the course of six months.

BRITISH TEAM SET TO ACCESS AND SAMPLE ONE OF EARTH’S LAST UNEXPLORED ENVIRONMENTS



A British team of scientists and engineers will realise a 16-year ambition to drill through more than 3km of Antarctic ice into an ancient buried lake – and Durham University members of the

team are eagerly awaiting the results.

The Antarctic team hopes to find signs of life in the water and clues to the Earth’s past climate in the mud at the lake floor.

CLEAREST EVIDENCE YET OF POLAR ICE LOSSES

Credit Ian Joughin



An international team involving Durham University experts has produced the most accurate assessment of ice losses from Antarctica and Greenland to date, ending 20 years of uncertainty.

In a landmark study, published on 30th November in the journal *Science*, the researchers show that melting of the Antarctic and Greenland ice sheets has contributed 11.1 millimetres to global sea levels since 1992. This amounts to one fifth of all sea level rise over the survey period.

About two thirds of the ice loss was from Greenland, and the remainder was from Antarctica.

BILL BRYSON RENAMES UNIVERSITY LIBRARY AND OPENS NEW WING



Bill Bryson and the Bill Bryson Library

“New East Wing is part of £22m investment in Durham University’s modern and historic libraries”

Bill Bryson returned to Durham University on Tuesday November 27th to rename the Main Library and open its new wing.

The opening of the £11m East Wing at the Bill Bryson Library makes the main library building 42 per cent bigger and provides 500 new study spaces across four floors.

The development is part of Gateway, Durham University's major £60m estates project which incorporates a new Law School and a dedicated building for student support services, The Palatine Centre.

Dr. Bryson, who served as the University's Chancellor from April 2005 to December 2011, is making his first visit back to the University since he bid farewell last year.

He said: "As somebody who has been privileged enough to have books at the centre of my life, I can't think of any greater honour than to give my name to Durham University's Library and the pursuit of learning for generations to come".

"I once wrote that of all the things I am not very good at, living in the real world is perhaps the most outstanding."

"Libraries and books are a doorway to a whole new world – democratic access to a galaxy of infinite possibilities beyond the routine and the mundane that really make life worth living."

The *Bill Bryson Library*, which is built on a former colliery, houses the majority of Durham University's modern printed book and journal collections. Access is primarily for staff and students but librarians also work with local schools on specially designed research skills sessions, amongst other outreach projects.

The new East Wing has been designed to produce a light and spacious study environment, including 21 individual and six group study rooms.

It has enabled the library to rearrange its collection of 1.5m books into one sequence and to make 120,000 books previously in storage available in open access shelving for the first time.

Jon Purcell, University Librarian, said: "Feedback from the National Student Survey, social media and our Student Users Forum told us that our students needed a bigger and better library. Student representatives were consulted throughout the design and development of the East Wing. Maximising study space and providing a range of facilities was a priority for us."

Mr Purcell added: "The renaming of the *Bill Bryson Library*, which never had a site specific name before, recognises Bill's time as the University's 11th Chancellor, his ongoing links with the library, and the continuing development of the site.

"Bill was a frequent user of the library during his time as Chancellor, and made full use of the study facilities and resources in the course of his research.

"Library staff were often surprised to come across Bill using the photocopiers and reading on Level one amongst the students!"

The Bill Bryson Library is the largest of five libraries which make up the Durham University Library Service, which is receiving a £22m investment.

The other four libraries are: Palace Green Library (exhibitions, special and local collections); The Queen's Campus Library; the Leazes Road Library (additional educational materials); The Business School Library (additional business school materials).

The Library Service can trace its roots back to 1669, when John Cosin, Bishop of Durham, paid for a Library to be constructed on Palace Green close to his residence, Durham Castle, which contained his extensive collection of books. This became the Library for the newly-founded Durham University in 1833.

As well as giving his name to Durham University's main Library, Bill Bryson has also become the President of the newly-founded Friends of Palace Green Library, which will be home to the Lindisfarne Gospels exhibition in summer 2013.

FETUSES YAWN IN THE WOMB, ACCORDING TO NEW RESEARCH



Fetus yawning

We know that unborn babies hiccup, swallow and stretch in the womb but new observational research concludes that they also yawn.

The 4D scans of 15 healthy fetuses, by Durham and Lancaster Universities, also suggest that yawning is a developmental process which could potentially give doctors another index of a fetus' health.

Former Bursar replies: Albert Cartmell on DR. IAN DOYLE



The most recent edition of *Castellum* contained an article by **Ian Doyle**. It was the vintage and eminently scholarly Doyle that I might have expected; and I thoroughly enjoyed it. My disappointment was that it revealed little about the writer and his support for the College and the Senior Common Room of which he has been a member since, I believe, 1950. Perhaps I might now attempt to redress that imbalance.

I first came across Ian in 1951 when I came up as an Undergraduate. I was out at Lumley and Ian lived, I believe, in the Castle. On arrival at College via the morning Lumley bus one invariably saw the as yet

“undoctored” Doyle, besuited and with trilby, brief case in one hand and a bottle of milk in the other dashing across the Courtyard, through the Castle gates and down the Barbican to his office in the Palace Green Library. He spoke to very few: Cicely and her mother, the guardians of the then Lodge were perhaps exceptions. Seemingly remote though always courteous, he appeared to me to be the very epitome of scholarship; and from the lower echelons of the Great Hall, his bespectacled and peering persona seemed hand crafted for the grandeur of High Table.

Fast forward now to 1981 when I returned as Bursar and later, Vice Master. One of the first members of the SCR I met was Ian. Courteous and

looking remarkably like the man I had last seen from afar in 1954, he greeted me with immense kindness, and with the level of respect (we were now on Christian name terms) which Ian accorded to authority generally even when he disagreed with them.

He explained to me the somewhat arcane workings and practices of the SCR and, quietly but with some emphasis, made it quite clear that he expected me to try uphold to these. Throughout this latter period at the College, until my retirement in 1997, Ian worked tirelessly to preserve the ethos of this unique combination of scholarship and academic privilege which I grew to love. In those days the SCR was an interesting and happy place (and I am sure it still is) with its own vibrant academically slanted social life in which Ian revelled. Visitors, distinguished and otherwise, were welcomed by Ian with the equal courtesy, the newspapers were ordered and attended to by Ian, coffee was made and served after meals by Ian. Standards were exemplified and jealously guarded, by Ian. And he still performs many of these services (though now less frequently) with his quiet and uniquely academic brand of civility in which courteous listening plays such an important part. No service seemed too much or too trivial for Ian if it furthered the interests of the Senior Common Room or its members or guests; and that is still the case. No undergraduate who turns to him for help will ever be ignored. Palace Green Library still benefits from his expertise. He is still active on numerous committees concerned with conservation and the preservation of ancient buildings in the University and the City; and he is still a stickler for what he believes is right. He also continues to escape to that academic treasure house at the top of the Pemberton Building which few others are privileged to enter; and the primacy of his religious views and support for Ushaw College remain undimmed.

Though he now no longer lives in College (being persuaded some years ago that it was appropriate to get on the "housing ladder") he is, particularly in term, a regular in the Common Room which he still serves with dignity and civility. The financial pressures which inevitably engender a push towards some degree of centralisation and commercialisation are, I suspect, not to his taste. Ian is still essentially a "College Man" who does what he can to preserve the ethos of the College and the identity of Senior and Junior Common Rooms in a changing world: though I am sure that he is conscious of the mood of the times in which we live. Of course, those who know him will recognise that his penchant for self deprecation would not allow him to claim any part in the vibrancy of the Senior Common Room and its support for the College. His contribution to both over many years has been immense and has endeared him to staff and to students alike; for Ian is a caring man. I, for one, applaud him for his assiduous pursuit of what he sees as the best interests of the College and its members. I am sure that will not change.

Albert Cartmell

playing Collingwood A led to a 3–0 forfeit, a great result for a team with only seven fit players.

And as part of the celebrations for the arrival of *HMS Bulwark*, the Club entertained their football team in a match that was friendly only in its title, after several large tackles and bad-mouthing Castle ultimately prevailed 4–1. This was followed by an end of season friendly with the *SS Ladzio*, the London-based **Castle Old Boys Team**, before the traditional festivities of the **Jamies Mum Invitational Underdogs** match and North vs. South, quite rightly the biggest event on the sporting calendar.

Overall, I would like to thank everyone who has made this year and the previous three incredible amongst this Club. A big thank you goes to the three captains, as well as **M.P. Horrocks** who has proved essential in raising the level of professionalism and performance amongst the Club, especially with the A-team. And finally I would like to once again pay tribute to **JORDAN HARKER**, “*a dear friend, loyal Club member and gifted footballer who tragically passed away in December 2009. May his shirt above the Undie bar serve as a reminder and an inspiration to all those within the Club*”.

UCBC WOMEN'S SQUAD

The *Freshers Fayre* last October saw existing rowers doing “almost anything” to try and persuade Freshers that getting up early throughout the winter, getting wet and training hard were just the activities that a new student would want to do! As a result of amazing efforts, though, we now have an incredible number of girl rowers to make up the Women’s Squad – some are so committed that they want even more morning outings and erg sessions!

The year got off to an inauspicious start with two Freshers disappearing during the first social! Matters improved swiftly when, during the initial novice crew selection one girl managed to beat several of the Men’s Squad.

From serious school girl rowers to girls who had only a couple of outings during the novice cup period, the UCBC Women’s Squad this year really has been among the most committed groups of girls the Club has ever had.

For the first time we have had enough girls to field three VIII's and despite being unable to take all three to London for the Women’s Head, two of the VIII's had a fantastic race, with an amazing performance from the girls second VIII which kept the girls in the first VIII focused for the rest of the season!

The Girls Double has also had a strong and successful start to the **Regatta Season**, working well together. Unfortunately they didn’t get through to the finals at Durham City but certainly remain up for a challenge as the season builds up.

The strength of the Girls this year has undoubtedly been as a result of strong bonding and friendships and a combined ambition to succeed. The girls have been great (and stood up to the boys when necessary!) and we hope to finish the year in style – with another win or two!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR – Drinking Clubs

Dear Sir,

I have just received the latest edition of *Castellum* and was surprised that you chose to allow in an article from “V’s, where social drinking is always a pleasure”. It sends out completely the wrong message about Castle and frankly emphasises a side to the College which many people did not and do not like very much.

I also note that none of the members of this august society are women – why not? Where are the articles from “Women’s” Societies?!!

Given the number of Societies which do flourish in Castle, I am surprised that you found space to put this drivel in.

Feel free to publish this letter in your next edition.

Yours fraternally, Sarah Lucy Cooper – a First Lady!

The Editor replies:

Sarah Lucy -

Thanks for your email about the “drivel” from the V’s Group which I included in *Castellum*. The source for all Club and Society reports is the Students’ Year Book, and whilst Clubs and Societies are welcome to send me a piece by email as you have done, none ever do, so the only reports I receive and re ones culled from the Year Book. These have to be censured when they are full of in-jokes which would never be understood by a readership not actually in College. You may be interested that the new Master, **Prof. David Held**, holds a similar view to yourself and has asked for a meeting with me.

Although I have editorial control of the magazine, I do normally arrange to print material from the College Office, and the V’s Group one was sent with other Club and Society reports. I could have quashed it, but did not for the rather weak reason that it fitted into the magazine which is made up of blocks of four pages. If I had been particularly pressed for space, I probably would have left it out since the consequences would not have been great. Had I chosen to leave out, say, the Chapel or Boat Club report I might have got into more trouble!

In the light of living in County Durham for 25 years I find the sight of drunken students roaming the streets of Durham City pretty distasteful and my natural inclination would be to leave such reports

out. I have a bit more sympathy for the **Lumley Run** which starts in my home town of Chester-le-Street and has gone on for many years as an event which is more athletic than alcoholic.

I will be happy to publish your email as a *Letter to the Editor*, but If you would like to expand on it further I would welcome this.

Kind regards, Alex Nelson

Sarah adds:

Dear Alex,

Thanks for your response. Whilst I did not acknowledge the same, I can well understand as a “committee woman” myself that editing the *Castellum* is a rather thankless task – I should have made that clear in my previous email.

In fact I happen to know David although I have not spoken to him about this – I suspect he would be rather amused to know my views.

As the only female owner of a car during my time at Castle and certainly the only person to be found sober on a Saturday night, I came to be known as the *College Ambulance* and during my time I took to Dryden an MP’s daughter who was pissed and had fallen off the back of a low wall alongside the entrance to Castle, the nephew of the then Chief Executive of BUPA (I kid you not as he loudly proclaimed it in the NHS A and E) who had fallen over a bin in *The Undercroft* after completing the *Lumley Run* and a host of other people – many girls included – who had their stomachs pumped.

The “V” Society and others similar will no doubt continue to survive without the added fuel of publicity from *Castellum*.

Finally I take on board your comments re looking for articles and will endeavour to drum up some articles from some of the First Ladies, some of whom have done extremely well professionally.

Yours, Sarah Lucy Cooper



BANDS AND BALLS

Many of *Castellum's* more venerable readers will have faced up to one last great challenge, the challenge we all face before age and infirmity overcomes us. I refer, of course, to the job of clearing the loft. But, like me, they may have found that the seemingly endless encounter with archive boxes and decaying suitcases has yielded rewarding finds. And so it was that not only did I uncover a box containing fifty or so “*My Little Ponies*” but the survivor of half a dozen house moves, a cache of *Palatinates*, *Rag Magazines* and photographs from the years 1962–1965, the years of my time at Castle.

Also tucked away were some more recent editions of *Castellum* and as I turned their pages it struck me that nothing much has changed in fifty years. Technology may have advanced, Castlemen might be living a little further above the bread line (bank loans were not available in our time – overdraw by as much as a penny and you were summoned for an interview with the bank manager) and a larger student body has created a pool of talent for a much richer range of College activities.

But some of the things that engaged us in 1962 still engage Castlemen today. And, in particular, there are still Balls and where there are Balls-bands are sure to be. So reflecting that I could still recall the heady days of the “sixties” I thought that it worth getting down a few recollections of the music scene in Durham in those distant days.

Of course the “sixties” were barely underway in 1962... perhaps they began with the release of the **Beatles** first single, *Love Me Do*, that autumn. But such were the changes in the UK's music scene over the next three years that its impact is still to be seen on today's bands and in our language. So just last September, nearly fifty years after the single was issued, a weekend newspaper ran the headline *Hippy Hippy Shake-Up* over a story about a new television comedy series and newspaper headlines still refer to this person's or that country's “**Moody Blues**”.

Thus it was that my time in Durham coincided with an amazing period when the British music scene transformed itself from also-rans, anaemic clones and covers of the great American rock and rollers – **Little Richard**, **Chuck Berry**, **Buddy Holly** – into world leaders and a significant export industry. After all, for a time the **Beatles** were better known than any other four people on the planet.

It is not easy to convey quite what the popular music scene was like in 1962. There were only three national radio stations which, because of Musicians' Union rules, broadcast very little recorded music and only a handful of hours live rock and pop. **BBC radio** offered a few jazz concerts and live big band dance music, programming that went back to the 1920's,

while comedy shows like *The Goon Show* or *Round the Horne* had studio big bands for incidental music and to accompany a singer. You might pick a wavering signal from **Radio Luxembourg** or the **American Forces Network from Europe** but it was not until the pirate radio stations started to broadcast in 1964 and then with the creation of **Radios 1** and **2** that the airwaves began to hum with rock and pop. In the 1950's there were two rock shows on television. The slick, fast moving, but cover version dominated, *Oh Boy* on independent television and the *6.5 Special* on the BBC, introduced by **Pete Murray** in a cardigan. It was all a bit sanitised and the rock scene seemed to be controlled by agents and managers who encouraged their "artistes" to claim that their ambition was to be an "all round entertainer" – a bit of a sell out I always thought.

However, if the airwaves were pretty silent there was plenty of live music to be found. In every town and city aspiring **Elvis's**, **Gene Vincents** and **Eddie Cochranes** formed bands and played in youth clubs, civic centres and a few rock 'n clubs – like the *Cavern* in Liverpool but not normally. This was the way the **Beatles** and the other bands of that period built their following. The **David Essex** film "*That'll Be the Day*" and **Robbie Coltrane's** television series "*Tutti Frutti*" capture something of the time.

However, rock and blues filled only a small part of the live music scene in the early years of the sixties. There was still a strong following for the New Orleans and Dixieland Bands that had first flourished after the Second World War led by the likes of **Ken Colyer** and **Alex Welsh**, both of whom played in Durham in my time. From the age of fifteen I was a regular at three London modern jazz clubs including **Ronnie Scott's** and the **100c**.

And then across the country from big city dance halls to holiday camps, to civic centres, to village halls to Masonic dinners to hotel dinner dances there were dance bands playing the music which had been the backdrop to the social lives of our parents' generation, from the thirties, through the war years and into the fifties when teenagers found themselves learning some basic dance steps ready for a faltering excursion onto the dance floor at a family wedding or dinner dance. Learning the Waltz, the Foxtrot, the Quickstep was a rite of passage for millions and a regular way to find a wife or husband. The dance at the end of **Alan Bennett's** "*A Private Function*" will give a flavour. I don't recall any discos in the early sixties, *Annabels* in Berkley Square may have been the first in London, opening in 1963, but you would get records spun at youth club dances.

So this was the music scene that the Durham hops, "informals" and balls reflected. Castle informal might have a local five or six piece "strict tempo" dance band and the Grey or Bede rock bands or more expensively a local group the **Zephyrs**, who had one top forty entry. June Ball, for all the Durham Colleges and held in Castle or the Caedmon Hall, aspired to bigger



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things so the **Johnny Dankworth Big Band**... sixteen pieces plus singer appeared at June Ball 1963. A certain shift in emphasis had, however, occurred at the 1963 Rag Ball with a performance by **Pepe and the New York Twisters**, a touring US band, supported by **Chico Arnez and his Orchestra**. But one sensed the biggest change – the embracing of mass popular music – when we were booking bands for 1964 Rag Ball when the *Merseybeat* boom was on us and bands were coming from obscurity to nationwide success and mass exposure overnight. So the Rag Committee, taking counsel from a Liverpudlian on the Committee, booked the **Swinging Blue Jeans** for £100. This was a band much acclaimed locally before the **Beatles** had charted and they did us proud and came into the Market Square in a beaten up transit van – at number one in the *NME Charts* with *The Hippy Hippy Shake* – and read *Shakespeare*; it was some kind of anniversary and we had an open air non stop 24 hours a day reading of the complete works and got in the national press. Strict tempo at 1964 Rag Ball was covered by the **Bob Potter Band**; Bob now owns *The Lakeside* in Essex. We had a “*Mersybeat*” package at the Town Hall, notable only for **Freddie Starr’s** Elvis impersonation.

My contribution was to have identified the coming of the British R&B scene, seeing bands cutting their teeth at *The Flamingo* and *The Marquee*. **Manfred Mann** wasn’t available and as I was a bit of a purist we booked the Chicago blues inspired **Cyril Davis All Stars**. I rejected one band on offer at £80 because they had only just formed and I couldn’t risk them folding before Rag week some eight or nine months later. I should have had a bit more confidence in the staying powers of the **Rolling Stones**! Sadly Cyril died a few weeks before Rag Week so, again going for safety, I turned away the survivors playing as **Long John Baldry** and the **Hoochie Coochie Men**. I later discovered, one night at *The Marquee*, that they had signed a nineteen year old supporting singer of charismatic presence, one **Rod Stewart**. And so **Alexis Korne**, founding father of British R&B, brought his band for a Saturday night gig at the Caedmon Hall.

Emboldened by the **Swinging Blue Jeans** success, the University Dance Committee booked the **Moody Blues** for an end of term ball on my suggestion, based on nothing more than piece about a new formed band in the *Melody Maker*. And they gave us a great set just as “*Go Now*” went to number one, **Denny Laine**, later of **Wings**, was lead vocalist at that time telling me their inspiration was **Sonny Boy Williamsons’** “*Don’t Start Me To Talkin’*”. However, we rejected **Tom Jones** on the basis that it was a bit naff to have changed your name in a nod to **Albert Finney’s** starring role in the film version of Fielding’s novel. It also seemed rather too much like a throwback to the days of the **Larry Parnes** stable – **Billy Fury**, **Marty Wilde** *et al.* Pity that “*It’s Not Unusual*” was topping the charts just around the time he would have been in Durham.

This is not the place for an exhaustive list of every band that came, or might have come, to Durham in these years. Not every booking was a chart topper. **The Escorts** were a highly rated Liverpool group overtaken by the R&B boom. **Mike Berry and the Outlaws** were a **Buddy Holly Tribute Band**. Mike turned to acting appearing in *Worzel Gummidge* and *Are You Being Served*. We had a visit from **The Fairies**, a hotter, almost “punk” version of the **Rolling Stones**, much in the mould of the excellent **Pretty Things**. The **Fairies** issued a few singles but faded on the cusp of a breakthrough after their lead singer was imprisoned for a fatal driving offence. We rejected the **Hollies** on the basis that at £180 they were too expensive and, try as we could, we could never book the **Yardbirds** in their **Eric Clapton** period.

I thought I would wind up these recollections with the line up for the 1965 June Ball held in Castle (there was another June Ball in the Caedmon Hall). Bear in mind that this was nearly fifty years ago and so the £10 a head ticket price must equate to around £200 today, though I doubt you would get an equivalent line up of bands at even that price. However, there were no fireworks, dodgem cars, magicians, just several sittings of dinner (wild salmon or chicken salad) in the Undercroft, a bar outside The Great Hall and the music.

First, to meet strict tempo expectations, we had the **Cyril Stapleton Show Band**, a sixteen piece outfit with two singers, Cyril was a BBC regular on the *BBC Band Show*. Other possibilities like **Joe Loss** and **Victor Sylvester** and the **BBC’s Northern Dance Orchestra** (the **NDO**) had not been available. For more traditional jazz fans we had a Dixieland band “**The Dutch Swing College Band**”, formed in 1943 it had been touring the world for many years. For sophisticates we had **Cleo Laine**, the top British female jazz vocalist of the time, and her piano trio. Then we had a really good set from **Geno Washington and the Ram Jam Band** who totally outshone a rather desultory performance from a new outfit called **Them** led by a less than charismatic **Van Morrison**. They had already charted with the R&B standard “*Baby Please Don’t Go*” backed by the longer surviving “*Gloria*” but when I asked them to play their new single we got “*Here Comes the Night*” and not “*My Generation*” which I was hoping for. All too easy to confuse **Them** and **Who** on the basis of one half heard airplay.

It was a great night but a long one and because numbers were limited, dinner had to be eaten and tastes varied the Great Hall was rarely full. And I still owe **Cleo Laine** a bottle of champagne; she had called for such but Cecily’s response was to carry a bottle of *Babycham* through The Great Hall on a silver tray to her dressing room.



David Mallett, Castle 1962–65

ST. CUTHBERT AND THE LINDISFARE GOSPELS



The replica banner of St. Cuthbert and the Lindisfarne Gospels facsimile in the shrine of St. Cuthbert behind the High Altar of Durham Cathedral.

The originals were last together there in 1537 when visited by the Commissioners of Henry VIII.

The original Lindisfarne Gospels are returning to Durham during July, August and September 2013, on loan from the British Library. Special arrangements are being made for Castlemen to see them, probably on the Friday evening of the reunion, 13th

September. The Gospels were completed by Bishop Eadfrith on Holy Island some time before 721 AD in honour of God and St. Cuthbert. They arrived after eight years of travelling around the north (following Viking raids on Lindisfarne) at Chester-Le-Street in 883.

During a 112 year stay in Chester-Le-Street, they were translated into Old English by the priest Aldred "writing between the lines". Cuthbert's body moved to Durham in 995 when the present diocese was founded. Aldred's translation is the oldest known copy of the four Gospels in the English language and the book is one of the most valuable treasures of the British Library at St. Pancras, London. Seeing this iconic book is another good reason to attend the 2013 reunion.

MAPS OF DURHAM

BY KEVIN E. SHEEHAN
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*Jonathan Cartmell, James Bloomfield, Albert Cartmell
and his grandson Jack Cartmell*



DESERT REUNION

You might think that the scrubby, dusty, rock strewn piece of treeless desert on the north east coast of the sandy peninsular which is Qatar is an unlikely place for a reunion of Castlemen. And yet it happens.

Earlier this year, with my son, Jonathan (Van Mildert), and family we travelled north from Doha to Al Zubarah to explore the remains of a fort which had been built on the coast there to safeguard the seventeenth century trading community from pirates and foreign tax collectors. The settlement had long since gone but archaeologists from the University of Copenhagen and the Qatar Museum Authority were exploring its site and restoring the still largely extant fort. By design, the fort was a simple, square construction with a strong door, turrets at its corners and an internal rampart from which defenders could have warded off attackers in those lawless days.

Within the fort there was activity. Scaffolding, planking, stones and all the paraphernalia of work in progress cluttered the place where once soldiers had toiled under the hot desert sun. The banging of hammers and the smell of paint had replaced the shout of command, the snap of the rifle and the whiff of cordite. As we looked, a western figure slowly emerged from the shade to quietly but politely demand to know what we were up to. We spoke of our interest in the history of the fort. He, it transpired, worked for a London firm (Alan Baxter and Associates) and was the engineer in charge of its refurbishment. His name was James Bloomfield.

Further quiet chat elicited that he was a Castleman having taken an MSc in Civil Engineering in 2010. When I told him that I was also a Castleman (1951-4) and that I had returned to Castle later in life to be Bursar and Vice Master there was much surprise, joyful reminiscence, animated chat and at least the first line or two of "Gentlemen of Castle". To cap it all, James revealed that his grandfather, George Bloomfield, had been Pemberton Scholar in 1939 and Captain of the College Association Football XI. After war service in the Royal Navy, George completed his studies and took a PhD in Physics before lecturing at Glasgow University and eventually joining the National Coal Board.

Another striking illustration of how Castlemen (and indeed Durham alumni generally) are making "contributions" in the most unexpected places! *Floreat Castellum* we cried as we parted company and sped south to the air conditioned delights of Doha and Education City, where my son is the Chief Administrative Officer for Georgetown University. Another Durham connection. James is now busy refurbishing Paddington Station.

Albert Cartmell

FIFTY YEARS ON FROM THE BRINK

John F. Kennedy in the White House; **Harold Macmillan** in No. 10; the Cold War frozen solid. The *Beatles* yet to release their first single. The first Bond film, *Dr. No*, on the big screen. *Accrington Stanley*, bankrupt, resign from the Football League (it would take them another 46 years to get back). It is 1962, a full half century ago, and in Castle, work was beginning on turning the historic *Undercroft*, then just a dark storage area visited by few (except to use the Castle Washing Machine) into a fully-fledged bar and social centre.

This would mean radical change in the habits of the drinking Castleman, for whom the handiest watering hole had long been the *Union Bar* on Palace Green. Despite the excellence of its *Newcastle 'Ex'* straight from the barrel, this place had its limitations, not least its restricted opening hours. Those looking for more of town and less of gown would migrate down the hill to the *Buffalo Head* or the *Shakespeare* in Saddler Street, while just off Elvet Bridge, the *Waterloo* (soon to be demolished) was popular with many. Some favoured places a little further afield – the *Dun Cow* in Old Elvet maybe, or the *Colpitts* (prescient fellows: both these became **Good Beer Guide** regulars from its earliest editions in the 1970s). Over at the science labs, the *New Inn* (then just a small no-frills boozier) offered convenient refreshment. But a bar actually in *Castellum*, let alone one in such a unique setting, promised a new, extra dimension.

The *Undercroft* properly got into its stride that October – just weeks before events in the wider world took a very ugly turn. The **Cuba Missile Crisis**, with missile-laden Soviet ships heading for **Fidel Castro's** island – well within range of the U.S.A. – has, with good reason, gone down in history as civilisation's closest-ever brush with total destruction. Armed with the tell-tale aerial images of the ships, U.S. **President Kennedy** declared a Cuban blockade – a challenge which brought tension worldwide to a pitch never reached before, or since.

Events reached a climax on Tuesday 23rd of October, when Armageddon seemed just hours away. Normality became frozen. In Castle, scores crammed into the TV room on Hall Stairs to watch the BBC's first rolling news programme: schedules abandoned, broadcasters struggled to interview any pundit available, interspersed, for want of anything better, with horribly incongruous records (**Pat Boone's** "*Speedy Gonzalez*" sticks in the mind).

As a group of us headed down to the "*Dunelm*" that evening, we glanced up at the Castle and Cathedral looming over the town, as they had for nearly nine centuries. For how much longer? Nine hours maybe? No-one said it but

everyone thought it. At the *Dunelm* the “Geog. Soc.” were holding their autumn social, where your scribe, behind the bar, still vividly recalls the scene as reported in *Palatinate* the following Friday:

‘Geog. Soc.’s social in the *Dunelm* did a roaring trade and attendance exceeded all expectations. Here the bar took about £80 (about £1,300 today). Many seemed to go with the express intention of obliterating feeling about the world outside. It was variously described as a mad-house and a riot.’

It was indeed. We tipped up the barrels of beer to drain out every last dreg, and the crowds scrambled and jostled for it like starving refugees at an aid drop. There was hardly time to do any drinking ourselves. Eventually, with nothing left, we headed back up the hill and stood talking on Palace Green. We hushed as a weird howl rose on the night air. Nuclear missile? No – a big diesel crossing the railway viaduct. Everyone breathed again.

Palatinate, then edited by Castleman **John Exelby**, recorded the night for posterity:

‘This editorial is being written late on Tuesday night. At the moment we are on the brink of the most terrible war mankind has ever known, one which will destroy civilisation as we know it.’ Going on to excoriate **President Kennedy** and **Nikita Khrushchev** – in that order – it concludes: ‘If the Russian ships do not alter course you may not read this. If any compromise can be reached there can still be hope. But it is unlikely that the world situation will give any cause for optimism for at least the next decade.’

As the world knows, the Russian ships did alter course and, as a headline in the next weekend’s papers put it: “The deterrent deterred. Instead of the last trump, **Mr. Khrushchev** on Thursday sounded the retreat.” It would be nearly three decades, though, before the Cold War itself was over.

And so passed a week which few who experienced it will ever quite forget. In Castle we headed once more for our favoured watering holes, and not least our brand-new *Undercroft*, which now looked to have a better future than just a pile of radioactive rubble. Moods swiftly changed, and within weeks that TV room on Hall Stairs was notching up more record attendances – but this time on Saturday nights, as **David Frost** and co. sent up anything and everything on *That Was The Week That Was*. Life was moving on.

Neil Wooler, Castle 1960–63

CENTRE FOR PARTICLE THEORY

In those long gone days when a University education was actually a few bob and the bittersweet smell of coal fire smoke drifted curlicues across the winter terraces of Claypath, the University of Durham decided to set up a joint venture between the Departments of Mathematics and Physics to do research in high energy physics.

The motive force behind this enterprise, himself a specialist in questionable jokes and puns, and having no care for the symmetry of the name, named the institution the *Centre for Particle Theory*. It was to be staffed jointly by members of the Mathematics and Physics Departments.

When, after some years of fund raising, the Centre was opened a symposium was decided on. The venue – *Geneva Technical University*. The topic – **Recent Advances in Bi-Hopf Co-Gauge Theories of the Tri-Second Kind**. The venue would provide convenient access to the experimental heartbeat of the Centre's work and a pleasant lakeside setting for those convivial after dinner chats that can lead to inspiration.

And to get to the venue? A train ride. Or rather several train rides, and a trip through the Channel Tunnel.

At points various (London, Dover, Calais etc.) the delegates would buy tickets for the next stage of the journey. Being a new formed corporate body of the University from older bodies there was an understandable rivalry between members of staff of each department and, like gerbils in a recently desegregated cage, Mathematicians kept themselves largely to themselves and Physicists upheld their old allegiances by sitting together. But everyone would, where possible, sit in the same carriage.

Towards the end of the journey, cleaned out by the price, in the Tunnel train, of an apple, a bottle of water and a ham sandwich ("*but I've only got a fifty pound note*" ... "*it's OK you can put the apple back*"), the Mathematicians led by a young and dynamic chap with an east European accent decided to buy only one ticket. They duly watched as the Physicists in the booking hall at *Lyon Part-Dieu* bought their tickets. For their part the Physicists looked on as they queued with a puzzled are-we-missing-something expression on their faces.

They had almost forgotten this strange incident as the train glided along the shores of *Lake Chambéry* when one of the Mathematicians called out that the Ticket Inspector was in the next carriage.

All the Mathematicians, as one, upped and ran to the toilet at the end of the carriage. They crammed in and when the Ticket Inspector arrived he knocked on the door and shouted in, "*Billets! Si vous plait!*". A ticket was duly thrust out from under the door. The Ticket Inspector mumbled something under his breath about the ticket not being "*Compost*"-ed for that day but clipped it anyway and thrust it back under the door. Well, there's not

much point in arguing the finer details of continental travel with someone with his trousers round his ankles is there? And how was he to know there was more than one occupant?

As you probably know nothing gets past a wily Physicist and as the symposium progressed it slowly dawned on the physics contingent the advantages to be gained from this very special kind of bulk booking.

The Physicists warmed to the idea and at the end of the conference they duly bought a solitary ticket for journey back to Lyon.

... A nagging feeling of being had again. The Mathematicians just waited ... and waited. They didn't even buy one ticket. And they stood around kicking the dust on the concourse. But they duly joined the Physicists in the carriage when it arrived.

And again the incident in the Ticket Hall was almost forgotten when a Physicist called out that the Ticket Inspector was in the next carriage. All the Mathematicians scampered to the toilet at one end of the carriage, the Physicists to the toilet at the other.

And then, when everyone was sitting comfortably ...

That dynamic foreign chap sneaked out of the Mathematician's end of the carriage, ran down to the toilet cramming all the Physicists, rapped on the door and shouted, "*Billets! Si vous plait!*".



Damon Goodyear

'Piano Concerto in C'

Premier of this Composition of **ROB HOWE**

(Castle Music & Musicology 2000 and Cuthberts Law 2007,
Founder Exec Member of the MCR)

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OLSTON HALL IN BRISTOL

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LADIES NIGHT 2012

What a wonderful theme for tonight “*The Great Gatsby*” is, and Charlotte and her team seem to have moved heaven and earth to make this evening yet another memorable event in the history of Castle Entertainment. Congratulations to you, Charlotte, and the Ents Team from College Office and, I am sure, from everyone else in the Hall.

Sadly the story of the *Great Gatsby* doesn't have a very uplifting end and I don't do unhappy endings, which is why I didn't speak about the *Titanic* either last year – their fate was even worse. So I thought I would use this evening's speech instead to tell you a few stories about Castle's past. I read up a little – or as they would say in a UCAS form nowadays, I did some deep research – on the history of this great College and if you want to do the same – the Library houses the Castle archives. The good news is that there are 62 metres of Castle documentation, the bad news is that most of it is in Latin. In the process I found a few traditional rules and regulations that both the Master and I would be very eager to see re-introduced, and as I know how keen you all are on Castle's traditions I am convinced you will agree with me on the necessity of their implementation as soon as possible.

I found these regulations mentioned in an interview from 1987–88 with “The Lady of the Lodge”, Miss Cicely Shaw, in which she referred to the time she came with her father to live in the Lodge in 1938, and they refer to evening access to the Castle and – does this surprise you? – to drinking.

Miss Shaw said that “At the time (1938) there can only have been about 100 students – and they did not have as much freedom as they have now. In the winter months they had to be in by 9.00 p.m. and in the summer by 10.00 p.m. If they were late they got fined: my father used to sit in the Lodge until 11.00 p.m. and record them in the book, which went to the Censor, Professor Abbott, who lived in a suite of rooms on the Norman Gallery, and he would fine the students. He would also ‘gate’ them so they could not go out for a number of nights”.

When questioned whether students would climb over the walls once the gates were locked she replied: “Not very often – it was only when they had something special on, or when they had had a few drinks too many! In those days they were not allowed to have drinks in their rooms. If a student was caught carrying beer in then my father had to take it off him. There was no Bar, only the Buttery where the Butler served drinks at meal times. They were not supposed to go into pubs in Durham either – the University Policemen used to go round and check!” I therefore propose the immediate return to:

- a) the locking of gates at 9.00 p.m.;
- b) the closure of the bar; and
- c) a ban to go into pubs in Durham.

College Office will happily support this by employing a butler as mentioned to serve two drinks at dinner. My life should become so happy and carefree...

The main reason, however, why I wanted to talk about the history of Castle tonight is that almost to the day, 25 years ago, Castle admitted the first female students. Just to take you back a little further, University College opened to students as Durham's first College, in 1837. This was followed by the opening of Hatfield Hall in 1846 with the intention – and will the Bursar please take note of this; – to provide a more economical experience for students; Castle costs were deemed high because they arose from the students' expectations of being provided with room furnishings and servants. Women were only admitted to Durham in the 1890s, to be precise, in Michaelmas 1896 the first four women matriculated, and they all became members of St. Hild's College (the name St. Hild and St. Bede only came through the merger with Bede College in 1975). While over the next decades more and more colleges were founded, Castle – together with Hatfield and St. Chad's – remained a true male bastion while Trevis and Mary's were open to female students only. This doesn't mean that women never entered the premises and there were occasions, especially in the Great Hall, when ladies were regularly invited. It was for their comfort that the old wooden benches on which the students sat down for their meals were replaced by 'proper' chairs so the fragile ladies could sit in comfort.

It was in the middle of the 1980's that applications of top class male students to Castle began to drop in favour of mixed gender Colleges, and so the opening up to female applicants to boost excellence was contemplated. It was then decided by Senate that Castle would accept the first female intake in 1987, a decision which caused mixed reactions that sometimes bordered on the cool and reluctant. For example the Senior Man wrote in his report that:

“The die-hard traditionalists will no doubt mourn the passing of the single-sex era as signalling the end of civilized life in Castle. I have sympathy for this viewpoint, at no time more deeply felt than when a few of us met together for a ‘Castlemen only’ night in the Undercroft at the end of term, to sing some of the old songs and weep into our last pints of ridiculously cheap Castle Eden”

However, the inevitable was soon accepted and the mood turned, as I found further on in the Senior Man's letter: “We have also taken the rather startling step (for Durham) of facing up to reality, and thus making the first of the College's potential female undergraduates feel as welcome as possible in the JCR. To this end, a champagne reception was held on the Norman gallery in the first term for the first of the many ‘interviewettes’, beautifully handled this year by Senior Freshers' Rep. Robin Sinclair and his eager team of helpers. I hope that the young lady in question recovered sufficiently to

impress the powers that be during her interview the next morning!"

So in October of the academic year 1987–88 the Master remarked that "we welcomed our first women into College – all 49 of them. They have gone down very well and are rapidly becoming fully integrated into College life – to the extent that some of them wish to be known as Castlemen! For the rowing fraternity I should report that all but a handful have joined the Boat Club and are presently having more success on the river than the men...".

Few changes were made to the rooms and other facilities to cater for the new intake. Moatside was segregated by floor, and a very generous (or concerned) Bursar went to great expense and provided the girls' rooms with tasteful net curtains – a privilege that did not stretch to the Castlemen in Moatside!

At the Reunion meeting in 1987 it was decided that a "feminine" present should be made to the female Freshers to mark the historic occasion and their views should be sought as to what they would appreciate most. They decided on a sewing machine!

So we have come a long way from those days in 1987, though there is still a lone voice in the SCR that can be regularly heard deploring the arrival of females because their shrill voices (not my choice of words) interfere with hearing aids. By the way, the year the first female Senior Man was voted in was 1993. The students then overwhelmingly decided that the title Senior Man should be maintained whoever held the post. What a coincidence and how fitting that on the 25th Anniversary of the admission of women we should have a female Senior Man in Jenny Dell.

So let us drink to the Ladies of Castle whose presence has brought liveliness to this place, sophistication, civilisation, diversification and a few other -ations.

"Please raise your glass with me and toast: The Ladies of Castle!"

Eva Schumacher-Reid, Vice-Master and Senior Tutor

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SUMMARY OF RESULTS

As at June 2012, the final examinations candidates achieved the following results:

Total Graduates 170 (Men 78, Women 92)

	<i>No. of First</i>	<i>2.1's</i>	<i>2.2's</i>	<i>Thirds</i>	<i>Ordinary</i>	<i>Pass</i>
All	41	97	28	1	2	1
Men	19	36	19	1	2	1
Women	22	61	9	–	–	–
Arts	16	30	2	–	–	–
Science	13	28	19	1	2	–
Social Sciences	12	39	7	–	–	1



Contributions to **Castellum** on any subject of interest to Castlemen are very welcome at any time. These are best sent by electronic mail to alexnelson@dunelm.org.uk

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The Editor acknowledges that his former email address, burnopfield@yahoo.co.uk, was quite convenient when he lived in Burnopfield, less so now that he lives in Chester-le-Street. He has therefore obtained a new dunelm.org.uk address from the University Alumni Office, which is available to all members of the Society

TREASURER'S REPORT

Whilst the continued success of the Society and its financial strength may be a shining example to Westminster, the support of our membership is the driving factor and enables us to produce an outstanding yearbook, arrange a well supported re-union and give extensive support to the JCR, and this year also to the MCR.

It is worth recording that since the Millennium, the Society has provided donations and support amounting to over an hundred and twenty thousand pounds.

After the upheaval within the University, and many changes at College, it is likely that we will continue to need to give help to the JCR and MCR, as matters settle down, and the proposed support of a termly Society Formal is just one example.

We were approached to help fund the replacement of Hymn Books for the Chapel, and these comprise a set of traditional Hymn Books, bearing the College crest embossed in gold, and a set of modern/trendy Hymn Books with limp covers. It is timely to remind members that the office still has a supply of Prayer Books embossed with the College crest available for twenty-five pounds (including post and packing) and cheques payable to the Society should be sent to the College Secretary.

The MCR has been provided with a magnificent set of hand painted College crests for all the Durham Colleges, past and present, and the artist (who can be contacted via the MVCR) would be happy to accept commissions.

A set of trophies for various College competitions is also being provided, in conjunction with the MCR.

The University Alumni Telephone Appeal remains another useful source of funding, and together with our contributions helps make life at Castle just that little bit better than any other College.

Each summer, before the College Luncheon in the Master's Garden, we host a reception in the Senate Suite for Graduands, and this is always a very pleasant prelude to the College Luncheon.

Our regular annual support for the Lowe Library continues to be appreciated, and every year the study facilities in College are being improved.

At this point it is appropriate to remind members that the best and most tax efficient way they can offer further financial assistance to their College is by a donation to the University College Durham Trust (which has charitable status) The necessary forms to make such donations and to enable the reclaiming of tax under the Gift Aid provisions can be obtained from the College Office or via the website.

My most grateful thanks as ever go to Lynne Carrick and her colleagues in the College Office who make the job of Treasurer so much easier.

We all look forward to maintaining the success of the best college at the best university in the land – *Floreat Castellum!*

Martin E. Gunson, F.C.A., F.R.S.A., F.C.M.I., F.F.A., F.F.T.A., F.I.A.B.
Honorary Treasurer, July 31st, 2012

DURHAM CASTLE SOCIETY

Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31st July 2012

	31-07-2012	31-07-2011
	£	£
INCOME:		
Subscriptions	19,206.50	18,984.00
Interest Received (Net)	10.34	233.38
Prayer Book Sales	25.00	25.00
	<u>19,241.84</u>	<u>19,242.38</u>
EXPENDITURE:		
Castellum	6,340.00	6,215.00
Postage and Distribution	3,338.99	2,941.04
Reunion Expenses	1,287.10	1,062.00
Miscellaneous	35.00	35.00
Secretarial Costs	700.00	600.00
	<u>11,701.09</u>	<u>10,853.04</u>
	<u>7,540.75</u>	<u>8,389.34</u>
Low Library Books	1,000.00	1,000.00
Hymn Books	1,400.34.99	—
College Crews (MCR)	250.00	—
University College Durham Trust	5,000.00	—
Graduatd Hospitality	—	166.50
Croquet Sets	—	1,079.99
Boat Club	—	5,000.00
	<u>7,650.34</u>	<u>7,246.49</u>
	<u>£(109.59)</u>	<u>£1,142.85</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		

DURHAM CASTLE SOCIETY

Balance Sheet as at 31st July 2012

	31-07-2012	31-07-2011
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Sundry Debtors	5,000.00	5,000.00
Business Base Rate Tracker Account	17,898.49	22,188.15
Business Community Account	13,238.85	7,343.78
	<u>£36,137.34</u>	<u>£35,231.93</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Subscriptions in Advance	15,550.00	14,535.00
	<u>14,535.00</u>	<u>13,660.00</u>
	<u>£20,587.34</u>	<u>£20,696.93</u>
Represented By:		
ACCUMULATED FUND		
Opening Balance	20,696.93	19,554.08
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	(109.59)	1,142.85
	<u>£20,587.34</u>	<u>£20,696.93</u>

Note: Expenditure authorised and unspent at the Balance Sheet date amounted to £11,900.00, but all or part may be funded from other sources, including central Alumni donations.

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Dates of 2013 Reunion

Friday 13th September to Sunday 15th September 2013.

The Reunion Dinner is on Saturday, 14th September 2013.

Dates of 2014 Reunion

Friday 12th September to Sunday 14th September 2014.

The Reunion Dinner is on Saturday, 13th September 2014.

Dates of 2015 Reunion

Friday 11th September to Sunday 13th September 2015.

The Reunion Dinner is on Saturday, 12th September 2015.

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