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THE EDITOR'S JOTTINGS



On December 18th last year I was wandering about **Scotney Castle**, a National Trust property in Kent, with my 89-year-old parents. We were on a rare day out together, and since they walk slowly I veered off to discover a small ice house on the edge of the property.

It was a pleasant surprise to discover that the ice house was designed by **Anthony Salvin**, the pioneer of Gothic revival architecture, who also renovated the Keep of Durham Castle as student accommodation. At the time of writing, the Castle Keep, like the rest of the building is empty and locked up. Term has ended, but even so students who wished to stay over the vacation (as they have been entitled to under the system of 738-week lets. I can't remember...

I looked around the Scotney Estate with greater respect that the master architect had been at work here as at Durham, and found that the main house built above the old Castle site was also by the hand of Salvin. That night I ordered from Amazon an excellent book by **Jill Allibone** on Anthony Salvin, published by the *Lutterworth Press* in 1987. I thought that an article on Salvin's other work at Durham would make a good piece for *Castellum*. Unfortunately I did not get round to penning it as a result of pressure of work. I did commission **Professor Martin Ward** to write a piece on Salvin's 1836 Observatory which was the first building constructed on the authority of the new University of Durham. Amongst many of my writers this year, he was unable to complete the task. Some correspondents have written apologetically, others not at all. A special merit star must go to **Charlie McKeever**, Senior Student (formerly Senior Man) who finished his piece just after the end of term which must have been very difficult for him.

The following letter received this morning (22nd March) is typical:

Dear Alex,

I hope you are well. As you say these are strange times. Currently we are having remote meetings to see what we might be able to do about awarding degree classes to this year's finalist students. We will do something but any form of exams seem to me very unlikely. I had started on the article but some material is in my office and I wasn't to take all my papers home, before they locked us out today.

I hope it could offer it at some time in the future.

Best Wishes, Martin

So we are in unusual, unprecedented, difficult or indeed dangerous times. I am going to the typesetters tomorrow to inspect and mark up the pages which have been set by **Bill Baty**, who has been instrumental in producing the magazine since 1987, when Jill Allibone's book came out and I became Editor of this august organ.

We need to get it printed by Penny Print in Dunston, and the printed copies are assembled with the reunion booking sheet and the choir CD which was recorded in Beverley Minster in January, when Coronavirus was a problem only in Wuhan City and the surrounding Hubei province of China. It will take about a week to be printed, collated and perfect bound. I hope there will be a nice, positive, colourful cover with photographs by professional photographer Graham Peacock. All three elements, magazine, CD and booking form will be assembled and backed for 1,460 subscribers at the DataCentre in Washington, run by the ever helpful and flexible **Des Deery**, and sent out by post. By that time, I have no idea whether we will have a functioning Royal Mail to deliver the compostable packets, but I hope so.

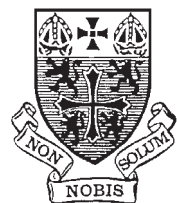
With a shortage of articles this year, I have taken the opportunity to reproduce by permission an article from *Country Life* in 1908 covering a visit to Durham Castle. The terms of reproduction allow us to publish in the print edition, but not the online edition. Since the rights to reproduce were granted to us for free, I did not argue the point, even though in future there will be a disparity between the edition on the library shelves and the on line version.

Just at the moment, you will appreciate, that does not seem to matter too much. As the motto of the City livery company which I am expected to serve as Master in July of 2020 says: *My Trust is in God Alone*. That and *Non Nobis Solum* has been my guiding light in these beautifully light spring days, which are also very dark too. If you manage to actually read this and enjoy the cover CD funded by the University College Durham Trust, I will be delighted.

Keep safe!

Alex Nelson
Pelton, Chester-le-Street, March 2020





Minutes of the 73rd Annual General Meeting of the Durham Castle Society held on Saturday 14th September 2019 in the Undercroft at Durham Castle at 5.30 p.m.

In the Chair

Chairman of the Society: Andrew Tibbs (Acting Vice-Principal).

In Attendance

Forty-one (41) members of Durham Castle Society were present.

I. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence: J. Hollier; Nick Mercer; Dr. Emma J. Wells; M.J. Fenn; Edward A.J. Gunson; Eric Forman; Edgar Jones; T.J. Rowland; Chuck Metcalfe; Maurice Pallister; Dr. Kate Carter; Dr. Gregory Carter; Nicholas Spong; Alan Mills; Alan Hall; Roger Cooke.

Bereavements:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Years in Residence</i>
Professor William Mapleson	31 October 2018	1941–1944
Professor David Held	2 March 2019	Master, 2012–2019
Michael Knowles Pulling	March 2019	1950–1953
Francis D Asti	April 2019	1951–53, 1954–56
Dr. Michael John Cliffe, J.P.	29 July 2019	1964–1967

A proposal by Kevin Hawes that the Society should record its appreciation for the help and support provided to the Society by Michael Knowles Pulling was approved.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting (published in *Castellum*) and Matters Arising

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

3. Reports

(a) The Acting Vice-Principal /Chairman

Andrew Tibbs reported that the loss of Professor David Held was felt by the whole University.

A review of changes in staff at the College has commenced.

Undergraduates at University College paid between seven thousand five hundred (£7,500) pounds and eight thousand five hundred (£8,500) pounds annually for accommodation.

Following recent changes in staff, services provided by Housekeepers and Porters remain the same.

A new Operations Manager has been appointed. The Porters and Housekeeping Staff report to him.

Gemma Lewis is the Deputy Curator.

Funds were being obtained to maintain and restore the fabric of Castle buildings.

Six million five hundred thousand (£6,500,000) pounds would be required to conserve the Norman Chapel.

The College is aware of the strains that are placed on the mental health of Under-graduates and of the demands that are made on their academic abilities, including in relation to critical thinking and essay writing. The level of tuition fees and accommodation costs imposes a financial burden on them that in some cases prevents them from participating fully in College life.

Many of the College facilities, such as the gym, are poor. There is also a shortage or absence of practice rooms.

The University has recently appointed five new Heads of College.

That recruitment process was completed before Richard Lawrie, the Acting Master, resigned.

In September, Durham University invited applications for the vacant position of Head of University College. It is anticipated that interviews will be concluded and a decision made by Christmas. The person appointed may have to give notice of six months to his or her current employer.

Castle is a flagship College and the selection process will be thorough.

The views of the Acting Vice-Principal, JCR, MCR and SCR, concerning the suitability of the person selected, will be made known to the University, so that they may be taken into account.

The position of College Chaplain is also vacant. The Reverend Ric Whaite has taken accrued holiday and resigned, as his wife has accepted a position in the south of England.

In the absence of a College Chaplain, the College Service that was scheduled to take place that morning was cancelled.

The Dean of Durham Cathedral has offered his support.

It is unclear whether the University will appoint a new College Chaplain.

Co-ordinating Chaplains may be appointed instead, offering services to students from a wide variety of religious backgrounds.

The number of new students who entered the College this academic year was four hundred and fifty (450) three hundred and fifty-six (356) of whom were under-graduates, the remainder being post-graduates.

The total number of under-graduates, post-graduates and visiting Erasmus students who are studying at the College is one thousand four hundred and fifty (1,450)

Student accommodation was available at Kepier Court and at the Klink in Claypath. The College has reservations concerning the distance between these buildings and Palace Green, which makes it difficult to integrate their occupants with those who live in or adjacent to the Castle.

(b) University College Durham Trust (UCDT)

Alex Nelson, who has been acting as Interim Chairman, reported that the Trustees had decided to invite tenders for management of the Trust Fund and for the provision of investment advice to the Trust. Three firms presented their proposals to the Trustees on 13th September 2019, namely, the incumbent, Cornelian, Rathbones and St. James's Place. The Trustees decided to appoint Rathbones to replace Cornelian. Rathbones manage trust funds for 26 other charities and are based locally in Newcastle. The investment performance of Cornelian over the last ten years has been satisfactory, but during the last five years it has been below the benchmark set by the Trust.

The Society elects each Trustee for a term of three years. That term was due to expire for Kevin Hawes. He agreed to stand for re-election and was re-elected.

The current balance of the fund is one million two hundred and thirty-seven thousand (£1,237,000) pounds.

Funds are allocated to provide improvements at and for the College.

Gemma Lewis, the Deputy Curator, was promoting a creative project entitled "Heralding Women" to celebrate the contributions that women had made to the College

over the last three decades. The competition had been won by Beck Harvey, a metalworker, who was compiling an oral history based on a series of interviews conducted with former Castlewomen. These interviews would be displayed in a number of lightboxes. These would be placed initially on window ledges inside the Great Hall and subsequently on tables situated on the Black Staircase.

(c) Representative on College Advisory Board (CAB)

Professor David Held had appointed Alex Nelson to be the Representative of the College on the CAB. Alex reported that CAB had given advice to the University concerning the heritage and property of the College.

(d) Editor of *Castellum*

Alex Nelson reported that The Master had died on 2nd March 2019, the day when *Castellum* was due to be printed. After a delay, one thousand five hundred (1,500) copies of the magazine were printed and distributed to members of the Society at a cost of six thousand seven hundred and fifty-four (£6,754) pounds. Other members received electronic copies.

Back-copies of *Castellum* from 1947 were available on and could be down-loaded from the DCS web-site.

This latest issue of *Castellum* contained no list of those who had attended the Reunion in September 2018. This was because the General Data Protection Regulations prevent the publication of personal data without the express written consent of the data subject.

(e) Alumni Relations and Development Officer

There was no report, as the University had decided to discontinue the role of College *Alumni* Development Officer.

(f) Treasurer's Report

Martin Gunson reported that, in response to a request from the Society to replenish the stock of College ties, which was low, the University had purchased ties at a cost of three thousand and ninety-nine pounds and two pence (£3,099.02) and had been reimbursed by the Society. That expenditure is recorded in the accounts under the heading "*Alumni* Merchandise"

When this stock of merchandise is sold to *Alumni*, the proceeds will be paid to the University College Durham Trust.

The merchandise is available for sale on the DCS website.

The persons named on the mandate held by Barclays Bank were Alex Nelson, Martin Gunson, David Held, Maurice Tucker and Richard Lawrie.

The names of the last three have been removed, leaving Alex and Martin as signatories. The Committee would nominate one of its members to act as third signatory.

As part of changes in governance that had been made, concerning the operation of the Bank account of DCS, two signatures would be required for each cheque that was issued.

The Treasurer continued to receive by email fraudulent requests for the transfer of funds. These had been referred to the University Information Technology Department for investigation.

The fees quoted by St. James's Place (2.4%) and Cornelian (1.9%) for management of the funds held by University College Durham Trust exceeded those quoted by Rathbones.

No College merchandise was available for sale at this Reunion, following the decision by the University to discontinue the role of College *Alumni* Officer.

Andrew Tibbs explained that, due to a shortage of staff, no College merchandise could be sold at Reception, where those who attended this Reunion had been registered.

However, he confirmed that next year this omission would be rectified.

In the meantime, merchandise continued to be available for sale on the DCS website.

The Treasurer explained that first year Undergraduates, each of whom had paid in advance thirty pounds (£30) being a lifetime membership subscription to DCS, were shown in the accounts under Current Liabilities as creditors in the total sum of eighteen thousand five hundred and forty-five (£18,545) pounds. The subscription was allocated over a period of six years and these students were shown in the accounts as creditors during years two to five.

4. Presentation of the Accounts (published in *Castellum*)

A proposal to adopt the Accounts was approved.

A further proposal by Andrew Tibbs that the work of the Treasurer be recognised by the Society was approved.

A proposal by Kevin Hawes, that the work that had been carried out by Natalie Matias as *Alumni* Development Officer be recognised by the Society was also approved.

5. Business from DCS Committee Meeting

(a) Subscriptions:

These were thirty (£30) pounds for lifetime membership and ten (£10) pounds per year for a hard copy of *Castellum*. It was agreed that they would remain unchanged.

(b) Election/Re-election of Officers: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor of *Castellum*
Andrew Tibbs confirmed that he was willing to stand for election as President.

The following Officers were willing to stand for re-election: Secretary: John Morrissey; Treasurer: Martin Gunson; Editor of *Castellum*: Alex Nelson.

Other nominations for Officers: None were received.

The President, Secretary, Treasurer and Editor of *Castellum* were each elected.

The President thanked the Secretary, Treasurer and Editor of *Castellum* for the work that they carried out for the Society.

(c) Election of Committee Members:

The Constitution provides for six elected members. There were currently six, three of whom, Dr. Kate Carter, Richard Ellery and John Waterhouse, were due to retire, as their three year term had expired, leaving three vacancies.

Richard Ellery was willing to stand for re-election.

Nominations received so far: Christopher Silberberg and Andrew Molloy.

Richard Ellery, Christopher Silberberg and Andrew Molloy were elected.

The President thanked the retiring members of the Committee for the work that they had carried out for the Society.

(d) Other items raised:

At the previous Reunion in 2018, the Committee proposed that DCS should become a legal entity known as a Charitable Independent Organisation (CIO).

Currently, DCS is an unincorporated association with whom the University considers it is unable to enter into a personal data sharing agreement that would be legally enforceable. Such an impediment would be removed, if DCS became a CIO.

If the University gives DCS access to the University database, DCS will be able to maintain accurate records of personal data relating to its Alumni.

Members of DCS present at the AGM in 2018 approved the proposal. The Treasurer, Martin Gunson, had agreed to prepare and submit to the Charities Commission an application by DCS to be registered as a CIO.

Current Status of Registration as a CIO

The Treasurer reported that the draft constitution for an ICO that had been issued by the Charity Commission ran to 37 pages. After the Reunion in 2018, he had prepared the application for registration and passed it to The Master, following whose death the process had been paused.

A proposal by the Treasurer, that the application should proceed and that the four elected Officers of DCS, namely the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Editor of Castellum, be appointed to act as Trustees, was approved.

Requests for support from JCR/MCR – Funding proposals:

The Treasurer reported that requests for donations that are mentioned below had been received and explained that some annual requests had been declined this year, because funds allocated in previous years had yet to be claimed. In the case of some one-off requests, the amount granted was less than the amount requested, so as to align the total amount donated more closely with unallocated reserves available of eight thousand two hundred and twenty-two pounds and twenty-four pence (£8,222.24).

The Boat Club had failed to repay a loan of four thousand (£4,000) pounds and this had been written off, as shown in the accounts.

Students with limited financial means would receive assistance under the Events Discount Scheme for June Ball, but an alternative scheme was under review.

The purchase of recording equipment for the MCR would not be required. The College would arrange to lend its own equipment to the MCR instead.

As shown in the accounts, none of the available funds of £5,500 and £5,000, that had previously been allocated to the Hardship Fund and Lowe Library, respectively, had been drawn down.

Funding Requests 2019

<i>One-off Requests</i>	<i>Amount requested</i>	<i>Suggested Grant</i>
JCR		
Badminton Club	114.59	114.59
Politics Society	600.00	200.00
Hockey	270.00	270.00
Events Discount Scheme – June Ball	1,500.00	–
Lacrosse (Ten Sticks)	335.00	335.00
Netball (Balls/Kit)	400.00	400.00
Rugby FC	294.60	294.60
Boat Club	1,650.00	600.00
Frisbee	1,147.50	477.50
JCR Rooms Refurbishment	1,430.72	500.00
Volleyball	400.00	350.00
MCR		
Castle Conference	850.00	850.00
Recording Equipment	300.00	<i>Not Required</i>
Sofa and Armchairs	750.00	750.00
Castle to a Career Series (Jointly with JCR)	750.00	750.00
Total of One-off Requests	£10,792.41	£5,891.69

Annual requests

CCA – Castle Community Action	1,500.00	1,500.00
Military Scholarship	5,000.00	1,000.00
Eva Schumacher – Reid Hardship Fund	1,500.00	–
Lowe Library	1,000.00	–
Alumni Events	1,000.00	500.00
Total of Annual Requests	£10,000.00	£3,000.00
Total of Annual and One-off Requests	£20,792.41	£8,891.69
Unallocated Reserves available, £8,222.24.		

Other Annual Donations to be considered

No further amounts were proposed or agreed.

A proposal to approve the suggested grant for each of the above requests was approved.

6. 2019 Reunion – report so far

Number registered for Reunion, 115 – (2018, 150).

Number attending Reunion Dinner, 130 – (2018, 188).

Richard Ellery noted that the numbers attending Reunion were lower than in previous years and enquired whether a reason for this reduction was known. Douglas Denham St. Pinnock suggested that the reduction might be explained by an absence in 2019 of Year Group Anniversaries.

For the Reunion Dinner, Undercroft Bar prices would be reduced from tourist prices to those that are normally paid by Castle students.

7. Any Other Business

No further matters were raised.

6. Date of next meeting

12th of September 2020.

Andrew Tibbs, Chairman

John Morrissey, Secretary



73rd Reunion Dinner
Saturday 14th September 2019
GREAT HALL



Leek and Potato Veloute
with Crispy Gnocchi and Chive Oil
served with a freshly baked Bread Roll



Roasted Pork Fillet
served with Fondant Potato, Apple Purée,
Fine Beans and Cider Jus



White Chocolate Tart
with Raspberry Sorbet



Tea, Coffee, and Petit Fours



SENIOR STUDENT'S REPORT 2019–2020



Greetings Castlemen, young and old, it is my pleasure to be writing in this esteemed journal to reflect upon the many trials and tribulations our noble JCR members have faced over the last year since **Robert Beckley** (Jnr. and Snr.) wrote to you year ago. This year has certainly been a rollercoaster for the JCR – hopefully I will be able to give you some hint of the dramas we have been through this year. One key point to note is that I chose to change from Physics to Business and Management this year, meaning I am quite possibly the first Senior Man who is also a Fresher. However, this has certainly given me sufficient time to dedicate myself to the role and particularly to support the JCR Executive in carrying out their duties. They have been required to work harder than ever before this year due to the ever-changing situation, but they have all excelled and I hope to touch briefly on their roles below.

Amarni Saunders (Vice-Senior Student) has been a rock for me all year, supporting me literally by attending meetings etc. but mainly morally and emotionally as this year has certainly been trying at times. Amarni has also worked incredibly hard to spike the interest of the JCR members and we have seen unprecedented levels of engagement this year, certainly in my time here. I am uncertain where to begin to reflect upon my time as SS since I took up the post in June, however, before I start with the events during my reign I will briefly cover Easter Term 2019, since Henry wrote to you in March last year.

Last year's Social Chair, **Aydin** hosted a brilliant June Ball themed around the concept of *Unchartered* – opening all the Castle's rooms for exploration from the depths of the ocean to the heights of Everest. Term then ended with a fabulous Senior Man Formal and the awarding of College Colours for those who have given there all to the College community.

Through a messy combination of the passing of David Held, departmental moves, the effect of the Operations Restructure (Part 1), personal conflicts amongst other factors I inherited a very different staff team when I returned after summer to that of last summer. David Held, Richard Lawrie, Mark Shaw, Donna Pudwell, Nev Carmen, Wendy Chambers, Ann Coult and Richard Whaite are no longer working for the College and of course are sorely missed and I must take this opportunity to thank them for their combined many years of service to the College, particularly in supporting the JCR.

Paula Furness and Linda Beighton are still being absolute stars in the student support office. David Lowther was appointed as Assistant Principle in

September and has been a huge advocator for the JCR and has offered endless support to our exec particularly supporting student welfare and Hanna Suliman-Nicol's (Campaigns Officer) campaigns throughout the year. David has especially supported Hanna through her Mental Health Awareness campaign last month which has crucially placed a light on the challenges facing our students and offered insightful ways to support them. David and Paula have also been incredible at supporting our two Welfare Officers this term, Kitty Cattell and Lucy Cardy. They have strongly led the team and have provided an unbeatable welfare service for our students all year round.

At the start of the year we had an Acting Vice-Master appointed and Graham Towl appointed as Acting Master. Graham is a Castleman from the 1980's and has previously been Principal at St. Cuthberts and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Colleges and Wider Student Experience).

Speaking frankly, both of these appointments have not been received incredibly well by the JCR population, especially the former. The two top dogs of College both being in "acting" roles has unfortunately opened up a clear path for many significant changes to be made with little to no consultation with either JCR or MCR representatives on many matters. However, with the appointment of Dr. Wendy Powers as the new Master to start next term, and my successor, Ferdinand Schultz, being elected, I am confident we can rebuild a stronger relationship between students and staff alike. Having met Wendy early this term, I am confident she will provide a refreshing energy to the College and will out a specific focus on student development.

Some of the changes that have occurred this year include limiting Formals from two to one a week, increasing the cost of formals (yet again). A Formal Dinner now costs £5.50 and that's with the JCR subsidising over half the cost! My favourite formal this year was one where High Table was graced by a visit by the lovely Maurice Tucker. He was invited to deliver a short speech about his time here, however I don't think the Acting Vice-Master was expecting him to get the drunken formal-goers cheering and chanting followed by a raucous rendition of "*Castle Ranger*" and of course "*Gentlemen of Castle*". I went for a coffee with Maurice the next day to discuss some of the escapades the students (and him!) got up to in the 2000's.

The role of Services Manager has been a relentless task this year due to the frequent changes and poor communication at times, culminating in the cancellation of Christmas Formal for finalists at a day's notice. However, Madeleine Reed has excelled and has never ceased to amaze me with her tenacious nature and bounce back from every difficulty with great force and bring new ideas every single week and I must thank her for her commitment to the role this year. One positive change that Graham has secured this year is

that the Kepier Court accommodation next year will be for postgraduates only meaning that all Undergraduates will be back living within two- to three-minute walk of the Castle. However, the biggest changes this year have been limited the Formal allowance from a full bottle of wine to a half bottle of wine and also increasing the prices in the bar fairly significantly to combat the drinking culture within Castle.

Despite these changes, I am very pleased to report that many of your favourite Clubs are still operating at great levels. Fives still meet frequently in their beloved Shakespeare; 24 brave Lumley Runners successfully completed the thirst-inducing run from Lumley Castle to Durham Castle, however both runs this year were not able to finish in the Undie due to the new management. Unfortunately, 1987 have not yet had a run this year and planned to host one next term. XXXI's and XXIX's have had numerous dinners throughout the year to celebrate sporting achievement for those Castlemen and women who have donned the palatinate from one time to another. Ladies Society have had plenty of socials throughout the year honouring our great Ladies from the Castle and QLV, once called *Playboy Bunnies*, now boasts men and women amongst it's ranks. Of course, the Van Mildert Club is still operating a few times throughout the year for Castle's highest achievers.

Another bump in the hill this term was everyone's favourite nightclub, Jimmy Allens shut down after Christmas for about a month. However, this then went under new management and reopened and has been filled with Castle Clubbers ever since!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Castle Society and any generous *Alumni* who have donated over the last year. Many of our sports and societies have benefited greatly from the Castle Society funding. **Lucas McCollum** (Unions and Societies Officer) and **Aziza Bangura** (Treasurer) have worked tirelessly this year to critically monitor the accounts of each sports teams as many have run losses over the past few years. All times are now at a breakeven and the JCR accounts are in splendid order and my thanks must go out to Aziza for her effort in ensuring we leave the account in a better position than we found it in (albeit we inherited a healthy account anyway). Our Development Officer, **Rupert Talfourd-Cook**, has also secured many *Alumni* talks this term which have been both insightful and refreshing to see our alumni back in the Castle walls. Many thanks for all have travelled up North (or South) to make it to Durham to deliver a talk.

Two years ago, when Pippa wrote in her Senior Student's report, she noted that it was the first year with an Outreach Officer on the Exec. covering the environment committee, charity work, volunteering and all parts of Castle Community Action. **Mala Pandit** has continued to grow CCA and the outreach

team for the third year and I truly believe that Castle boasts one of, if not the, best student-led outreach team and projects within Durham University. We had yet another fabulous CCA auction in November raising funds for all the projects they complete including meals for the homeless and residential for secondary school children.

This year we have raised funds for two charities very close to our hearts; *Olivia Inspires*, set up by Olivia Burt's parents, a student in my year who passed away in first year and *Alexandra Awareness*, set up by Alexandra's parents for a student who tragically committed suicide two years ago. This month 25 runners ran the Northumberland Half Marathon and collectively raised around £4,000 for Olivia Inspires which is of course absolutely incredible. It was lovely to have Olivia's parents join us to cheer the runners on as they crossed the finish line.

Last year we voted to split the Social Chair role (originally primarily responsible for organising the three termly balls) into a Social Chair and a Ball Chair. **Douglas Hardie** has not had the easiest ride as the first ever Social Chair. The aim of the role is to bring new events into the calendar as well as provide a central contact point for supervising the smaller events such as Fashion Show, Freshers' Week Events, Hounds and Arts Week. Doug has tried again and again to introduce new events which have been continually shut down at various stages of the planning process, but he has done his level best. Due to College not allowing us to host events Doug has taken events outside of College at various points and hosted a very popular College Night Out in Newcastle and most important brought back Bierfest for good! This was hosted in the new club Babylon and was attended by 400 JCR members and was certainly a day to remember for all involved. On top of this he has supervised some incredible events including a *Mamma Mia* based Freshers' Panto in December and the Fashion Show last month. This year's theme was revolution including the industrial revolution, climate change and women's suffrage and was simply incredible. The dedication of the Directors and Committee certainly did not go unnoticed in putting on such a fabulous show.

In other news, I am becoming increasingly conscious of the need for a Sabbatical Senior Student to be in Office for the College. Originally, I had planned to get around to a JCR vote next term to decide this but will no longer be able to. The burden on the exec this year has proved to me that with one Sabb Officer our JCR could excel even more and release some of the ever-growing pressures on the Executive Committee. Furthermore, I believe staff-JCR relations would improve if there was a full-time member of staff working for the JCR. I hope next year, Ferdinand will consider if this is the right decision and take forward a vote to see if the wider JCR agrees. For the record, from next year

only Castle, Ustinov (Post-Graduate only) and St Chads have a non-Sabb JCR President. South College, opening next September will have a Sabb President (who is currently the President at John Snow College).

In wider Durham news, the Durham Students Union (DSU) has not had the most popular year. Due to widescale belief the SU is very undemocratic for a variety of reasons 11 of the 16 JCR Presidents, along with numerous student's union reps, launched a campaign to vote RON (Re-Open Nominations) in all of this year's elections, particularly the SU President Election. It is widely believed that RON was all five SU Officer elections but the RON candidate was discounted without releasing the true results – further proving the undemocratic nature of the SU unfortunately.

Term has come to an abrupt end due to the ongoing Covid-19 global pandemic. The last week of term resulted in all lectures being moved online as well as all College Bars, Gyms and Libraries shutting down. Last week we also received the announcement that end of year exams would all be 48-hour online exams. As of yet, there has been no official communication, but it is expected that students will not be returning to Durham next year. This is particularly unfortunate for finalists as their whole lifetime at Durham has been brought to a screeching halt and they will miss out on many celebrations and potentially even summer graduation. It is almost certain that June Ball will have to be cancelled for the first time in many years which is a tragic shame for all years, but of course particularly finalists, but we will do our best to hold some kind of goodbye party for the finalists. **Tippy Jackson** (Ball Chair) has hosted an incredible Ladies Night in November and an even better Halfway Hall in February and it is a terrible shame that her effort for June Ball so far will go unnoticed.

Finally, I am so incredibly proud of our JCR community for pulling together this year through one of the toughest years I can imagine any JCR has faced in recent memory. It is so inspiring to see *Non Nobis Solum* running through our College as time after time our students have teamed together and supported each other as well as the wider community. Once again I must thank this year's Executive for their incredible work and unwavering efforts and of course wish next year's newly-elected Executive the best of luck and hope the College and JCR can continue to flourish year on year.

Do not hesitate to get in touch if you like at Castle.seniorstudent@durham.ac.uk. I always love to hear from *Alumni* and of course pop up and visit if you can spare the time next year. *Floreat Castellum*.

Charlie McKeever, Senior Student



DR. WENDY POWERS

Dr. Wendy Powers is a Student Development Educator with nearly 30 years experience in higher education. Wendy earned a BA in English from Northern Illinois University, a Masters Degree in Education from Drake University and a PhD in Education from the University of North Carolina Greensboro. She began her career in College Accommodations as a Residence Hall Director at Drake

University, and developed both a substance abuse education series and an LGBTQ Ally program. Wendy next served the University of Charleston as Director of Residence Life where she increased campus occupancy by 25% and developed campus-wide student success programs, leading to her promotion to Assistant Dean of Students.

Taking a break from higher education in the late 1990's, Wendy served as the development specialist for the WV Housing and Advocacy Coalition for People with HIV/AIDS. After building a statewide network of non-profits and writing several successful foundation and federal grants, Wendy returned to higher education as Director of Enrolment Management and Retention Services at West Virginia State University. Once again successful in grant writing and program development, she chaired three statewide student retention conferences and rewrote the University's enrolment plan. Becoming quite adept at creating campus-wide strategies for student success and persistence, Wendy then moved to Culver-Stockton College in Missouri to become the Associate Academic Dean for Student Success and First Year Experience. In this role, she created faculty development sessions, developed the first year summer read program, and led the efforts of the career services and academic advising services. Not long into the role, Wendy was selected to replace the long-time Dean of Students and took responsibility for residence life, fraternity and sorority life, student activities, counselling services, and campus safety. Quickly, she developed support services for international students and integrated Greek Life with the other areas in the wider student experience.

Wendy's doctoral research centred on the development and perception of professional credibility by senior student services administrators in private higher education. Dr. Powers has established tremendous credibility as both an Educator and Senior Campus Leader at a wide assortment of institutions,

including large public, small private, parochial, historically black, and a Women's College. She currently serves as the Vice-President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students at the acclaimed Alverno College, known widely for its competency based curriculum and student learning assessment model. With responsibility for the wider student experience, she facilitated the development of a co-curricular Student Learning Outcomes Model, shepherded training and response regarding sexual misconduct, and developed protocols to support transgender students at the Catholic Women's College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Motivated by a passion for social justice and a gift for educating College students, Wendy has championed campus diversity, equity and inclusion efforts at each institution and developed a strong reputation as a student advocate. She is an enthusiastic administrator committed to actualising each campus's mission, effectively connecting with colleagues to improve student support services and campus systems. Wendy has coordinated multiple catastrophic emergency response situations, chaired several campus and statewide conferences, facilitated countless student and professional development workshops, and taught classes at both the undergraduate and postgraduate levels. With nearly 30 years as a successful College Educator and Administrator, Dr. Powers now serves as a Consultant, Program Reviewer and Accreditation Assessor.

Wendy and her wife, Lisa, will be moving to Durham in May (they hope). They look forward to exploring the Campus, the City, and the region in the coming months. Wendy has lived outside the U.S. previously, as she grew up the daughter of a military father relocating every few years until College. Both she and Lisa have travelled extensively and look forward to immersing themselves in the Castle, University, City and County Communities.

‘I am delighted to join the University College community as it’s next leader. Becoming the new Castle Principal is quite humbling, and I am committed to honouring her remarkable history as we build the future together. I look forward to working with and learning from the students, staff, faculty and Alumni as we strengthen this remarkable learning community for all. I’m also looking forward to lending my skills and experiences toward the University’s goal of expanding access and participation for under-represented students. It is by engaging with and learning from those whose voices are marginalised that we will create a more peaceful and just world. The broader and more inclusive our communities, the richer our lives will be.’

University College



Miss Paula Furness
Acting Assistant Principal
 Student Support and Development Team Lead and Wellbeing Advisor
 College Secretary

Dr. David Lowther
Assistant Principal
 Acting Vice-Principal

Prof. Graham Towl
Acting Principal

Dr. Wendy Powers
 Arriving June 2020

Dr. Ellen Crabtree
Vice-Principal
 Arriving 27th April 2020

Mr. Mike Wallbank
 Operations Manager (on sick leave)

Zoe Osborne
 OPS Team Lead

Mr. Jamie Short
 Food and Services Manager
 Acting OPS Manager

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 Porters Lodge Reception Team

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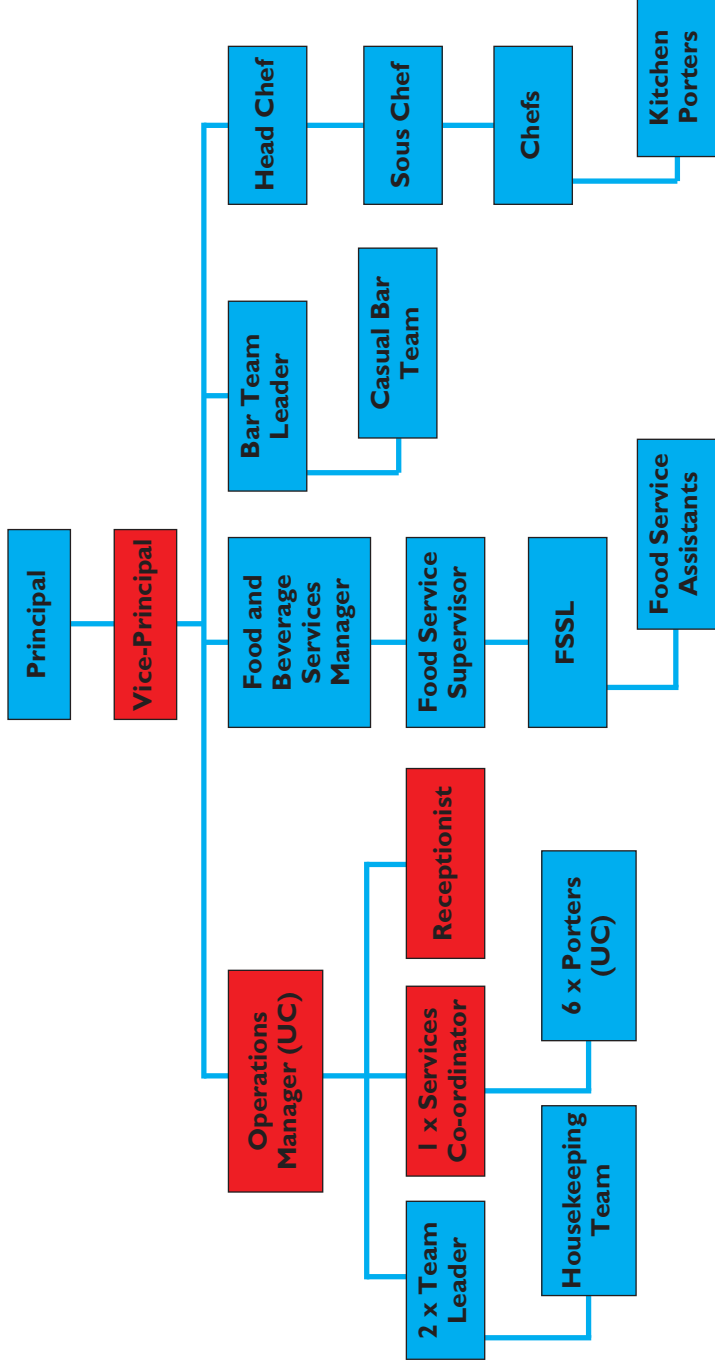
Castle Chaplain
 Vacant

Linda Beighton
 Admissions and Student Support Team Secretary

Karl Rouleau
Temporary College Administration Assistant
 (Three Days)

University College Management Chart

September 2019 *(Following the restructure)*



TRANSFORMING THE TUNSTALL – BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE TUNSTALL GALLERY’S FACELIFT

by **Laura Littlefair**

One of my favourite spaces within the Castle is the **Tunstall Gallery**; with its sweeping promenade along the north range, serving as a sort of “mantelpiece” to display a selection of some of the most intriguing and interesting objects within the Castle’s collections.

The Tunstall Gallery forms the heart of the **Durham Castle Museum Collections**, and is one of the major thoroughfares within the Castle, between the Tunstall Chapel, SCR, Bishop’s Dining Room and the Black Stairs. The Museum was fortunate to receive a grant from DCMS Wolfson in 2017–18 to completely transform the Gallery, through replacing all the showcases, improving internal environmental conditions and security and beginning maintenance and conservation work on the floor. I began working on this redisplay back in 2017 when I first started at the Castle as the *University College Durham Trust Scholarship Student*, in memory of A. A. Macfarlane Grieve, funding my tuition and accommodation fees over the course of my part-time MA in Museum and Artefact Studies, as well as volunteering with the collections at Castle as a part-time Collections Assistant. Having completed my MA in September 2019, I began working full-time with the collections as a Curatorial Assistant, also funded by the trust, and I feel incredibly privileged to be able to continue to work with such a fascinating collection as those at Durham Castle.

The Tunstall Gallery officially opened after the redisplay on 9th May 2018, after months of work planning the cases, researching objects, undergoing extensive conservation and cleaning the entirety of the Gallery’s floor.

It is now coming up to two years since the Gallery was redisplayed and the changes we have seen in the visitor response to the space have been fantastic, and continue to be overwhelmingly positive. The project provided a fascinating insight into the logistics and practical considerations associated with a major redisplay within a living, working building, and allowed a great deal of personal and professional development of my skills within the Museum sector. Most people only ever see the finished displays and cannot always appreciate the amount of work and time that goes into such a significant redisplay or exhibition – much like a show at the theatre – there is far more behind the scenes than first meets the eye!

I was responsible for the “*Defence of the Castle*” case, the first case in the Gallery when entering from the Tunstall Chapel, in addition to conservation work on the windows and floor and the overall installation and de-installation



Laura installing the 'Defence of the Castle' case

Corps" between 1913–1914. He then went to fight on the Western Front, and was killed at the Battle of the Somme on July 10th 1916. Although his life was cut short by warfare, his legacy lives on in the objects that belonged to him during his time at University College. A number of these feature in the Gallery, including a curious item known as a swagger stick.

A swagger stick is a short stick or riding crop usually carried by a uniformed person as a symbol of authority. It is shorter than a staff or cane, and is usually made from rattan. In the British Army, prior to World War I, swagger sticks were carried by all other ranks when off duty, as part of their walking out uniform. The stick took the form of a short cane of polished wood, with an ornamented metal head of regimental pattern. The usual custom was for the private soldier or NCO to carry the stick tucked under his arm, while Cavalrymen carried a small riding cane instead of the swagger stick.

This practice was limited to the Army and Royal Marines, and was never imitated by the other services. Until 1939 swagger sticks were still carried by peacetime regular soldiers when off duty, but the practice ceased with the outbreak of World War II. Uniforms are no longer worn by British Army personnel when off duty and the swagger stick has accordingly become obsolete. Probably the best description of its function may be quoted from a British Regimental Sergeant Major instructing new officers: *"Now gentlemen, the swagger stick is not for rattling along railings, cleaning out drains at home, or swiping*

of objects in and out of the Gallery. The case highlights the chronological role of the Castle in relation to warfare, starting in the Napoleonic period through to World War II. There are a varied assortment of objects in the case, from Napoleonic powder horns used to store gunpowder, to photographs of former students who served in the First World War, such as Geoffrey Harrison Grimshaw.

Geoffrey Harrison Grimshaw was an undergraduate student at University College who started in autumn 1913. He was an active member of the college's rowing and hockey teams and became an Officer Cadet in the *"Durham University Officers Training*

the heads of poor innocent little flowers. Nor is it for poking into stomachs or for fencing duels in the mess line. No, gentlemen, it is to make you walk like Officers and above all to keep your hands out of your pockets”.

Other intriguing objects in the “*Defence of the Castle*” case include a photograph of the Castle during the Second World War and some air raid keys. From 1941, Royal Air Force (RAF) Short Courses were based at the university. The photograph was taken in March 1945 and shows lunch in the Great Hall, with many students in RAF uniforms and with blackout curtains visible on the south window. This image demonstrates how the Castle adapted to the rapidly changing times associated with warfare, and the measures that were put in place throughout the university to help to mediate the situation. Additionally, there are also some keys for the toilets in the West Courtyard, which were given to the Butler of University College in 1940, for the maids to use if there was ever an emergency air raid. The note that accompanied these keys that is also on display shows that measures were in place should Durham come under attack. These measures included the blackout curtains in the Great Hall, and white



The finished “*Defense of the Castle*” case, including some of the objects mentioned above, such as the swagger stick, photograph of the Great Hall and an image of *Geoffrey Harrison Grimshaw*.

marks painted on the outside of doors and entrances to allow students and staff to move around the Castle in the dark, which still survive today.

As well as working on the “*Defence of the Castle*” case, a significant part of my time included researching and writing the text panels to accompany the new displays, creating a coherent narrative throughout the showcases. An important

part of this was planning the objects within the cases, using a variety of items from the collection that had previously never before been on display. In total there are seven new cases within the Gallery, featuring objects that highlight how much life at the Castle has changed over time; from an elaborate 19th century silver candelabrum and Lord Crewe's drum, to a UCBC sports cap from 1910 and a June Ball commemorative bookmark.

Another important part of the Tunstall Gallery's transformation was cleaning, polishing and conserving the floor. The wooden floor had been victim over the years to over-varnishing and over-cleaning, in equal measure. This meant that a thorough cleaning with methylated spirit to remove the layers of old shellac varnish was required, before a polish and methylated spirit mix could be applied to the floor. This process took a couple of days on between myself and Rhian, a trained conservator, to complete, however it breathed so much new life into the Gallery, and the end results were definitely worth all the effort, literally working on our hands and knees!

Cleaning the floor was the final piece of the puzzle to complete the Tunstall Gallery facelift. It was important throughout the redisplay to ensure that the improvements to the space were sympathetic to what had gone before, whilst allowing for the maintenance of more stable and appropriate conditions, to help preserve the life of the objects on display. This was enhanced by acrylic UV filters placed on the windows along the



Rhian, the conservator removing the shellac varnish from the Tunstall Gallery floor.

Gallery, to reduce light damage to the objects, as well as a product called "PROsorb", a relative humidity controlled silica gel, which helps to maintain a constant relative humidity within the cases. The ideal relative humidity for most cases is between 40–60%, and this silica gel helps to stabilise the internal environment to help slow down and prevent decay.

All of the developments within the Gallery are to enable generations to come to continue to research and enjoy the objects within the collection that share the

stories of the Castle's rich and varied history. The Gallery provides a platform to explore and engage with the social, religious and political history of Durham City through the objects that have helped to shape the past, highlighting the central role of Durham Castle, since its inception in 1072.





Selection of images of the completed Gallery.



THE ACTING PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Back in September, 2019 I was asked if I would, at a week's notice, be willing to undertake the role of Head of College at University College until a substantive appointment could be made. I was delighted to accept the invitation to serve in the role whilst a successor to Professor David Held was selected and appointed. My association with University College began in the 1980s as a student reading psychology. That feels a long time ago.

Eleven years ago I returned to Durham as the Principal at St Cuthbert's Society – a role I thoroughly enjoyed whilst working part time as a Professor of Forensic Psychology. From 2011 to 2016 I worked as the Pro Vice Chancellor (PVC) for Colleges.

When I arrived the first pressing issue was the welcoming of the new undergraduate students. I enjoyed meeting and greeting many of them and their (proud) parents. We are so fortunate in having such a wonderful setting as a college. I was reminded of this in conversations with the new students and their parents. The welcoming arrangements were ably led by Rupert Talfourd-Cook from the JCR for the undergraduates. And Nick Spong has done an absolutely sterling job providing leadership as MCR President. I am especially appreciative of all his hard work as part of the MCR Executive given that postgraduate students now make up over 40% of the student community at the Castle.

When I arrived in September it was clear that there were some challenges for us to address. In view of understandable concerns about student mental health (including harms to oneself and others) it was important to address alcohol misuse at the Castle. Keeping alcohol consumption below rather than above NHS definitions of binge drinking was one step to improve our work on mental health at our formal dinners. We have received much positive feedback from students and staff alike on the improvements to the formals, and we all owe a debt of gratitude to our catering team for these improvements in the dining experience in the Great Hall.

We have had a relatively high number of reports of Castle students (young men) subjecting other students (chiefly young Castle women) to acts of sexual violence at University College this academic year. This is something we need to talk about as a community.

I understand that our reporting levels are amongst the highest across Durham University. Again it is a characteristic of perpetrators that they often tend to have consumed some significant quantities of alcohol (which does not even remotely excuse the behaviour). At one level, it reflects very poorly indeed upon us as a college community that we are getting such reports about the

behaviour of some members of the Castle community. However, it may also be a reflection of the trust in the professionalism of the college office team too. Survivor-victims who have the courage to come forward are treated with respect and kindness. In each case we offer access to counselling and educational support where requested. If reporting students wish us to proceed with an investigation into such reports we ask 'the University' to undertake one. It is important that these are carried out swiftly and with clear independence from the college.

This year I requested and was granted a reduction in our next undergraduate intake. We do not intend housing first year undergraduates at Kepier Court, preferring instead for them to be nearer to the Castle. The JCR senior student has welcomed these developments.

We have also had a problem with some members of the college community being rude and dismissive to college staff. I have actively addressed this area of unacceptable behaviour and am pleased to report that staff now feel much more supported and confident in enacting their vital roles for our college community. This is a benefit for us all, and it is against a backdrop of central organizational reviews which have led to some job losses over the past 12 months. Personally, I have been hugely impressed with the quality of our staff, catering – front and back of house, and our operations team to include housekeepers and porters and last but not least the College's office team too.

COVID 19 planning and decision making has taken over the last couple of weeks of term time and into the Easter break. This is an international crisis and we are anticipating that many of the Castle community both current and previous will be touched by the dreadful impacts of the virus. As I mentioned in the Castle Crier I have been impressed with the sense of college community and I am sure that together we will get through to the other side of COVID 19. In one sense COVID 19 has helped put any agreements and disagreements or differences or commonalities of view in perspective. And I have been truly heartened by how the college community has come together.

Colleagues in the NHS are doing a challenging job under extremely difficult circumstances. We are opening up the castle en-suite rooms for NHS staff to do our bit at this time of national crisis. This is the least that we can do.

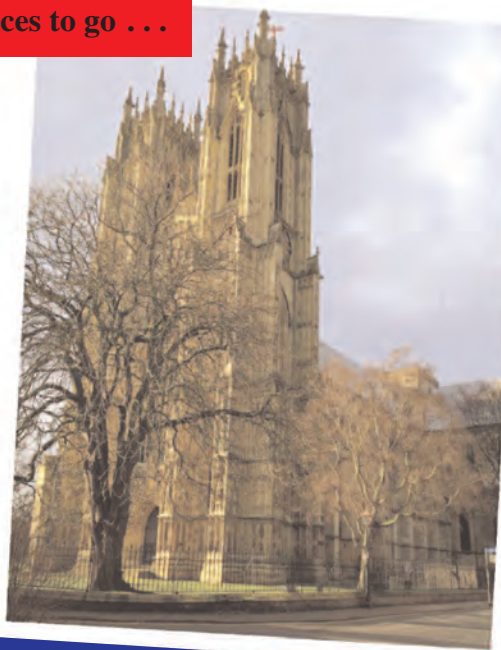
Finally I hope that over the coming challenging months that all your families and friends stay well.

Take care and best wishes,

*Professor Graham Towl
Acting Principal*



Places to go . . .



BEVERLEY

by Alex Nelson

I spent 24 hours in the County Town of East Yorkshire during January, whilst the Choir of University College Durham, was making a recording in the historic Minster.

The acoustics and the organ there are better than in the Chapels of Durham Castle, and gave the Choir's 17 members a break during the Christmas vacation before resuming their studies.

They stayed in the local youth hostel with an out-of-season private hire, whilst I stayed one night in the Premier Inn on Flemingate. I like Premier Inns, with a consistent standard of service across the brand, and dynamic pricing which reflects market demand and can offer many bargains.

I went by train from the North East via York, then on the regional train via Selby, Brough and Hull with a further change for the eight mile trip from Hull to Beverley, from where the trains continue to Scarborough. However, York/Scarborough is a slower route than travelling via Hull.

A highlight of the trip is passing below the Humber Bridge but Beverley itself is a gem. Having survived WW2 virtually unscathed, despite it being a centre for industry, the town boasts still some 40 pubs, including one, the White Horse Inn, which is still lit by gaslight.

Once the home of the **Museum of Army Transport**, which was forced to close in 2003, Beverley has not only its fine Minster, dating from 1220, but also a second large parish church in St. Mary's on the north side of town. Close by is the one remaining "Bar" or Gate into the town. For many years, many double deck buses in Beverley had domed roofs so they could get through the North Bar dating from 1409. Modern construction techniques and crashworthiness testing for buses eliminated that option, and none navigate the North Bar any more. The town is distinctive for having, like Hull, cream telephone boxes instead of the traditional red, as phone services are provided by **Kingston Communications (KCOM)**.

The Choir sang the evening service for Epiphany for the citizens of Beverley, and later I had the experience of being the single patron of a cinema screen at the Parkway Cinema.

In the morning I met the Choir at rehearsals as a trustee of the University College Durham Trust which has commissioned the recording. The actual performances were recorded in the evening after the Minster had closed to the public. Beverley Beck is a man-made canal connecting to the River Hull. Having walked part of the canal, I took an East Yorkshire bus back to the town's bus station. EY is the latest acquisition of the **Go-Ahead Group**, and managed alongside **Go North East**.

Now a town of 29,100, the town was founded by **Saint John of Beverley** in 700 as a Monastery and School, which means that Beverley Grammar School is the UK's oldest state school.

During the Harrying of the North by the victorious Normans, Beverley was spared destruction in respect of the saint, and the oldest pub – **The Sun Inn** - was established in the same year as St. Mary's Parish Church, both dating from 1530, at which time the wealthy town was the tenth largest in England.

Horse racing started about 1690 and the present racecourse starts the season on 15th April, just after Easter, with a second meeting on St. George's Day, the 23rd.

The railway arrived in 1846 and the centrally located and fully-covered station is a Grade II structure. The associated level crossings are less popular with the motoring fraternity, but ensured priority for the homeward train.



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MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITY REPORT, February 2020

February has been a busy month for our team. In addition to the activities highlighted in this report, we have been working closely with colleagues from across the University to mitigate the potential reputational and operational risks of Covid-19 (Coronavirus).

Our work has included disseminating advice from Public Health England and the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, managing media enquiries and establishing a central web page providing information and resources in relation to Covid-19.

Members of the communications team are embedded in various Covid-19 working groups which are collectively focused on mitigating the short, medium and longer-term impacts on education, colleges and staff and student welfare, as well as providing strategic communications advice and operational support.

Further details can be found here:

<https://www.dur.ac.uk/notices/coronavirus/>

On a brighter note, I'd like to congratulate the team – working with a broad range of internal customers – for the great work they've done in really bringing the Durham brand to life in the materials that will underpin our 2021 student recruitment campaign.

February Highlights

Undergraduate recruitment campaign launch

Working with Student Recruitment and Admissions, the 2021 Undergraduate Recruitment campaign was launched this month. For the first time, the Undergraduate Prospectus is fully interactive, using videos, 360-degree photography and direct web links, which will enhance the user experience and direct them to further sources of information as well as highlighting our student generated content such as blogs, vlogs and Instagram. Prospective students will order their personalised digital copy from our website, which integrates directly with our CRM system. A personalised printed version is also available on request. A condensed version of the prospectus – a 'Mini guide' – has been printed for distribution at recruitment events. This suite of recruitment materials has been designed to reflect the new University brand as well as appealing to the target audience. Working with departments, the courses database has also been updated for the 2021 recruitment cycle.



Durham Inspired – North East Scholarships programme launched

We worked with colleagues in DARO to raise awareness of the establishment of a major new scholarships programme for students from low-income backgrounds in North East England among both prospective students and key

regional stakeholders. We produced a news story for our website and a media release, which was picked up by media including the BBC and ITV Tyne Tees. We're now working on a video to be used in recruitment activities.



Durham to host new national supercomputer

News that we're hosting the new £3.1m Northern Intensive Computing Environment supercomputer for the N8 Research Partnership was covered by BBC Newcastle (20:48 to 24:28); BBC Tees (55:28 to 59:50); The Northern Echo; HPC wire; Gov.UK. We also posted the announcement on social media where it was shared on Twitter by the Russell Group; Matariki Network and the Science and Technology Facilities Council's DiRAC supercomputing facility.



Rediscovering our inspiring past

It's been a busy month for archaeological news! We worked with colleagues from Archaeology and The Auckland Project to promote the findings of an excavation of the 14th Century Bek's Chapel at Auckland Castle, County Durham. This was promoted via our [website](#), and covered by media including the [Daily Mail](#), [The Times](#) and the [BBC](#). We also promoted the excavation of Durham's earliest known resident, and the supporting exhibition at the Museum of Archaeology, via our [website](#) and the [media](#). Watch out for a video about the findings, coming soon!

In other news



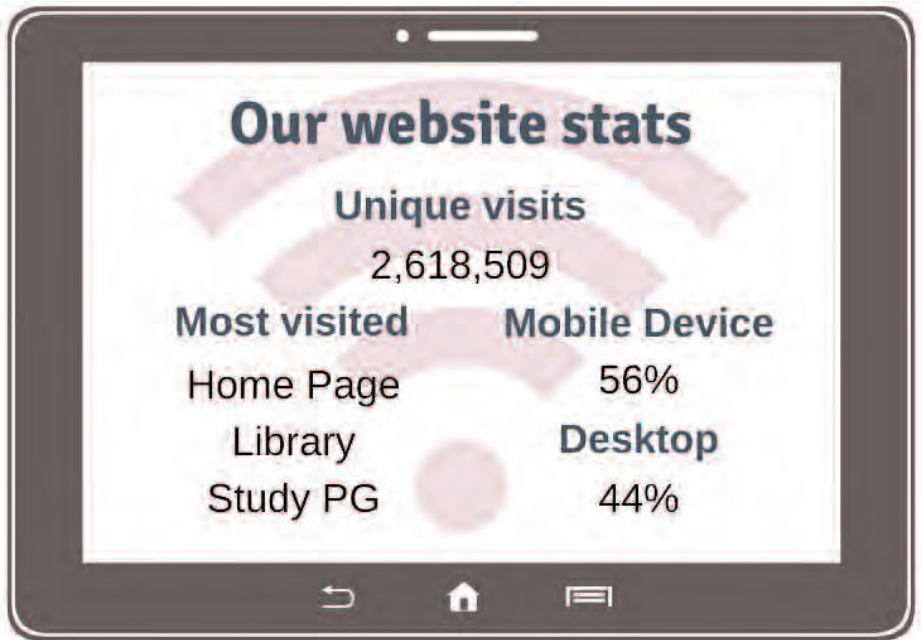
Doing our bit for the planet

We helped spread the word about the University's work to become environmentally sustainable by promoting Environment Week (February 24-28) via our [website](#) and [The Northern Echo](#). We also showcased two stories of environmental research in action: [how climate change could threaten a tropical rainfall belt](#) and [how we can learn from nature to tackle global challenges](#).

International Day of Women and Girls in Science

We marked this day by creating a video about undergraduate Mahek Vara, who balances being a second year Computer Science student with running a charity which teaches students in India how to code. The resulting film was shared via [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) and is currently the homepage's [featured video](#). It has been viewed over 500 times and has generated positive responses and feedback on LinkedIn and Facebook.

February's Website Activity



Glasses raised to Dame Sally

Patrick Kidd



The fellows at Trinity College, Cambridge, seem to have survived the arrival of **Dame Sally Davies** as their first female master. The 474-year-old College's *Annual Record* notes concern at high table last year about whether Davies, above, in diary, might want a new non-masculine title. One fellow suggested that she could be called Mater. More worrying was her former occupation. As Chief Medical Officer, Davies had been in charge of banning pleasure. For a place described by a former master as "a catering establishment with academic pretensions", an end to claret and crème brûlée would be intolerable. Mercifully, Davies has told them she prefers moderation over abstinence. And as one don notes, Trinity fellows are "regularly astonished at their own moderation".

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RAY PHILP



On a routine podiatry appointment in Consett, I chanced to meet Ray Philp and his wife visiting the Medical Centre. Ray was the Porter in the Castle Lodge in the 1980s and will be remembered to many students from that period. Always a keen photographer, Ray still gets out with his camera at the age of 90.

Alex Nelson

EXTRACT FROM 'COUNTRY LIFE', JANUARY 25th, 1908

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THE LUMLEY RUN

Less than a dozen years from now the editor of *Castellum* will be seeking material suitable to the two hundredth birthday of the College. The occasion will demand contributions equal to the momentous nature of the anniversary, addressing topics of enduring importance to members of Castle. It could be the opportunity for a definitive history of the **Lumley Run**.

The present writer is far from qualified to attempt so daunting a task. All that he can offer is an account of two episodes, mere footnotes to this intricate and colourful story.

Residents of Lumley Castle in the early 1960's had no particular ownership of the Lumley Run. But to them it was not an exotic event, for almost daily their bus journeys into Durham took them past the doors of the establishments concerned. From the **Black Horse** in Chester-le-Street the double deckers of the **Northern General** carried us on past the **High Crown** and the **Chester Moor** and into an area where the **Cameron's** houses followed one on the other: the **Red Lion**, the **Lambton Hounds**, the **Marquis of Granby** and the **Queen's Head**. By then the bus was in **Pity Me** – the three lane bypass was still under construction – passing the **Victoria Bridge** and the **Salutation**.

The daily journey into Durham was almost complete, the final straight ran down the hill to the bus station, reminding passengers that the **Garden House**, the **Bridge** and the **Station Hotel** were all open and thriving.

The walk from there towards lectures or practicals took in the **Neville**, the **William IV** and the **Criterion** – the “**Crite**” with its wall mirrors and swing doors that called out for a visiting sheriff – before crossing **Framwellgate** and climbing through the fumes of **Silver Street**, past the **Market Tavern**, around the traffic control box and then the **Shakespeare** and the **Buffalo Head**.

All of this was an almost daily experience. Undertaking the Lumley Run involved stepping through those many familiar doors for a half of bitter and moving rapidly on. It was part of what many of us did during our year out at Lumley.

It was, that is, until December 1963. One more group of Lumley residents had set out for their run into Durham. A good while later they had sunk their final half in the bar of the Union Society. (If the Undercroft as we now know it was a gleam in the eye of the College Office, for us it was still a dusty store of old furniture.)

The runners then faced the rigours of their return journey. This was when the glow of their successful evening began to fade. Six miles can seem a long way on

the upper deck of a smoky bus, particularly when the driver, eager to complete his last run of the day, swung at speed around the small roundabouts then favoured by the Durham County Council.

In retrospect the unhappy consequences of this journey seem to have been inevitable. The details have – thankfully – eluded subsequent historians but they did become known to **Dr. W.A. Prowse**, who as Vice-Master presided over life at Lumley. He acted decisively. His edict is not only part of the story of the Lumley Run but also an example of the distinctive style of his administration. It should be quoted in full:

The Lumley Run Club is now a prohibited organisation and its activities are to cease entirely. This means that any student acting as an officer of the club or taking part in any activity run by the club or joining any organisation with the club's name or continuing the club's activities under another name will be considered to have committed a very serious breach of College discipline. It does not mean that past membership will attract any penalty.

There must have followed some nine years when the Club went underground. The story moves to 1972. This must have been a lean year for the Castle Reunion, as it was the present writer who was asked to propose the toast to the College. Perhaps it was in a mood of maudlin reminiscence – it is now too long ago to be certain – that the preamble included the demise of the Lumley Run.

That was enough for **Len Slater**, the Master in those and many other days. He rose to his feet and announced:

"Dr. Prowse's writ no longer runs in this Castle.

The Lumley Run is reinstated."

And so it was. Rumours suggest that there have since been other problems along the way but those are for the future historian to unravel. The complete story still waiting to be told.

David Walters



PERSPECTIVES FROM A (RELATIVELY) NEW MEMBER OF THE SCR

I joined the SCR in 2012 shortly after starting my first job at the University, when the Master was **Professor Held**. My first introduction to the SCR involved sherry followed by lunch with the SCR Secretary. At that time our food was served from a trolley next to the high table which was slightly reminiscent of the hostess trolley my grandmother had used some time ago.

At that first lunch I was lucky enough to meet both **Dr. Doyle** and **Professor Rhodes**, who were welcoming and made for good company. I remember that Dr. Doyle conveyed a grumble about the new and light coloured floor in the Great Hall which I understood had caused a great deal of debate before my arrival at Durham. I don't remember finding the floor offensive myself but thought it impolite to engage in too much debate on the matter. My first lunch seemed to go well and I was formally invited to join.

One of the earliest memories of College life was attending my first Formal Dinner. I remember a frantic telephone call to Grey and Sons Robemakers earlier that week asking if I needed a special gown for Formals – they were able to allay my fears and reassure me that the academic robe I already owned would be more than adequate despite being from a different institution. I still visited them to see if it was possible to buy a college tie. Whilst it was not, I was able to purchase one of the older style black University ties with the archaic logo and narrow palatinate stripes running across it. A tie which, I was later told by one particular former Vice-Chancellor, did not fit the new corporate identity of the University. I considered this a win.

Anyway – back to the Formal. I remember having welcome drinks with the Vice-Master, **Richard Lawrie**, and some members of the SCR and MCR, in Richard's flat. I was struck by the selection of antiques and vintage clocks on show and found it very hard not to be distracted from the conversation to investigate many shiny things. Dinner was enjoyable and I have fond memories of the company, menu and wine. I was also introduced to the food book which had been started at some point in the 1970's and described in some detail the often negative aspects of food in College at that time with coffee "resembling ground up acorns" and one particularly forlorn sounding pudding consisting of "a solitary peach". I'm glad to report that neither of these special menu items made an appearance at dinner.

As time went on I become involved in various social events in College, organised by the SCR committee. I have some fond memories of cheese, wine and gin tastings and arts events. The most memorable wine tasting during that period involved the "sommelier" reading a printout of the Wikipedia page on "wine", verbatim, as an introduction to the topic. I must say I did feel a little

sorry for him as quiet muttering went on around the room! As it happens the selection was one of the best I have had at a wine tasting, with most of the assorted wines, champagnes and nibbles from **Fortnum and Mason**, and a fun night was had.

During my time at Castle, I have met an incredible group of people from the University and community, many of whom have become friends. Every time I come to an event, or simply come to do some work in the Senate Room, I always learn something new from these people, and this is one of the great values of being part of such a community. I include in this group of people the staff, many of whom are long-serving members of College and work hard to make it run on a daily basis.

As a final thought, perhaps the most important thing is to remember the point of the SCR and the importance of the College community. I mentored in another College early on in my time at Durham and have recently become a mentor at Castle. The students I have met at Durham over the past eight years have been a pleasure to know, if challenging on occasion. I am still amazed at the capacity they have to work so hard for their degrees as well as run the JCR and MCR, various welfare and social initiatives and the staggering effort it must involve to organise the June Ball. That is not to mention activities such as research, outreach and international projects. I am also struck by the talent of the students who sing in our Choir and the wisdom from our Chaplain which is an important source of community support for members of all common rooms. The past two years have been challenging for College with the untimely loss of two students and Professor Held, but there has been a sense of the College community providing resilience to support each other in response to this. College has faced new challenges and new ways of working over the past few months, and a management and staffing review was scheduled for 2020, but we have been here since 1832 and grown significantly during that time. A new Head of College is due to join this year, and it will be exciting to see what the future holds for Castle. *Non nobis solum.*

Dr. A.M. Anderson



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Defunct Airline FLYBE featured the College in its inflight magazine to promote flights into Teesside Airport (formerly Durham Tees Valley Airport).

THE FUTURE FOR UNIVERSITIES, THEIR STUDENTS AND STAFF, FROM MARCH 2020

by Douglas Denham St. Pinnock

Last week saw the cancellation of A-Levels and their Scottish equivalents. Whilst that is a nightmare for the students and the authorities who will come up with a solution that will not satisfy either all students or Universities, for Universities the issues are far larger.

Universities are not part of the State but are independent institutions*. University income comes from student fees, both for tuition and maintenance, government grants, research grants, catering, halls of residence & vacation earnings and with increasing importance from overseas student fees. They are similar to old fashioned business conglomerates where from time to time one business may subsidise another; for example, many Russell Group Universities use the surplus from fees paid by overseas students to subsidise research. Some use a surplus on catering, halls of residence and vacation earnings to service borrowings for capital expenditure on teaching accommodation.

SARS-CoV-2 University closures will remove all income streams for an unknown period. Universities will not claim to any greater suffering than all other parts of the economy, whether in the private or public sector, but they will face altogether different financial and logistical issues. It is too early to say how the lost income will be recovered but the Office for Students (OfS), the agency between Government and Universities and also the Regulator, wrote to all Universities on 17th of March stating, as one of three objectives, that OfS would “support financial sustainability” of the sector. Stronger financial support has been offered by the Scottish Funding Council to Scottish Universities.

Universities will have very little opportunity to reduce costs during a prolonged closure. Utility costs will be lower, subject to the contract with the provider, but most other costs remain of which the largest will be staff salaries and wages and for many, debt servicing.

Perhaps the single biggest issue going forward is the inexorable flow of new students each year combined with the fact that all Universities have closed two-thirds of the way through each of the, mostly, three academic years. The perfect solution would be for all tuition to be done remotely on line. This might just work for the final term this academic year from April to June, especially as this term is often and in part, taken up by reduced teaching followed by exams – which themselves would have to be taken remotely. In the next few weeks

Universities will decide their strategy; some may make different provision to others. Third year students may complain.

The bigger issue arises with the new academic year starting in September. Even if academic staff could prepare three year courses working remotely from their University, both new and returning students are unlikely to want to study remotely and in many cases the courses are simply not capable of being delivered remotely because of the applied nature of the subject. It is hard to imagine the Sciences, Medical, Nursing, Engineering and Creative Arts courses being taught on line. Also, despite some shifting away from the concept, UK degree education is structured around a three-year residential provision. Changes to that involve impacting not just the students but their parents and the funding currently available for maintenance. Students are unlikely to be willing to pay the same fee for a course delivered remotely.

If Universities cannot reopen in September the issue becomes more serious. Maybe a January 2021 start for both new and returning students, also staff, is the solution. Setting aside the issue as to what both new and returning students would do for funding and in many cases accommodation in the period from June 2020 to January 2021, perhaps the answer will be to shorten the relevant academic year to two terms. This would place a significant burden on students and staff alike but all three years would graduate after eight terms rather than nine.

If Universities reopen in April 2021 then the solution is to reintroduce the idea of short course degrees which were provided by Universities for servicemen and women returning from World War II and which were accepted by employers as of equal value. Those were two year/six term degrees whereas in this instance both new and existing students will study for seven terms.

September 2021 reopening is pretty much beyond current thinking because by then there should be another year of school leavers ready to start their degrees; this assumes that schools have been able to provide A-Level tuition to June 2021. Universities simply do not have the teaching space to accommodate two years of first year students nor the residential accommodation to house them whether it is in halls of residence or in rented accommodation, certainly not outside the great cities.

Like everyone else the Universities will plan ahead and be ready for whatever is thrown at them.

**I am excluding for profit and not for profit private Universities.*

The author was at Castle 1973–1976 and in February 2020 retired as Pro Chancellor and Vice-Chair of the Board at London South Bank University.

Update from Castle Student Support

Dear Castle Students,

We are now able to provide you with some further important updates in relation to COVID-19 and our current arrangement in terms of student support. Please read on.

We know how much everyone was looking forward to the Easter Vacation and especially at the end of a busy term but the situation has rapidly changed and continues to do so. However, until we hear otherwise the College and University remain open and staff are here to support you as we navigate together these swiftly evolving circumstances.

This is a time to look out for each other (*non nobis solum*) but we must do this cautiously. While some of you might be practicing social distancing we can continue to look out for each other, especially neighbours and housemates, via online communication and social media – we know that you will do this responsibly and ensure that nobody feels cut off from our community no matter where they are!

We know from experience here and elsewhere that friendship groups, for example on corridors, blocks or in houses have established their own WhatsApp groups but of course there are many other ways to maintain social coherence and inclusivity during these challenging times.

We would also like to emphasise four key messages:

Social Distancing vs Self-isolating

A number of students resident in College have decided that they would prefer to stay in their rooms more until such time as they are able to go home or leave Durham. We understand why people are nervous about being in contact with others at present and respect the choice of those wishing to distance themselves. However, it is important that those choosing to do this also do not cause unnecessary alarm to those around them.

We therefore politely ask that those of you choosing to stay in rooms use the words **“social distancing”** rather than **“self-isolating”** unless you consider yourself to be showing symptoms of COVID-19 (**notably a persistent cough or fever**). This should be reflected in any signs placed on doors or in communication to your social circles. Furthermore, anyone choosing to practise social distancing or indeed self-isolation, or anyone with concern for others should contact, via email, the Student Support Team immediately. It is very important that College staff have a clear indication of any possible cases of COVID-19 at this time.

Leaving College accommodation

It is vitally important that when leaving College, you tell us! This includes checking out at the College Reception and handing in your key (as we would ask you to do during vacations for the purposes of fire registers). At this time it is particularly important that we know exactly who is still resident in College. As such, if you have already left but not told us, please send an email to just as soon as possible. As per the email I sent to all students yesterday with the OPS handout you are encouraged to take all of your belonging with you if possible. We realise that in some cases, this will not be possible but we are grateful for you doing this where you can.

Student Support

We realise that there is a heightened level of uncertainty at present. For some this is particularly difficult to manage.

Myself and David are running College Office on a shift basis to ensure that there is always one of us here during office hours and also checking our emails when possible, out of hours. I will email round every Monday and let you know which days we will be in.

We are doing all that we can to answer your questions but appreciate your patience as we too await further information. Regardless, appointments are still available with members of the Student Support Team who are happy to help when they can or simply listen if needed. These will continue to be available throughout the Easter Vacation but will all be carried out online. No face-to-face appointments are available. Appointments can be booked in the usual way via or by giving us a call at any time on:

0191 334 4104 PAULA
0191 334 4141 DAVID

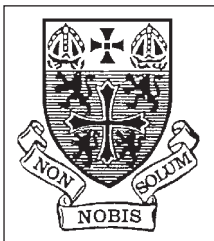
College Catering

From Saturday morning, the 21st of March, catering within College will cease except for those who have officially been advised to self-isolate following testing.

Please share this with students who are still in residence.

Take care everyone and lets continue to look out for each other!!

David & Paula



Medical Emergency – **111**
Samaritans – **116 123 (Freephone)**
Emergency Services – Police, Fire
Ambulance – **999**

IMPORTANT COVID-19 UPDATE ON COLLEGES AND WSE MATTERS – STUDENTS

HIGH IMPORTANCE

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

Large gatherings and events

In line with the direction to minimise risk of infection and delay spread of the virus, the University has taken the decision that all non-essential large University-organised gatherings - in Durham and elsewhere - are to cease. The judgement on what is essential is to be made by the lead member of staff for each event, who will be responsible for cancelling the event and communicating the cancellation to attendees. Decisions on events should be made in consultation with divisional staff.

The University has decided to cancel College formals and other large WSE events from next week in order to support the University's intent to enable students to go home where possible. In response to the specific question on the Post-offer visit days, the final decision has not yet been taken but will be communicated by the organisers in the next few days.

We recognise that you may have already made financial commitments to these events (e.g. paying for tickets or travel) and the University will be considering the appropriate approach to refunding costs already incurred. However, please do not enter into any new financial commitments as these will not be refunded.

University and College sporting events should continue for now but without spectators except for key members of staff. This decision will be under constant review with national bodies and in line with PHE advice. Experience Durham will endeavour to live-stream college sport so that it can be viewed remotely, but you are strongly encouraged not to gather together in large groups to do so.

Student Support and Wellbeing Services

The Counselling Service, Disability Support, the Student Conduct Office and the Student Wellbeing and Community Engagement Office are continuing to offer services to students in the usual way. Updates will be provided if this

changes. The Counselling Service and Disability Support have explored ways of working remotely and online, and anticipate being able to continue to offer services to students during the impacted period.

Accommodation and residence in Durham

Colleges will remain open as planned, but you are free to return home after your classes finish on Friday 13 March if you can do so and if you feel it is a suitable option in your own personal circumstances. We advise that you take all your possessions home with you if this is possible. This is to allow for greater flexibility in the event of future changes, particularly any Government decision to close educational institutions as has happened in other countries. A separate communication has already been issued to College staff regarding students who have term-time only lets and anticipate difficulty in returning home.

For students who remain, and for next term, the University is actively developing options regarding how best to house students in college accommodation who are self-isolating, including how to provide them with food. The NHS has provided guidance on self-isolation, including for students living in university or private accommodation, at the following link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-advice/>

Ongoing management of the Covid-19 situation

Dedicated teams at University and Divisional level are working hard to ensure the University responds in the most appropriate way to this situation. The University will seek to communicate all decisions as quickly as possible, while ensuring its messages are consistent and clear. It is very important that you do not act on or further disseminate any information you receive on the Covid-19 situation that is not from an official source. Your co-operation in this is much appreciated. If you have any queries, please direct them to your College Student Support Office or Experience Durham.

PVC Colleges and Student Experience

Jeremy Cook OBE, BENGs (HONS), MSc

Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Colleges and Student Experience)



OLIVIA BURT AND HER CHARITY, 'OLIVIA INSPIRES'



Castle student, Olivia Burt was a young woman who achieved many things in her short life and always tried to be the best that she could be in everything she did. Olivia made friends easily and when, on 7th February 2018 she was killed in a horrendous incident in Durham City Centre there was a huge outpouring of

grief. Her death came as a shock to everyone, all the more so because of her kindness, selflessness, and courage, which shone through in everything she did.

Olivia was a first year student reading Natural Sciences. She was only just setting out on her new University life in Durham, but she took to it like the proverbial "duck to water", a very appropriate simile given her love of sailing. She started sailing *Optimists* when she was five-years-old, moving into *Lasers*, *4.7s* and *Radials*. She sailed internationally for Great Britain in all of these classes and naturally gained a place in the University Sailing Team.

In addition, Olivia's love of music saw her playing her saxophone in the Castle Big Band and she had just been invited to join the University College Events Committee.

Olivia lived most of her 20 years in the New Forest, in the village of Milford on Sea. As a gifted pupil at Bournemouth School for Girls, she was fully involved in her school community leading to her being chosen as Head Girl. She did all of this and much more with an infectious smile and a desire to help others.

Once the initial all-consuming shock of Olivia's death passed and in an effort to find some meaning in the tragedy, we decided to set up *Olivia Inspires*, a charity to allow Olivia's spirit to live on in the achievements of others. The charity will assist young people aged 11 to 18 years, whose families live in the New Forest District Council area and who are facing financial hardship, by making grants of money, normally no more than £500, to provide items or services to enable them to develop their potential in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), the arts and sport.



Olivia Inspires was launched at the end of last year at a high profile event and we were delighted that the College was represented by two of Olivia's friends and fellow students. Following the launch, we have had an incredible response to our initial fundraising and we would like to thank everyone who has donated. We have been touched by people's willingness to support Olivia's charity. Perhaps this is because Olivia was so well known and loved by so many people; perhaps because of the awfulness of the tragedy that befell Olivia, and Paula and I as Olivia's parents; perhaps because of the need for a charity like Olivia Inspires. Most likely it is for all three of these reasons.

A large number of individuals, companies and organisations have already come forward with support for *Olivia Inspires*; foremost amongst these is *Castle Community Action* and *Castle JCR* who have nominated *Olivia Inspires* as one of their Charities of the Year. Castle Outreach Officer, **Mala Pandit** said: "Olivia was an incredibly intelligent, beautiful and inspirational young woman and friend – a much loved and valued member of the College, with her efforts and enthusiasm displayed through her contribution and involvement in numerous committees, societies and clubs. We are honoured to be able to raise money for the charity this year, in memory of Olivia, to be able to help the many young children this wonderful charity sets out to support."



A steady stream of applications for support has been received via the *Olivia Inspires* website and the first grants have been awarded to a variety of richly deserving young people. The charity is now concentrating on developing and expanding the already established links with schools and youth organisations in the New Forest, with the aim of dramatically increasing the number of grant applicants. At the same time, a number of fundraising events are being planned which will hopefully secure funding for the increasing number of awards.

If you would like to find out more about *Olivia Inspires* please visit our website, where you can also make online donations: www.oliviainspires.org.uk. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us: admin@oliviainspires.org.uk.

Nigel and Paula Burt



REFLECTIONS ON DAVID HELD

1951–2019

A year ago, tomorrow the Master of this College, **Professor David Held** died. There is a powerful tribute to David in the front of our order of service. I feel inadequate to contribute, sadly his death meant that I never met him and you all are more qualified either as members of this college community or as colleagues of David's to bring recollections and reflections on his life. One member of the extended Castle community wrote to me this week referring to David as "a good friend as well as colleague." This person went on to detail a difficult time in his professional life in a number of areas where he found that David was "the most forgiving and supportive person I have ever known."

The Choir have just sung *Herbert Howells* setting of *Psalm 23*. It is a psalm whose complexities are often overlooked as we stay with the initial pastoral image of the shepherd. We begin therefore with a concept of us being sheep, a collective identity placed in an idyll, cared for and comfortable. This passive view of being, whilst the one that it is held onto by most people when they think of *Howard Goodall's* arrangement or singing it to the Scottish folk tune, *Crimond*, is only the starting point.

Passive, romantic and bucolic visions of life whilst enticing need grounding in reality. In my understanding of David's work both academic and beyond, he too realised that the harsh realities of life require a taking of responsibility by each participant, as the psalm puts it, "he shall convert my soul." This realisation of our personal obligations not simply to be part of the flock but be democratic involved and engaged in seeking out right pathways, even if they are difficult or take one into dangerous situations. The psalmist takes us, as does scripture in general from a bucolic vision to an urban one. We move from the land to the city, we also move from being defined as being members of a small community (a flock) to one where we are held in a new universal identity, and yet one located within a structured environment. We move from being in a field, to being ones who share at a table, with all the reverberations of engaging community and also the costs involved when others are disturbed by who we are becoming.

Democracy, globalisation and institutionalism are not just central strands of David's work they are themes of this psalm. At this point I wish to reflect a little on the verse "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death." A few years ago, I walked through the Samaritan Gorge in Crete. It was the day I had learnt that mother had a terminal illness. The day was hot

and the sun's rays relentless. However, at the base of the gorge we were in darkness, overshadowed by the cliff like sides. Here the air temperature was cooler, the light intensity weaker, saturation levels lost in the gloom that the mass cast with its shadow. It is not the valley of death that the psalmist writes of but its shadow, its effect and impact on those whose lives are plunged into darkness by death. It is in this context that support and fortification is needed to enable a completion of the journey.

A journey which is completed by being newly defined. No longer simply members of a flock, but placed into a new household, given a new identity that is not in terms of a small pastureland, but a universal vision. Not one of raw living, but in a household that elsewhere is part of new city. Whilst the nuances and developed concepts of cosmopolitan democracy are for me to learn from David's writings and from you, there is much in *Psalm 23* that points towards it, and also includes within it our current setting of be overshadowed by David's death a year ago and our institutional identity as we have journeyed on through this time of grief.

Our next anthem by *Herbert Howells* is from *Psalm 121*. It is not a seeking of help that arises from the hills, but a recognition that as we journey into the hills, we will need help and assistance, that our own resources will not be sufficient. The psalmist writes how God will be with a faithful support, companion and protector in that journey. In our current age to journey through the hills is less frightening. We have the wisdom of those who have gone before us, their maps and observations helping to guide us on our way. We are bound up with those who have gone before us, and our custodianship will also help or hinder those who follow us. For me as a Christian minister of religion, a cosmopolitan view point includes the heavenly Jerusalem and thus is not simply a temporal matter but one that transcends not just the earthbound limitations of identities that are often clung to but also ones, as exemplified in this college that bring together those of the past, the present and the future into its corporate identity.

For all this we remember and give thanks for David: his life, his writings and inspiration, his being a crucial part of who we are, whether like you, you knew him well, or me only through his legacies. I pray that he does indeed dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **Amen.**

*Rev'd Canon Michael Everitt
Canon Pastor, Durham Cathedral*



David Held – in memory (published 14th March, 2019)

Professor David Held, who died suddenly on 2nd March after a short illness, was one of the most influential and individual political theorists of his generation. He was also a gracious, generous and relentlessly curious colleague, and someone whose forward-looking attitude made him an immensely supportive supervisor to his many PhD students and mentor to junior colleagues.

David rarely did things the ‘conventional’ way in academic terms. His first degree was in Management Science and his MSc and PhD came from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, including seminars under the supervision of Theda Skocpol that, in David’s telling, sounded hilarious and terrifying in equal measure. He simultaneously ran several activities that would be careers in their own right for many people. David was a founder and Director of Polity Press, he co-founded Global Policy Journal and Global Policy Institute, and he undertook public engagements across a vast range of topics that took him around the world and into venues including the World Economic Forum and into contact with leading European political figures. David’s intellectual and commercial entrepreneurialism meant he was always engaged beyond the seminar room and lecture theatre, bringing his work to public attention, giving it a leverage in policy-making circles that few other political theorists sought or could expect, and, for those who worked with him, providing a rich source of anecdotes about his occasional brushes with the world of the rich and famous. Few political theorists are likely to have been compared favourably as a dancer with Daniel Craig. Similarly, few political theorists are likely to have organised seminars with the military that took place on board the Royal Navy’s flagship or a submarine.

David’s prolific output ranged across three core areas – democracy, where the influence of his lifelong engagement with Frankfurt School critical theory and especially the work of Juergen Habermas was central; globalisation, where his work during the 1990s set an agenda that continues to be crucial; and institutionalism, with his most recent books on the phenomena he called Gridlock provide potent analysis of the travails facing contemporary efforts to manage fundamental change in the global political economy. He wrote and edited 60 books, many of them collaboratively demonstrating his desire to bring together different perspectives and to fuse new insights across sub-disciplinary boundaries. His career spanned posts at the Open University for most of the 1990s, where he was Professor of Politics and Sociology, and the LSE between 2000 and 2011 as Graham Wallas Professor of Political Science, prior to joining Durham University as Master of University College and Professor in the School of Government and International Affairs in January 2012.

David's death leaves a rich legacy of intellectual leadership and innovation, a huge cohort of former students and collaborators whose lives have been improved by working with David, and a model of forward-looking commitment to the importance of politics as a profession and an academic activity that we can do little better than to seek to emulate.

Taken from the Durham University School of Government and International Affairs website.



David Held

27th August 1951–2nd March 2019

Master of University College, Durham 2012–2019

OBITUARY

FRANCIS DOMENICO JOSEPH ASTI

1932–2019



Frank came up to Castle in 1951 from Carlisle Grammar School to read French. He was a dedicated, hard working student influenced and inspired by the dynamic **Louis Allen**. His year in France (1953–54) at the College Franco Brittanique, in suburban Paris, provided opportunities to explore the art and culture of the city and live in an international community. He was very much a European thereafter.

Regular holidays in Europe strengthened this view and allowed him to walk and photograph his main leisure pursuits. He got a 2:1, then a DipEd before going into the Army on National Service. He was “sent” out on the Intensive Russian Language Course then worked “in civvies” as a Translator for Military Intelligence, one of Smiley’s People!

Normal life resumed, he taught modern languages at Aylesbury Grammar School then at his old school in Carlisle. At this time he made the best decision of his life by marriage to Rosemary. She and their children survive him, three girls and one son, Tim.

In 1967 he moved to Nottingham College of Education as the Teacher/Trainer in Modern Languages. The College had become Nottingham Trent University before he returned as a Semnior Academic in 1993.

Frank was an active member of St. Teresa’s Church in Nottingham for over 50 years: an Eucharistic Minister working in the Church and assisting more widely in the Parish. The Mass of Thanksgiving for his life was celebrated by three Priests and a Deacon of his parish – no ordinary honour. The Eulogy by son Tim summarised Franks passion in life – Faith, Family, Teaching and Learning to which Rosemary has added his “love of and loyalty to University College”.

In residence he was well liked and respected, modest and diligent to his studies. His contemporaries knew more when they met and reminisced at 30 Reunions, latterly with Rosemary too. At each Reunion he worshipped once in the Cathedral. When asked why he replied: “It was ours”.

He was truly a man of all seasons.

OBITUARY

DEREK HOLBROOK

1926–2019

It is with a heavier heart than usual that I take up my pen this day to lament the death of Derek Holbrook.

Derek was Editor of this journal before Alex, one of the only two that *Castellum* has had.

Among Castlemen, as among the men of even more ancient Oxford and Cambridge Colleges down the long years, some have shone like stars, lighting up the lives of those fortunate enough to share with them those all-too-few glorious varsity years. Such for me was Derek. He was, and remained throughout my life, my Dorian Gray: forever young; forever fair. I admired him; loved him even; and he became, and has remained, part of the mythology that governed my life.

We took to each other instantly and seamlessly. Three encounters.

In my second year, when he was in his first, I invited him to tea in my rooms in *30 Junction*, together with his girl of the moment, Jennie Jameson, by common consent the most beautiful girl in the Durham Colleges, and therefore an appropriate partner for Derek. Black-haired, dark-eyed, the two of them lit up that little room, which I had decorated myself against their coming, and fresh convert as I was to that branch of the Religion of Beauty, Pre-Raphaelitism, I could only admire them – speechless.

He didn't marry Jennie. He married one of a literary family, Daphne Bowen, whose perceptive novel about feckless ex-pats in France must owe something to her and Derek's decision to spend much of their time in Malaga; and whose brother wrote a television play I remember to this day - *Robin Redbreast*: a disturbing story of an illegitimate boy brought up by a contemporary village until he is of age. When he discovers it is his fate to be sacrificed to the Goddess and dug into the ground to ensure the growth of the villagers' crops.

Derek was fun to know. And he was able to laugh at himself as well as other people. At one period, up at Castle, he went through what I called his "Pirate Period". An eye complaint forced him to wear a patch over his left eye, and like some few of the rashest among us he had taken to a beard. One day, when he and I had joined the biscuit queue at Woolworth's – such delicacies were hard to come by in 1950's Britain – the woman ahead of us turned round, gaped aghast at his long black hair (shoulder-length was it?), his black beard and the black patch over his eye, screamed, and all but fainted off. Effortlessly he won her round.

For the last of these encounters I turn to my copy of the *Castellum* of 1966. When Colonel Slater was Master and Derek was Editor. The article I wrote there I called *Breakfast with Holbrook*.

One morning, having got up too late for breakfast, I set off down to the town to get some – and knocked into Derek outside his rooms in Owengate.

“I missed my breakfast.”

“So have I. Come in and have some with me,” he bassooned into the brisk morning air.

What followed was a way of life, an ethos: a philosophy practised by varsity men since the Middle Ages and brought to fruition by the glorious Wandering Scholars of the twelfth century.

“Cornflakes, Edgar? Sorry, there’s not a lot of milk. A nice piece of bacon, though – if I can lay my hands on it.”

“Is this it? On top of your *Samson Agonistes*.”

“So that’s where it got to. You’ve only got to turn your back . . . A few fried potatoes with it?”

“Oh!” Weakly.

“A mushroom or two?”

Still more weakly: “Oh . . .”

“I’ve got a nice pot of marmalade from home to follow.”

How can you convince people, people that is who have never lived the scholar’s residential life in a place like Castle, how much a part of Inward Learning those three years can give?

And now to the man himself.

Derek went up to Castle from Warrington in 1948 – after the apology for a residential life called “military service” (say rather “military servitude”) offered by the aged nincompoops who decide for us our destinies. Up here he read English, under the marvellously inspiring Clifford Leech and our marvellously inept professor, Claude Abbott. In Castle he was chosen to read Grace; and his “*Domine omnipotens, aeterne Deus, qui tam benigne . . .*” reverberated night after night and wall to Castle wall to the shivering delight of everybody. He proved himself a witty and convincing debater. In 1954, three years after going down, he became editor of *Castellum*, and stayed editor until 1986, when he handed the editorship to Alex.

On coming down in 1951 he joined Kemsley Newspapers as a Graduate Trainee at the *Newcastle Journal* and the *Newcastle Evening News*, then in 1954 fled a mile or so south to the *Manchester Evening News*.

A brief spell this, for only three years later he took the momentous decision to abandon journalism; joining ICI, Billingham Division, as Press/Personnel Officer.

“Why?” I asked him.

“Well, you were a journalist, Edgar. I’m sure you know without my telling you.”

As indeed I did. For I had been a correspondent along the Kentish coast during the war, and had learned during my three comic years there that in journalism the dramatic always takes precedence over the truth, and that there is nothing to be gained in reporting that people lived happily every after but absolutely everything to be gained by reporting their living unhappily ever after.

So – a man, my friend Derek, of principle.

And then, in 1966, he moved to ICI Headquarters at Millbank, with national responsibility for Personnel and Industrial Relations. Here he remained until his retirement.

A man, I wrote, of principle.

Was he religious then?

Religion we never discussed, though in his first days at Castle, the days of Jennie Jameson, he had had some mysterious dealings with the reputedly evangelical Student Christian Movement. He pulled a surprised face now when I told him I had “gone over to Rome”.

“I became Catholic,” I told him, “on one day, when I was ten years old. My father had been working in London, and when my mother and I joined him there from Wales he took us to “see the sights”: Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London, St Paul’s Cathedral. We had just come out of Westminster Abbey when, “While we’re here,” he said, “we may as well look at Westminster Cathedral.” “What’s that?” asked my mother. “It’s the Roman Catholic one.” “Oh we can’t go there,” protested my mother; “they’ll throw us out!”

Despite her fears, relics of a Calvinist upbringing, we went.

And there, and then, I made my first obeisance to Beauty. Before the banked candles. The great gothic pillars strong with incense. The Latin Mass sounding from the Lady Chapel. I knew then that it was only a matter of time.

Fellow lover of Beauty as Derek was, “I understand,” he said.

Edgar Jones



OBITUARY

DR. MICHAEL JOHN CLIFFE, J.P.

1945–2019

Mike was born in Bromborough on the Wirral, Merseyside in April 1945, grew up on the Wirral and attended *Calday Grange Grammar School*. He was a keen sportsman, played rugby and he swam. His Sports teacher, who was a Welsh champion boxer at the time, liked him, as he was tall enough to spar with, so Mike was frequently ducking and weaving, as well as diving, rucking and mauling through school. He and a school friend won a science prize one year, for growing the best copper sulphate crystal in class. The teachers were unaware that they had bought the magnificent specimen from a local chemist.

His physique enabled him to develop his drinking career at an early age. He managed to get into the *Cavern Club* in Liverpool and watch a band called The Beatles, and was there on the night that happened to be the only time they were filmed performing inside the famous venue. To the trained eye, he did make it onto that footage and can be seen hovering in the shadows, nursing a pint.

After Grammar School, Mike set off for Durham to study Zoology and Psychology, where he crossed paths with the new lecturer in the botany department, **David Bellamy OBE** who apparently taught him to scuba dive for a field trip that they had to make as part of their studies.

He was quartered in the Tower of Lumley Castle in his first year at Durham before moving into Palace Green. He thoroughly enjoyed his time at Durham. He participated in the Seven Mile Run from Lumley to Durham Castle, which included taking refreshment in public houses that bordered the route and rising at 5.00 am the next day to row on the River Wear.

He was immensely proud of his time at Durham, and of the lifelong friends he made there. He attended the Annual Reunions of the *Durham Castle Society* and several of his Durham friends were present at his funeral.

After Durham, Mike went to *Newcastle University* to complete a Post-Graduate qualification in Clinical Psychology. Then he returned to Merseyside and was employed in the Psychiatric Day Hospital in Birkenhead, where he met his future wife, Sylvia, who was an Occupational Therapist. They married in 1971. In 1978, with the prospect of a promotion to run the Psychology Services for West Norfolk and Wisbech, Mike moved to King's Lynn and soon after his wife followed.

Whilst establishing a Psychology Department based at the Fermoy Unit of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, King's Lynn, Mike returned to his

academic studies and completed a Masters in Cybernetics at Brunel University in 1982.

In 1990, Mike joined the local Bench and became a Magistrate. He served on the Bench as a JP for 25 years and retired in 2015 at the age of 70.

He returned to study once more and achieved a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology in 1999 from Leicester University.

By his son, Chris Cliffe

A few years ago, Mike arrived at the Reunion with a friend, a life-size cardboard cut-out of Charles Darwin. In the Undercroft, many Castlemen posed for photographs with the man who publicised the concept of evolution. It may have been Mike's way of demonstrating his continuing scepticism about religious concepts, despite having been immersed in and surrounded by them for three years, while he was a Durham student on Palace Green, dining daily in the Palace of a Bishop, studying and sleeping next to the Cathedral bells, borrowing his text-books in Cathedral Close from the SPCK (the Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge) and living in a place where Castle students appear to blend seamlessly with the memory of Saint Cuthbert, the Venerable Bede and the Lindisfarne Gospels.

One evening, while Mike and I were students at Castle, we decided to watch a world title heavy weight boxing match in the television room that was situated next to the Castle courtyard at the foot of the Keep.

The match was being shown live from the USA. For refreshment, we purchased a crate of Newcastle Brown Ale, hoping that six bottles each would not run out during the 15 round contest. If they did, no replenishment would be possible, as the College bar closed at 10.30 pm and the boxing match did not begin until 3.00 am Greenwich Mean Time.

In round three, the contender, **Cassius Clay**, later to be known as **Mohammed Ali**, knocked out **Sonny Liston**, the reigning champion and we had barely drunk half of our first bottle.

Stunned, we secreted the crate with its ten full bottles in Mike's room and set out on a scholarly walk across Palace Green, passing in front of the Cathedral, strolling down Windy Gap, by the side of the University Library and along the banks of the River Wear.

He was a charming, larger than life character both physically and mentally, with a keen interest in rugby, cricket, English literature, including **James Joyce**, **Samuel Beckett** and the Theatre of the Absurd, Science and Foreign Languages, including Icelandic. He read widely, which enabled him to converse on a broad range of subjects. He was a Renaissance man, a unique blend of **Falstaff** and **Dr. Johnson**, who was greatly loved by his wife, family and friends.

By his friend, John Morrissey (1964 to 1967)

MEMORIES OF MIKE CLIFFE

by Richard Ellery

Mike, who sadly died last year, will be familiar to any attendees at Reunion in the last decades. He was difficult to miss. A very large man, resonant of voice, considerable of thirst, and with fine head of skin, even then, when we first met in the newly opened, freshly re-excavated Undercroft on the first day of Freshers' Week in 1964. He was billeted in Cousin's Hall, in a shared room with **John Beer**. The vista from his window was across Palace Green to the terrace of buildings which then comprised the Union and the University Library. This must be one of the most perfect scenes in Britain, including the Cathedral to the left. In those days much, if not most of the activity of the College was based on the peninsula. Did we appreciate it? Of course not!

A speaker at a Reunion Dinner a few years ago referred to Bailey House, the rambling lined accommodation on the sit of the more modern Bailey Court, as "a medieval slum". My own room, an almost converted toilet in Abbey House, was not that posh! It is now the Department of Theology. With knowledge of some of the 1960s activities therein, this seems very inappropriate.

So every evening (except Saturday) Mike and I, with a few dozen others scrambled round the Green making fevered adjustments to our gowns, jackets and ties as the Cathedral bells struck seven, hoping to avoid the opprobrium of a sound hissing or even a scone for lateness to dinner. Somewhat ironically, two years later, Mike was appointed by General Acclaim at a JCR meeting as College Preventions Officer, a role resurrected from the Castle archives. It empowered the said officeholder to accost, berate and fine any "Gentleman of Castle" speaking to a Mary's woman. Disgracefully, such affronts to decency did occasionally happen in those dark days. The only problem was that charges had to be made personally, close to hand, not at a distance, and the CPO had to be wearing his scarlet mortar board at the time, which made surreptitious creeping up on the guilty virtually impossible.

Mike loved this nonsense, as well as all the other traditions we engaged in, like the Lumley Run. He spent his second year at Lumley (our other Castle, for the youngsters) and the special social life there. The *Fireworks Night Ball* was a favourite. It was not all play however, and Mike was once spotted doing some work. Well, twice . . .

We enjoyed playing rugby for the College on Wednesday afternoons. He was a prop forward who spoke a damn good game, and I froze on the wing. In three years I can seldom recall either of us actually touching the ball, while our vastly

more talented peers did fancy things around us. Unfortunately once a year we had to play Hatfield and Grey, who took out their natural inferiority problems by fielding the enormous, talented lads who would soon become internationals and even a British Lion! That was less fun.

A highlight of that sporting life was the *Tour to Cambridge*, organised by our skipper, **Allan Hill**, in 1966. Mike and I nearly missed the coach, having celebrated the impending jaunt by sampling the Nimmo's in the Buffalo's Head in Sadler Street, now a wine bar, whatever that is. We were very well sampled by mid-afternoon, and had to sprint up Owengate to make the rendezvous. Two years ago we could barely walk up the same street. Why is it that Durham slopes increase in steepness over time? Anyway, we played two Cambridge Colleges, won one, lost one, and were so royally entertained that there are very few memories.

The lives of Castlemen (as we then were) tended to follow a pattern. After graduation we dispersed over the country, and the world, did grown up things like sobriety, debt and marriage, taking part in procreation and the rest. Then in more mature years, the prospect of the Castle Reunion becomes a welcome diversion. Mike had a major part to play in this regeneration of interest in things Castellian. He was a keen user of the then developing home computing facilities, and sought to contact members of our generation to encourage a journey to the North-East once a year. He "found" **Dai Jones**, albeit in Canada, **Roger Cooke** in Cumbria, **Al Hall** in Yorkshire, **John Beer** in Norwich and the late **Miguel Crompton** in Derbyshire among others. He served two cycles on the Society Committee.

He claimed that he was so bored in his Clinical Psychologising for the NHS that he learnt Icelandic in his spare time. I would not put it past him, he did know bits of the Sagas and recited them with gusto, although it may well have been one if his wide interests, I never discovered if his fluency was exaggerated. Mike was a polymath, his Doctorate concerned the impenetrable (to me) statistical analyses in methodologies in his subject, so weird he was convinced the academics who administered his Doctoral viva didn't understand it. He loved literature, was an avid Joycian at Castle, came to love and appreciate Shakespeare and was a leading light of the Kings Lynn Literary Society he composed poetry – an example was published in *Castellum*.

Mike was a complex character, and great fun. Above all, he loved Durham the place, and the College in particular. We shall all miss him greatly, and look forward to raising our glasses in that Toast which increases in poignancy year after year, "To Absent Friends".

Richard Ellery 1964–67

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

As at June 2019, the final examinations candidates achieved the following results:

Total Graduates 228 (Men 103, Women 125)

	<i>First</i>	<i>2.1's</i>	<i>2.2's</i>	<i>Third</i>	<i>Ordinary</i>	<i>Pass</i>	<i>Diploma</i>
All	101	119	7	–	1	–	1
Men	43	55	5	–	–	–	–
Women	58	64	2	–	1	–	1
Arts	34	30	2	–	–	–	1
Science	28	34	13	–	–	–	–
Social Sciences	39	55	2	–	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

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

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 dunelm.org.uk address from the University Alumni Office, which is available to all members of the Society

Contributions for 2021 please by January 31st, 2021

Durham Castle Society

74th ANNUAL REUNION BOOKING FORM

Name _____

Name of Partner _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____ Email address _____

Year in Residence _____

Reunion Accommodation and Meals

I am a Member of the Durham Castle Society and wish to attend the 2019 Reunion.

My requirements are as follows (*please tick*):

	Member	Partner	
Tea on 11th to Breakfast on 13th Sept.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£145
Lunch on 12th to Breakfast on 15th Sept.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£115
Weekend Non-Resident – Friday Tea to Saturday Dinner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£65
Saturday Non-Resident – Lunch, Tea and Dinner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£52.50
Reunion Dinner Only, 12th Sept.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£32.50

Special Diets _____

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All rates are per person.

When booking, please send a cheque payable to **Durham University** with the Booking Form. Payment is not accepted now on arrival.

Booking Forms should be returned by post to:

REUNION BOOKINGS, University College, Palace Green, Durham DH1 3RW

A List of Attendees, including their years in Residence, will be included in the next Edition of the Society's Annual Magazine, *Castellum*. If you do not wish your name to appear please tick here.

Durham Castle Society

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY 2019

	31-07-2019	31-07-2018
INCOME:	£	£
Subscriptions	21,125.83	22,727.15
Subscriptions – Prior Year Adjustment (PGrad)	–	2300.00
Interest Received	54.69	33.36
	21,180.52	25,060.51
EXPENDITURE:		
<i>Castellum</i>	6,754.00	6,450.00
Postage and Distribution	2769.92	2,563.67
Society Website	628.80	628.80
Reunion Expenses	487.20	417.60
Retirement Gift – College Secretary	–	500.00
<i>Alumni/Graduand Hospitality</i>	404.00	216.00
Miscellaneous	214.99	214.99
	11,258.91	10,991.06
	9,921.61	14,069.45
<i>Alumni Merchandise</i>	3,099.02	950.40
MCR Academic Conference	500.00	–
MCR/JCR Alumni Career Talks	325.00	–
Castle Chamber Choir and Orchestra	185.47	–
UCBC	4,000.00	–
Rugby – UCRFC	200.00	–
	8,309.49	950.40
	1,612.12	13,119.05
Community Action Fund	1,500.00	1,500.00
Lowe Library Fund	–	–
eva Schumacher-Reid Hardship Fund	–	–
<i>Alumni Events Fund</i>	500.00	–
Military Scholarship Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00
	3,000.00	2,500.00
	(1,387.88)	10,619.05
Exceptional Item – Fraud	–	9,100.00
	£(1,387.88)	£1,519.05

Note: Earlier years' authorised unspent expenditure of around £22,500.00 at the Balance Sheet date has either been funded from other sources, or is now largely unlikely to be required.

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Durham Castle Society

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JULY 2019

	31-07-2019	31-07-2018
CURRENT ASSETS:	£	£
Business Base Rate Tracker Account	27,455.15	27,400.46
Business Community Account	21,411.11	18,449.12
	<u>£48,866.26</u>	<u>£45,850.12</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Subscriptions in Advance	18,545.00	18,740.00
Sundry Creditors	3,099.02	-
	<u>21,644.02</u>	<u>18,740.00</u>
	<u>£27,222.24</u>	<u>£27,110.12</u>
Represented By:		
ACCUMULATED FUND		
Opening Balance	9,610.12	8,091.07
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	(1,387.88)	1,519.05
	<u>£8,222.24</u>	<u>£9,610.12</u>
COMMUNITY ACTION FUND		
Opening Balance	-	-
Transfer	1,500.00	1,500.00
Expenditure	(1,500.00)	(1,500.00)
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
LOWE LIBRARY FUND		
Opening Balance	5,000.00	5,000.00
Transfer	-	-
Expenditure	(-)	(-)
	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
EVA SCHUMACHER-REID HARDSHIP FUND		
Opening Balance	5,500.00	5,500.00
Transfer	-	-
Expenditure	(-)	(-)
	<u>5,500.00</u>	<u>5,500.00</u>
ALUMNI EVENTS FUND		
Opening Balance	1,000.00	1,300.00
Transfer	500.00	-
Expenditure	(-)	(300.00)
	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
MILITARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND		
Opening Balance	6,000.00	5,000.00
Transfer	1,000.00	1,000.00
Expenditure	(-)	-
	<u>7,000.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>
	<u>£27,222.24</u>	<u>£27,110.12</u>

COLLEGE OFFICERS 2019–2020

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ACTING VICE-PRINCIPAL and SENIOR TUTOR

Dr. David Lowther

ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Paula Furness

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Vacant

CURATOR

Ms. Gemma Lewis

Dr. Ellen Crabtree is appointed Vice-Principal and Dr. Wendy Powers is appointed Head of University College, effective June 2020.

The Society also acknowledges the contribution of Andrew N. Tibbs who was Acting Vice-Principal during the last Reunion in September 2019.

EDITOR OF CASTELLUM

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Dates of 2020 Reunion

Friday 11th September to Sunday 13th September 2020.

The Reunion Dinner is on Saturday, 12th September 2020.

Dates of 2021 Reunion

Dates of 2021 Reunion are not yet fixed.

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