

## DAIICHI STUDENT EXCHANGE

The exchange scheme, now in its eleventh year, enables graduates from Fitzwilliam and from St Anne's, Oxford, to spend a year at Daiichi University of Economics, where they study Japanese language and culture. Daiichi University is in Kyushu, in the coastal city of Fukuoka which faces South Korea across the straits. The scheme is funded entirely by Tsuzuki Sogo Gakuen, a trust comprising some fifty institutions which supports 70,000 children and young people at all stages of education from kindergarten through to university. The Institute pays for all travel, board and lodging and also funds their tuition for one academic year. The graduates teach English conversation for a few hours a week in a school, and often undertake private tuition as well.

In 2008–2009, five Fitzwilliam graduates went to Japan on the exchange scheme: Miriam Kurtosiova (2005), Iona Mcintosh (2005), Todd Smithurst (2005), Bill Davies (2007) and Alexandra Lazou (2004), who wrote of her experiences.

### Daiichi Programme 2008–2009

Before flying to Japan in September 2008, my knowledge of Japan or of anything Japanese was extremely limited. Having studied French and German at Fitzwilliam for four years, the main reason I applied for the scholarship was because I thought it would be challenging and quite fun to learn another language, an Asian one at that, and the fact that it was all paid for.

My year in Japan, through the Daiichi scholarship, introduced me to the wonders of this extraordinary country and gave me the opportunity to meet some of the nicest, most genuine and kind-hearted people I have ever encountered. I grew up in Greece, surrounded by a culture famed for its generous entertainment and welcome towards foreigners, but the Japanese take hospitality to another level.

I expected it would take me a while to adapt to a new way of life, especially one which I imagined to be so drastically different to the West. This was not the case. The welcome we received from our new University and in halls exceeded all expectations, and from the start we were made to feel very much at home. The International Office of the University was extremely helpful with all manner of things, from getting health insurance to finding work. The Japanese lessons proved to be a challenge but a pleasant one and, for us ten Oxbridge students, at least there was no exam looming at the end of the year. For the first five months we had joint classes with 12 Taiwanese students with whom some of us ended up being very close friends, ultimately visiting their beautiful island and enjoying the hospitality of their families.

Our contribution to the scheme was to teach for a few hours a week at Linden Hall, an English immersion school, and help the children with their lines for the annual Shakespeare performance, this year being *Macbeth*. This proved to be really fun and a rewarding experience for us and for the children.

However, how much you enjoy your Japanese experience depends on what you make of it – so for me it was very important to escape the 'ivory tower' of the eighth-floor dormitory exclusive to the Oxbridge students

in halls and meet and spend time with Japanese people. I worked part-time in an English school which was very keen to involve its foreign teachers in true Japanese experiences, so many a weekend was spent going to lantern festivals, camping in the mountains, cherry blossom viewing, enjoying hot springs and experiencing Japanese nightlife. There were lots of opportunities to go travelling; I travelled all over Japan, down to Okinawa, South Korea and other enchanting destinations.

The experience of living in Japan is one which certainly pulls you out of your 'comfort zone' and, as long as you are open-minded and determined to make the most of what the scholarship has to offer, you will have a fabulous time. I would definitely encourage anyone remotely considering it to apply.

ALEXANDRA LAZOU (2004)

## CRIMSON CHINA SUMMER EXCHANGE

Four members of the College took part in the 2009 programme. Grahame Anderson (2007, Law) wrote:

'This summer, I was afforded the great honour of representing Fitzwilliam on the annual summer exchange organised by the Crimson China Foundation. The Foundation was set up by a group of Chinese alumni of Harvard, Yale and Cambridge Universities, with the aim of bringing students in China and Hong Kong together with students of those three seats of learning.

'The exchange followed the same structure as previous years. We were granted the grand designation 'Crimson Fellows' and flown out to the East. We had a week of unscheduled orientation in Hong Kong (swine flu meant that China would not let us cross the border until we had been in a 'clean' country for five days), before half of the cohort headed to Shanghai, and half to Hangzhou in Zhejiang Province, China. I was in the latter troupe.

'Our role was teaching pre-formulated courses to several small groups of soon-to-be undergraduates at Zhejiang University, which prides itself on its 'third-best university in China' ranking. I was concerned that the University might be rather institutional in its approach, rigid and illiberal. This concern was particularly acute for me, as I had decided to teach a course on human-rights law and civil liberties – hardly China's strong points.

'Happily, my fears were not realised. The Chinese students relished the opportunity to express themselves in fierce debate: 'China's occupation of Tibet is illegal and immoral: discuss'; 'Taiwan is not part of China: off you go'. I did not pick these subjects just to be provocative, but because one of the exchange's aims was to challenge culturally-reinforced points of view. Indeed, many of mine were challenged by the maturity and commitment of these Chinese students. They were passionate but considered, defensive and aggressive. I think it was a very positive experience on both sides.'

Yunan Peng (2007, Natural Sciences) wrote:

'We headed back to Hong Kong, rejoined the Shanghai Fellows after a fortnight apart, and dived straight into three weeks of teaching 14 to 18 year olds. Again, we taught



Crimson Fellows and students in Hong Kong

enrichment courses in the morning, but afternoons were filled by teaching the standard curriculum. Various activities also helped to fill the days: my group and I made many posters and videos, and we went on a field trip (planned by the students) around Hong Kong, as well as practicing a dance for our final project. With the Fellows we went to sample varieties of oriental cuisines at their finest, to visit a police academy and to see the nearby islands to explore the native culture. The time simply flew by – every day my eyes were opened wider by different people, different personalities, different landscapes and different experiences in general.

‘This trip not only let me taste teaching teenagers first hand, but also helped me to improve my Chinese and allowed me to learn more about the country I was born in. Perhaps more importantly, we made friends

both in the East and across the Atlantic. Despite slightly chaotic management at times and uncertainty about what we should be doing (almost every day), the programme ran from start to finish as smoothly as could be hoped. Surviving the 40 °C heat in Hangzhou, the 95% humidity in Hong Kong, two level-nine typhoons, the many interesting trips and activities – not least being quarantined – made the Crimson Summer Exchange an unforgettable programme from start to finish.’

Katherine Jones (2007, History), saw interchanges in many directions:

‘The academic side of the exchange was very important, but an equally important part was the opportunity to meet and live with people from across the globe. Each Fellow was appointed three co-Fellows, two in Shanghai and one in Hong Kong, students from the University of Hong Kong. The co-Fellows were absolutely brilliant, helping us adjust our enrichment courses, assisting the pupils with their language skills in the lessons and trying their hardest to show us their culture and how they lived. In many evenings with the co-Fellows, they took us to their favourite places, gave short histories of the city and endlessly answered our questions on Chinese culture. The exchange with the Fellows from American universities was just as influential: the merits of Anglo-American education systems were endlessly discussed – indeed, one of the Fellows from Harvard has now taken the decision to apply for a Ph.D. at Cambridge. It has greatly enlarged my world view and understanding of different cultures. China has received, rightly or wrongly, a fairly negative reception in the Western media. The exchange allowed all participants the opportunity to try to understand the different ways of thinking, in addition to the socio-political climates of the different cultures. With a mixture of British and Chinese institutions, Hong Kong is particularly interesting – as were the surprisingly vocal opinions held by the pupils in Mainland China. Each pupil I taught had an extraordinarily



Yunan Peng (front, left), his co-Fellow Charles from Hong Kong University, and his student group in Hong Kong



The Crimson Fellows, from Cambridge, Oxford, Harvard and Yale, with the co-Fellows

strong social conscience and, despite Western prejudices towards the Chinese government, it was easy for me to understand how all the students saw themselves as playing leading roles in their country's development in the not so distant future.'

And a retrospective from Chloe Swords (2007, Medical and Veterinary Sciences):

'When I was sitting at Heathrow, I remember feeling apprehensive. I was about to undergo a vast range of new experiences: visiting China for the entire summer; teaching; and meeting students from America. Now, with the benefit of hindsight, it is the very fact that I needed to overcome those obstacles that has allowed me to leave the Crimson Summer Exchange feeling inspired and enlightened. Whether it was through conversing with our students and other Fellows, through consumption of chicken feet and cow diaphragm, or purely through growing in confidence with every lesson I taught, I have come away from my experience with a new perspective on a wide range of ideas. Nominally, the programme is a summer school to enrich local students' learning from us Fellows; however, as Fellows we certainly learnt as much from our students.'



Chloe Swords (left) and Katherine Jones (right), with a pupil in Shanghai

## MARK SAVAGE TRAVEL AWARDS

The Travel Awards, given annually, commemorate Mark Savage (1999) who died in 2000 whilst he was an undergraduate at Fitzwilliam.

### Community projects in Zambia

This summer I travelled to Zambia with a group of students from Holy Trinity Church Cambridge. Zambia is a beautiful country, if dusty in July (it rains only between November and February), but I'll remember the people more than the landscape. They were incredibly welcoming and many of the Christians we met were full of hope when many of their situations seemed bleak.

For the first fortnight we were with the Jubilee Centre in Ndola, a wonderful organisation that coordinates 79 churches, encouraging them to organise community projects and facilitating them. Projects include organising feeding programmes for ill and vulnerable children, creating home-based care schemes where volunteers care for people suffering from AIDS and other diseases, and coordinating support for orphans and child-headed households. They also provide vital training for church leaders, particularly around the HIV/AIDS issue and children's work.

We were there to see what the Jubilee Centre is doing. We also did lots of praying with people and had time to reflect and learn from each other as a team, but probably what we did most was entertaining kids with dramas, balloon animals, and action songs – incredible fun but really tiring. Amidst so much need, singing and storytelling didn't seem particularly useful; but many of the women are massively overburdened and don't often get to play with their kids, so hopefully we gave some of them a day to remember.

The Jubilee Centre does a lot of work around the HIV/AIDS problem, which is still devastating many communities. Myths do considerable harm, so much of the work is focused on removing the stigma associated with the disease. About a week after we arrived they took us to see projects in the capital city, Lusaka, a good 5-hour drive from our base in Ndola. Many Zambians have a very different attitude to time compared to us; this can be very refreshing (they always make time to stop and talk to friends), but on this day was particularly annoying. We left Ndola in the dark at 5:30 am and arrived at a small warehouse that was now a church just after midday for a 1 pm meeting. Three hours later people started to arrive and eventually a meeting of the local care team began: a group of 70 volunteers from 12 local churches, who each visit 6–8 people suffering with HIV/AIDS in their communities. They visit the most vulnerable daily, but most weekly, to wash, cook, clean and pray for them. We helped to distribute drugs, medical equipment and sanitary equipment, and had opportunities to talk and pray with the volunteers. How they have the time and energy for this is incredible, when they have so much to deal with in their own households, but I was amazed by one lady's prayer: that the volunteers might be able to find work so they can also support their patients financially. Despite initially being immensely frustrating this was one of the most memorable days for me, when I felt God particularly moved and challenged me. It was enormously encouraging



Oliver Fricker, with children in Zambia

to find a localised and holistic approach to tackling what is arguably the most serious social problem facing Sub-Saharan Africa, making exemplary use of the time, talents and knowledge of local people. The scheme benefits the patients, the volunteers and the whole community and is by no means expensive to run. In my studies I rarely come across projects that provide so many benefits with almost no negative side effects. It was wonderful to pass that on to the volunteers.

We had the privilege of leading a service at Mapalo Bread of Life Church. Mapalo is the poorest suburb of Ndola. I ended up preaching; I was very nervous, but it was wonderful to be able to tell the Christians there of what an example they had shown me of faith, hope and love and how that can only come through Jesus and that they must stay focused on Him. I also had great fun, so much that I managed to wear out one interpreter and go on for nearly an hour!

After we left the Jubilee Centre seven of us spent another 24 days travelling through Zambia and Malawi. We visited Victoria Falls (which cannot fail to excite about physical geography), spent some time on the mighty Zambezi River, went on safari in South Luangwa National Park, and ended our trip in the beautiful city of Lilongwe, the new capital of Malawi. The sudden transition from volunteer to tourist was quite odd, and gave insight into other aspects of the Zambian economy and the lives of the people.

I had a fantastic time and made wonderful new friends. I was deeply challenged by the hope and love I saw in nearly all the Zambian Christians I met, as they have been given so little and I so much. I learnt an incredible amount about life in slums and shanty towns and projects to combat social problems that I hope will really help me in my studies this year. I also felt that I rediscovered many things I'm good at, especially ability to speak to and teach a variety of audiences. God also taught, challenged and encouraged me a lot, especially through the people we met and our team.

OLIVER FRICKER

## Homelessness in New York City

My bursary enabled me to travel to New York City to volunteer with Coalition for the Homeless. This not-for-profit, non-denominational organization runs a number of programmes assisting homeless men, women and children with shelter and housing, education, re-entering the workforce, and the provision of food and clothing.

Having visited New York several times before, and each time having been struck by the number and visibility of the City's homeless, I was keen to learn more about the problem and to meet those with first-hand experience of 'living rough'. As a sociologist interested in social policy, my intention was also to talk to those Coalition staff members who have been working with the homeless over a number of years, and under a number of different government policies, to find out which policies they felt were most effective in dealing with the problem, and most beneficial to those individuals on the 'receiving end' of government legislation.

I volunteered with the Coalition's 'Grand Central Food Program' – a mobile soup kitchen that stops at 31 sites throughout Manhattan and the Bronx every night of the year. Three vans laden with soup, bread, cartons of milk (juice at the weekends) and oranges follow three routes – Uptown, Downtown and Bronx – from 7:00 pm to 10:30 pm. The Uptown route took me from East 51st Street up to Harlem's 137th Street and then back down to East 54th, at each stop meeting on the whole orderly lines of the homeless and the working poor.

Lance, the staff member organizing our route, had been working with the Coalition for twelve years, but a few of the individuals we handed out food to that evening had been receiving their daily sustenance from this organization for even longer. In his experience, many of the long-term homeless reach the point where the option of pulling themselves out of impoverishment seems to slip away: the drive to re-integrate into mainstream society appears to wane. What does Lance think the solution is to help these individuals? How best to reduce the number of homeless? His response to my questions was depressingly negative: in his view, the only recent policy which has dented the number of homeless within New York City has been Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg's policy of deportation, whereby individuals are offered one-way aeroplane or bus tickets to wherever they claim to have family, be it Pennsylvania or Puerto Rico. Critics have argued that this Bloomberg policy simply moves the problem of homelessness elsewhere beyond the City's borders, and Lance is inclined to agree.

My experience volunteering with the Coalition was invaluable in illuminating for me the complexity of homelessness and the policies seeking to ameliorate it.

CLARA HAMER

## In Namibia

During the 2009 summer vacation I travelled to Namibia with help from a travel bursary. The trip was incredible, to sound clichéd a real once-in-a-lifetime experience. I left London Heathrow on 03 August and arrived in Windhoek, Namibia the following day. Over the next month I had a wealth of experiences – cultural and educational – that were both hugely enjoyable and beneficial to my studies.

During the first week I spent time in the township of Swakopmund. This area has below-average standard of living for Namibia, with up to 29% of the population believed to be below the poverty line. We visited a school for which we had brought supplies from the UK, and also an AIDS clinic which – although very upsetting – was highly educational and gave a sense of satisfaction as people seemed genuinely appreciative of my help. This was useful for my degree, both for the Development paper I am currently taking as part of my 1B Tripos and also for the AIDS paper I hope to study in Part 2. The first-hand experience from this summer makes the lecture theory more understandable and gives it an applicable and identifiable real-world framework.

Later in the trip I visited a large-cat rehabilitation centre. Here, leopards and cheetahs (and other large mammals) which have been displaced by agriculture can be rehabilitated with a view to release elsewhere. This centre does important research into the natural wildlife of the Namibian area so that the unique ecology of the Namib desert and savannah can be protected. This is interesting when related back to biogeography; the first-year course spent a lot of time on habitat loss and what should be done to protect biodiversity, so this first-hand field experience was very interesting.

My trip took me also to the Okavango delta. This is one of the most beautiful places I have ever been to – a massive inland delta caused by the dispersal of the river Kavango into the desert: the giant oasis that is created is home to millions of animals and birds. This was the highlight of my trip.

Namibia was an amazing country, the people were welcoming and kind-hearted, there was stunning geology and a massive wealth of animal life. The experiences I gained out there have definitely built on what I learnt last year and increased my enjoyment of my course.

ALICE HEWETSON

## JUNIOR MEMBERS' ASSOCIATION

### JMA Committee Members, 2008–2009

President: Rosie Cook  
Vice-President: Nick Salisbury  
Treasurer: Mike Davies  
Secretary: Lotte Johnson  
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Entz: Tom Baker, Harry Gamsu  
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Communications: Pip Kindersley  
Computing: Laurie Griffiths  
FitzBitz: Jamie Burton, Ed Thornton  
Amalgamated Sports President: Steve Cox  
Amalgamated Sports Vice-President: Rhona Mackie

### JMA Report

When, in the future, I reflect on my time at Fitzwilliam, this last year will always stand out as one of the most challenging, exciting and rewarding parts of my Cambridge career. This is largely due to the fantastic energy and drive of the 23 students who make up the JMA Committee. Meetings this year have frequently gone on for almost two hours and debate is always lively, heated and energetic – which sometimes makes coming to resolutions difficult, but always reminds me that I am amongst a student body that cares, so very much, about the development and progress of the College, and our engagement with that process.

This year has been a particularly productive year for the JMA. In the absence of a JCR, the JMA has been keen to provide spaces and opportunities in which the student body can come together. The Café-Bar has proved to be an excellent space for this. We rapidly oversaw the return of the society photos to the bar which has helped to make the space feel more student-focused; the installation of the juke box and IT box has hailed a success as they have come to be a very popular part of the bar's identity. This year we have hosted both music and quiz nights fortnightly in the bar. Milan Thomas, the Education officer, took charge of coordinating the quiz nights, whilst Chris Skipper and Izzi Savill undertook the task of finding musicians and acts for 'Fitz Sessions', a music and entertainment night. Our most popular quiz night saw over 112 students squeezed in – the atmosphere was fantastic, oozing with energy and college spirit. The Café-Bar is also a very useful and popular location during the day; the recent gift by the Fitzwilliam Society of the subscription to five magazines for the Café-Bar has really contributed to the mood of this space and is very much appreciated.

Tom Baker and Harry Gamsu, the Entertainments Officers, oversaw the organisation and execution of two excellent Entz; of these, the second took place in Freshers' week and sold out to our maximum capacity with students from all over Cambridge coming up the hill to attend. Freshers' week was generally a success from the point of view of the JMA; the week was brimming with events and



*Ornamentation of the Café-Bar; presentation of an oar by the Fitzwilliam Society to commemorate the Dover–Calais row on 28 September 2008: L-R: Michael Davis (2004), Michael Parrott (2004), Jessica Temple (2004)*

activities enabling Freshers to immerse themselves entirely in Fitzwilliam life! The nomination of more than ten Freshers for the incoming JMA tells me that students continue to perceive the JMA as an exciting team to become a part of, and one which can make tangible differences to College life.

In Cambridge the expression, ‘but it’s a tradition’ is used as argument for all manner of things, as if it somehow evokes 800 years worth of authority in its claim. On the back of such a claim we organised ‘Billy Day’ which took place in May week at Oxford Road. The day involved a variety of sports and games, music and a barbecue, and had a brilliant turnout from both undergraduate and postgraduate bodies. It was a fantastic way to end the academic year and, in fact, proved so successful that we ran a further Billy Day (for which there isn’t even a rumoured tradition) in Freshers’ week which provided a fun and informal opportunity to introduce students to Oxford Road and to get them involved, even if only for the day, in College sport.

Our Green Officers, Hannah Parker and Paul Coles, have been absolute troupers on the JMA this year. Their work has involved organising film screenings of environmental documentaries, getting involved in the College’s effort towards gaining ‘Fairtrade Status’ (duly granted at the end of Easter term), joining in with University Campaigns such as ‘The Wave’ which involves an environmental protest in London in December, and helping to develop an efficient recycling programme for the College. Laurie Griffiths, the Computing Officer, has been overseeing the continued development of the JCR webpage and updates it weekly to reflect the recent JMA developments and news. There still needs to be a consolidated effort to establish the site as one which is regularly used and visited by the student body, but even in

the last year it has grown tremendously in functionality – offering spaces for sharing information, book selling, lost and found notices, general JMA updates and sports results and fixtures.

Dave King and Ash Baptiste, in their capacities as Target and Access officers, have continued, with great enthusiasm, to be actively involved in open days and various tours of the College. Dave has also been instrumental in the energy and drive behind the formulation of a new alternative prospectus as a complement to the literature already available to potential Fitzwilliam applicants. The prospectus will be available on line and aims to exhibit the societies, clubs and opportunities available to students as well as communicating the excitement and reward of working hard and being at the top of one’s academic field. This is a project which we hope the incoming JMA will continue with the same level of enthusiasm.

The progress and development of the Amalgamated Clubs has been continued under the strong determination and enthusiasm of Steve Cox, the Amalgamated Clubs President. He and the Vice-President, Rhona Mackie, have been working hard to promote and unite the College sports teams via shared training sessions and the Billy Sports Bulletin. Nick Salisbury, JMA Vice-President, has proved himself to be an excellent midwife to the College parenting system – and the housing ballot also took place fairly smoothly (at least, the minor creases have been ironed out for next year).

I’ve only mentioned a handful of names in this report, and in fact, these few hundred words do little justice to the hours of effort that so many of the JMA officers put into their roles on a weekly basis. It has been a real pleasure to be a part of the JMA Committee this year. It has also been a great opportunity to get to know the very many people, past and present, that make up the College – staff, Fellows, old boys and girls and current students alike. Even in some of the more frustrating moments of the role it has been the people, their energy and their loyalty to Fitzwilliam which has made every moment worthwhile.

ROSIE COOK, JMA President

## THE MIDDLE COMBINATION ROOM

### MCR Committee Members, 2009–2010

President: Qi Pan  
 Vice President: Anita Young  
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 Treasurer: David Jessop  
 Computing Officer: Mike Kenning  
 Green Officers: Mark Stettler, Janice Tan  
 Social Secretaries: Jeffrey Winterbourne, Joanna Slota, Neeraj Patel, Giuseppe Cumella  
 Sports Officer: John Dickson  
 Undergraduate Liaison Officer: Jason Barrington-Hines  
 Welfare and Accommodation Officer: Joanna Huddleston

### MCR Report

In my six years at Fitzwilliam, the College has always been rife with development, but certainly none more visible than this year for our MCR members. Outside

our common room, the construction area, perpetually boarded up with green boards, has been transformed from the appearance of an empty swimming pool into a magnificent new library. It is with eager anticipation that we await its opening, which will not only allow graduates to study among its numerous books, but also provide much-needed desk space for those Ph.D. students whom do not have dedicated office space in their departments. However, before I get sidetracked and fill up the majority of this article with my thoughts about the future, let us reflect on the events of the year gone by. This year, the MCR has again been graced by a very multi-cultural intake. It really is fantastic that people from all over the world, regardless of race, religion and nationality, can be united at an institution such as ours, all with the goal of furthering their education. This to me embodies the very essence of the collegiate system, enabling people who otherwise would never have met to interact socially as well as academically, exchanging thoughts and views on an informal basis. Thanks to the Fitzwilliam Society Trust Research Fund, many of our students have been able to present their research and ideas at highly-acclaimed conferences all over the world, enabling them to initiate discussions with experts in their fields. This year's Graduate Conference was host to several very interesting talks with topics from disease-causing bacteria to art in the time of the Nazi Germany. It filled me with great pride to see fellow Fitzwilliam postgraduate students talk with such passion and enthusiasm about an incredibly diverse range of subjects. We are certainly very fortunate to have such a talented community of students form our MCR.

Our students are not only talented academics, however, and many have achieved success in extracurricular activities such as sport and music. Notable sporting achievements include Harry Leitch for his sixth consecutive Blue for squash and for helping Scotland to a very creditable 6th place in the European Teams Squash Championships, Ed Burrows for his fourth year playing Blues football, Donald Evans for stroking Cambridge University Lightweight Rowing Club to a 3-length victory over Oxford as well as cycling from Land's End to John O'Groats to raise money for charity, Lizzy Day for her half Blue in water polo, Anya Jones for trialling for Cambridge University Women's Boat Club and fencing for the university, and the combined Fitzwilliam and Darwin MCR cricket team for winning the 2008–2009 cup. Everyone's favourite *a cappella* group, Fitz Barbershop, currently has four MCR members – Richard Benwell, Mike Kenning, Greg Moore and Jeffrey Winterbourne, and the current President of the Cambridge University Graduate Law Society, Chris Griggs, also is from within our ranks. A very impressive list indeed!

On the subject of people deserving recognition, this year's Committee have been tremendously hard-working and supportive – it has been a real privilege working with them. Their wealth of experience has aided me greatly throughout the year and made my job as President extremely enjoyable. Our recent Freshers' Week and Michaelmas social events were great successes with excellent attendances. We had an exceptionally action-packed Michaelmas this year, with events every day for Freshers' week and every other day for the week after, including a toga party, barbecue, pub crawl, poker night

and a wine and cheese party. I am extremely grateful for the monumental effort spent by the entire committee both in organising and running these events, but special recognition must be given to our Chief Social Secretary, Jeff Winterbourne – I'm still amazed he hasn't had a nervous breakdown with all the running around and organising he has been doing.

As a committee we pushed for and implemented several changes this year. The new scheme of MCR formal halls every two weeks has been well attended and has become a great way of using up our minimum meals charges whilst having a great night at the same time. In previous years, the graduate housing ballot has been conducted with no student interaction, with students simply filling in a form with their housing preferences ranked in order. This year, the accommodation officer and I decided to bring the ballot system more in line with that of the undergraduates, where the ballot order gives students a time slot to choose which room they want. This would enable students to choose to live with friends, which we hope will promote an even tighter knit MCR community. The option of group balloting was offered, and it was certainly pleasing to see that some people took up this option.

We have also managed to reduce the internet charges from the hefty fees that must have remained the same since Victorian times, to much more reasonable costs, although we are still pushing for further reductions in future years. As a committee we are still fighting for a few causes, such as the right for graduate students not to have to pay conference rates at the bar outside undergraduate term time.

All in all, it's been a great year for the MCR, with students achieving on every front, be it academical, sporting, musical or otherwise. We are very lucky to have a group of talented and friendly individuals in our MCR, and even more so for them combining to form our flourishing graduate community. It has been a great privilege serving this community as President, and I wish the new committee the best of luck for the coming year.

QI PAN, MCR President

## MUSIC AT FITZWILLIAM

Music at Fitzwilliam continues to flourish, under the auspices of a large and active Music Society. The College now has an impressive number of in-house ensembles, performing chamber, opera, contemporary, church and a *cappella* music. The professional Chamber series attracts audiences from inside College and out, and Fitzwilliam plays host also to many other performers visiting Cambridge from the UK and further afield. The Chapel Choir and the Alkan Day are covered elsewhere in the *Journal*, so this report covers the other ensembles and events.

### 2009 Chamber Series

The third season of the Fitzwilliam Chamber Series, established by Dr Michael Downes during his time as Director of Music, included six professional concerts in the Auditorium between January and May. These provided an excellent programme of music from the Renaissance to the twentieth century.



The Fitzwilliam Quartet at their 40th Birthday Concert: Lucy Russell (violin), Jonathan Sparey (violin), Heather Tuach (cello) and Alan George (viola)

January 25	Fitzwilliam String Quartet
February 8	Fiona Kimm (mezzo-soprano), Andrew Ball (piano)
February 22	Ruth Ehrlich (violin), Julia Vohralik (cello) and Nancy Cooley (piano)
March 8	Amphion Consort
April 26	Fitzwilliam String Quartet
May 10	Martin Outram (viola), Julian Rolton (piano)

The earliest music was provided by the Amphion Consort, who took us on a tour of repertoire from the 16th to 18th centuries, taking in names familiar and unfamiliar. Fiona Kimm (mezzo-soprano) gave an equally varied programme from somewhat later, bringing us up as far as Cole Porter. The following concert was an unusual exploration of two neglected women composers of the 19th and 20th centuries respectively: Clara Schumann and Rebecca Clarke. Ruth Ehrlich (violin), Julia Vohralik (cello) and Nancy Cooley (piano) were joined by Penny Randall Davis (soprano) and Louise Winter (mezzo) in two piano trios and a selection of songs. The Norman Pounds Memorial Concert this year was given by Martin Outram (viola), a distinguished Fitzwilliam alumnus.

The first of the Fitzwilliam String Quartet's concerts in the Chamber Series was a celebration of Haydn's bicentenary, and included three representative quartets, played with great brio. Their second visit in April was a different kind of celebration – their own 40th-birthday concert – and included music with which they have been particularly associated. This included Tchaikovsky (from their very first concert), Shostakovich (with whom they worked), Op. 76/5 by Haydn and the *Fantasia No 11* by Purcell; the last two were composer anniversary tributes. In keeping with their long-standing commitment to new music, they also gave the world premiere of *Fantazia* by Dr Jeremy Thurlow, Director of Music at Robinson College.

Our quartet-in-residence – Lucy Russell (violin), Jonathan Sparey (violin), Alan George (viola) and Heather Tuach (cello) – were guests of honour at the Music Society annual dinner and at a High Tea that same weekend.

### Student Concerts

The 2008–2009 season began as usual with a Freshers' Concert in October, at which newly-arrived Fitzwilliam students showed their talents; a further portmanteau concert took place a week later, and other musicians to perform during the year included our organ scholar Alex West, the Ariadne String Quartet, Mike Kenning (piano), the Mason String Quartet, Thomas Maschberger (organ) and Fergus Macleod (violin). Fergus was the Junior President of Fitzwilliam College Music Society.

### Vaughan Williams Festival

The Cambridge Vaughan Williams Festival was devised by Michael Downes and Howard Wong as a weekend-long celebration of the composer's 50th anniversary. There were no fewer than ten events at the beginning of November 2008, including concerts by Rupert Luck (violin), the Fitzwilliam String Quartet, Howard Wong (baritone) and the Fitzwilliam Chapel Choir, talks by experts Em Marshall, Jeremy Dale Roberts and Diana McVeagh, and a vocal workshop. John Bridcut introduced his film *The Passions of Vaughan Williams*, and the proceedings concluded with a round-table discussion including some speakers who had known and worked with the composer.

### Fitzwilliam Chamber Opera

FCO followed its successful launch last year with Handel's *Xerxes* with a week-long run of Monteverdi's celebrated *Orfeo* (1607) in January 2009. As this was a fully-staged production, requiring scenes ambitiously set in Arcadia and Hell and special effects such as the ascent of Orfeo to

heaven, it took place in the ADC Theatre, where FCO was able to take advantage of all the technical facilities. The principals included Sam Furness (Orfeo), Francis Williams (Pastore), Rachel Bagnall (Music and Hope), Suzana Ograjensek (Messenger), Thomas Faulkner (Pluto), Katherine Hambridge (Persephone), Adam Drew (Charon) and Ed de Minckwitz (Apollo), some of whom has been involved with *Xerxes*, as had many of the production team. The direction and design was by Claire Pike, the conductor was Francis Knights and the leader was Dr David Irving (violin). The sell-out production was mounted jointly with Cambridge University Baroque Ensemble, enabling us to have a large orchestra with most (if not all!) the huge ensemble the composer specifies: six strings, five recorders, two cornetts, five trombones, harpsichord, organ, harp, lute and percussion.

### CB<sub>3</sub>

Ensemble CB<sub>3</sub>, Fitzwilliam's new music ensemble, had a relatively quiet year after all the activity of 2007–2008, the highlight being an autumn concert featuring British music mainly from the 1950s and 60s, including Benjamin Britten, Peter Racine Fricker, Malcolm Arnold and James MacMillan. Fergus Macleod (violin) directed proceedings.

### Barbershop<sup>†</sup> and Sirens

Both Fitzwilliam Barbershop (boys) and the Sirens (girls) have continued their routine of a cappella performances inside and outside College, especially at events such as May Balls. The highlight was an invitation to perform at 10 Downing Street at Christmas. Barbershop has been in existence for 21 years, and this year its personnel were Mike Kenning, Richard Benwell, James Frecknall, Greg Moore, Jeff Winterbourne, Felix Newton, Chris Skipper, Sam Waudby and James Richardson. Barbershop owes special thanks to the Milner Walton Music Fund, whose generous funding allows provision for replacement boaters and the like. The Sirens comprised Lotte Johnson, Priscilla Hetherington, Rosie Cook, Heather Moore, Faith Julian, Roisin Blake, Emma Pritchard, Catrin Harrison and Sadie Smith.

### Orchestra on the Hill

The Orchestra on the Hill, the combined orchestra of Fitzwilliam, Churchill, Murray Edwards, Magdalene, Girton and Robinson Colleges, continues to grow and develop, now with the assistance of an enthusiastic student committee. Events take place in various of the member Colleges, and this season included a concert in Fitzwilliam Auditorium on 29 October (Verdi's Overture to *La Forza del Destino*, Mozart's Piano Concerto No 20 in D minor, and Haydn's *Symphony No 45, Farewell*), with a successful return visit to perform new student compositions on 3 May.

### Visiting Performers

As well as the Chamber Series and student concerts, there have been a number of visiting performers, both professional and amateur, giving recitals. These have included sopranos Eli Rolfe-Johnson (a Fitzwilliam alumnus), Isabella Gage (who sang with Fitzwilliam Chamber Opera last year) and rising Swedish star Anna Grevelius, and two chamber

ensembles: Counterpoise, who presented an intriguing music-theatre production *Ghosts before breakfast* with actress Eleanor Bron, and the Newfoundland-based violin and piano partnership Duo Concertante.

FRANCIS KNIGHTS

### FITZWILLIAM CHOIR

A long-serving member of Fitzwilliam Choir once described the group as 'a mixture of Grand Guignol horror and High Farce'. And indeed, the level of irreverence prevalent at rehearsals would turn the hair of any self-respecting King's organ scholar a rather pale shade of grey. However, anything less would frankly be dull.

After the departure of three-quarters of the choir in the summer of 2008, some extensive recruitment was needed. Amazingly, not only were many first-years eager to join, but not one was frightened away by the hectic week of the Vaughan Williams festival, soon after the start of term. This concert saw Fitzwilliam maestro Fergus Macleod pull together Vaughan Williams' lovely but alarmingly complex *Mass in G minor* in six days, while visiting professional Kiffer Finzi directed us in the easier, but equally good, *Five Mystical Songs*.

Strengthened by this experience, and by a shared liking for the *High School Musical* films, a small but perfectly-formed choir emerged, gave an exemplary performance at



Meredith Wheeler

<sup>†</sup> With additional material from Mike Kenning



The choir performing in Lautrec

the Advent Carol Service in late November, and followed this up with two excellent carol concerts. Special mention should be made of Emma Winston, the newly-appointed assistant organ scholar, who took on a large amount of conducting for the choir and continued to help a great deal throughout the year, composing an impressive and quirky *Grace* for the Commemoration Dinner in April, and ensuring the tone of debate in rehearsals never became too funereal.

Lent term followed, and Ash Wednesday saw the first of many renditions of Allegri's *Miserere*, with new soprano Candy Parfitt singing the famous high passages beautifully. Much of the term's repertoire was drawn together in March for a concert in St Philip's Church, Leicester, presented jointly with our sister college St Edmund Hall, including Mozart's lively *Missa Brevis* in G, K140, for which we were joined by string players James Marshall and Charlie Ashford. The church authorities and audience looked after us very well, providing lunch, tea and overnight accommodation. We sang Communion there the following morning before returning to Cambridge.

The year was nicely wound up with a week-long tour to the Tarn region in the south of France, in September, hosted by Fitzwilliam alumnus and actor Robin Ellis, well known as Poldark, and his wife Meredith Wheeler, the local chairman of [American] Democrats Abroad. The area has a rather gruesome history as the site of the first recorded European genocide; Jane Horgan, soprano, was something of a local expert and provided the original inspiration for the visit, but certainly nothing would have been possible without Meredith and Robin, who organised our concerts, invited us to dinner in their (simply luxurious) house, and even found us a very comfortable campsite to stay in, the equestrian Relais Loisirs de Brametourte.

The nearby charming hilltop village of Lautrec was our base; we sang in the marketplace one wet Friday morning and produced our final concert in the local church at the end of the week, followed every kilometre of the way by 'Ulysse',

the campsite dog, who knew neither road safety nor respect for sacred buildings. We also visited the 'not-so-much-hilltop-as-mountaintop' town Cordes-sur-Ciel, and sang to an audience of about fifty, including the soprano and Fitzwilliam Senior Member Sally Bradshaw, who was on holiday nearby. After having climbed a couple of hundred metres to the church, there was very little breath for singing – but we did our best.

The two concerts brought together a large amount of the year's music, and were highly satisfactory, particularly the second in Lautrec, which received a standing ovation, an encore, and a highly complementary review in *La Dépêche du Midi*, the regional paper. On Meredith's suggestion, we employed a tambourine and maracas for one of our pieces to ensure the audience stayed alert. The antics of the church's organ also caused hilarity when the instrument decided that an indefinitely-held A flat was in order, and had to be firmly switched off. After nearly missing our train the following morning we arrived back in London tired but happy.

The choir has now passed under the control of William Warns, a first-year musician and native of Norwich, who has brought a large amount of choral experience to the job. Most of this year's members having remained, the choir is now larger than ever and, with the recording of a carol CD, an evensong at Norwich cathedral, and a tour to Norway to come, looks to be on its way up in the Cambridge musical world. Certainly a nicer group of people would be hard to imagine.

*The concert produced by the choirs of Fitzwilliam College and St Edmund Hall in Leicester on 14 March 2009 was recorded on CD, and copies are now available at the Porters' Lodge (for only £8), or can be ordered from Mr Francis Knights. The CD contains over an hour of music, including Fauré's Cantique de Jean Racine, Rachmaninov's Bogoroditsye Dyevo, Mozart's Missa Brevis, and much more.*

## THE ALKAN SOCIETY

### Piano Scholarship 2008

The eighth annual Piano Scholarship Competition was held on the afternoon of Saturday 8 November in the Auditorium of Fitzwilliam College. Coming after the 2007 Scholarship which attracted eight competitors, it was disappointing that the 2008 competition had only a single entrant, Daniel Tse from Robinson College, who offered for his work from the *Esquisse*, *La Vision* and, for the piece of his own choice, a Beethoven sonata movement. In the view of the judges his performance was sufficiently competent to justify his receiving the award. The judges were Nicholas King (representing the Alkan Society), Lloyd Buck (substituting at the last minute for Dr Martin Ennis, Director of Music at Girton), and Francis Knights, Director of Music at Fitzwilliam.

### Recital by Lloyd Buck

The Annual Alkan Society recital, presented in association with the Fitzwilliam College Music Society, took place in the Auditorium on the evening of the Competition. Thanks are due to David Conway for the following summary.

‘The recital attracted a very respectable audience to hear the unusual programme of Lloyd Buck, who offered as the main element of the first half, following the Liszt transcription of Bach’s *A minor Prelude and Fugue BWV543*, the four pairs of *Lamentations and Consolations Op.17* of Sergei Bortkiewicz.

‘The *Lamentations and Consolations*, which were published in 1913, are in some ways a forbidding introduction to Bortkiewicz’s fascinating but complex music. They consist of four pairs of pieces, a Lamentation in a minor key and a Consolation in the major of the same key. This listener believes that in pairs of pieces of this magnitude (each is about 5 or 6 minutes long) one instinctively seeks some form of tonal resolution, which Bortkiewicz’s scheme rather baffles, giving a perhaps intentional claustrophobic emotional atmosphere. Lloyd’s second half was devoted to Alkan: the *Trois Andantes Romantiques Op.13*, and the gargantuan *Scherzo Focoso Op.34*. The *Scherzo* is rather a puzzle – could it have been, as some think possible, originally intended for the set of *Etudes* in the minor keys? If so, the composer was perhaps right to issue it separately – it is in every way *sui generis*, a stand-alone, almost directing two fiery fingers at standards of musical form and the pianistic capabilities of mere mortals, stretching both to, and beyond, their limits. Lloyd Buck was certainly equal to the task, although I have heard him give a performance which was – how shall I say it? – more focused. Not that the Cambridge performance was in any way a disappointment. The audience was rightly thrilled by this amazing display of pianism and the tension in the hall rose perceptibly as the long pedal towards the end approached its climax. ‘Needless to say the society was delighted and grateful that Mr. Buck could give such a remarkable recital in its name, and also extends its thanks to Francis Knights and Fitzwilliam College, for providing the opportunity for this memorable concert.’

KENNETH SMITH (1949)

## THEATRE

The 2008–2009 year was rather eventful for FitzTheatre in its own strange way. Due to various administrative changes, only two shows were staged – but both were great successes, leaving one and all very hopeful regarding the coming months and years. *Richard III* was our Lent Term Shakespeare – a tradition we aim to establish at Fitzwilliam – and received glowing praise across the board; one reviewer stated that it was the most enjoyable show of the year (TCS May Week edition). Alan Bennett’s *The History Boys* was a much smaller affair – yet it was more successful than we could ever have anticipated, with every show selling out. It was great to see a high proportion of Freshers involved in both of these plays, both on and off the stage and, with several shows already on the cards for this year, we look forward to a great year of growth and development for FitzTheatre.

JOHN WINTERBURN

## MEDICAL SOCIETY

The Fitzwilliam Medical Society has always provided its members with the support and advice they need, from how to study, to issues concerning career choices. This year has been no exception, with emphasis on providing more opportunities for younger members of the Medical Society to seek peer support from the older years.

Highlights of the year included the annual dinner at which Dr David Chivers, a lecturer in Veterinary Medicine, was the guest speaker. The termly society curries have been highly successful meeting points for students, as have been various career nights that have aided students in making the correct choices in what specialties to study. Particular thought was put into Society events during Freshers’ week in order to introduce the new intake of Medics and Vets to the Medical and Veterinary ‘family’, and to help them settle into Cambridge life. Consequently, the Society saw a fantastic turnout for this year’s events. Combining the efforts of Peter Bryson, Alex Procter and me as three co-Presidents has been a first for Fitzwilliam but, with an ever-growing Medical and Veterinary network here, it was fortunate that there were a number of us to co-ordinate such an active society.

THAO NGUYEN, Medical Society President

## UNIVERSITY SPORT 2008–2009

Many members of the College have been active in University sport, and the following have been awarded Blues, Half Blues and Club Colours:

### Blue

Elliot Bishton	Hockey Club
Edward Burrows	Association Football Club
Paul Hartley	Association Football Club
Harry Leitch	Squash Rackets Club
Heather Moore	Swimming and Water Polo Club (Swimming)
Alec Roman	Golf Club

### Half Blue

Mark Borsuk	Hockey Club
Lizzy Day	Swimming and Water Polo Club (Water Polo)
Donald Evans	Lightweight Rowing Club
Freddie Humphreys	Amateur Rugby League Football Club
James Hutchison	Swimming and Water Polo Club (Water Polo)
Anya Jones	Fencing Club
Lisa Kleiminger	Judo Club
Sarah Lilley	Orienteering Club
Sarah Lilley	Women's Boat Club
Jessica Temple	Women's Boat Club

### Club Colours

Matt Bennisson	Golf Club
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In addition, both Junior and Senior Members have contributed to the running of University sports clubs:

### Club Officials

Cecilia Aas	President, Riding Club
Peter Buchlovsky	President, Gliding Club
Edward Burrows	Secretary, Association Football Club
Alex Hedges	Men's Captain, Olympic Gymnastics Club
Professor Brian Johnson	President, Rugby Union Football Club
Heather Moore	Women's Swimming Captain, Swimming and Water Polo Club
Dr Ken Platts	Senior Treasurer, Cycling Club
Christopher Pratt	Senior Treasurer, Athletic Club

## COLLEGE SPORT

### Amalgamated Clubs

Last year saw the re-establishment of the Fitzwilliam College Amalgamated Clubs (FCAC), an 'umbrella' organisation for all the sports clubs in College. One of the principal responsibilities of FCAC is to act on behalf of all the clubs without direct funding from the JMA, aiming to provide a more efficient route to funding for the majority of teams in College. Working alongside the Football and Cricket Captains, FCAC has also managed to secure Senior Society status for these two clubs, so that they now have their own funding schemes; this has helped the Cricket Club to purchase outside training nets and covers for the pitch. Aside from the funding aspect, we are also responsible for awarding College Colours and students now have to fulfil clear criteria (soon to be on the JCR website). Last year, these were awarded at an Annual Dinner at the end of Easter term and the names of those awarded Colours can be seen on the screens (soon also on the website).

FCAC have also recently started to promote integration between the teams by running open fitness sessions. These consist of 10 km runs (hosted by the Boat Club) and indoor circuits (run directly by FCAC). We hope that these sessions will encourage people to participate in more sport whilst simultaneously increasing the standard of sport in Fitzwilliam.

Finally, whilst we are happy with the progress made by FCAC in its first year since re-establishment there is most definitely room for improvement. The aims I suggest for the next President are to increase links with Alumni and to catalogue and purchase more equipment for all members of College to use.

STEPHEN COX, Junior President, Amalgamated Clubs.

### Athletics

On a bright October Sunday, a team of Athletes marched their way down to Wilberforce Road to compete in this year's Inter-collegiate Athletics Cuppers. Guided by the former Bursar's rhetoric of 'If you field a team, you stand an excellent chance of winning', Fitzwilliam started strongly with Jon Garrity comfortably winning the Hammer whilst at the same time catching the eye of the CUAC throwing coach. However, we put the champagne on hold as it was then time for this year's Captain to demonstrate what three years of beer and curry consumption at Fitzwilliam does to the body by jumping a whole 1.5 metres off his personal best in the long jump.

Rosie Cook, Pippa Kindersley and Cameron Lai were all fantastic in the 800m, but the next star performer was fresher Katy Castle: finishing second in the 100m sprints, 3 seconds faster than James Gillingham, the Men's Football Captain. Emily Bocking and Rhona Mackie did their bit for Fitzwilliam in the 1500m – Rhona was down to do the steeplechase, until she found out their was no heating in the water pit! The Two Eddies (Thornton and Evans) produced a Fitzwilliam 1–2 in their 110m Hurdles race before Ed Thornton went on to compete in the 3000m, along with Rachel Heard and Emmanuel Goulet; Rachel was exceptional, finishing second out of the women. By the end of the day, the Ladies finished fourth and the Men finished fifth.

STEPHEN COX

## Cricket

The 2009 season began with back-to-back friendly matches against HICE and Mallards CC. After some promising net sessions in the Lent term, and with many players beginning to establish themselves in the team, Fitzwilliam was looking to replicate the form of the 2007 team with a strong run in Cuppers.

But when we chose to bowl first against HICE, it was evident there were some 'cobwebs' lingering from the winter. However, Pete Cross (8-2-32-3) quickly found his rhythm with the ball and was ably supported by Das and Collinson; after 40 overs, they reached 230 – an opportunity for the Fitzwilliam top-order to get some time in the middle. A solid partnership of 63 between Kokri (34) and Evans (35) provided a platform to build on, but despite a superb late rally from Das (35) and Norman (66) we still came up 5 runs short of victory.

The next morning, aching limbs and all, Fitzwilliam welcomed Mallards CC to Oxford Road. Deciding to bat first, the Mallards quickly took advantage of their weary opponents, and a huge total looked imminent. However, some fine bowling lines by the rapid Shagnik Das (8-2-31-2) and consistent swing bowling by Matt Collinson kept the total down to 204. Debutant Chris Skipper also showed great promise with the ball, bowling with 'aggression at lightning pace'. In response, the top order failed to establish any support for the free-scoring Kokri (43). The ever-consistent Das stepped up to support his captain with 35, but it was not enough: Fitzwilliam were all out for 163 – a big wake-up call to the top-order batsmen, as the Cuppers campaign would get under way the following week.

Putting the two early losses behind us, we stepped out against King's looking to make a strong start in Cuppers. After being asked to bat, an exquisite start by Kokri (74) and Evans (55) set the tone for the innings. With contributions from Sparks and Bennison, the total we were left to defend stood at 154 off 20 overs. King's started well, but a wicket apiece for Das, Cross and Skipper halted their progress leaving the game in the balance with 5 overs to go. This time it was the turn of Nick Sparks to do the damage in his first game of the season; his figures of 3-0-13-3 restricted King's to 150 in their 20 overs and resulted in our first win. It was a superb team performance with several players holding their nerve in a tight encounter, and gave us some much-needed momentum in the all-important Cuppers campaign.

A 40-over friendly match against a Granta CC fifth team at Oxford Road was fitted into the schedule but a very strong visiting line-up and a batting collapse resulted in a heavy loss for Fitzwilliam. Next on the fixture list was a Cuppers clash with Hughes Hall. Our confidence was high when our opponents turned up with five players and began to bat. However it was soon evident that we were not in for an easy ride – our five opponents posted an intimidating target of 189 off 20 overs for only 3 wickets. By the time the rest of their team arrived, we needed some quick scoring and wicket preservation in our reply. Unfortunately, our batting line-up faltered and (partly due to some player absences) a total of 122 never looked close.

Needing to regroup to avoid Cuppers elimination, a friendly 40-over home match against Grays Inn seemed to provide a perfect opportunity. After winning the toss,

our opponents chose to bat first and on a good batting track, we were put on the back foot early on. Another workmanlike performance from Das (8-1-29-3) with the ball and some fine fielding (Kokri and Cross with a run-out each) kept the visiting side to 218. Once again, it was up to the batsmen to support the bowling attack and chase down an achievable target. It was Kokri (67) who was the stand-out batsman with some superb strokeplay, but he couldn't find any support to build a partnership with and Fitzwilliam were all out for 120. Another defeat, but several positives to draw on.

With a big win against Jesus the only possibility for progressing in Cuppers, our chances did not look good as they posted a large total in 20 overs. A distinct lack of runs in reply (Evans top scoring with 28 and 4\* from Farnsworth) spelt the end of our run in Cuppers for 2009.

Two cancelled fixtures (Money Programme and Old Spring CC) meant that our next fixture was also to be our final one of the 2008 season: The Past vs Present game. With the disappointment of Cuppers fresh in our minds, it was the Old Boys who were to face a team looking to end the season on a high. Keeping with tradition, the 'toss' resulted in the Present team being put in to bat. An opening partnership of 50 between Kokri (30) and Evans (21) brought in Bennison (22) who showed good technique and was unlucky to be given out leg-before. In his final game in a Fitzwilliam shirt, Pete Cross came to the crease and crafted a fine innings of 62\* with shots all around the ground and the 35-over restriction was the only thing to stop his progress. Steve Cox (5) was later involved in a moment of controversy as he enjoyed two innings, being invited back in to bat by the Old Boys captain. A target of 195 was set from the 35 overs, and the Old Boys response faltered early. Two wickets for the rampant Cross put us on the front foot early on, but a couple of big partnerships halted the Present team's progress. Scores of 62, 48 and a rapid 38 from a certain 'D. Norman' put the Old Boys back in the match and it was up to Shagnik Das (also playing his last match for Fitzwilliam) to close out the match. Three quick wickets from Das (8.2-0-45-4) and another for Cross (9-1-35-3) wrapped up the Old Boys' innings as they finished up short on 191. A 4-run victory was a great way to end the season for the current team, and the match was played in a good spirit.

Overall results disappointed, but some brilliant individual and team performances mean there is a lot to build on for the coming season. Special mention must go to Kokri, Evans, Das, Cross and Bennison for some excellent performances with the bat. The opening bowling partnership of Das (winner of the Tommy Comfort Player of the Season Award) and Cross were consistent wicket takers and were supported well by the likes of Sparks, Collinson and Cox. Behind the stumps, Birtwistle and Bigwood were solid performers, and in the field Cox was an athletic (at times, unconventional) specialist. A final mention should be given to Alex Farnsworth for some consistent performances with the bat and in the field.

With a strong cricketing intake, the 2009-2010 team is looking forward to improved results, but with the same team spirit and level of enthusiasm which characterises cricket at Fitzwilliam.

FRANCIS EVANS

## Men's Rugby

This season was successful for Fitzwilliam Rugby. We overcame the difficulties of having a small squad and managed to field strong teams consisting of a good mix of years including a handful of freshers and even a couple of graduates. After spending an unfortunate few years in the Third Division we finally achieved the promotion that we deserved. We came top of our side of the League with four wins and two losses and then won both of our games in the promotion league to confirm our rightful place in the Second Division. Not only did we score tries but we also amazed the rugby world with the invention of a plethora of new moves including the through-the-legs-bounce-pass-switch and the headpop-crash. League results were:

Fitzwilliam	29 – 10	Churchill
Fitzwilliam	7 – 39	Selwyn & Peterhouse
Fitzwilliam	10 – 13	Sydney
Fitzwilliam	50 – 0	Churchill
Fitzwilliam	22 – 0	Selwyn & Peterhouse
Fitzwilliam	50 – 0	Sydney
Fitzwilliam	15 – 3	Clare
Fitzwilliam	22 – 5	Caius

Our Cuppers campaign started well when Emmanuel heard about our dominant season and forfeited the match. However, after this sterling start we narrowly lost a hard-fought match against Magdalene to put us into the Plate competition where we nearly beat St Catharine's.

The season did not end when we were promoted and since then we have won the Plate in the Colleges 7s Tournament and made it to the semi-finals of the Colleges Touch Rugby tournament. As well as this we had an unforgettable tour to Dublin where we played in the Doxbridge 10s competition. The tour was a success on and off the pitch and came as a reward for our hard work throughout the season. Next year we are aiming to maintain our momentum from this season and hope to finish mid-to-high in the Second Division.

ED THORNTON

## Men's Football

Fitzwilliam has a strong tradition of football success, and last year the team did well to finish in a respectable fifth place in the top division, in a season plagued by injuries. Having lost a good proportion of first-team players the year before, it was lucky that the fresher intake was particularly good; two players, Max Wolke and Paul Hartley even managed to get respectively into the Falcons and the Blues squads.

League performances were characterised by a great team spirit that saw us take the only points that Downing, the league champions, lost all season – holding them to a 1–1 away draw in bad conditions. We were unable to muster the same form in Cuppers, going out to Magdalene in the first round and then losing 4–2 in an epic battle with Downing in the Plate competition. After a string of losses and draws, and helped to an extent by the goal-scoring prowess of our left-winger, Harry Gamsu, we recovered our League position, which in Lent term had fallen as low as eighth, beating strong sides such as St John's, Churchill and Girton.

Well-deserved success finally came our way during May Week, when we won the prestigious St John's Five-a-side tournament, in which all the top division teams, and even a Blues side, were entered. The trophy stands in the cabinet behind the bar as a testament to the continuing strength of Fitzwilliam football, and as an inspiration for future teams to try to push further and recover the Cuppers and League titles for the College.

TOM JOHNSON

## Women's Football

The Fitzwilliam College Women's Football team had a fantastically successful season in the 2008–2009 year, finishing in second place in the League (with a promotion playoff match to be played in Michaelmas term 2009) and sustaining an enjoyable run in the Cuppers competition. Our performances were aided by a strong sense of team spirit which added to the enjoyment of the matches. Unfortunately we had to downsize to just one team, but the squad was improved by an influx of enthusiastic first-year students, amongst whom was Naomi Paulus who shone out as the Most Improved Player. One of the most entertaining matches occurred at the Reunion Weekend, when the Present team beat the Past team 3–0 – making it a five-year winning streak. We are now looking forward to the new season where we hope to entice the freshers into the Women's Football Club.

MARTHA GLOVER-SHORT

## Ladies' Hockey

In the 2008–2009 season, despite having just been promoted into the Second Division, the Ladies' Hockey Club managed to hold their own at the higher standard and went from strength to strength, building on their successes. The season started well with a 4–1 win over Selwyn and a brilliant debut goal from Faith Julian, who joined the team in her second year and ever since has been a great asset to the team's attack. Our highest score of the season came in our next game, which was against Corpus Christi and ended 8–0, with an amazing five goals from Thao Nguyen. After this, we were drawn against Corpus in the first round of Cuppers but, not too surprisingly, they forfeited the game and we sailed through to the second round. Our last League game of the term was against Caius and Homerton who put up a strong fight but, thanks to some solid defending by Catherine McCloskey and Caroline Bunn, along with some awesome saves by Lizzie Day, we were able to stop Caius from getting through too much and the midfield and attackers worked hard to make sure it was all worthwhile by scoring two goals: final score 2–1 to Fitzwilliam.

In Lent term, our focus turned towards Cuppers and our second-round game against Clare. Another great performance was shown by the girls, with Vanessa Cain showing her strength in her new midfield position by feeding lots of balls to the forwards and scoring a great goal for the team after a brilliant run past numerous Clare players. Then further goals came, leaving the score 4–0 to

Fitzwilliam. Unfortunately, after this a couple of planned games were cancelled due to bad weather or to our opponents not being able to get teams out. This meant that we reached the semi-finals of Cuppers even though our team pulled out in the quarter-finals. Our semi-final was against defending champions and Division-1 team, Downing. The game was extremely close, with excellent patterns of play by both sides. Fresher Lucie Browning, who had put in top-class performances in all previous games, did not disappoint and put in a brilliant performance in mid-field. The strength of both teams was shown by the number of goals scored and Fitzwilliam never gave up even when they went behind. However, the game ended 4-3 to Downing. This was the best Cuppers performance by Fitzwilliam Ladies Hockey for a number of years, and the team did themselves proud to get as far as they did and to compete against a team of such a high standard.

This marked the end of the season. The strength of the team was shown by the fact that they remained unbeaten in the League and consequently were promoted for the second year running; they will start next season in the top division. When the year began, we knew it was not going to be easy, but all the girls stepped up to the challenge and the improvements made by every player on the team were remarkable, whether they had been playing for a number of years or were new to the team. Although it was an early start each Sunday morning, it was a pleasure to play with such a great team who all did their best for the team and – most importantly – enjoyed themselves, providing lots of good memories of College hockey. I have no doubts that this will continue next year, when Fitzwilliam play in Division 1 and face the best teams in Cambridge.

RHONA MACKIE, Ladies' Hockey Captain

### Men's Rowing

The thought of repeating the high achievements of the previous year's First VIII weighed on the minds of the new squad, devoid – due to graduation or trialling in the University Lightweights – of most of the senior members that had managed to get through a round at Henley. However, the crew were full of anticipation for the coming year and their dedication through the crowded Michaelmas term paid off. A First IV was eagerly awaiting the start of the University Fours that occur around midway through the term. All did not go as planned since, after weeks of tough training, one of the crew broke his thumb three days before the first race. But Paul Davison was on hand to step into the crew and help Matt Lawes, Mike Parrott and me to our first win of the season and our University medals.

With a reshuffle of the crew to give those who had not been able to race the chance of some water time, training resumed for the Fairbairns. This too would be as a IV, and the crew were determined to show the strength of the squad. Pete Herrick, Mark Evans, Mike Parrott and I rowed over the Fairbairns course with our best piece of rowing so far, but this was not enough to win. After having 40 seconds removed from our time, since it was posted that we were slower than a crew we had visibly caught during the race, Jesus explained that timings had got muddled. With this correction, in third place we were able to celebrate the end of term.

The novices this year had much more even performance than in previous years and, although there were no victories, the effort put in by crews and coaches deserved applause. Both Mike Parrott and Mark Evans mixed novice coaching with rowing in the M1 squad, and gave the First Novice VIII all the training needed to become successful rowers in the future, while teaching them of the joys of long sprint ergos in the process! Mike Davies managed to combine coaching the Second Novice VIII with stealing the women's novice boat away from Angus Fell during the term. They managed a credible performance in the Fairbairns, finishing about the middle of the college boats. Tarun Gupta, Chathika Weerasuriya and Matt Lawes all pitched in together to share the responsibilities of coaching the Third Novice VIII. Their efforts were rewarded, since the boat went on to be one of the quickest third VIIIs at Fairbairn's, and earned their crew the Billygoats' pots for the term.

During the break before the Lent term, Fitzwilliam were extremely unlucky to lose the vital force behind our rowing that Lance Badman had been. Although part-time for years, he spent almost every waking hour at the boathouse and committed his time to making Fitzwilliam the best it could be. However, a full-time job from Lady Margaret BC was too much to pass by and they now have his excellent services. In his place we hired Marcus de Grammont, a former England lightweight and the sculling partner of three times World Champion Peter Haining. With his enthusiasm for the sport, the blow of losing Lance was lessened and we could all concentrate on improving our rowing.

At the beginning of Lent term, John Lawson, Peter Reynolds and Robin Lees all found themselves places in the men's first squad from the Novice first boat. With the influx of new talent, it was important to bring everyone up to the same level as quickly as possible. A new weights routine and the continuation of ergos helped improve the fitness of everyone in preparation for the first races of Lent term. Everyone feared the return to the Head of the Nene – possibly one of the coldest events on Earth – but all were disappointed when it had to be cancelled due to extreme weather. The First VIII put in a solid performance at the Head of the Cam, but were unable to equal the winning position that the previous year's crew had gained. In the Pembroke Regatta, the First VIII were unlucky to be beaten by a strong Magdelene crew, while the Second VIII could not overcome Caius in the first round. The Third VIII put in a strong effort considering that they were almost entirely novices from the year, but were unable to subdue First and Third.

Lent Bumps is always the highlight of the term and the inexperienced crews were nervously awaiting the four days of racing. The First VIII got caught on the first day by an exceptionally strong Trinity Hall crew that went on to get blades. Despite this bad luck – getting bumped on the first day usually leads to problems for the rest of the races – they managed to row over on the next day and bump Kings on the third, before rowing over behind Emmanuel. Even though they only stayed level, this is still the highest position Fitzwilliam have been in for a long time, and showed the determination of the crew not to succumb to the pressure of being bumped on the first day but rather to fight back and regain the place. The Second VIII put in a valiant effort, but they too were bumped on the first day and went down four overall. The Third VIII rowed well in the Getting

On race, but their inexperience over 2000m meant that they did not quite make the qualification for the Bumps.

After the Bumps, the First VIII went down to the Tideway for the Head of the River Race, where the Fells lavishly hosted us for the weekend. This was the first time competing in the daunting event for most of the crew, which unfortunately dropped from the high position of the year before to 28th. Despite this, the experience gained from rowing on the Tideway was invaluable and helped focus the crew onto the regattas of the next term.

May saw the return of the sun to our lives, and the addition of regattas to the rowing calendar. The First VIII quickly set off to Wallingford Regatta, held at Dorney Lake, with an VIII and two IV+ boats in novice and IM3 categories. While the VIII didn't have the best time of things after a reshuffling of the crew order and the novice IV unfortunately failed to qualify for the final, the IM3 IV won their heat ahead of St. Edmund's School. In the final, the people to beat were Molesey and we set out clearly with the intention of taking home the first pot of the regatta season. However, Molesey were of a different mind and, taking a brief lead at the start, managed to hold on to until the end. Despite that, it was a great achievement to reach the final of one of the pre-qualifying events for Henley.

The next event was Poplar Regatta, where we decided to concentrate on the VIII, but brought along smaller boats as well. Angus Fell and I decided to try our hands in a double, which proved extremely successful for the first 500m until my errant steering saw us hit a lane buoy – the less said about that endeavour the better. Next was the VIII, which everyone was desperately hoping would not meet the same fate it had at Wallingford. However, something in the crew suddenly clicked and we finished our start sequence a full half length in front of every other crew. We continued to pull away until finishing about 4 lengths in front of any other opposition in a time of 6:04. This left us in a strong position for the final, with the only other crew beating our qualifying time being Star and Arrow (the Leander Development Squad), who had already won IM2 that morning. We started hard and kept going as hard as we could, and while we repeated the massive drive away from our opposition, Star and Arrow remained narrowly in front of us before pulling away at the end. That being said we still finished about four lengths in front of everyone else!

May Bumps was a time for all three men's crews to show their capacity, and the First VIII started strong, bumping in the first two days. However, the might of Clare was too strong and we were resigned to a row over on the last two days. The Second and Third VIIIs were both determined to show the effort that they had put in throughout the term, but got off to unfortunate starts in front of some strong crews. Going down on the first day inevitably makes the following days harder, and this turn of events saw both crews getting undeserved spoons.

Mention must be made here of Mike Parrott and Peter Herrick, who rowed for the CUBC Development Squad in the first round of the Temple Cup at Henley, and Donald Evans, who stroked the lightweight boat to their first victory in seven years in the Henley boat races. Also, huge thanks go out to the Fell Household for their gracious hospitality and huge amounts of food levelled at us through the Head of the River weekend. Finally, thanks to Marcus for coaching us through Lent and May terms with his irrepressible

enthusiasm for the sport. The seeds were sown for a great year in 2009–2010 – I'm sure that Angus can take on the responsibilities of being Captain and see a fruitful year for Fitzwilliam Boat Club.

MATTHEW ANDREW, Men's Captain 2008–2009

### Women's Rowing

The women's side of Fitzwilliam College Boat Club is a constant work in progress, with turnover rates and the varied interests and ever-sociable nature of members of the club providing constant challenges to a consistent training programme! Still, it was a great year, with clear improvement on our Bumps record from the year before. A number of genuinely talented novices were trained up and have gone on to become increasingly involved in rowing and Fitzwilliam sports in general. The novice results in the Fairbairns were fantastic, and the Women's Head of the River was a fantastic experience for all involved.

Increased intensity of training proved that real commitment pays off as boats and individuals starting showing consistent and sometimes very impressive improvements through the year. Constantly impressive were the good spirits and drive of a classy group of girls who never gave up and kept powering through for that extra second off the erg, or that extra bit of push off the motorway bridge. The girls' squad of 2008–2009 should be proud of the foundation they laid for the future.

DANICA VERRALL, Captain of Boats

### Swimming

The Fitzwilliam swimming team had a lot to live up to – having won Cuppers last year – and the College responded with much enthusiasm. It was able to put out both an A Team and a B Team; no other college managed to do so.

The team swam well in the heats on the Friday night, with everyone putting in 100% and the Men's A team winning many events. Each Men's team swims 100 metres and each Women's 50 metres in each stroke, plus Individual Medley and Freestyle relays. Both A teams qualified for the finals on the Sunday, swimming well in a very close match. Special mentions go to Mike Parrot and Ben Hamilton, as well as to Mel McLachlan who swam brilliantly in the breaststroke and to Sophie Tang who stepped in at the last minute to swim Fly. The Men's team of Hamilton, Parrot, James Hutchison and David Mackenzie won, reclaiming last year's trophy. The Women's Team came first, so that overall Fitzwilliam came third.

HEATHER MOORE

### Lawn Tennis

Fitzwilliam College Tennis Club enjoyed a mixed season in Easter 2009. Fitzwilliam put together a Ladies Tennis Team for the first time ever, captained by Sarah Shucksmith. It comprised of seven enthusiastic and talented tennis players, from first year to fifth year. They were entered into the Novice Category and competed in both Cuppers and the

League. It was a highly successful season, with the team reaching the fourth round of Cuppers and missing out by one point from moving up into the Intermediate Category in the League.

Unfortunately the Men's team, despite a good turnout of talented and enthusiastic players, fell victim to circumstances which meant they were unable to win any competition matches.

Special mention must go to Kay Adenstedt and Shinya Sugawara for their ever-present support and sportsmanship over the season. Both teams continue to build on strong bases and look forward eagerly to next season.

DAVID LINDSAY and SARAH SHUCKSMITH

### Badminton

Fitzwilliam Badminton progressed a great deal over the 2008–2009 academic year. The Men's team were promoted twice in a row in the League, winning the vast majority of their League games. The greatest victory came when a makeshift team scored a rare victory over arch-rivals Churchill First Team, thanks to stunning performances from Robert Maddox and newcomer Teoh Kah Ming.

We also made it to the play-off finals of University Cuppers for Mixed Badminton, thanks to great efforts from Emma Samia-Aly, George Zhao, Howie Teoh and others. We hope to continue this success in the coming terms, for which the Captaincy will be passed to Matt Vithayathil.

WEISI GUO

### Basketball

A disappointing start to the 2008–2009 season saw Fitzwilliam losing all six of their Michaelmas fixtures – one lost in the final minute despite our having led for the whole game. Lent term proved to be the team's time to shine however, comfortably winning all three of their remaining League matches. This placed Fitzwilliam at eighth out of ten and kept us in the First Division. Our Cuppers match unfortunately had to be forfeited as a full team could not be fielded.

Fortunately, there has been a large growth of interest in basketball this year from many talented players. With Ernest Chow now at the helm and last year's champions (ARU) not entering the league this year, this could well be Fitzwilliam's year.

TIM GOSSAGE

### Netball

Last year we had two successful seasons for both Ladies and Mixed Netball and the year ended with some excellent performances at Cuppers. Unfortunately, at the end of the year many of our dedicated players graduated and there was a large amount of recruitment to be done. Mixed Netball featured at Billy Day and a lot of players joined as a result.

Since the beginning of Michaelmas term and the addition of many new and enthusiastic members, both the Fitzwilliam netball teams have come a long way. We are

proud of the diversity of abilities in our teams and how well we play and support each other – you can really feel the Fitz-Billy spirit! The second half of this term has been particularly successful with some inspirational victories. The Ladies team received an influx of freshers which has brought new talent and dynamics. We are beginning to develop our on-court communications and enjoying ourselves at the same time. Similarly, the Mixed team contains many novice players and we are really impressed with their progress. Skills and confidence have built; we hope this continues so the standard continues to improve and netball attracts even more new players, whilst maintaining the fun factor. We are looking forward to more of the same next term!

SARAH MILLBANKS and BETH RILEY

### Volleyball

The still relatively young Fitzwilliam College Volleyball Club developed excellently in the academic year 2008–2009. We got off to a great start in the Cambridge local league, where we played Cambridge schools and private clubs and had very consistent results, leading to a clean win of the season and an invitation to the Walton Shield Cup. The highlight of our season was the indoor winter cuppers competition, where we surpassed the strong opposition of Girton College in the finals to claim the cup, previously held by Churchill. Due to the graduation of two of our key players our performance in the summer league was not as impressive but good times were had by all nevertheless. For following years I hope that Fitzwilliam will continue to be one of the dominant Colleges in Volleyball.

I can only thank every member of the club and especially the core players Bettina Studer, Edmund Fokschaner, Phil Harford, Simon Page, Andrea Pastore, Jürgen Scheer and Xiaohuan Tang for their continued commitment to the matches and the club. Lastly my gratitude goes to Mr Barry Landy, whose continual support and administrative efforts as Senior Treasurer have made the organisation of this club possible.

MATHIAS ARENS, Captain

### Pool

Fitzwilliam has continued to be strong in the College and University Pool scene. In the 2008–2009 season, the First Team managed a respectable sixth place in the top division but, more impressively, got to the semi-finals of the knockout competition. Fitzwilliam 1 lost to Queens' 1, the eventual winners of the event. The pool ladder was highly active throughout the year, with the top spot changing a few times. A new event, the Fitzwilliam Open, was very successful; the eventual winner was Adam Hargreaves. Meanwhile the Fitzwilliam players have been excelling in the University Pool Club with Matt Scott winning the 2009 Novices Tournament, beating fellow Fitzwilliam player Tim Gossage in the final. In the local Cambridge league Luke Gleave captained the University B Team to win their division.

LUKE GLEAVE

## DEVELOPMENT

### Development Office News

By now, most readers will have seen the *Report of the Campaign Council* which summarised the Development Office activities for the 150th Anniversary Campaign. We have made a promising start and have now raised £3 million towards the £20 million target that we have set for the ten-year campaign.

Two significant elements from the first year stand out because they demonstrate clearly what can be achieved when many individual alumni participate. The first was the appeal to create a lasting memorial to Ray Kelly in the new Library. Over £63,000 was contributed in gifts, large and small, by 350 alumni, Fellows and friends. The names of those donors are now recorded on a plaque in the splendid Reading Room which commemorates Ray's contribution to the College.

The second event was the College's first concentrated telephone campaign during the 2009 Easter vacation. This was the first time that Fitzwilliam had embarked on an organised programme of telephoning alumni since the early 1990s but, despite the doubtful economic climate, it was a great success. In the course of two weeks, a dozen current undergraduates established contact with nearly 700 of their predecessors. We tried to ensure that, wherever practical, the calling student had some common ground – be it subject, sporting activity or other interest – with the alumnus and this stimulated some lively conversations. Contemporary students were fascinated to hear how similar or, on occasions, how dissimilar their experiences had been at Fitzwilliam, to learn how people's careers had evolved having read a common subject or, in one or two instances, to hear of the youthful escapades of some



Telephone campaign – briefing before the evening's telephoning

of the members of College who now are senior and revered. The telephone calls also facilitated some useful updating of the information the College holds about the careers and achievements of alumni. The last objective was to raise funds for the new Library and IT Centre and for the recently-created Student Opportunities Fund. This also was a success, and the callers raised over £115,000 that will be received over the next three years.



Board honouring major benefactors, in the main entrance to the College



The major benefactors – so far

We are very aware that not everyone is able to make a donation in their lifetime, but still would like to contribute to Fitzwilliam's future. We therefore reminded many alumni that a Will can be a way of making that contribution and also can be a means of commemorating a loved one or perpetuating a name. We had a good response; there are now so many members of the 1869 Foundation, which recognises those who have indicated that they will be making a bequest to Fitzwilliam, that we have initiated a special event which we hope will become annual: a lunch for 1869 Foundation members and their partners at the College in May.

Normal alumni activities have continued through the year and we have organised a number of subject and reunion dinners, participated in the 'Open Cambridge' programme with garden and building tours, helped with the Osier Holt arrangements, and assisted the celebration of the thirty-year anniversary of the admission of women to Fitzwilliam. Away from College, the Development team organised the Society's London Drinks in February and the Society's London Dinner in April. The former was in a new venue (Balls Brothers, Brook Street) that was generally agreed to be an improvement – being less crowded. The London Dinner, the Reunion Weekend and the Women's Celebration are reported elsewhere.

Much of the Development office's effort in the last year has been dedicated to the overhaul of the College website. After some focus groups to assess the student requirement,

Alison Carter organised a regular workshop involving members of the admissions, domestic, conference, gardening, catering, tutorial and development staff to explore the College's various audiences and their departmental objectives. The new website 'went live' in September and, with all the other new 'social networks', is another medium through which the College aims to keep in touch with alumni and friends.

There have been changes in the staffing of the office. Serita Rana received an offer from Downing College that she just couldn't refuse and Kate Goddard left to take a course in Event Management. The opportunity was taken to restructure the office and Carol Lamb, who had been Database Manager since 2001, has taken over as Development Manager, overseeing all event organisation and alumni records, but assisted by Catherine Hanley (Geography 2006). Both will be more than happy to help with any of your enquiries on [development@fitz.cam.ac.uk](mailto:development@fitz.cam.ac.uk).

Lastly, after a long interval, we were able to re-introduce the Billygoats into the College memorabilia. They were a huge success and many were sold in the first two weeks.

The Development Office look forward to hearing your news and welcoming you back to College.

IAIN REID, Development Director (History, 1978)

### The Master's Visit to Australia and New Zealand

It is one of the great pleasures of my role to sustain or renew contact with Fitzwilliam alumni across the globe. Many of them have made their lives so far from Cambridge that they seldom get the opportunity to visit the College. Their welcome to us has been both exceptionally warm and testimony to a profound loyalty to the institution which survives, of course, successive Masters. And, indeed, whether they were students at the House or the modern College so utterly transformed since their time here, the fact that these overseas reunions bring together so many generations speaks for itself.

Following Brian Johnson's visit Down Under in 2004, my wife and I set off in March 2009 to try to see as many as possible of the 150 or so former students now in Australia and New Zealand. Given the vast distances involved, there were obvious constraints. But it was also revealing that alumni themselves went to considerable lengths to travel to the various occasions so well set up by the Development Office. Those occasions would not have taken place, however, without local input. Thanks to Robert Gribben (1966), I was the guest-speaker at the annual Dinner organised in Melbourne by the Cambridge Society of Australia (Victoria), thus attended by alumni of a number of colleges, but dominated (of course) by Fitzwilliam and preceded by a separate reception for members of the College. Michael Duffett (1952) masterminded a superb evening in Sydney, attended by a dozen former students in addition to their guests, including those who had flown in from Brisbane.

There are, as far as we know, 32 Fitzwilliam men and women in New Zealand. We chose Wellington as the venue



Vera Lethbridge

Alumni gatherings in Sydney...

to get them together, not least because Brian Johnson had not held a reunion there during his own visit but also because its geographical centrality allowed people to travel from both islands. Harold Jones (1978) had done a wonderful job in getting in touch with every single one of the alumni on our data-base, and over a third of them were able to come. In addition, we had the very welcome presence of two other Fellows of the College, Professor Robert Haining and Dr David Coomes who just happened to be working in New Zealand at that moment. Such is Fitzwilliam's importance that the Minister of Higher Education also graced the first part of the dinner held at the Wellington Club.

We then crossed the ocean, and the continent, to Perth, where the most fortuitous discovery was made by two Fitzwilliam medics who now worked in the same department in the same hospital without ever having

Vera Lethbridge



...in Melbourne...



...in Wellington...



...and in Perth

realized their common Cambridge origins. In both Melbourne and Perth, we were also treated to memorable individual hospitality.

Most of these occasions involved an illustrated presentation which allowed alumni from across the years to marvel at Fitzwilliam's development, much of it due to the personal generosity of former students. Above all, however, they seemed very much to enjoy seeing each other, and we left them looking for pretexts to meet again and newly resolved to return to the College, where our welcome to them is assured.

RDL

### Tokyo Chapter

The first reunion of Fitzwilliam College alumni now living in the Tokyo area was held at the Sanjo Conference Hall, University of Tokyo on 16 April 2008, hosted by College Lecturer and Assistant Director of Studies in Natural Sciences, Dr James Elliott (who was on sabbatical leave at the University of Tokyo), and his fiancée Ms Saori Takahashi. In attendance were Mr Graham Courtney (1977, MML), Prof Takeshi Kido (Former Visiting Fellow, 1988) and his wife Mrs Akiko Kido, Ms Haruna Nishioka (2005, Development Studies), Dr David Ruzicka (1982, MML), Dr Yasushi Shibuta (Visiting Fellow in 2005 and 2006), Mr Shun Tajiki-Kobayashi (2005, Education) and Ms Akari Kono.

The group enjoyed a very pleasant discussion over drinks in the surroundings of University of Tokyo's Hongo Campus, catching up on the recent changes to the fabric of College and the upcoming launch of 150th Anniversary Campaign, before dinner at a local restaurant in the Shitamachi district near the University. Topics of conversation ranged widely from the intricacies of Japanese politics, to why British houses invariably have separate taps for hot and cold water, but all attendees thoroughly enjoyed catching up with old friends, making new acquaintances and sharing the common bond of a pleasant and stimulating time spent at Fitzwilliam.

JAMES ELLIOTT



Tokyo Chapter dinner

## LONDON DINNER

The 78th Fitzwilliam Society London Dinner was held on Thursday 30 April 2009 in the Hall of the Worshipful Company of Tallow Chandlers. Sadly, the dinner being a few weeks earlier than in recent years, the weather was not quite good enough for us to have the preliminary drinks in their airy courtyard, so we reverted to the Parlour.

As always, there was a good spread of years, with representatives ranging from those who had matriculated in 1949 through to 2006, and – despite the fears that Thursday night might be less popular with younger members – the two most recent decades were well represented.

Thus, ninety-five Fellows, members and guests sat down to the excellent dinner accompanied by the generous gift of Château St Jacques d'Albas wine donated by Graham Nutter (Geography, 1966), our President Elect.

After the toast to Absent Friends, the toast to the College was proposed by this year's Society President, Dr Michael Potter. He thanked the Society's members for the contribution they made in assisting with activities such as the Career Network, investment advice, fund raising and the provision of representatives on key College committees. However, if the College was willing to accept the support of alumni, then it should also listen to their views and he encouraged members to ask questions about their role and relationship with the College, its policies and its management to ensure that they remained aware of Fitzwilliam's objectives.

Miss Rosie Cook, President of the JMA, responded first on behalf of the College. She opened by citing a Varsity survey which had revealed that Fitzwilliam students are the thriftiest, most frugal of students in Cambridge. There was, sadly, a second, less flattering survey – but

this was undoubtedly a statistical error. The important thing was that Fitzwilliam remained the same as ever and continued as an exciting place to be: barbecues at the Boathouse; quiz nights in the bar; being in the library at two in the morning; the music at Ray Kelly's funeral; lying on the Grove lawn reading Shakespeare and feeling every inch the Cambridge cliché; cheering the loudest and the hardest at Oxford Road; that moment in the supervision when it all – finally – made sense; the 'Fitzmas' formal hall, singing carols and drinking mulled wine; handing in that last essay and dashing out to meet friends in the College bar.

These then were the feelings and the moments that would echo for Rosie. There was nowhere else she would rather be, despite having broken her wrist while playing soccer, and she wanted to thank the Society and the alumni on behalf of all Fitzwilliam students for making it all possible.

The Master in his response noted that despite the collapse of capitalism we had again managed to fill Tallow Chandlers' Hall – and that nearly a third of those attending came every year. Were these perpetual attendees driven by hunger? Did they have no friends? Did they come merely to grade his speeches?

The past year had been marked by the passing of Dr David Kerridge and of Dr Ray Kelly, both of whom had contributed so much to the College, but there would also be the forthcoming retirements of Professor David Thompson, a Fellow of the College for 44 years, and of Christopher Pratt who had done so much as Bursar to transform the appearance and the environment of Fitzwilliam.

It was a significant year for other reasons, too. As Cambridge celebrated its 800th Anniversary, the financial demand on all colleges was increasing if they were to



Dinner in Tallow Chandlers' Hall

maintain the high standards of teaching which are associated with the Oxbridge experience. All Cambridge students were already subsidised from colleges' endowments and so Fitzwilliam had launched a 150th Anniversary Campaign in September 2008 to ensure its future. The timing, given the immediate economic crisis, was not good but the initial success of the telephone campaign indicated that there still existed a very real Fitzwilliam community.

We ended the evening with an extra toast to that community.

IAIN REID (1978)

## SUBJECT GATHERINGS

### Modern Languages Dinner

The College held a dinner, on 29 February 2008, to express its gratitude to the former Modern Linguists who had contributed to the MML Fund. The back of the menu-card listed some 70 donors to date, representing generations from 1946 to 2000. Attending the Dinner itself were over 20 of these (ranging from matriculants of 1956 to 1994, but dominated by those from the 1970s) together with their guests. Eddie Butler (1976) proposed the toast to the College, carefully supervised by his old supervisors, Dr Geoffrey Walker (1955) and the past Fellow in French who is now the Master! The seating-plan was designed to ensure that current undergraduates had the opportunity to talk at length with their 'elders' and to share what is special about being a Modern Linguist at Fitzwilliam. They often claim that, by contrast with other students, they have wider cultural horizons, an enriched experience of 'foreigners' as a result of their character-building Year Abroad and a closeness to each other forged between the returning Finalists who have survived it! What is certain is that former Modern Linguists have established over the last five years the richest of all the College's Subject Funds (it now totals over £65,000), and its income allows their successors to make study visits to Europe and further afield, thereby not only improving their linguistic skills but also asserting (in the face of a lamentable national decline in the number of those studying foreign languages and cultures) the importance of the discipline and Fitzwilliam's continuing commitment to it.

RDL

## REUNION WEEKEND 2009

### The Reunion Gathering

The Reunion in 2009 represented a significant anniversary, being the 75th Reunion Weekend. The first Reunion Weekend had been announced in the *Fitzwilliam Society Journal* in April 1928, as follows:

*The Annual Dinner<sup>1</sup> in London on the night of the 'Varsity Rucker match in December offers great advantages of date and occasion, but as it is not convenient to all Members, particularly*

*those engaged in teaching, it has been arranged to hold an additional gathering in Cambridge in the Summer. The weekend, Friday, July 25th, to Tuesday, July 31st, has been selected this year; the Censor and resident MAs welcome the proposal. They cannot, unfortunately, provide accommodation gratis, but the authorities are prepared to reduce the costs to a minimum: at least twenty men can be put up in the Hostel, 21 and 22 Fitzwilliam Street, and 28 Trumpington Street, where the charges would be a shilling a night, plus a small charge for bed linen. In the other houses, now let to landladies on ordinary agreements, the cost would be somewhat more, but not excessive. Members would make their own arrangements for breakfast and tea, but luncheon and dinner would be available in Hall.*

*It is hoped to arrange a programme to include most, possibly all, of the following items: a General Meeting of the Society where it is hoped a large number of OFs will discuss the future of the Society; a Cricket Match; Tennis Matches, a Reception by the Censor and Mrs Thatcher; and a Dinner which will show the resources of the new kitchens. The games on the Playing Field will give all members an opportunity of seeing the new pavilion ...*

So, from the first, the pattern for the Reunion Weekend was laid down; with such continuity, it is not altogether surprising that to this day we have the best and most enthusiastically attended gathering in Cambridge.

Just as 1928, we held the Fitzwilliam Society AGM in the course of the Reunion. The AGM Minutes and the Accounts for the preceding year are reproduced towards the end of the *Journal*.

As usual, the Reunion Weekend was very well attended, with a total of about 212 alumni present, many with their spouses or partners. Of course, many more people took an active part in the Reunion, including the current undergraduates and graduates who were involved in the musical and sporting events of the weekend, the members of the Fellowship who took part – and the major contribution of the College staff who made the whole operation both possible and a great success.

This year, the special events included a tour of the New Library and IT Centre conducted by Christopher Pratt, the retiring Bursar and former President of the Fitzwilliam Society. Professor Nigel Slater gave a lecture on *Bio-preservation Across Time and Space: from Ancient Ships to Modern Vaccines*; Nigel is a chemical engineer with research interests in bio-preservation who has advised on the preservation of the timbers of Henry VIII's flagship, the *Mary Rose*. There was also an opportunity to attend a screening of the *Memorial Service for Ray Kelly*, particularly for those who had been unable to attend the service itself, earlier in the year.

And for the more energetic – of all ages – there was a wider range of sporting activities than in 1928. No tennis, regrettably, but plenty on the sports field and on the river, some of which is reported in the following pages.

As ever, the Saturday Reunion Dinner provided the high point of the weekend, so well attended that both the Hall and the Walter Grave Room were at full capacity. And, just as in 1928, the Dinner provided the staff of Fitzwilliam with a splendid opportunity to demonstrate the capabilities of the kitchens – achieving the excellent standards to which we are so well accustomed, and providing great satisfaction to those attending the Reunion.

<sup>1</sup> which had been started three years earlier, in December 1924



Alex West, Senior Organ Scholar, and the Choir at the Friday-evening recital



Fifty years on – 1959 Matriculands at the Reunion. Back row (L-R): Edwin Brooks, Clive Wilkinson, John Chapman, John Green, Peter Batty, Dick Yorke, John Cooper, David Gosling, Michael Lloyd, Irving Scott, John Rogers; Front row (L-R): Peter Bates, Selwyn Image, Keith Jenkinson, Roger Frost, Roger Dawe, Edward Bryant (né Berdichevsky), Marcus Judd, Peter Bartram, Bruce Logan, Tom Poole; Not present: Vivian Anthony



Reunion dinner

## Reunion Rugby

Past 29, Present 17 – and to the victor goes the honour of writing the match report. Unfortunately the Past captain's grasp of what was happening during the game was shaky (even making a substitution which reduced his own side to 14 men) and his recollection afterwards even worse. My thanks to Ed Thornton and Andrew Foster for kindly sending some details.

Having decided that the occasion (sunshine and a perfect surface) was one for champagne rugby, the Past took to the field and were soon able to review their tactics as Francis Evans prepared to convert the Present's opening try by skipper Ed Thornton.

The five former captains in the Past side (Messrs Staten, Donald, Foster, James and Abbott – although 'there are no former captains available, you will have to do it', the Development Office had claimed) formed a committee of war and suggested a tweak to our tactics and a more forward-orientated game. My correspondent Mr Foster agrees that this is what happened, suggesting that 'the remainder of the first half was dominated by fantastic line-out throwing and a series of strikes against the head by the Past hooker'. This enabled the Past to strike back as the increased supply of ball allowed our backs to sparkle. Tries were scored by Jon Sharples and A.N. Other; one of which was converted by Tommy Lee.

Half-time afforded the Past a breather, the opportunity to summon Rory Gallagher from the football pitch, reduce ourselves to 14 players and allow Tom Whalley to level the scores for the Present shortly after the resumption.

The Past re-took the lead with a further A.N. Other try before the Present hit back through Joe Corrigan to leave the scores tied at 17-all. Another moment of brilliance by the mercurial A.N. Other for the Past completed his hat-trick and, with the Present playing catch-up rugby, former blues second row Adam Gilbert made an interception, galloped to the line and added the conversion with the last kick of the game.

The Past captain would like to thank the Present for the game, which was played in an excellent spirit; to thank all those who returned and put in sterling performances; and to apologise to those whose tries were lost to memory in the mists of celebration. Perhaps next year Jamie Doward, who managed to file stories for the *Observer* from his wing, could write the report ...

ALEX LITTLEFAIR (2000)

## Reunion Rowing – Over 60

The Billy or 'Baits Bite or Bust' perspective

The year 2009 was different. We were told that we might be banned from progressing further downstream than the Pike and Eel (as we still call it) because there was a Small Boats Head of the River Race taking place on the lower half of our usual trip to Bates Bite Lock.

This made everything different and very confusing for a young and inexperienced cox such as myself. To start off, the boat was placed on the river facing in what, to me, was the wrong direction. Then I found that my reserved seat appeared to be at the opposite end of the boat to that to which I have become accustomed over the years. The cunning plan, which had been devised by those who decide these things (Ken Drake and John Jenner), was that we should, instead of heading downstream, start off by going upstream to Jesus Lock, spin (easy for them to decide!), proceed to the Pike and Eel, spin again, go back to Jesus Lock, spin again (this was becoming personal), and then return to the boathouse.

We all settled into our allotted seats and, following some kaffuffle about someone's stretcher, we set off upstream. This, we later realised, was the first time Mike Duffett and I (the two senior crew members – all right, the two crew members who came up earliest) had been on this stretch of the river since the Fairbairn Cup Race of 1954, 55 years previously. I was a little concerned that I might get lost but luckily I remembered the route. All was not, however, plain sailing (or plain coxing) because, as John Jenner kindly pointed out just as we departed, this upper level of the river is traditionally reserved for trainee scullers on Saturday mornings. There were several of these craft scattered over the river with occupants at various stages of incompetence who presented problems not normally experienced on our annual outings. We even had to perform a 'Hold it Hard' to avoid one potentially nasty moment. However, we managed to complete this section of our trip without sinking anyone and, following our spin, we retraced our steps (or splashes) downstream.

We passed the boathouse in fine form under the gaze of our loved ones and the current Boat Club members who had, in the tradition of former years, kindly come down to the river to assist us in the various activities needed to make



Billy: Robert Perkins (1961), bow; Mike Duffett (1952), 2; Tony Page (1955), 3; John Stanley (1957), 4; Ken Drake (1953), 5; Noel Pilling (1954), 6; John Jenner (1954), 7; Richard Salmon (1954), stroke; Derek Read (1952), cox

Susan English

our outing a success. We headed off downstream on our traditional route. Our followers subsequently congratulated the crew on their smart, all white, turnout which compared most favourably with some rather scruffy looking reunion crews from another college.

Shortly before reaching the Green Dragon footbridge at Chesterton we encountered the Fitzwilliam Over-60s four who performed an excellent Start and Ten before our admiring eyes. On passing under the bridge we were hailed by a marshal who informed us that we could proceed no further because of the ongoing Head of the River event. We could either wait for half an hour for the race to finish and then proceed, or turn round; we chose the latter option and returned upstream. So we never reached the Pike and Eel, let alone Baits Bite Lock. Nothing daunted, we performed an excellent 'Start and 5', passed the Boat House, proceeded again to Jesus Lock and spun once more. We then had an excellent chance of bumping *The Georgina*, the largest pleasure boat on the Cam, but decided that discretion was the better part of valour and, instead, returned back to the Boat House where we all made it safely ashore.

And so to lunch in the bijou attic lounge of The Nines' Boat Club as kindly arranged by John Jenner.

DJ READ (1952)

#### The Goat perspective

I don't know how Ken arranges it, but yet again as on all previous reunion rows I have attended, the weather was fine and dry, with no wind and not too cold. However, this year there was a slight shortage of over 60s and *Goat* was reduced to a Four. After the obligatory photographs, we were very glad to be assisted by the present generation in getting the boat out, thankfully from a low rack – as now even fours get heavier every year.

We knew that there would be a Head Race starting at the A14 bridge and finishing at Chesterton Green Dragon Bridge but if we timed our arrival right we had been given permission to proceed to the *Penny Ferry*, better known to us as the *Pike and Eel*, where we could wait until the race was over before proceeding towards Ditton. Anticipating that we might not be able to proceed beyond the Chesterton Bridge we started off upstream towards Jesus Green Lock,

where we hoped to find a quiet space to get used to the boat. This assumption was flawed, as we were later informed that the upper river is now assigned to absolute beginner scullers in sculls and Virus sculls, which are bright yellow plastic craft which look like inverted bananas and are virtually impossible to capsize. Things were a bit stop-start, and we also found that a four is a bit more difficult to balance than an eight, probably due to some statistical averaging effect. There was also a problem with an impenetrable weeping willow through which could dimly be seen the image of an approaching boat.

Having turned and passed the spectators at the boat house, we made good progress on a surprisingly quiet stretch to what was the Gasworks, where a unique incident took place. A group of well-grown cygnets appeared ahead in a state of some agitation – they were being chased by a large dog swimming in the water. We were able to avoid it but a double scull going upstream had to pull up.

I discovered how much easier a four is to steer, and also to shout along, than an eight, and we did a few practice starts, though usually sticking to safe paddling light. As we approached Chesterton footbridge, it became apparent that the race finishers would soon arrive, so we turned back, reaching the boathouse without further incident to watch Billy charge past in a racing start, and then partake of our well-earned refreshments and gossip.

QUENTIN ENGLISH (1961)

#### Reunion Rowing – Veterans

Cambridge alumni regattas seem to have an unflinching ability to produce a single last, glorious, day-long Indian summer, and the 2009 event – bigger and better than ever to mark the University's octocentennial celebrations – was no exception.

It was set against this background of the wine-dark Cam and the azure September skies that a crack squad of ageing rowers assembled to tackle the task of prizing a magnum of extraordinarily cheap champagne out of the hands of organiser Chris Hesketh and vanquishing all lesser ancient oarsmen in the process (a feat they have in fact managed for 9 out of the last 10 events).

This year, however, the task was to be made substantially easier by the presence of a number of fairly 'handy' fellows in the eight. These included former Lightweight Blue James Porter, former Blue Boat triallist and Leander Club member Dominic Adair, former Fitzwilliam first-boat regulars Babak Eftekhari and Mark Taylor, current Fitzwilliam first-boat oarsman Mark Evans and, most notable of all, the mighty Bob Winckless, rowing on the Cam again for the first time in 40 years. And to those of you who are reading this piece without a passing knowledge of Fitzwilliam's fine rowing history, it suffices to note that as a former stroke of the Blue Boat, triple rowing blue, and member of the legendary Mays head crew of the 1970s, Bob is Fitzwilliam's answer to Steve Redgrave (though his daughter is not too shabby with an oar either).

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*Goat*: Brian Wicks (1954), bow; John Glasson (1956), 2; Alan Shakespeare (1950), 3; Norman Issberner (1954), stroke; Quentin English (1961), cox

Thus, with an innate sense of superiority filling the boat under the aegis of the mighty Bob, we made our way majestically (albeit with the odd synovial ‘pop’ from a back, hip or knee) to the start line.

We were immediately delighted by the pronouncement of the race marshal that (from the event’s handicapping system) we were to have a seven-second head-start over the Trinity First and Third crew waiting for us there.

As we each eyed our opposition carefully, a single thought ran through our heads: ‘isn’t that a girl in the 2 seat?’. Shortly followed by: ‘the marshal’s got this the wrong way round hasn’t she? Surely they must have the head start?’. Followed finally by: ‘Shall I say something or just see if the marshal notices?’ By which time of course, the marshal had conveniently called the start and we were off.

Feeling strong and powerful as we leaned into our riggers, driving our legs down and riding a seamless wave of power and skill, we pushed away the Trinity boat behind us feeling like a mix between Matthew Pinsent, Lance Armstrong and Ian Watson. Or at least we did until about 15 strokes in, when my body suddenly realised what my brain was asking it to do, checked the fact that it was not indeed sitting in the office eating sugary pastries and drinking caffeine as expected, and started to violently protest at the anaerobic impositions being unreasonably thrust upon it by its head. My senses thus overwhelmed by pain, it became an entirely different race to see whether the line would appear first or unconsciousness. Happily enough for me and the crew, the line won and we were victorious by the slim margin of two-thirds of a length over Trinity.

As I slumped broken in the late autumn sunshine, Bob gave his verdict. The first race had been untidy, short and rushed. For my own part, I began to wonder if I had my mobile in the boat so that I could call my mummy and ask her to write Bob a note excusing me from the next race. I couldn’t comprehend doing anything quite so painful again for at least another year – let alone within minutes. Sadly though, my mobile was not aboard and soon enough I found myself coming forward, oar in the water, ready to do it all again.

This time though, there was a young (worth a ‘short’ ten seconds to us from the marshal) King’s crew at the line, and if my entire rowing career at College had taught me one thing, it was that a fit-looking King’s crew in a shiny new Empacher is about as scary as a baby yellow Chihuahua in a purple tutu. The crew immediately relaxed and it showed in our rowing as we sauntered to an easy victory by several lengths. Bob was pleased.

So to our final race where a strong-looking (and inevitably bearded) Christ’s eight waited for us at the start. This time, the nerves were jangling as the prize of Hesketh’s magnum of incredibly cheap fizz danced metaphorically in front of our eyes. The marshal gave us the (by now obligatory) head start and away we stormed, mentally primed for the epic tussle of the next three minutes to come.



Linda Birtwhistle

Veterans: Mark Taylor, Bob Winckless, Mark Evans (student), David Birtwhistle, Paul Speedy, Andrew Glynn, Dom Adair, James Porter, Babak Eftekhari



Anon

Veterans: Jonathan Price (7), Neil Gardner (1), Andrew Smith (4), Adrian Tollett (5), Nick Tittle (2), Simon Cole (6), Dan George (8), John Roberts (3), Trevor Cave (Cox - Churchill)

Long loose stroke after long loose stroke of our start thrust the boat swiftly beneath us and as we emerged from a tunnel vision of concentration, sure that we would see our competitors from Christ’s right there with us, we were pleased to see them safely in the distance and looking well beaten already.

And so it was, crossing underneath the railway bridge, that we eased slightly and enjoyed the moment as once again, Fitzwilliam had stormed to the win.

With much self-congratulation all round, we cheered Christ’s valiant effort (hampered, we found subsequently, by a severe early crab) and pulled in to the bank, safe in the knowledge that we had secured Fitzwilliam alumni’s rowing success for another year<sup>1</sup> (together with the right to drink some of Epernay’s most easily forgotten wines, warm and out of plastic disposable cups).

ANDREW GLYNN (1994)

<sup>1</sup> If you are interested in alumni rowing and would like more information, please contact Adrian Tollett c/o Fitzwilliam Development Office.

## Reunion Row – Women

Arriving for our 10-year reunion weekend at Fitzwilliam (at what was the back but is now the front) we were thrilled to be given keys to rooms in E block, and even more excited to realise it was now *en-suite*. After a quick look around the new bits of the College, we made straight for the boathouse for the inaugural Fitzwilliam Women's Reunion Row.

Having eventually remembered the way, we finally arrived at the unrecognisably shiny new boathouse. The College now has the kind of boathouse we used to envy! No longer a condemned, flood-damaged shell, with a bathroom for emergency use only; now there were showers, gym equipment that worked, and a kitchen! The walls were full of recent crew pictures, but from a distance they could have been of any number of Billy crews past. Downstairs, we recognised the *Ken Drake*, bought for the Women's First VIII in 2002 (our final year), but after some hesitation we decided to take out the *Sarah Winckless*, an even newer and higher-risk option.

By happy accident we ended up with exactly the right number of girls for an outing (never a certainty when we were students); we were joined by four lovely ladies from the class of 1981 and a current third-year undergraduate, and ably coxed by Catherine from the Development Office. Her calm and precise instructions as we gingerly got into the boat made all the memories come flooding back.

Setting off in beautiful late-summer sunshine, we were reminded of how lovely rowing on the Cam can be – a stark contrast to all those dark, wet and cold winter early-morning training sessions before lectures. After some initial confusion over the difference between 'front stops' and 'back stops', we were off! We rather surprised ourselves at the smoothness of the ride, and before long we even managed a short spell rowing 'all 8 square blades'. Along the way, Catherine gave us a guided tour of the new sights on the river, including the new bridge to Tesco and fancy new flats whose residents have apparently taken great umbrage with the early-morning use of the cox box.

Pausing at the *Pike and Eel* to allow the last boats from a local regatta to pass, we caught our breath and remembered some of the old landmarks and race-day feelings: marshalling for the bumps with butterflies in our stomachs; chatting to coaches on the narrow towpaths; 'pushing off' the bridges to gain a length on the chasing boat. Many of us admitted to having our old rowing kit in a bottom drawer at home – used now more often in our attempts to keep fit by running or cycling around London.

We spun the boat at top of the Reach and sat up tall back past the boathouses as if we had just completed a race. Back on dry land, we were pleased with our efforts, but soon realised that the dreaded rowing blisters were back even after just a short leisurely paddle. Despite the sore hands, we were very glad to have agreed to take part in the row and we hope that the girls can start to give the Billygoat boys a run for their money every reunion weekend.

Continuing the sporting theme, we spent the rest of the afternoon as spectators enjoying the past vs present rugby and football matches at Oxford Road. However, the sport was definitely the most wholesome part of the weekend – it was all rather downhill after that.

The next morning was another crisp Cambridge day; we were woken by the rumbling of luggage trolleys

carrying the belongings of new students arriving for Michaelmas term and wondered what memories they would have 10 years from now. At that moment though, we were more concerned with hazy memories of the previous evening... pre-dinner Cava followed by some quintessential Fitzwilliam fine dining, drinks in the bar (appreciating a round of four G&Ts for under £10), the salubrious Cambridge nightlife and then an impromptu party back in middle E until the early hours. Some things never change...

SARAH BARR, HELEN FISHER, and CLAIRE TILSTONE (1999)

## BILLYGOATS

### Head of the River 40th Anniversary – and more

Showing the perfect timing which is the hallmark of a good crew, the 1st VIII went to the head of the river in both Lents and Mays in 1969, Fitzwilliam's centenary year. The May boat stayed head through 1970 and 1971, but the Lent boat managed only the one year as premier crew. To celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the 1969 achievement, the Billygoats Society invited the members of all the head crews to the Pimms Party on the Saturday of the Mays and to the Mays Bumps Supper – and also to contribute to a fund to be used to purchase a new boat for the men's first eight.

In March 2009, the new eight was purchased – rather, it was a nearly-new eight, but one with a high specification and an impeccable pedigree. The Boat Club decided to name the boat after the Billygoats' President who then was in the last of his three years in office and had been a member of the 1969 crews. On 7 June, a very wet day, the boat was named *Jonathan Price* by the man himself.

There is now a framed certificate on the wall of the gym area in the boathouse which reads: *The VIII which bears the name of Jonathan Price, Billygoats President 2006–9, was purchased by the Billygoats Society in 2009 to commemorate the achievements of the Boat Club forty years earlier. In 1969, the centenary year of Fitzwilliam's foundation, the Club went Head of the River in both Lents and Mays. The purchase was made using funds from the Boat Club and the Billygoats Society and donations*



John Adams

The first outing of *Jonathan Price* after the naming: Jonathan Price performing the pushing off – 7 June 2009



Naming the Ron Walters – 5 December 2009

from nine members of the four Fitzwilliam crews which rowed at the Head, the Lent crew of 1969 and the May crews of 1969, 1970 and 1971:

Charles Bennion  
 Frank Edmonds  
 David Gittins  
 Stephen Kerruish  
 Charles Lowe  
 Graham Nutter  
 Jonathan Price  
 Neville Robertson  
 Richard Sanders

The boat was built by Filippi in Italy for the 'Great Eight' of champion scullers which won the Head of the River race in March 2009. Assembled by the Tideway Scullers School specifically for that race, the crew was Tim Maeyens (Belgium), Andre Vonarburg (Switzerland), Alan Campbell (Great Britain), Marcel Hacker (Germany), Mahe Drysdale (New Zealand), Olaf Tufte (Norway), Ondrej Synek (Czech Republic) and Iztok Cop (Slovenia) – five of them single-sculls finalists at the Beijing Olympics.



Preparing to name the Sarah Winckless – 5 December 2009

The boat was shipped to the UK a week before the race and used for some ten outings by the international crew. It was purchased by the Billygoats immediately after the race following a trial by the Fitzwilliam HERR crew.

The 40th anniversary was commemorated further by the Society's purchase in July 2009 of a new pair/double sculler and a new pair of sculls, thanks to the generosity of its President (primarily) and its Secretary. It was the suggestion of the immediate Past President of the Society, Ian Hall, that this boat should be named after R.N. Walters, Senior Tutor, Tutor for Admissions and Director of Studies in English and Classics at the time of his tragic death aged 44 in June 1967. As the College Officer who was, in the words of Dr Grave, 'in virtual charge of admissions for the last ten years' he admitted, with few exceptions, every member of the Boat Club who contributed to its steady rise to headship from the depths of the second division of Lent and Mays in 1960. (His admissions policy also ensured academic improvement and successes at Oxford Road.) Properly Robert Norman Walters, he was referred to by students as Ron Walters and so it is that title which was bestowed on the new boat by Ian Hall at the naming ceremony on 5 December 2009.

On that day too, the eight for the women's crew which had been purchased in summer 2008 by the Boat Club, with 55% of the cost being met by a grant from the Billygoats Society, was named. The Club had decided at the time of purchase that it wished the boat to be named Sarah Winckless and that, of course, it wished Sarah to perform the naming. Finding a convenient date for all parties proved impossible until Sarah retired from international rowing. But in December, after an outing in 'her' boat with seven plus one members of the women's squad, Sarah carried out the naming. An excellent final event of the year at the boathouse.

JOHN ADAMS, Secretary, Billygoats Society

### Billygoats on the Rhine

Each October, two German rowing clubs organise a race down the Rhine from Köln to Düsseldorf – some 43km. It is rowed in 'Rhine Fours', especially substantial and stable craft, and each crew must be steered by a local cox who has a 'Rhine licence'.

In 2001, Richard Henning (1956) participated as a member of a Cambridge town club crew and ever since he had been keen to repeat the experience in a Billygoat crew, one that qualified for the 'over 50' category. Over the years, when they met by the Cam for the Fairbairns, he had managed to infect Nick Tittle (1976) with a similar degree of enthusiasm for the event but it required a circular to all Billygoats in September 2008 to find volunteers for the other two seats for participation in 2009. Clive Woodman (1977), Captain of Boats in 1979–80 and Roly Beevor (1977), Captain of Boats in 1978–79 completed the crew. This is the story of the outcome.

Goats cause trouble. Anyone who has read the SAS story *Bravo Two-Zero* knows that. So how much trouble did the four Billygoats cause the Ruderclub Germania Düsseldorf, organisers of the Rhine Marathon on 3 October 2009? Actually – not very much. We said, 'Do you know anywhere we can stay?' They said, 'How about a

Courtesy of RC Germania  
Düsseldorf 1904 e.V.



The participants, with their medals, L to R: Nick Tittle, Clive Woodman, Roly Beevor, Christoph (cox), Richard Henning

Angela Lilienthal



Billygoats on the Rhine

hotel 5 minutes walk from our boat club and the finish line'. We said 'What about a boat and a cox?' They said, 'Yes, we'll organise that for you. And if you need transport to the start 42km away in Köln we have arranged a bus to take you there. And please come to our boat house, eat pork knuckle and drink beer with us the night before the race'. What is there not to like about people like this? It wasn't their fault that the Rhine was running low because it hadn't rained much for three months and the speed of the stream was significantly slower than normal. It wasn't their fault that a very strong headwind blew up mid-way down the course and again towards the end. It wasn't their fault that there are kilometre markings all the way along the river so that you know exactly where you are: great to begin with, when we went from the start at 695km to our first drinks break at 718km, but much, much harder in the middle section and then so, so slowly into the finish at 738km. It wasn't their fault that the Rhine resembles the A1M but with enormous barges rather than lorries, somehow three abreast on the reduced-width river. It wasn't their fault that the wash from the less restrained barge drivers was such we had to stop rowing, hold the blades on the surface and ride out the waves, watching as what looked like a tsunami passed up river behind us. And because none of this was their fault, and because they gave us a silver medal for coming second in our class and a decorated plate for entering the race for the first time, I think we should go back – and I think lots more Goats should take part. I can't speak highly enough of an event so well organised, so welcoming and so hugely friendly.

Thanks to Angela for driving and taking memorable photographs, Christophe for seeing us safely over a challenging course and Stefan the rowing club expat living and working in Cambridge who was the vital link in the run-up to the event. Huge thanks also to Richard for sharing his enthusiasm of an event he rowed before and wanted to do again: well done.

NICK TITTLE (1976)

## PAST V PRESENT CRICKET MATCH

A fine, if slightly overcast, June afternoon; wicket and outfield in excellent condition. An Old Boys side eager to repeat last year's victory under a new – if older – captain in Steve Cardy, following Simon Jackson's unfortunate fielding accident in 2008. A 35-over game with, for the first time, a Bursar – one incumbent, one elect – umpiring at each end.

The College captain, Nav Kokri, won the toss and, in time-honoured fashion, elected to bat. He and his opening partner, Francis Evans, and number 3, Matt Bennison, gave them an excellent start with 64 off 12 overs. After they were dismissed, excellent bowling by David Norman (2 for 23) and Bilal Hussein (4 for 20) reduced them to 101 for 7 off 24 overs. But Pete Cross (62 not out) and Nick Sparks (32) got after the later bowlers to take College to a respectable 195 for 8. Mention should be made of Gerry Tucker's neat wicket-keeping, giving him two catches and a stumping.

The Old Boys started steadily, if slowly. The fall of the first wicket brought Jacques von Oorschot to the crease. No doubt boosted by his countrymen's good showing in the Twenty20 World Cup, he proceeded to hit 62 off 33 balls with 9 fours and 2 enormous sixes. He and Bilal Hussein took the score to 98 off 15 overs. At the same score Derek Barretto found himself at the same end as Jacques, and quickly walked off before anyone could suggest that it should be the hard-hitting Dutchman who should have been run out. In the event, Derek's sacrifice was academic, as Jacques was caught off a top edge the very next ball. At 98 for 5 Neil Hunt (42) and David Norman (38) came together. Fortunately, the current Bursar had not informed his successor of the Norman LBW arrangement, and David survived 3 appeals. At 183 for 5 the Old Boys were looking forward to a second successive victory, but it is never over till the fat lady sings – which she did in the form of the return of opening bowlers Pete Cross (3 for 35), who bowled Norman, and Shagnik Das (4 for 45), who bowled Hunt, John Coombs, Tim Wickham and Graham Wrightson in 3 overs at the cost of only one run off the bat. The last 4 wickets made a grand total of 8 runs, 4 wides and 4 not out to Gerry Tucker. The Old Boys were all out 5 runs short of their target after 32 overs.

This was probably as close a finish to this fixture as anyone could remember: an excellent advertisement for cricket, and for Fitzwilliam cricket in particular. The camaraderie extended to the pre-dinner drinks, and to the dinner itself. The usual protocols were observed, and thanks expressed to all those who contributed to a successful afternoon and evening. Special thanks were extended to the retiring Bursar, Chris Pratt, for all the support he has given to Old Boys sport at Fitzwilliam; and the hope that he would continue this informally, and that his successor, Andrew Powell, would take over the formal mantle of responsibility.

STEVE CARDY (1967)



Past versus Present Cricket...



...with a Bursar at each end!

## SPORTS DINNER

In early September, more than 100 past and present College members attended the first dinner for Fitzwilliam sporting alumni. The dinner, which was the idea of Dick Tyler (1978) and Christian Purslow (1983) and was hosted by the Master, provided the opportunity to renew connections with the College and with each other for people who had represented the College at any sport at any level. A total of 17 sports, and matriculation years between 1954 and 2007, were represented; some who attended had had no contact either with the College or with each other since graduating.

A lively evening ensued. Pre-dinner drinks were served in the garden of The Grove, which provided the opportunity to admire the newly-completed Library. A number of those present remarked that there would no longer be any excuse for not being able to find it. Dinner in Hall was followed by speeches by the Master, Eddie Butler (1976, Wales and British & Irish Lions) and Sarah Winckless (1993, Olympic and World Championship rowing medallist).

Perhaps not surprisingly, the College's supplies of draught beer were not up to the task of meeting the diners' post-prandial thirsts, but bottled reinforcements kept the dialogue and singing going until the early hours. Breakfast on the Sunday was a more subdued affair.

We hope that this is an event which will now become a fixture in the College's calendar.

DICK TYLER (1978)

## NEWS OF MEMBERS

**Dr James Aitken (1991)** was appointed University Lecturer in Hebrew, Old Testament and Second Temple Studies in the Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge, from October 2009.

**Professor Shankar Balasubramanian (1985)**, Professor of Chemical Biology and Fellow of Trinity College, was elected Herchel Smith Professor of Medicinal Chemistry, from October 2008.

**Stephen Ball (1977)** has joined Bryan Cave LLP as a partner. His practice concentrates on principal finance, private equity, funds, restructurings and M&A. Qualified in England and Hong Kong, Stephen has twenty years' experience both in-house with financial institutions and in international law firms. During that time he has served as vice chairman, CEO, chief general counsel and board member of international financial institutions, law firms and multinational companies. He is currently editing a book on the international laws and regulations which govern hedge funds.

**Mark Bardell (1994)** became a partner at Herbert Smith in the summer of 2009. He is currently on secondment to the Takeover Panel.

**Mark Blagrove (1979)** is Professor of Psychology and Head of Department at Swansea University, where he runs a sleep laboratory. He is a consulting editor for the *Journal of Sleep*

Research and for the American Psychological Associations academic journal *Dreaming*. He is on the board of directors of the International Association for the Study of Dreams.

**John Bradshaw (1968)** retired on 31 March 2009 from the Scottish Crop Research Institute after a 34-year career as a Plant Breeder and Geneticist, having done Part II Genetics back in 1970–71. He is currently editing a book on *Root and Tuber Crops* in a Plant-Breeding Series.

**The Rt. Hon. Andy Burnham (1988)**, Member of Parliament for Leigh, Greater Manchester, was appointed Secretary of State at the Department of Health from 10 June 2009.

**Bernard Cotton (1967)** was awarded an MBE in the 2009 New Years Honours List, for services to Sport.

**Gordon Dabinett (1976)** was elected Academician of Social Sciences (AcSS) in January 2006. He was awarded a Chair in Regional Studies at the University of Sheffield in January 2007 and subsequently appointed Head of Department, Town and Regional Planning in September 2007.

**David Dew (1974)** is now Deputy Chief Executive and Chief of Administration of HSBC Bank Middle East Ltd. He is based in Dubai.

**Lee Hammon (1997)** was appointed to the Board of Directors of Cygnet Health Care Ltd., from November 2009. He started with the company as a graduate management trainee as soon as he left Fitzwilliam in 2000 and has worked his way up the ranks. Cygnet Health Care is the UK's second-largest provider of independent facilities for the treatment of mental health, with turnover now ~ £ 85M p.a. He is based in Docklands, East London.

**Alastair Hignell (1974)** was awarded a CBE in the 2009 Queen's Birthday Honours, for services to Sport and to Charity.

**The Revd Philip Hobday (2003)** was appointed Chaplain of Magdalene College, Cambridge and elected to an Official Fellowship from September 2009.

**Catherine Hocking (1990)** was awarded a prestigious Lord Dearing Award in 2009 for her outstanding contribution to excellence in teaching and learning and enhancing the student learning experience at the University of Nottingham.

**David Hodgson (1974)** was appointed an Honorary Canon of Christ Church, Oxford in 2009.

**Simon Hull (2003)** graduated from Harvard Divinity School with a Master of Theological Studies degree in June 2009. He has been awarded a MEXT scholarship by the Japanese Government to study at Sophia University in Tokyo, for two years from April 2010. He will be researching the history of the Catholic Church in Japan, Japan's 'hidden Christians', and the atomic bombing of Nagasaki. He first developed these research interests when in Japan in 2006–07 as one of the Fitzwilliam Daiichi scholars.

**Professor Christopher Lamb (1969)**, Director of the John Innes Centre in Norwich, was awarded a CBE in the 2009 Queen's Birthday Honours for services to Plant Science. Tragically, he died suddenly later in the year, and his obituary appears on p.69.

**Dr Andrew Lee (1979)** had been awarded the MD.

**Robin Mann (1973)** has been given the task of being the 'Bishop's Visitor' to the retired clergy in Gloucestershire.

**Christopher Martin-Jenkins (1964)** was awarded an MBE in the 2009 New Years Honours List, for services to Sport.

**Colin McIntyre (1963)** retired in September 2001 after 34 years as a journalist with Reuters, mainly abroad as a foreign correspondence, mostly in or around Eastern Europe. In his retirement, he has carried out regular assignments training journalists in various parts of the world for the Reuters Foundation.

**Keith Michel (1967)** retired after 25 years partnership at Holman Fenwick Willan, solicitors, in 2003. During a consultancy with the firm he wrote *War, Terror and Carriage by Sea* (Informa, 2004). Since 2006, he has taught maritime law as a Visiting Professor at University College, London. He continues to act as a Trustee of the Cambridge University Football Club. His fifth novel *Corsair* was published in 2009 (Melrose Books).

**Ken Olisa (1971)** has been appointed to be one of the four members of the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority that was set up in December 2009 following the concerns about MPs expenses that arose earlier in the year. The Authority is to be chaired by Professor Sir Ian Kennedy, who has co-authored several works on medical law and ethics with **Andrew Grubb** (Fellow, 1981–1990).

**John Orr (1973)** is Senior Tutor in Mathematics at Hampton School, Middlesex. He has taught there for 32 years. He played rugby for the Fitzwilliam 2nd XV and became a referee; he has been with the London Society of Referees for 28 years and is still active. He is married to a schoolteacher and has an 11-year-old son, Andrew. John keeps in touch with his fellow PGCE students, and they meet regularly.

**Christian Purslow (1983)** was appointed Managing Director at Liverpool Football Club in June 2009.

**Patrick Ryan (1971)** was Mayor of Kenilworth 1996–97 and 2007–08. He has acted as a JP on the Warwickshire bench and has been a local councillor since 1991. He retired as Head of History from a Coventry school in 2007.

**Peter Stevenson (1997)** successfully completed a Doctor of Ministry degree at Princeton Theological Seminary and graduated in May 2009. He was ordained into the United Reformed Church and served congregations in the NW Coventry group of churches. He moved to London in autumn 2009 to take up new challenges.

**Professor Markus Stoffel (1983)** won the 2008 Heinrich Wieland Prize. Endowed by Boehringer Ingelheim since 1964, the prize was awarded for his milestone discoveries on the development of diabetes. His work involves deciphering important mechanisms of blood sugar regulation and lipid metabolism in the body.

**Rachel Webb (1979)** was awarded an MA with distinction by the Open University in Environment, Policy and Society in July 2009, with a dissertation on *A critical examination of aircraft noise in rural areas with reference to sustainable development and justice*. She was re-appointed Vice-Chairman of Stewkley Parish Council in April 2009.

**Professor Keith Wrightson (1967)** FRHistS, Fellow 1972–75, has been elected to an Honorary Fellowship at Jesus College, Cambridge.

**Kevin Yallup (1975)** moved to Edmonton, Canada, as the Chief Technical Officer of ACAMP, a new R&D organisation engaged in the commercialisation of micro-devices and nano-devices.

#### Births, Marriages and Partnerships

**Elina Arter (1994)** married Wayne Lusted on 12 June 2009 at the Botanic Gardens, Sydney, Australia. They live in Colchester.

**Laura Brock (1998)** married Richard Birkinshaw (Trinity Hall 1998) at Langar Hall in Nottinghamshire on 12 September 2008. **Anna Martin (1998)** was among the guests.

**Nick Bunch (1997)** married **Jane Duckworth (1997)** at St Peter's Church, Upper Arley, Worcestershire on 27 June 2009. Among their guests were Nick Hough, Lewis Burnett, Rick Lawrence, Ed McBride, Katie McBride (née Morris), Lorna Dodson (née Scutt), Carolyn Suthers, Caroline Senior, Chisom Nwokonkor and Alethea Tang (all 1997).

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The wedding of Nick Bunch and Jane Duckworth

**Hannah Cahill and Paul Kellaway (both 2002)** were married on 7 November 2009 at St George-in-the-East Church, Shadwell, London. Father of the bride was **David Cahill (1971)** and the two best men were **James Ashworth and Chris Waring (both 2002)**. There were two other College members among the guests.

**Luke Crosby (2000)** married **Emily Fuller (2000)** on 29 September 2007 at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Bromley. **Robert Dobbyn (2000)** was best man and **Peter Kelsey (2000)** was one of the witnesses. Their first child, Samuel, was born on 12 October 2008.

**Robert Dobbyn (2000)** married **Lila Plumley (2000)** at Kensington & Chelsea register office on 29 November 2008. **Luke Crosby (2000)** was best man. Several other College members from their matriculation year attended.

**John Eldridge (1997)** and **Julie Wang (2002)** married at Wyboston Lakes, Bedfordshire, on 16 May 2009. **Calum McFarlane (1997)** was best man, **Dave Ellis (1997)** was an usher and **Amber Jenkins (1997)** and **Darryl Walters (2002)** were among the guests. John and Julie are currently both working in research back at the University.

**Michael Hallsworth (2001)** married **Ellen McKinlay (2001)** at Islington Town Hall in October 2008. **Matthew Edwards (2001)** was the best man.

**Catherine Marston (1994)** married **John McKelvey (1994)** at Fitzwilliam College Chapel on 21 March 2009.

**Anna Martin (1998)** married David Welchew (Queens' 1997) on 21 June 2008 in York. **Laura Brock (1998)** and **Isobel Richards (née Hood, 1980)** were among the guests.

**Hannah Booth's (née Parkes, 2000)** first child, Owen, was born in January 2009.

**William (1997)** and **Jane Perry (née Brown, 1995)** have two sons: Tom, born in 2007 and Jacob, born February 2009.

**Melanie Porter (née Palmer, 1990)** gave birth to twin sons, Sebastian and Zachary, on 1 March 2009.

**Clare Roberts-Garzaniti (née Roberts, 1988)** and her husband, Laurent Garzaniti (Trinity Hall 1990) welcomed their daughter, Juliette Claire Laurence Garzaniti, on 19 October 2009 in Leuven, Belgium.

**Sonal Sachdev (1999)** married **Niral Patel (Downing College)** in October 2008 in Umaid Bhawan Palace, Rajasthan, India.

**Nick Smith (1982)** married **Katie Vanneck (St Hughes, Oxon 1992)** on 5 September 2009, in the spectacular gardens of Château Rigaud surrounded by the vineyards of St Emilion, Bordeaux. Katie (Managing Director, Customer Direct at News International) and Nick (Managing Director, Accenture – Global Marketing Transformation) were married by their good friend **Dominic Young**. Fitzwilliam was represented also by **Nigel Adams (1982)**, who ushered.

**Colin Swainson (1998)** married **Harriet Taunton (1998)** on 12 July 2008. Their first son, Nico, was born on 4 August 2009.