

GENERAL ADMISSION 2010

On Saturday 26 June, 136 graduands were admitted to their degrees in person. Of these, 126 received the degree of B.A. (of whom 20 on four-year courses received M.Eng. or M.Sci. in addition to the B.A.) whilst six received LL.M. degrees, two received the degree of Vet.M.B., and two the degree of B.Th..

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Waiting in Lime Tree Avenue to process to the Senate House

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Back in College after the Degree Congregation, with musical accompaniment



Seasonal refreshments

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Christine Roberts-Lewis running the book donation scheme for the Library, and Carol Lamb with Fitzwilliam memorabilia

DAIICHI STUDENT EXCHANGE

The exchange scheme, now in its twelfth 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 2009–2010, four Fitzwilliam graduates went to Japan on the exchange scheme: Tom Shearn (2005), Laura May (2006), Richard Booth (2001), and Liam Price (2006), who wrote of their experiences.

Liam Price



On Daiichi exchange

Daiichi Programme 2009–2010

Along with my group of eight newly-found Oxbridge friends, I embarked on my journey to Japan with few preconceptions beyond the 3 S's: sake, sumo and sushi. What at first seemed to be a subtle variation of the Western

Liam Price



Ceremonial tea-making



Liam Price

A traditional fish market

environment I had always known was, in hindsight, the scene of a surreal year where I was often pleasantly reminded that I was indeed a long way from home.

The name of our accommodation was Cambridge House (the Japanese showing they clearly have good taste when it comes to old British establishments), and was home to several hundred students of the Japan University of Economics where we were studying. The huge foyer is lavishly adorned with marble floors and chandeliers, and is surpassed in grandeur only by the adjacent courtyard complete with cherub statues and giant water jets. Of course this menagerie is only able to reach its full potential when the arrayed multicolour lights are shining and, alas, these are turned on only when VIPs come to visit. This was the Japanese image of Englishness, along with afternoon tea and unremarkable food. As ambassadors it was up to us to dispel these myths and persuade the natives that pie and chips with lager was as much of a delicacy as expertly-filleted blowfish.

I was, as many of us Brits are, inexperienced with other languages and cultures before I arrived. Interestingly, I found that I was becoming increasingly enlightened to the nuances of British culture almost as much as I was to Japanese culture. It was the process of learning about foreign traditions and explaining the many idiosyncrasies that we have that made me consider the aspects that make one British. After all, what is it about putting the kettle on that qualifies it to solve all of life's challenges?

Most of our time was taken up by learning Japanese and teaching English to children. These two challenges were similar in that they both required a lot of patience and hard work but were ultimately very rewarding. Since returning I have frequently been asked whether I have become fluent and the answer is definitely no. Even the most committed scholar would struggle to grasp the unfamiliar complexity of the two-thousand kanji characters (one of three alphabets) or get to grips with the inverted grammatical

structure in such a short space of time. It does, however, provide an excellent base from which to improve upon in subsequent years of self study. Personally, I intend to return in three years as part of my medical elective, and this also acts as an incentive for me to continue to improve.

My lasting impression of the Japanese people is their friendly and thoughtful disposition and their enthusiasm for life. These two qualities are exemplified by an experience I had during the season of *ohanami* which literally means flower viewing, but specifically refers to the transiently stunning cherry blossom trees that are synonymous with the image of Japan. It involves gatherings of family, friends and colleagues who simply picnic while enjoying the scenery. While wandering through the parks we were invited to several parties and offered drinks, food, banter and even goody bags full of sweets and snacks! Several of us participated in home stay visits at various times throughout the year and all were welcomed by families who were both excellent hosts and devoted to providing as deep an insight into Japanese life as they could. Throughout the year we were given numerous recommendations for things to do and see around Japan, and always asked for our thoughts and opinions on the experiences we had. It may be a sad reflection of my own experiences, but I find it difficult to imagine somebody receiving such hospitality in Britain under the same circumstances.

Liam Price



Shopping in the rain

I implore you to take a trip to Japan at some point if you haven't done so already. The people are lovely; the country is beautiful and offers anything from skiing in the north to tropical beaches in the south. My personal recommendation is to travel in the autumn when the weather is still fine and the trees turn every shade of red and yellow and a few more on top of that. Kyoto and Miyajima (near Hiroshima) were my two favourite destinations, but apart from perhaps Yanagawa (which boasts as its primary attraction the tooth best road in Japan); going anywhere in the Land of the Rising Sun is a magical experience.

LIAM PRICE (2006)

CRIMSON CHINA SUMMER EXCHANGE

Four members of the College took part in the 2010 programme, which Josh Sumner (2008) introduced:

'This summer, I was lucky enough to be selected, along with three other undergraduates from Fitzwilliam, to become a Fellow at the Crimson Summer Exchange (CSE) 2010. In conjunction with the University of Oxford, and with Harvard, Yale, Princeton and MIT, the University of Hong Kong planned a six-week summer programme during which we and our Ivy League counterparts were to teach both a standardised curriculum, designed to inculcate in our Chinese students a critical view of knowledge, and lessons based on our own personal academic backgrounds. The programme consisted of two main stages: the first, in which all eighteen teachers taught together, took place in Hong Kong itself; the second was split between the Mainland cities of Beijing and Mianyang.'



Josh Sumner

Crimson Exchange Fellows from Fitzwilliam: Josh Sumner, Ayomide Awe, Flora Kessler and Nick Millet

Nick Millet (2009) described the Hong Kong Programme:

'We spent around three weeks in Hong Kong, which also involved two days of teacher training and briefings on what our job would involve. The teacher training was quite helpful, although there were questions raised over the knowledge course that the staff at CSE had developed and expected us to teach. However, we were allowed to edit and adapt it to make it more appropriate for the students. The teaching experience itself was enjoyable, especially since we were allowed to teach our own courses which we had created before arriving in Hong Kong. Moreover, CSE were flexible and open to the Fellows' ideas on how to improve



Josh Sumner

Josh Sumner with Hong Kong Co-Fellows and students, on the ferry to Lamma Island



The Temple of Ten-thousand Buddhas in Hong Kong

the programme. Overall, the Hong Kong programme was the most enjoyable, as it seemed that this was where they had concentrated most of their resources to ensure a successful summer camp. The facilities provided by CSE – the Hong Kong University facilities and the international accommodation – were faultless. CSE provided outings on two weekends for us, as well as various meals and events. As a cultural exchange, it was great to have the chance to meet and interact with students from Hong Kong University, and also to experience Hong Kong University culture including High Table Dinner, which is very much based on a Cambridge Formal Hall. I definitely think that this programme is a great opportunity for any student at Cambridge, whether they are interested in teaching or not.’

Ayomide Awe (2008) then went to Beijing:

‘The second half of the programme was spent by some of us in Beijing, a buzzing metropolis much like Hong Kong, and yet it provided a very different cultural experience by virtue of being on the mainland. Though the boarding school in which we were based was just outside the metropolis proper, we managed to experience much of what Beijing had to offer, through excursions organised by CSE and our own forays into the city. From the typical tourist-trap (though nonetheless fascinating) areas of the Forbidden City and the Temple of Heaven to the winding networks of hutongs (alleys with traditional courtyard residences), we were exposed to different aspects of traditional Chinese culture and the distinct history of Beijing. A short trip with the students to the Olympics site also brought home the rapid advancement of China and its increasing presence on the international stage; in this the students took great pride, and in their journal entries enthusiastically described their patriotism at the massive feats achieved by their nation.

‘As a black woman, it was interesting also to experience the radically different reactions to my presence, ranging from mild bemusement to complete shock but often resulting in requests for a photo opportunity – it reminded me of the racial diversity which those in London and even in England in general take for granted. Back in the classroom, the children were eager to show off their knowledge and creativity during lessons and a particular highlight was a debate that we held on the injustices of private schools – interesting because most, if not all of the students, went to private schools – but also vigorous to rival any debate in the Cambridge Union! The speech in the closing ceremony by an Italian student, who was the only non-Chinese child to participate in the programme, on how much he enjoyed his experience was a poignant and genuine reminder of how valuable the time in China was, not only for my wider experience of the world but also for my development as person.’



Crimson Fellows on the Great Wall

whilst Flora Kessler (2008) taught in Mianyang:

‘In Mianyang we experienced a side of China which many other tourists and travellers could not. The best part of being in Mianyang was the children we taught. These children really wanted to learn and were respectful, diligent and engaged in my lessons on globalisation. I aimed to allow them to practice their English and think creatively, something unusual in Chinese schools. On leaving Mianyang I felt happy that I had introduced a new concept and idea to these children – but I had also learnt a great deal from them about China.

‘What I found most interesting was the difference between the national pride of the children I taught, and the observations of my co-Fellows: Chinese girls who were our teaching assistants and were of a similar age to me. When we visited the site of the 2008 Sichuan earthquake I discussed China’s response to the earthquake with my co-Fellows. When asking for a translation of the words of a large banner at the site, one girl explained it was government propaganda. She said ‘the government wants to show us how the “Peoples Army” restored the earthquake site in a number of days’. She went on to add that she could not understand why this was necessary because the majority of the victims of the earthquake had died in government buildings. We saw a completely destroyed school where 700 children had died. On either side of the school two buildings had not been affected, and our co-Fellows explained this was because the school had been built by the government; the other two buildings were privately constructed. The dichotomy between the hostility and negativity of our co-Fellows to government propaganda was often paralleled by the children’s love and patriotism of their country. The pride in teaching us their songs, telling us about their food, and explaining their games was phenomenal.’

Josh Sumner concluded:

‘Crimson Summer Exchange was an experience that benefitted me in two ways: firstly, for professional reasons, providing me invaluable teaching practice for a career in education; and secondly, as was one of the programme’s main aims, as a way for me to get to know modern China up close, getting to know it personally rather than from the mainstream state-controlled media, from the people that knew it best, its future generations. Whilst the experience was at times challenging, especially when faced with the less than hospitable conditions of Chinese state boarding schools, it was always a pleasure to teach students who, often for the first time, were meeting students and teachers from different educational backgrounds and cultures. In many ways, the exchange was as rewarding for us as it was for the students we were teaching; while they were busy carrying out projects, creating displays and preparing for debates, we, the Fellows, were learning not only how most effectively to give lessons, but also to cooperate with, and benefit from, students with whom we, on first glance, had little in common. Whilst the practical skills I gained in Hong Kong and China will, in the short term, be very useful for me, I feel it is the people with whom I shared such an incredible experience that will remain with me in the future, contacts and friends who I look forward to meeting again very soon.’

MARK SAVAGE TRAVEL AWARDS

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

Teaching English in rural Spain

This summer, thanks to a £200 award from the Mark Savage Travel Fund, I was able to take part in a volunteering programme organised by an Official Languages School in Cáceres (Extremadura) in Spain. After first travelling to Lisbon, where I spent a couple of days, I took the night train across the border to Cáceres and travelled to Hervás, a small village in the north of the province where I was a volunteer conversation teacher on the residential summer programme *In English, Please!* Having enjoyed and really benefited from the programme last year, I was able to put my experience to use helping the students there with their spoken English. The levels of English varied from the barely conversational to the nearly fluent, and thus I had to alter my teaching style and method in order to help students to understand me, or to help them to achieve the fluency they needed for professional or personal reasons. The programme organised a variety of field trips to complement the course, helping students to explain areas they were familiar with to outsiders, something that allowed me a better understanding of a fascinating but under-visited region of Spain with stunning scenery. A highlight for me was the evening we shared watching the World Cup semi-final – watching such an event with Spaniards was not only invaluable for my Spanish, but also a really good way to share an important event with people to whom it really mattered.

Being a volunteer at the summer school has given me valuable experience of what it is like to teach English abroad, a career choice I will now definitely be considering, and an insight into the impact language teaching can have on adults to whom new languages do not come as easy as they do to me and my fellow Cambridge Modern Languages students. The experience I gained, providing an invaluable opportunity to meet Spanish people and to practise teaching, will be both professionally and personally helpful in the future, and was an immensely enjoyable way to spend ten days in an undiscovered corner of Spain.

JOSH SUMNER (2008)



The village of Hervás

LAND ECONOMISTS IN ABU DHABI

'This is all very well, Mary...' said one of my Land Economists, slamming his thick textbook shut halfway through his supervision, '... but it's really hard to get a proper feel for these cities we learn about in lectures when we have never been to them.' And so began the process by which seven Land Economy undergraduates travelled to Abu Dhabi just before the beginning of Michaelmas term 2010.

Abu Dhabi is the capital of the United Arab Emirates, and is the richest emirate, holding the bulk of the UAE's oil reserves. As it plans for continued growth, it is engaging in urban planning on an eye-popping scale and at astonishing speed; the contrast with our traditional post-industrial democratic planning process makes it an ideal subject for Land Economists to study.

Our group was hosted by Zayed University, an all-women university, where we were privileged to attend some classes and take part in discussion with the students. Cultural differences made for a tentative start, but as the week went on this discussion became more and more confident and frank, on both sides! Over time we also began to realise what a special opportunity this was – native Emiratis constitute less than 15% of the population of Abu Dhabi, and we were reminded that many ex-pats will live in Abu Dhabi for many years without speaking to an Emirati more than once or twice. Segregation is a firmly entrenched part of life in Abu Dhabi.

Zayed University had also arranged a series of academic lectures for us – we learned about a range of issues from the tribal history of the Emirate to its vision of the future. But while this class-time was a crucial element of the trip that helped us to understand what we saw around us, the real highlights for the students were the first-hand experiences they enjoyed. We spent time out and about in the city at night (when cooler temperatures allow it to come alive) both on a walking tour guided by architects, and from the glamorous comfort of a traditional wooden dhow as we cruised on the Gulf water that is so central a part of the country's self-image.

Lunch at the Palace of Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak al Nahyan, the Minister for Higher Education, was a remarkable experience. Many hundreds of years ago in England a citizen could gain access to the Royal Court

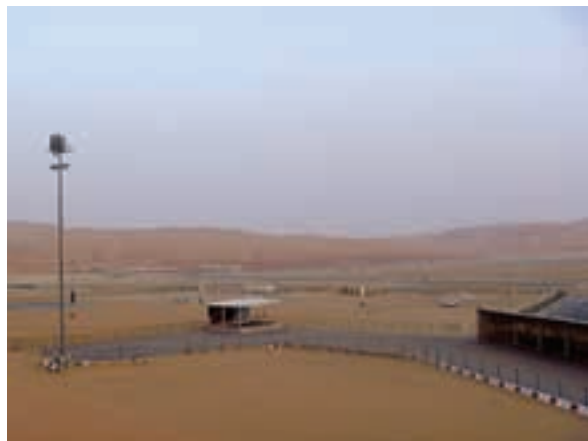


At the Emirates Palace Hotel

and hope to catch the ear of the ruler, and this was a similar situation – state business was being conducted as we watched. The occasion was also a camel-meat first for all of us.

To finish, we were sped along smooth straight highways to the Empty Quarter – the desert. Abu Dhabi is

Tom Phillips



Abu Dhabi: from sand ...



... to skyscrapers

Marry Young

Tom Phillips

as proud of its past as it is of its future, and our hosts from the Western Region Development Council were very keen that we should understand the latter by experiencing the former. So we found ourselves in the dunes at sun-set. As the stars came out – and they really come out, in the desert – we shared fresh dates and coffee around a small campfire dug into the sand.

The morning after our Bedouin-style camp, we turned off the road at a barely-marked location. The dunes reached to the horizon in every direction. But we had hardly had time to take stock of the remoteness when papers were thrust into our hands. They were drawings showing where we currently stood in the city that is planned for the Empty Quarter. If the plans we saw are carried out, two million inhabitants will live and work in the area we could see only as sand. This development must be one of the boldest visions committed to policy, in a country where there is no shortage of daring.

The trip was a tremendously valuable experience for our students, and we look forward to March 2011, when we welcome a group of Zayed University students to Cambridge. We are already planning academic input and experiences that will interest them, although I fear we will struggle to arrange a royal audience ...

We are all grateful to the Master and to the Development Director for their early work in making contacts, and to Zayed University for hosting our group for a remarkable week of new experiences. The students paid towards their flights, but the balance was made up – and therefore the trip was made possible – by contributions from the Student Opportunities Fund, itself supported by alumni donations. Finally we should add our thanks to Ken Dearsley (1965) who gallantly took the time to meet the group at the airport with reassuring cheer.

MARY YOUNG, Director of Studies in Land Economy

JUNIOR MEMBERS' ASSOCIATION

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JMA Report

When reading journals like this or other items of College news, you see great achievements of Blues and Scholars – obviously great achievements, but for me Fitzwilliam's greatest achievement is the passion of the students who are so keen to get involved at almost every opportunity. Having over fifty people apply for the limited number of positions on the JMA; having over a hundred people turn up at Oxford Road for Billy Day despite the rain pouring down; and having to turn away offers of help as corridor representatives to settle in the Freshers. For me, this is why the JMA is not too tough a job – when you have people so willing to get involved and people very ready to take your place, it is so enjoyable.

I would like to think this year has been successful for the JMA, with 25 hard-working individuals pulling their weight whenever called upon – and going that little bit further as well. The JMA has become an easier body to manage, thanks to co-operation with the Executive Trustees who have given us more control over our finances; this will greatly benefit many JMA committees to come. This is especially true of our new Entz fund, where we receive the income from the juke box, the pool table and the pub-quiz machine; this income is already being utilised, and we can now hold events for which we are not certain of revenue. This was the case recently, when a Ceilidh night was held in the Reddaway Room; in the event, it turned out to be hugely popular.

Entz has been one of the JMA strong points this year, thanks to a great team of Entz officers Ian Trzcinski and Flora Kessler, and Social Stewards Katie Forster and Nic Millet – all have been absolutely outstanding in their roles. At least once a fortnight there has been some event on: Soundcheck, Fitz Sessions, or a Superhall in Exile. Nights such as Fitz Sessions have been particularly helpful in getting a bit of atmosphere in the bar, sadly still lagging far behind in popularity by comparison with its predecessor. With a range of the College's own talent together with many great visiting bands from other colleges, Fitz Sessions has proven to be a great hit for yet another year. The Entz team have also put on two excellent Soundchecks

this year, where capacity has been increased, profit been made and top headline acts secured, such as Bombay Bicycle Club (NME Awards Best New Band 2010). These headline events have been accompanied with other live music ranging from jazz bands to acoustic, and were such a success that even the Head Porter said that it was the first Soundcheck where he'd been able to 'tolerate' the music! Flora and Ian put in other great performances as we had two 'Superhalls in Exile' where around 150 students crowded into Revolution and Henry's in town for meals followed by a night out.

For Freshers' Week, their hard work was accompanied by that of 21 others on the JMA and 18 corridor representatives, enabling a hectic timetable which included a Soundcheck, Billy Day, punting, bops, bar crawls, copious welfare sessions, film nights and much more – all well attended by a keen new intake. This year, Freshers' week also saw the Welfare Officers, Tom Jewkes and Michaela Hinson-Raven, trial an extension to College families with corridor representatives assigned to first-year accommodation to help people settle in. This worked brilliantly, thanks to enthusiastic representatives who helped break down inter-year barriers and responded to problems or queries.

We have also had an increase in social space this year as we have a new temporary JCR in the old de Smith room; booking for other rooms such as the Stretton Room and the Societies Room has become easier. This JCR, fully equipped with Sky, pool table, darts board, quiz machine etc., has proved a popular space – almost too popular as students struggle to squeeze in for big sports matches, election nights and the like – so we are looking forward to moving into one of the larger rooms which has been freed up in the Hall block thanks to our brilliant new Library.

Our Education team of Academic Affairs (Emmet Cassidy) and Target and Access (Nathanael Arnott-Davis and Ayo Awe) have also put in a fantastic shift this year. Not only have Nathanael and Ayo completed an alternative prospectus which is available online but they also took over the duties of our school-liaison officer last year, who left early with a lot of school-visits still to come. This meant organising visits of school parties and finding undergraduate volunteers so we would not have to cancel ... needless to say Fitzwilliam students were more than happy to help. The JMA have also tried to assist in educational matters by holding study-session evenings, where different year groups come and give advice and share notes with people in their subject, and also have managed to negotiate discounted Easter Term room rates for finalists – with a lot of thanks to the Bursar who has been very accommodating to JMA needs this year.

Sports have continued to be an integral part of Fitzwilliam life and the hallowed turf of Oxford Road is as utilised and adored as ever. The JMA were especially pleased that the pavilion has been renovated to the standard it deserves, with thanks again to the Trustees for agreeing this after long neglect. The JMA would also like to thank Dave Norman who puts in a lot of effort for us, whether for a cuppers match, Billy Day or a 5-a-side kick about. The JMA 5-a-side football league in exam term has been particularly popular. This year we had over 100 participants who turned out twice a week in their teams to compete for the 12cm high trophy, which this year went to

Dyslexia Untied. Another encouraging sign was that we were able to run a women's tournament on Billy Day which will hopefully develop into a league next year.

I've only mentioned a few names on the JMA here and this little piece could never do them justice, let alone all of those not on the JMA who help out on so many occasions, regardless. The Open Days, Entz nights, Freshers' Week and the like could never happen without the amazing Billy Spirit which means the majority of undergraduates contribute to so many aspects of College life. Whilst the committee is always busy, our job is a lot easier than in other colleges thanks to the friendly, selfless people who don't take themselves too seriously that we somehow seem to attract.

DAVE KING, President

THE MIDDLE COMBINATION ROOM

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MCR Report

Fitzwilliam College MCR has enjoyed a successful year at the heart of the College. The new Library, thanks to its location adjacent to the MCR Common Room, has been used extensively by graduate students and has been of great assistance to their studies. The ever-increasing size of the graduate community in Fitzwilliam has widened the diversity of studies and personalities in the MCR.

The Graduate Conference at the beginning of the year demonstrated the interdisciplinary nature of the research of members of the MCR, with many interesting talks and posters on display – highlighting the benefit of membership of a college where so many different subjects are being studied. The Conference was followed by the Welcome Dinner for new graduates. It is hoped that a similar event at the end of Lent term, for students on one-year courses to showcase their work, will be even more successful.

The strength of the MCR community has been reflected in the success of many of the non-academic activities that are part of graduate life in the College. The cricket team, in a combined effort with Darwin College, managed to reach the final of Graduate Cuppers, whilst the football team, with Clare College, narrowly missed promotion to the top tier of the MCR Football League. A concert, organised by the Music Society, enabled graduates to showcase their musical talents: it was so popular there was no seat spare in the Chapel!

As always, there have been many social activities. The whisky-tasting nights, in particular, were very well attended, and a wine tasting is being organised in the same

spirit. Other popular events include barbeques, parties and, of course, formal halls.

Looking to the future, the acquisition of the former hotel at 139 Huntingdon Road will aid future growth of the graduate community. In addition it is hoped that it will set a benchmark for graduate accommodation within the College, and provide a model for the improvement of graduate housing facilities in the future. The ability of such a building to hold large numbers of students has helped to create a community feel that was occasionally lacking in some of the smaller, further-flung houses owned by the College. Its position close to the College reinforces the central role that the MCR now plays in College life; it is hoped that this role is strengthened in the future.

JOSEPH NICHOLL, President

MUSIC AT FITZWILLIAM

This has been another very busy year for music at Fitzwilliam, with the Music Society supporting a large number of events and College ensembles of all kinds – chamber, opera, contemporary, church and a *cappella*. The FCMS senior officers continue as before: the Master (President), Guy Pooley (Senior Secretary) and Barry Landy (Senior Treasurer), while this year's hard-working junior officers were Martin Smith (Junior President), Emma Dyer (Junior Vice-President), James Frecknall (Junior Treasurer), Emma Winston (Secretary), Michaela Hinson-Raven (Students' Concert Organiser), Kat Shallcross (Publicity Officer), Chris Skipper (Entertainments Officer) and Will Warns (Organ Scholar). Thanks are also due to our invaluable new Piano Répétiteur Scholar, Lliam Paterson.

Francis Knights



The Music Society committee 2009

2009–2010 Chamber Series

The 2009–2010 season of the Fitzwilliam Chamber Series included five professional concerts in the Auditorium between November and March. These comprised a varied programme of works from the seventeenth century to the present day.

November 21	Yumeto Suenaga (piano)
January 23	David R.M. Irving (baroque violin)
February 6	Rupert Luck (violin) and Matthew Rickard (piano)
February 20	Tom Wakefield (piano)
March 6	The Marylebone Trio



Francis Knights

Ben Kinnersley, Lliam Paterson and Emma Dyer play Mendelssohn's Duet No. 2

This year, the Alkan Recital was incorporated into the Chamber Series; both Tom Wakefield, who gave that recital, and Yumeto Suenaga, from Paris, demonstrated the highest level of musicianship on the Auditorium Steinway. Rupert Luck returned with a programme of twentieth-century English violin sonatas, a repertoire in which he is becoming the acknowledged expert, while Dr David Irving (Christ's College), accompanied by Francis Knights (harpsichord), took us on an equally expert guided tour of the seventeenth-century Italian violin sonata, using historic instruments. The season concluded on a more light-hearted note with a varied programme of wind chamber music from the Marylebone Trio, a group founded seven years ago at the Royal Academy of Music.

Student Concerts

The customary Freshers' Concert in October began the season, and included music by Bach, Handel, Mozart and Debussy. The next week the Chapel Choir performed music from their French tour of September 2009, and there followed solo recitals by Emma Dyer (clarinet), Lliam Paterson (piano) and Will Warns (organ) – the last of these being a topical Valentine's Day recital entitled *Wedding Favourites*. Chamber-music concerts took place on 9, 16 and 23 May (on the occasion of the 1869 Foundation lunch), and performers included the two newest Fitzwilliam ensembles: the Fitzwilliam Baroque Ensemble, and the Fitzwilliam College Wind Ensemble. The latter, led by Emma Dyer, made their debut with Mozart's great 8-part *Serenade in C minor*. The first ever MCR Concert took place on 25 April, with chamber and vocal music by Morley, Handel, Beethoven, Chopin, Brahms, Kreisler and Stephen Schwartz – this was extremely well attended and will become an annual fixture in the music calendar.

Ray Kelly Memorial Concert

On 15 October 2009 the College presented a Memorial Concert for Dr Ray Kelly in the Auditorium, imaginatively devised by Fitzwilliam alumnus John Turner. Countertenor James Bowman was joined by John Turner (recorder), Ian Thompson (harpsichord) and Jonathan Price (cello) in music by Purcell, Bach, Gibbons, Bononcini, Handel, Bernstein and Peter Hope, plus three world premieres:



Fitzwilliam College Wind Ensemble

Lines from *In Memoriam* by Dr Alan Brown, *Four French Songs* by Nicholas Marshall and *Lament for Hally* by Elis Pehkonen. The first two of these were specially composed by Fitzwilliam alumni for this event, and copies were kindly presented to the library.

Cambridge Purcell Festival

Following on from last year's Cambridge Vaughan Williams Festival, in November 2009 Fitzwilliam hosted another composer anniversary celebration, this time for another great English composer, Henry Purcell (1659–1695). This included four concerts and an evensong devised by Francis Knights, with performers including Fitzwilliam Baroque Ensemble, Fitzwilliam Chamber Opera, Orchestra on the Hill, Cambridge University Baroque Ensemble, Fitzwilliam College Chapel Choir, Fitz Theatre, Isabella Gage (soprano), Sean Heath

(harpsichord) and Francis Knights (conductor). Listeners had a chance to hear a broad survey of chamber, theatre, vocal, keyboard and liturgical music by Purcell, finishing with a concert performance of his famous semi-opera *The Fairy Queen*.

Ensemble CB3

Fitzwilliam's new-music group, Ensemble CB3, has been developing links outside the College this year, and two concerts took place. The first, led by Dr Jeremy Thurlow (Robinson College), included music by Rolf Hind and Jeremy Thurlow, while the second, directed by Dr John Hopkins (Homerton), was a delightful programme of music for soprano, flute, viola, harp and piano by Takemitsu, Saariaho, Hopkins, Liam Paterson (Fitzwilliam) and Debussy.



The University of Cambridge Philharmonic Orchestra performing Donizetti

Fitzwilliam String Quartet

This year's Norman Pounds Memorial Concert was given by our ensemble-in-residence, the Fitzwilliam String Quartet, on 2 May. Their challenging programme of chamber music included movements from Bach's *Art of Fugue*, pieces by Purcell, Glazunov and Grainger, plus new works by David Blake, Steve Crowther, Duncan Druce and Carolyn Sparey. Members of the quartet also visited during the year to give chamber-music workshops, a key part of their relationship with the College.

Orchestra on the Hill

The Orchestra on the Hill, the combined orchestra of Fitzwilliam, Churchill, Murray Edwards, Magdalene, Girton and Robinson colleges, performed four concerts in various of its member colleges. The season began with the annual Freshers' Concert in Fitzwilliam College Auditorium on 31 October, including Rossini's *William Tell Overture*, Grieg's *Piano Concerto in A minor* (with Helena Dukić as soloist) and Schubert's *Symphony No. 5*. On 25 November came the Michaelmas Concert itself, in Wolfson Hall, Churchill College. The programme was Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*, Beethoven's *Symphony No. 8* and Smetana's *Vltava*. The main season concluded with the Lent Concert on 6 March in The Dome, Murray Edwards College, including Dvorak's *Slavonic Dances*, Hoffmeister's *Viola Concerto* (soloist Iain Gunn) and Grieg's *Peer Gynt Suite*. As is fast becoming a tradition, there was also an enjoyable Easter term Composers' Concert at Fitzwilliam, with new music by Peter Nickalls, James Brady and Ben Davis.

Visiting Performers

The past year has been especially full with visiting performers, as the College has hosted numerous chamber and orchestral concerts by professional and amateur performers from Cambridge and further afield.

October 25	Hilary and Douglas Cumming (violin and piano)
November 15	Trios by astronomer and composer William Herschel
January 14	Messiaen, <i>Quatuor pour la fin du temps</i>
March 2	Cambridge University Recorder Ensemble
March 12	Isabella Gage (soprano) and Liam Paterson (piano)
April 14	Mátyás Seiber 50th Anniversary Concert
May 1	Evelyn Nallen (recorder) and David Gordon (harpsichord)
May 13	Helen Sherman (mezzo-soprano) and Roger Vignoles (piano)
May 22	Ryan Mark (harpsichord)
June 11	University of Cambridge Philharmonic Orchestra
July 10	Cambridge Sinfonietta
July 30	Veronica Henderson (cello) and Jill Morton (piano)

Music Society Dinner

FCMS has held an annual society dinner for many years, but has now decided to make this a wider College Music Dinner and to make a point of welcoming back all alumni with musical connections. Some 45 people gathered in the

Hall on 24 April, and the Master welcomed Life Fellows, present Fellows, alumni and current students for an enjoyable feast. Over fifty years of alumni were represented by Dennis Doyle (1947), Andrew Maddocks (1961), Roger Adams (1966), Christopher Frost (1970), Christopher Goldsack (1979), Richard Hibbs (1984), Laura Pugh (1999) and Christopher Hodkinson (2001). Grace was sung by the Chapel Choir, directed by organ scholar Will Warns, and the evening concluded on a suitably glamorous note with the Sirens performing in the bar.

Music Society Garden Party¹

The musical year concluded in May Week with the annual garden party which, despite threats of bad weather, enjoyed a good turnout. The audience were serenaded by Fitzwilliam Choir, Fitzwilliam Barbershop, The Sirens, and Fitzwilliam Swing Band, who kept everyone entertained as strawberries and Pimms were consumed on the lawn by The Grove.

FRANCIS KNIGHTS

FITZWILLIAM CHOIR

During my first year as Organ Scholar, I have had the pleasure of experiencing the Fitzwilliam College Chapel Choir grow from strength to strength. The year began with the highly successful 'Come and Sing' service with around fifty people joining us in the Chapel to sing a service with the canticles Stanford in G and Mozart's *Ave Verum*.

The success of this service led to new members joining the choir and the choir becoming the largest it ever has been. The increased numbers and the high standards which were achieved resulted in the Michaelmas term being enriched with stirring singing. As part of the Purcell Festival, the choir sang an Evensong featuring his verse anthem *I will give thanks*, accompanied by organ and a small string ensemble. The term came to a close with the Advent Carol Service, which began with Vaughan Williams' *This is the truth* sung from downstairs and concluded with a rousing rendition of Gardner's *Tomorrow shall be my dancing day* – with half the congregation jumping at the entry of the snare drum and tambourine accompaniment. This was followed by an enjoyable carol concert at St Edmund's, Hauxton to a very appreciative audience. My personal highlight was turning around to the audience, while wearing a Santa hat, and encouraging the full church to join in the final verse of the *Twelve Days of Christmas*!

The Lent term featured the annual joint service with St Edmund Hall, Oxford, this year at Fitzwilliam, during which we sang the so-called 'alcoholic evensong' singing the *Ayleward Reponses* and *Brewer in D*. The term concluded with a liturgical performance of Stainer's *Crucifixion*. The choir's hard work paid off, producing a beautiful performance; special mention should go to the two soloists Richard Benwell and James Richardson for the unique interpretation of the duet *So thou liftest Thy divine petition* which was a truly magical moment!

¹ Additional material from Emma Dyer



Chapel Choir rehearsing

It has been a very good year for the chapel choir and I have very much enjoyed working with everyone. It is sad to goodbye to our leavers: all of them will be greatly missed. Special thanks should go to Cheney Payne, the Assistant Organist, for being good humoured and reliable in helping out with the organ playing – sometimes at very short notice! We look forward to next year where we are hoping to include a cathedral visit to sing evensong, a CD recording, and a local tour to raise money for a charity.

WILLIAM WARNS, Organ Scholar

Barbershop

This year has been extremely eventful for the Barbershop. Continuing under the baton of Ph.D. student Mike Kenning (First Tenor), the group managed to stay almost intact from the previous year, losing only one bass to the graduation process, and picking up a talented American second tenor, yet remaining exclusively members of Fitzwilliam. Old hands as we were, the year started with a series of well-received college-bar gigs, cementing our reputation across the University and in particular at



Barbershop at the May Week garden party



Outside 10 Downing Street

Downing College, where we have performed several times since. A tour to Berlin in early December sponsored by the Fitzwilliam Society Milner Walton Music Fund saw the Barbershop propelled to fame on the German national news channel N24 as we sang to Glühwein-infused crowds. The gelling experience was invaluable as we approached The Voice Festival UK competition in February. On his last night as Musical Director, Mike led the group through the 12-minute competition set at the regional semi-finals, not only to win the award for Outstanding Overall Performance, but also to become the first ever winners of the Ward Swingle Award for Originality. With only two weeks to prepare for the finals, the new Director, James Richardson (3rd year Engineering, Fitzwilliam), steered the course to London, where the panel of four professional judges again awarded the Barbershop the Outstanding Overall Performance award.

Our summer contained the usual smattering of college balls and garden parties, but once again graduation cost us dearly with the loss of newcomer Joel Pattison, the ever steady Sam Waudby, and our longest-serving member, the indomitable Richard Benwell. After yet another year of demonstrating locally, nationally, and internationally the talent present at Fitzwilliam College, the Barbershop has some fresh new faces, and is looking forwards to our next set of challenges!

MIKE KENNING

The Sirens

This last year has been another exciting and successful year for the Fitz Sirens. The audition process for this year's new Sirens was long and rigorous but, impressively, almost all those selected for the final-round auditions were Fitzwilliam students – confirming either the huge amount of talent that the College harbours or the inherent bias and favouritism we exhibit towards our fellow Fitzbillies. Surviving the process and standing out as soulful and intuitive singers, we were joined by four brilliant new singers: Izzi, Ellen, Fayola and Kat.

Michaelmas was a great term for getting our new Sirens up to speed, learning new music (much of which was arranged by genius musical director, Faith Julian) and practicing Sirens' shimmying and soulful singing at bar gigs, various dinners, and a couple of busking trips to Portobello Market and Covent Garden. It remains amongst

my fondest memories of the year, looking out into the swarm of faces in the bar and spotting Professor Lethbridge, jiggling along to our rendition of Lady Gaga. Priceless.

In early 2010 the Sirens competed in round one of a national vocal competition – The Voice Festival UK. Adjudicated by John Rutter and pals, the event was an exciting opportunity to – amongst other things – add some high-profile names to our fan base.

Over the Easter break the Sirens took a tour to Barcelona. Singing for our supper (and sometimes for sangria), we hit Las Ramblas where we attracted big crowds of tourists and locals. So big, in fact, that the police actually intervened to disperse the packed street! We sang just about everywhere – on the underground, erupting into *Dream* to the astonishment and sometimes bewilderment of the locals; in bars and restaurants; in museums and galleries; and in our hostel. The trip was a great success, and definitely one to be repeated!

Summer term was, by far, our busiest term, despite the academic burden of being a Cambridge student. The Sirens sang at a record number of balls (including St John's, Trinity and Clare) as well as many garden parties and dinners. We also competed in the final of The Voice Festival UK, alongside our very own Barbershop boys, and walked away with an award for 'Outstanding Musicality' – a great testament to the group's hard work under Faith 'I-steer-a-tight-ship' Julian's rigorous musical discipline.

All in all the year was outstanding – musically and otherwise – for the Sirens. Faith and I hand over to Ellen and Izzi, two of just three Sirens who remain in Cambridge this year, who have kick-started their reign with the mammoth task of having to recruit almost an entire new group! We wish them all the very best as they continue.

ROSIE COOK

ACADEMIC SOCIETIES

History Society

The year 2009–2010 saw the revival of the History Society in College life. A series of fascinating talks made for a great programme. Lars Kjaer (Fitzwilliam) began the year with a talk on *Regicide, Saints and Drunkenness in Medieval Denmark*, and we were honoured to have as our keynote speaker Dr Ben Griffin (Girton), who presented a marvellous history of *Scoundrels, Fidgets and Mummies' Boys: performing masculinity in the Victorian House of Commons*.

In Lent term we were pleased to host Bradley Hart (Churchill), who spoke to us about *The International Eugenics Movement 1900–1939*, and Dr Iain Reid (Fitzwilliam), who gave a talk on *The British Documentary Film Movement of the 1930s*. We were also honoured to welcome as our keynote speaker Professor Steve Hindle (Fitzwilliam, B.A. 1986, Ph.D. 1993; at Warwick since 1995, where he is now Head of the Department of History), who treated us to a brilliant micro-history of *The Extraordinary and the Everyday in Elizabethan England: Affray and Murder at Nantwich, 19 December 1572*. Lent term also saw the establishment of a *Third-Year Dissertations Evening*, in which undergraduate historians have an opportunity to present the fruits of their independent research in a relaxed environment. The year

ahead promises an equally varied and interesting calendar of events for this most convivial of societies, and we do hope that you will be able to join us whenever you can.

MATTHEW NEAL, LARS KJAER and NICHOLAS SPARKS

Fitzwilliam Medical Society

Fitzwilliam Medical Society had another busy year in 2009–2010. The medical society is student run and aims to unite Fitzwilliam medics and vets from all six years of the MB/VetMB course as well as those on the MB-PhD programme, and Fellows and alumni. Throughout the year MedSoc organised a variety of events open to all members. Some events were more academic in theme whereas others were purely social, providing a little much-needed respite from the rigours of the medical and veterinary courses.

Easter term 2009 began with the Part II advice evening for second-year students, relating to their choice of subject to study in the third year, and the termly outing to Tandoori Palace. The annual MedSoc garden party was held during May Week as a celebration of the end of examinations and the prospect of the long summer vacation ahead.

After the long vacation, MedSoc events continued throughout Michaelmas 2009 and Lent 2010. The MedSoc talks in Lent term were particularly well attended, with brilliant presentations from Harry Leitch, Aaron D'Sa and Keiko Miyadera, and gave pre-clinical students the opportunity to hear about some of the more practical applications of material covered in the pre-clinical course. Following the talks in Lent term was the Annual MedSoc Dinner held in College, with guest speaker Dr Michael Mason. The dinner was a wonderful evening and was well attended by students from all years as well as numerous alumni, Fellows and guests, some even travelling from as far as Northern Ireland to be there! Just prior to the dinner, the annual MedSoc hustings were held, at which Howie Teoh was elected as the president for 2010–2011.

The year 2009–2010 proved to be eventful for many Fitzwilliam medics and vets as they achieved many notable successes in their non-academic interests as well as continuing to strive for the highest standard in their academic studies. Congratulations must go to Harry Leitch (MB-PhD programme) on gaining his seventh sporting Blue in squash this year as well as being selected to play for Scotland in the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi. Moritz Schramm (MB-PhD programme) achieved another sporting success after lining up for the Boat Race this year in the victorious Goldie crew. Lizzy Day played to the top of her game in varsity water polo – resulting in another Cambridge team victory – and went on to come fourth in the British University and College Sport Championship.

Adding to these sporting achievements were second-years Ed Tusting (vet) and Esther Chan (medic): Ed ran successfully for the Cambridge University Hare and Hounds, whilst Esther Chan came fifth overall at squash in the Nottingham Inter-Varsity Games. Other notable achievements from the second-years include those of Emma Dyer (medic) who took up the position of Junior President of the Fitzwilliam College Musical Society as well as being sacristan for the Chapel. Josh Walker (vet) took on a lead role in the much acclaimed play *The Relapse*, held at the Howard Theatre in Downing College, which achieved

dazzling reviews including four stars from Varsity. Josh also gained a place on the highly competitive MIT exchange programme, so will be leaving us for a year to study at MIT. In addition to these successes, Jack Day (third-year vet) continued in his position as Master of the Cambridge University Drag Hounds this year. In April 2010, Jack also took part in the Badminton Horse Trials where he won the Mitsubishi Motors Grassroots Championship on *Smoke and Mirrors*.

As has been the norm in recent years, Fitzwilliam medics also contributed heavily to the hugely popular Addenbrookes pantomime. Caoimhe Rice (fifth-year medic) directed this year's panto and also took on a cameo role, Greg Moore (fifth-year medic) once again starred in the lead role, whilst Heather Moore (fourth-year medic) was narrator and Matt Bigwood and Alex Proctor (also fourth-year medics) were in charge of lighting and backstage as well as performing in one of the dance routines. All put on wonderful performances and were cheered on, booed and hissed at appropriately by a large number of Fitzwilliam medics and vets who went along to watch.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Howie Teoh every success as the Medical Society President for 2010–2011, and hope that MedSoc will continue to go from strength to strength in the future.

AMY COLEMAN, President

NATIONAL SPORT 2009–2010

Alex Hedges (Management Studies 2005) is a member of the Isle of Man gymnastics squad, and reached the Men's Individual All-Around Gymnastics Final.

Harry Leitch (Natural Sciences 2003, currently MB/PhD) played squash for Team Scotland in the Commonwealth Games.

Oliver Thomson (Geography 2009) has represented Great Britain at Kayak Polo for the last three years and was selected for the European Championships last summer.

UNIVERSITY SPORT 2009–2010

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

Blue

Anya Jones	Women's Boat Club
Harry Leitch	Squash Rackets

Half Blue

Lucie Browning	Real Tennis
Rachel Heard	Hare and Hounds
Tak Ho	Bowmen
Lisa Kleiminger	Judo
Matthew Lawes	Lightweight Rowing
Tom March	Riding
Luke Rowland	Rugby Fives
David Waterman	Ice Hockey
Qichao Zhao	Badminton

Club Colours

John Aldis	Judo
Moritz Schramm	Boat Club (Goldie)
Jeff Stark	Lacrosse
Gareth Tear	Trampoline
Simon Whitaker	Fencing
Geoff Wilmot	Cricket

Both Junior and Senior Members have contributed to the running of University sports clubs:

Club Officials

Lucie Browning	Women's Captain, Real Tennis Club
Professor Brian Johnson	President, Rugby Union Football Club
Professor Richard Hooley	Chairperson, Rugby Union Football Club
Lisa Kleiminger	Women's Captain, Judo Club
Dr Ken Platts	Senior Treasurer, Cycling Club

In addition, Graeme Robertson (Mathematics 2007) captained the winning Cambridge Bridge team in their Varsity match.

COLLEGE SPORT

Amalgamated Clubs

The second year of the Fitzwilliam College Amalgamated Clubs (FCAC) has seen its continued development and extension as an 'umbrella' organisation for all the sports clubs in College. It has retained its role in liaising between sports Captains and Fellows in order to ensure that budgets are spent effectively and responsibly. This has resulted in the purchase of a new women's football kit and men's basketball kit. Aside from funding, the FCAC is responsible for the awarding of College Colours, last year adapted to include both Full and Half colours, reflecting the varying levels of commitment to College sport. Also, mixed netball and ladies netball were made sports in which Colours could be achieved. These awards were presented at the FCAC Annual Dinner at the end of Easter term and the names of those awarded Colours can be seen on the screens.

The FCAC has continued to bring College members together through running indoor circuits, open to any member with the aim of promoting fitness and participation in sport. Increasing involvement of women in College sports has been a priority this year, and this has been achieved through expanding the list of sporting activities that are geared towards women. Establishing weekly yoga sessions and a student-run dance class in College has been a great success, and more recently we have seen the launch of student-run aerobics. Further, women-only hours in the gym have been put in place in order to encourage women to use the space. The aim of these female-friendly changes has not been to discourage men from taking part, but to ensure that women feel comfortable participating in sports and exercise. There has been much positive feedback and I hope this continues in

the future, with the expectation that 'Fitz Dance' will become a society in its own right next year.

Perhaps the greatest achievement of the FCAC, in conjunction with the JMA, has been the successful running of Billy Day which took place in May Week at the Oxford Road field. The day encompassed a range of sports activities, from mixed netball and football to egg-throwing competitions. In my opinion, the day embodied 'Billy Pride' with an encouraging and relaxed atmosphere which promoted participation and resulted in many 'non-sports players' taking part. Next year I would like Fellows to be invited to further foster and extend the sense of Fitzwilliam community that was experienced last year.

Finally, on behalf of all sports teams using the Oxford Road pitches, I would like to express my gratitude and how pleased we all are with the renovation of the College pavilion. The College sports fields are known throughout the University for how well they are kept, and we will endeavour to maintain the refurbished pavilion to the same high standards. We only hope our sporting performance for the following year will match up!

SARAH MILLBANKS, President

Cricket

Preparation for the 2010 season began in Lent term, with a few new faces required to replace those that had graduated in the previous year. We were met with an influx of talent which we thought might help us establish a good run in Cuppers.

Unfortunately, there was no opportunity for an initial friendly game to try and get rid of some of the rust from the winter, and our first opponents were Selwyn in the Cuppers group stages. With a solid side out we frustratingly slumped to a loss in the last over of the game. However, there were stand-out performances on debut from Luke Rowland, crafting a fine 52 not out to roll back the years to his Surrey Youth days, and from Sam Strong with an excellent display of seam bowling, fulfilling the promise shown in pre-season nets.

Our next match was again in the Cuppers group stage, against Churchill. On a decent pitch we posted a solid 131 from 20 overs, with Captain Francis Evans leading from the front with a solid 54 not out – to prove the doubters in the press wrong that the captain's arm band was putting too much pressure on his own performance. However, we again fell to a loss in the last over of the game, leaving a fair bit of work if we were to progress to the knock-out stage of the competition.

There was time for a Sunday friendly against local side Granta, who posted a good score of 206 from 35 overs, with Olly West (who recently had returned to the game after a year away) being pick of the Fitzwilliam bowlers with a very economical 1 for 16 from 5 overs. The key wicket, that of the Granta captain, was taken by Ali McLaren after a vicious spell of pace and bounce. In reply, the College got off to a solid start, but wickets then began to fall, leaving Olly West and Sam Strong to see the side home to a three-wicket win with 49 not out and 38 not out respectively.

Our fate in Cuppers was sealed with another loss, this time to a very strong Jesus side, who would go on to win the

competition, with a side featuring some current County senior players. Chasing 133 we were bowled out for 63 – far from the lowest score Jesus regularly bowled teams out for, so there was no shame in this loss!

With the pressure off, the team then put in a string of good performances. First up, in Cuppers, having restricted Sidney Sussex to 118, and with some tight bowling from captain Francis Evans with 3 wickets, Fitzwilliam easily chased down the total with a fine 61 not out from our new South African, Geoff Wilmot (valid to play under the Kolpak Ruling). Geoff should be congratulated also on his selection to represent the University Second XI in their Varsity Match against Oxford, where his fast bowling helped the Crusaders to victory.

Next was another Sunday friendly against The Old Spring, a team of former Cambridge undergraduates. Having won the toss and elected to bat, the College posted a huge total of 273 from 41 overs, with Matt Bennison scoring 150 not out – extremely well assisted by the experienced figure of Steve Cox, playing his fourth year of Fitzwilliam cricket, who scored a fine 23. In reply The Old Spring were determined to achieve a draw from the game, reaching only 132 for 5 from their 40 overs. The College could not pick up the extra few wickets needed, even with legendary Oxford Road groundsman Dave Norman bowling, finishing with 2 wickets.

Our final Cuppers match was against Magdalene at Oxford Road. Batting first, Fitzwilliam again put on a big total of 190, with some big hitting again at the top of the order from Matt Bennison scoring 95, again being involved in a large partnership with the new wicket keeper and batsman Luke Rowland who scored a rapid 42. In reply Magdalene could manage only 124 for 7 from their 20 overs, with some very solid bowling from Matt Collinson keeping them at bay. The Cuppers campaign was over then, with Fitzwilliam very narrowly missing out on qualification to the knock-out stages. Perhaps without the availability issues which made it difficult to put our strongest side out every week, the story would have been different. However, win or lose, every week the team would still enjoy a quality pint in the Oxford Road bar, followed by a post-match curry at the Tandoori Palace!

The penultimate game was a Sunday friendly against The Money Programme, which could be seen as a warm up to the biggest game of the year at the end of the season against the Old Boys. Fitzwilliam found themselves chasing 158, a total which proved well beyond our reach with a weakened team against a strong opposition, and were bowled out for 77.

The most important match of the season came last: the Past vs Present down at Oxford Road. The Past team elected to bat first and, with some tight bowling from the Present's first few bowlers, struggled to set a large total. Sam Strong and Olly West again were pick of the bowlers with 2 and 3 wickets apiece, and were well supported by quality swing bowling from the ever-reliable Graeme Robertson. Struggling for further bowlers towards the end of the Past innings, Present captain Francis Evans turned to Matt Bennison – who proceeded to bowl possibly the worst two overs ever bowled by a grown man, dispatched by Fitzwilliam groundsman Dave Norman (playing for the Past side) on his way to scoring 73, helping them to 129 from 28 overs. The Present team reply started solidly with

Matt Bennison (31) and Luke Rowland (38) setting the team towards victory. The winning runs were fittingly hit by Sam Strong, finishing his outstanding first season in college cricket in style. Sam was deservedly awarded the Tommy Comfort Player of the Season award for his commitment and performances throughout the season. The match was played in fantastic spirit, and was followed by a big dinner in College which went on into the early hours!

Clearly the Cuppers campaign was a disappointment, but there were some excellent performances, particularly from newcomers Sam Strong, Luke Rowland and Geoff Wilmot; solid performances also from the older campaigners, including specialist gully-point Steve Cox, Olly West, Francis Evans and Matt Bennison. So there is a lot to look forward to in 2011.

Hopefully, with a couple of additions to replace those who have graduated, and with the continuing enthusiasm and participation of this year's side, Fitzwilliam will continue its cricketing reputation into 2010–2011.

MATT BENNISON, Captain

Rugby

After achieving well-deserved promotion to the Second Division, FCRUFC found themselves in the realms of high-quality competitive rugby. The Fitzwilliam side contained a fair few University players: most notably, Tommy Palacios represented the U21s at Twickenham, and skipper Ed Thornton captained the Cambridge Colleges XV. Francis Evans, Joe Corrigan and Chris Skipper all turned out for the LX club, whilst Rob Macfarlane played for the U21As.

Despite these prestigious players, the First Team struggled to connect. Fitzwilliam began well in the first League game of the season, where a 22–5 demolition of Queens' saw Fitzwilliam announce themselves as a true Second-division outfit. Good form flowed like ale of a round-table variety, spurring the College on to thrash Selwyn and Peterhouse 22–7. However, with a small squad and Varsity matches calling, players were often asked to play out of position, and Fitzwilliam suffered their first defeat, to Trinity Hall 17–22, and subsequently were defeated by 0–53 and 7–36 to Magdalene and Trinity Hall respectively. Nevertheless, Billy spirit prevailed when Fitzwilliam regained momentum by pillaging Pembroke 30–5. Pembroke managed to rally in their second game by defeating FCRUFC by a demoralising 5–7 and so stayed up in the Second Division; Fitzwilliam was relegated to the lower echelons of college rugby.

Cuppers began with a 12-man Fitzwilliam taking on Clare, Corpus and Kings, but unfortunately losing out. In the Shield campaign they faced arch-enemy Pembroke; the game was another tight affair ending in a loss of 7–8.

The season did not end there though. Success came in the College Sevens Tournament at the end of Easter Term. Fitzwilliam defeated Magdalene in the Plate final by three tries to two, exacting revenge for the two League drubbings received earlier in the season. The CUARLFC Annual Touch Rugby Tournament also saw Fitzwilliam repay a favour to Queens' by defeating them in the Plate final. Our final award for the season came from the Cambridge Referees'

Association. We received the F(l)air Play Award, for our gentlemanly behaviour both on and off the field.

For now I would like to thank everybody that played for Fitzwilliam over the 2009–2010 season. Everyone showed fantastic commitment; training in the cold and wet, pulling on a pair of boots when your College needed you, and never letting your head drop. I would also like to thank the Bursar for his continued support of the club. A final mention must go to Ed Thornton for his commitment to Fitzwilliam Rugby and his relentless will to win. We hope this desire will continue into next year's season.

CHRIS SKIPPER, Captain

Men's Football

Early-season goals from Danny Kerrigan and Max Wolke ensured that Fitzwilliam made the best possible start to the year, with assured wins over St John's and Christ's. Our League campaign suffered setback with narrow defeats at the hands of Emmanuel, Trinity and the eventual league champions Downing, but there were wins against Girton and Pembroke, largely thanks to goals from Mike Shiel, Ashley Cukier and Harry Gamsu. The College finished in the upper half of the table, with 13 points.

Fitzwilliam looked one of the strongest Cuppers sides on paper, with a total of seven players representing the University in the Blues, Falcons and Kestrels Varsity matches. Our campaign began with an emphatic 5–0 win over Pembroke before a combination of a similarly talented Jesus side and some amateur officiating brought extra-time defeat in the second round.

Next season will see much change with many first-team stalwarts graduating, especially from defence! We thank them for their loyal service and wish them luck for the future. Centre-half Tom Johnson was voted Player of the Season. Vince Bennici will be the Captain next season.

Squad: James Gillingham (Captain), Vince Bennici, Paul Hartley, Max Wolke, David Cunningham, Ian Dummett, Danny Kerrigan, Daniel Ayres, Ed Evans, Andreas Georgiou, Tom Johnson, Harry Gamsu, Mike Shiel, Sam Goldscheider, Steven Cox, Ashley Cukier, Edward Burrows, Olly West and Marc Stettler.

The Second XI also performed credibly, whilst the Third XI should be congratulated on reaching the final of the Vase competition.

JAMES GILLINGHAM, Captain

Women's Football

The Fitzwilliam College Women's football team enjoyed a successful season in the second division with highlights including a dramatic 3–1 win over the League leaders in the last game of the year. Joining the regulars from last season were a number of eager new faces excited to play their first matches for the College. As individuals and a unit our performances improved with every match and, by the end of the season offside-traps, step-overs and the 'Fitz flick' were aplenty. We look forward to continuing this trend in the new season. Women's football made a return to the College sports day with an eventful 11-a-side game; despite

the pouring rain, many of those trying football for the first time expressed a desire to start playing in October 2010. Consequently, 2010–2011 will be an exciting season for FitzWFC.

MARTHA GLOVER-SHORT, Captain

Men's Hockey

After a disappointing season in 2008–2009, the men's hockey team looked to attract some new blood and build a team capable of challenging the very best in the 2009–2010 season. Fortuitously, we had a number of very talented hockey-playing Freshers, and an impressive team began to take shape. Unfortunately, this potential was not converted to success in the League in Michaelmas term; heavy defeats were suffered to St Catharine's, Queens', Pembroke, Caius and Trinity, with a 6–2 victory over Corpus Christi not being sufficient to prevent Fitzwilliam from being relegated to Division 3.

In Lent term, the team found the knack of scoring goals with flair and started to win matches. Impressive results such as 9–1 against Clare, 5–1 against Jesus II and a hard-fought 4–3 victory over Trinity Hall were achieved; spectacular performances from Graeme Robertson and Luke Rowland, who both managed to score four goals in one match, inspired the team to a winning mentality. Fitzwilliam ended up a close second place in the Division and narrowly missed out to Selwyn for promotion.

University 'Wanderer' James Charleston made his mark, scoring three goals this season and relishing his role in the centre of the pitch. Howie Shribman's unique attacking style earned him an impressive three goals, and not far behind was veteran goal-scorer Dan Martin with two goals, despite playing through a dislocated shoulder on several occasions!

Special mention must go to Jerell Gill, whose commitment and enthusiasm perfectly epitomises Billy Pride and earned him the accolade of 'most improved player of the season'. Regarding Cuppers, the College made it through to the second round with a stunning 5–2 victory over Division 1 Churchill, before their run was ended by a well-organised Emmanuel side.

Next year, the expertise and quality offered by 'player of the year' Nick Martindale and 'Vice Captain' Simon Herzberg will be sorely missed in defence, but a squad with such strength in depth can surely expect great success in 2010–2011.

OLIVER GAZELEY, Captain

Ladies Hockey

This past year has been a difficult season for the ladies hockey team due to a number of key players leaving for pastures new and the void not quite being filled by incoming Freshers. In addition, since the team had made its way up to the top division, it faced tough competition. Despite this, many of the games proved to be quite close and, although the team failed to gain any wins, there was a lot of convincing and promising play. For achieving this, I would like to say a big thank-you to all the novice players

who agreed to take part when numbers were particularly thin. Throughout the year spirits were always high and, no matter what the score or weather (I think one game against John's had to be abandoned towards the end as the pitch resembled a swimming pool more than Astroturf), the girls always enjoyed themselves and refused to give up. Lizzy Day (who must be one of the longest serving Fitzwilliam hockey players) has continued to be solid in goal, and the winner of this year's 'outstanding contribution' award, Caroline Bunn, can always be relied upon in defence. Similarly, Faith Julian has soldiered on in attack and new-comer Caili Forrest has provided some much-needed aggression in mid-field. Links with Lucy Cavendish and St Edmunds have been maintained and the girls are very valued members of the team. Finally, I would like to thank the mens' captain, Oli Gazeley, for his help and support with the ladies team. It has been a pleasure to captain the team for a second year – and I would encourage anyone who has even vaguely considered playing hockey to get involved next year!

RHONA MACKIE, Captain

Men's Rowing

The year started off with a change in personnel: Phillip Cook joined the club as Coach and Boatman, succeeding Marcus de Grammont, whom I would like to thank for his work with us. We got off to a flying start by winning the Bedford Small Boats Head in the IM3 Fours category, followed by some strong results in the run up to University Fours. Two fours were entered, both of them in the First Division due to eligibility criteria. The Second Four was knocked out by Trinity Hall's First Four. In the first round, the First Four put in a very impressive performance with one of the fastest times of the competition, but they were disappointed to lose to King's, with a lacklustre performance in the second round. Both crews picked themselves up and joined together in the eight for Fairbairns, putting in a great effort to come fourth out of the colleges, and in the top ten overall.

The main story of Michaelmas term was the excellent crop of Novices. Peter Reynolds coached his boat to become the highest-placed Third Boat in Fairbairns. The Second Boat coached by Ali McLaren and Ruth Lewis won the Second Division at Clare Novices with a fine display of fluid rowing. The revelation of the term was Jess Temple's First Boat which won Queens Ergs and Novice Fairbairns, beating the nearest competition by a small margin of 23 seconds. Three out of the last four winners of Novice Fairbairns have now been Fitzwilliam boats.

In Lent term we lost a few senior rowers to other pursuits and work commitments; I carried on a tradition of broken bones begun the year before, breaking an arm and putting myself out for the rest of the year. The First Boat was significantly weakened, having in the crew five novices, albeit talented ones. This led to a weak Bumps performance – going down five places after being overbumped by Queens', though the crew did very well to avoid spoons with a row-over on the last day. The second boat, which was rather overpowered, fared better and went up three with the help of their ever-enthusiastic coach Donald Evans.

The crew went on to turn their fortunes around drastically at the Head of the River Race, a couple of crew changes took place and a couple of old-timers showed their faces. A week was spent on the Tideway pre-race, and this paid off with an excellent result of 133rd, bettering the previous year's result by 150 places. Mike Parrott stroked the boat and Jo Harrison put in a commanding coxing performance, vocally making the stream her own.

The Easter break was taken up with some stunning University performances from Fitzwilliam boys. Moritz Schramm rowed in the 5 seat of a victorious Goldie crew, in a race almost identical to that of the Blue Boat. And Matt Lawes rowed in the 2 seat of the Lightweight crew which won a tight and thrilling race over Oxford at Henley. In the Small Boats Regatta Dave Mackenzie won the Peter Brandt novice sculls event while Moritz Schramm beat Alan Marron to win the Fairbairn Junior Sculls.

May was upon us and the difficulties of mixing exams with training didn't hinder the performances of the Mens Crews. The First Boat had an excellent day at Poplar Regatta, dominating the other Cambridge colleges and narrowly losing out in both the IM2 and IM3 finals. The Third Boat of lazy and talented individuals had a good Bumps, going up three places; while the Second Boat coached by Jess Temple fought some valiant battles with a Hughes Hall crew remarkably similar to the Blue Boat, and managed to stay level for the Bumps. The First Boat bumped up two overall and moved up into the top ten of the Mays, and were cruelly denied a bump on the final day, as the St Catharine's crew they were chasing were gifted a bump when Queens' crabbed in front of them on the Reach.

Matt represented CULRC at Henley in the Temple, while Moritz raced in the Prince Albert for CUBC. A Fitzwilliam Four attempted to qualify for the Prince Albert in a composite with Girton, but were in the face of stiff competition; those who rowed in the crew got a lot out of the training in preparation for the qualifiers.

I enjoyed my time as Captain last year and wish Robin Lees all the best in the job this coming year; I am sure he will have no trouble in taking on the responsibilities of the job.

ANGUS FELL, Captain

Women's Rowing

The Fitzwilliam women rowers have had an eventful year. With a new coach comes a new motto and for the first women's boat this was BELIEF. If we believed we could do it, then our main goal – a bump – would be ours at the Mays. The goal was set and training come rain or shine ensued to make sure we were capable. In May, to prepare ourselves we went to Poplar Regatta where a close-fought race gave us a win by 4 seconds. The belief was there; all that hard work and determination had paid off, and we knew it could do so again. In June the Bumps began; the first day was a bad one, getting bumped by blade contenders Sidney Sussex; the second and third getting better, rowing over with a gutsy row; the fourth day the highlight, bumping Homerton right in front of Billy Field! It was the perfect end to a hard-fought season in which we had to rely on substitutes for both senior and novice crews when bike accidents intervened; it is a true testament to the

boat club that so many women were there to substitute when needed so that we could continue training throughout the year. It has been my pleasure to row with the first women's boat and I look forward to next year where our mottos POWER and PRESENCE may get us the thus far unattainable blade.

CHARLOTTE PARKER

Women's Tennis

For the Fitzwilliam College Ladies Tennis Team, 2010 was a strong year. They won four of their five League matches, ensuring promotion for 2011. Results in Cuppers were not as successful – the team was knocked out in the first round, having been matched, unluckily, against last year's winners who proved very strong opponents. With good use of the courts, especially the grass courts, the team has every hope of improving further on their great results.

EMMA SAMIA-ALY, Captain

Men's Badminton

Fitzwilliam Badminton continued to build on its success of recent years. On the back of consecutive promotions, Fitzwilliam Men I started 2009–2010 in Division 3. With hard-fought victories over Churchill and Emmanuel, Fitzwilliam went into the last match of the Michaelmas term needing an 8-1 win over ARU for promotion. Outstanding displays of nerve by Howie Teoh and Mumit Abdul secured a place in Division 2. Further improvement in the Lent term allowed Fitzwilliam to consolidate its position, narrowly missing out on promotion.

This strong League form could not be emulated in Cuppers, with Fitzwilliam I becoming unstuck by an Emmanuel Blue in red-hot form, and Fitzwilliam II narrowly losing to Trinity II despite a phenomenal rearguard action by Jin Hooi and Emmanuel Goulet. With departures of long-serving players Weisi Guo, Ian Russell and Matthew Appleton, new Captain Terence Kwan will look to Rajvir Dhillon and Kah Ming Teoh to help strengthen Fitzwilliam's growing reputation as one of the top badminton teams.

MATHEW VITHAYATHIL, Captain

Ladies' Badminton

Last year was an excellent year for Ladies' Badminton, with the team finishing top of their division in both the first and the second term. As both terms ended with promotions, the ladies' team moved from Division Four to Division Two; the whole team upped their game and showed incredible improvements. As well as amazing results from the team, we also saw an expansion of the team with the addition of quite a few new players. Practices became more popular and a few joint sessions with the men's badminton team not only helped our play but allowed team bonding both within the ladies team and within Fitzwilliam badminton as a whole. Unfortunately the top three players in the team have now left, but recruitment in October 2010 has been successful and we hope to continue the success this year.

BETH RILEY, Captain

Pool

For the first team, the last year has been another successful year; they managed to finish fifth in the top division, improving on the previous year's performance. Adam Hargreaves defended his Fitzwilliam open title beating Luke Gleave in the final when the successful competition returned this year. At University level, Adam finished highest in the top division hotshots. Luke Gleave competed in the 2010 Varsity competition, and was runner-up in the Varsity singles competition. Luke and Adam were joined by more Fitzwilliam students; Matt Scott, Nick Martindale and Timothy Gossage all competing for the University-B Team.

After taking time to find itself a regular squad, Fitzwilliam's second pool team settled into the season well with a convincing 7–2 home victory over Trinity 3. Slim 5–4 defeats at both Robinson and Queens' failed to reflect the nature of the matches and some unfortunate spells of bad luck. Nonetheless, with the promise of promotion lurking in the wings and with the emergence of skilled and enthusiastic Freshers, Dan Ayres and Chris Cogbill, as regular team players, the team rebuilt itself and won both remaining matches against Darwin and King's, 6–3 and 5–4 respectively. The team finished in second place and was promoted to the second league.

Congratulations to all those who took part in these matches, but particularly to Ajay Patel, who won 9 out of 10 matches, Pepijn Kole who won 8 out of 10 matches, and Chris Noyce who, despite an unlucky run of singles matches, was unbeaten in all 5 doubles.

LUKE GLEAVE, Captain, and JAMES HARRINGTON

DEVELOPMENT

Development Office News

The Development Office has had another very active year promoting the College and pursuing the objectives set for the 150th Anniversary Campaign. The most measurable success was that we have now passed the £4 million point, towards our target of £20 million by 2019.

Our Easter 2010 telephone campaign had the advantage that we now had one of our own alumni, Catherine Hanley (Geography, 2006) as the organiser; Catherine had been one of the undergraduate callers for the 2009 campaign. Once again there was keen competition for the caller places, and the enthusiasm of those selected for the College showed through in the results. This year 756 alumni were contacted (sixty more than in 2009) and most were delighted to hear from the College, talk to a current undergraduate, and hear how things have progressed – or, in some instances, remain unchanged. By the close of the two-week campaign we had renewed contact with many alumni and over £155,000 had been donated or pledged over the next three years. Of that sum, £115,000 was pledged by first-time donors, increasing the number of alumni actively contributing by nearly three hundred. This success means that the percentage of Fitzwilliam alumni participating actively in the support of the College begins to draw level with the more ancient colleges.

The Campaign had especial success in that it prompted one alumnus to make a single donation of £10,000 – and at least one other to instruct a solicitor to amend their Will in favour of the College – but the real success of the campaign to date is the number of alumni willing to commit to regular monthly payments, many of which go to the Student Opportunities Fund. This was created in 2009 as an annual unrestricted fund and thus able to provide immediate support to students. In its first year, the Student Opportunities Fund helped 85 students (18% of our undergraduates). Sixty-three students received travel awards, language-learning awards or books and twenty-two students received maintenance grants to help them complete their studies. Thanks to the generosity of the alumni, this fund has enabled Fitzwilliam to provide assistance to forty more students than in the previous year.

Alongside the 150th Anniversary activities the programme of alumni events continues, coordinated through this office by Carol Lamb. The subject-related events during this year were the Computer Science Dinner, the Music Dinner, and the Land Economy Dinner. One initiative was a quota system for places at the Reunion weekend in an attempt to ensure a fair distribution of places at this regularly oversubscribed event. Some were still disappointed but 324 alumni and their guests attended the weekend and the Saturday dinner included 134 members from the invited years.

Another innovation was the first 1869 Foundation lunch held in May to which all were invited who had indicated their intention to make a bequest to the College (this page). Over 30 members (and their partners) were entertained to a full programme of events that included a musical recital, the presentation of 1869 Foundation certificates and two presentations from research students. The event was deemed a great success, and now it will be repeated annually.



Michael Carreron

Chancellor's Reception for the Guild of Cambridge Benefactors, held in St George's Hall at Windsor Castle. Mrs Audrey Wilson, widow of Honorary Fellow Peter Wilson (p. 68) is with her daughter, Mrs Vivien Risk.

After a long delay while some technical issues were resolved, the Career Network is now active and is being well supported by 250 alumni. Current undergraduates and postgraduates are always grateful for those alumni able to assist with careers advice, so if you are able to help please do register at <http://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/alumni/career-network>.

During the last year, the office has been joined by Dr Sharon Brownlow, who is now responsible for maintaining alumni records, and Dr Helen Bettinson (History, 1972). With any enquiries please feel welcome to contact the Development Office at development@fitz.cam.ac.uk

As always, the Development Office look forward to hearing your news and to welcoming you back to College.

IAIN REID, Development Director (History, 1978)

1869 Foundation Lunch

The inaugural 1869 Foundation lunch was held in gloriously fine weather at College on Sunday 23 May 2010. Although this was the middle of Tripos we were able to reassure the Senior Tutor that those attending (the youngest matriculated in 1978) would not be too noisy



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The 1869 Foundation lapel pin



Members of the 1869 Foundation

and disruptive. As it was, we were very noisy but, hopefully, not too disruptive and the lunch in 2011 will be held on the corresponding weekend.

Because some Foundation members had not been to the College for years, the programme incorporated as many of the new buildings as possible. We started with a reception in the lobby of the Auditorium, allowing everyone to experience the marvellous facilities and acoustics.

Lunch in Hall was followed by a short address from the Master and the presentation of the 1869 Foundation certificates and pins. The Master stressed that the principles of the 1869 Foundation, like the legacy societies of other Colleges, were those of a commitment to future generations and the development of a special community supporting Fitzwilliam. He said that this would be an annual occasion, at which members, old and new, would sustain friendships while being updated about the life and work of the College. He would welcome suggestions about the type of activities, either at Fitzwilliam or in the wider Cambridge, which members of the Foundation might enjoy. Roger Graham (1958) responded, thanking the College on behalf of the Foundation members.

Next, the Old Library: two of Fitzwilliam's current Ph.D. students presented their work. Matthew Neal, who came to Fitzwilliam as an undergraduate in 2003, spoke on *The Church, the Crown and Stability after the Glorious Revolution*, explaining his study of the growth of a culture of religious toleration in the late seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries from a 'language-game' perspective. He was followed by a more recent arrival at Fitzwilliam, John Dickson, who gave an introduction to his work, *Imaging Brain Function*, which used simulations of MRI data, which have detected and quantified brain function, to test the assumptions behind those methods and thus produce more accurate brain-function maps. The interest generated by these short talks was evident from the questions put to these two outstanding young researchers.

No less talented were the Fitzwilliam undergraduates who put on a brilliant chamber-music recital in the Chapel. First a piano duet: two Slavonic Dances from the Op. 46 set by Dvorak, from Liam Paterson (Music, 2009) and the College's Organ Scholar, Will Warns (Music, 2009). Then an E minor flute duet by Bach's eldest son, Wilhelm Friedemann, played by Sebastian Armstrong (Maths, 2009) and Stephanie Taylor (Medicine, 2009). The half-hour concert concluded with Mendelssohn's *Konzertstück No. 2* from clarinetists Emma Dyer (Medicine, 2008) and Ben Kinnersley (Nat Sci, 2008), accompanied by Liam Paterson.

Afternoon tea in the Grove allowed everyone to get home early and, although the presence of students preparing for exams made formal tours of the splendid new Library impractical, a few were able to inspect the Ray Kelly Reading Room (including the honours board, listing the 362 donors) and take a surreptitious look at the other floors from the main staircase.

The letters and comments received after the event indicate that the 1869 Foundation Lunch will be a very popular addition to the College annual calendar.

IAIN REID, Development Director (History, 1978)



John Dickson, on Imaging Brain Function

The Master's Travels

Readers of the *Journal*, surveying the accompanying images of the Master's whereabouts over the past year, might be forgiven for wondering whether he spends any time in Cambridge! The question is indeed intensified if the most recent photographs are added to those published here over the last five years. The justification for visits to alumni in distant parts of the globe, however, hardly needs rehearsing. For while former students within reach of the College have various opportunities to return to Fitzwilliam, those who have made their homes and careers overseas find it more challenging to express, by their physical presence, their continuing interest in its fortunes. But that loyalty and affection, sustained by both the *Journal* itself and by reunions occasioned by the Master's travels, are rewarding for all concerned. Leaving aside the hours spent in planes and airports, it has also been a great pleasure for me to renew personal contacts with alumni whom I have not seen over the decades, to meet others of a seniority registered in their lifelong attachment to Fitzwilliam House, and to thank particular individuals for their generous support of the College's life and work.

A brief visit to the UAE had additional dimensions to it. In both Dubai and Abu Dhabi, not the least engaging moments of, respectively, a long brunch and a formal Oxbridge dinner at the British Embassy, were the expressions of genuine surprise of our own alumni who had absolutely no idea that others were in the region. But I also gave an admissions presentation to sixth-formers at the British School in Abu Dhabi and made an official visit to Zayed University – where, a few months later, the Director of Studies in Land Economy was able to take a number of current Fitzwilliam undergraduates to explore, in connection with Tripos courses on urban development, the phenomena which have sprung from the desert. The College's warm thanks go to Ken Dearsley (1965), Andrew Pocock (1965) and David Dew (1974) for their contributions to a visit during which I was accompanied by our Development Director, Iain Reid (1978).

In terms of pure enjoyment, nothing surpasses the Fitz Sud reunion so imaginatively organised by Graham Nutter,

the Society's President in 2009–2010, the details of which are reported elsewhere (p. 52) and the photographs of which speak for themselves, underlined by the fact that this may be the first time ever that the Master has been seen not wearing a tie! In August, my wife and I also made the shorter hop (from our permanent home in Scotland) across to the Isle of Man. Ken Wilson (1946) gave us a whole day of hospitality, while an evening gathering again brought together alumni blissfully unaware of Fitzwilliam connections within a very small island.

On the way to an academic conference at Yale in October, I stopped over in New York to have dinner with Peter Selman (1991), while in New Haven, thanks to Keith Wrightson (1967), I hosted a reception attended not only by Fitzwilliam alumni and their guests, but also by former Gates Scholars. My new role as Provost of the Gates Cambridge Trust offers exceptional synergies in terms of overseas travel (and expenses!). When I was in Seattle, for a December meeting of the Trustees, I was able to host a brunch for former students of the College, organized by Olly Downes (1994) and enhanced by Tony Knox (1969) who came down the coast from Vancouver – where he had done such a brilliant job setting up my own visit there in 2008 and the Vice-Chancellor's much bigger event, on behalf of Cambridge as a whole, a year later. In December, we were back in New York, and are indebted to Andy Bush (1993) for yet again bringing together a significant group which, this time, partook of some wine-tasting! The intended photographic record of the event did not survive it. The repeated post-event hospitality of Houston Lowry (1980), in both New Haven and New York, deserves special mention. We also made a detour up to Greenwich, Connecticut, where Paul Forster (1983) organized a wonderful venue. The philanthropic culture, so much more advanced in the USA, is absolutely vital to the College's future. It needs nurturing as far as our own alumni there are concerned, many of whom have already given Fitzwilliam their substantive support. Future issues of the *Journal* will see me, literally and often, on the other side of the Atlantic.

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Susan Keane



At the Embassy, Abu Dhabi

Susan Keane



Gathering in Dubai

Susan Keane



Overlooking Dubai Creek



Vera Lethbridge

At the Riverside Yacht Club, Greenwich, Connecticut

Vera Lethbridge



In the Isle of Man



Kyoko Yoshinaga

At the Whitney Humanities Center, Yale, New Haven

Andrew Thompson



Fitzwilliam members and others in Seattle

Fitz Sud

Early in August 2010, some twenty-six Fitzwilliam Society members and their wives and partners descended on Château St Jacques d'Albas, the home of Graham Nutter (the 2010 Society President) and his wife Béatrice. It was the first formal Society weekend in the south of France, appropriately named 'Fitz Sud', and a full programme was organized over two days to inaugurate the event. The Master and his wife Vera also participated, so all members were on their best behaviour. Graham's wine-making estate is near Carcassonne in the Minervois, one of the Languedoc's 'appellations', and focuses predominantly on red wines. It is the source of the College red wine and has received numerous accolades and medals as its reputation has grown since Graham bought the property in 2001.

Participants met on the Friday evening to become introduced. Saturday was a full day, starting with a guided tour of the thirteenth-century Cité de Carcassonne, a UNESCO World Heritage site, steeped in the history of the Albigenian Crusades and the Cathar religious movement.

Lunch followed within the city walls at 'Comte Roger', prepared by one of Graham's numerous culinary friends in the region. With the sun out and a time for relaxation beckoning, the group retired to a bucolic boat trip along the seventeenth-century Canal du Midi, which runs from the Mediterranean to the Atlantic, much to the delight of many slow boaties. Sun hats and cameras were much in evidence. The evening was dual-pronged, beginning with a visit to the wine-making facilities at Château St Jacques and a wine-tasting, followed by a four-course dinner – but with refreshingly short speeches, much to the Master's liking. And for those of clear head and firm limb the Sunday morning, Béatrice accompanied guests on a walking tour of the estate, followed by a light lunch, Graham being off to India that morning for the public launch of his wines in Delhi.

A much-appreciated start to the 'Fitz Sud' movement – one which runs the danger of being repeated bi-annually.

GRAHAM NUTTER (1966)

Vera Lettbridge



At Château St Jacques d'Albas

Vera Lettbridge



Vats and glasses



The final product - destined for Fitzwilliam

Vera Lettbridge



Beijing dinner in September 2010

Beijing Chapter

Chris Wood (MML, 1977), currently Deputy Ambassador at the British Embassy in Beijing, was able to bring a small group of alumni together in the summer of 2009. The connections have now grown, with around a dozen or so alumni or former Fellows linked together. Chris was delighted to welcome eight of them for dinner at his house in Beijing during September 2010. (Other Beijing alumni who had expressed willingness to join this nascent group were away, including variously in Oxford, the US and Peru.)

There was a lovely atmosphere, and those present were really pleased to get together and make new friends as well as renew old acquaintances. All demonstrated the warmth as a group and the affection for Fitzwilliam that Chris says he has always experienced in other College reunions.

There was a determination to do this again and one of the group has already offered to arrange another meeting in the not-too-distant future. Chris feels the group is building up a little momentum and he is sure there will be even more attendees next time, as those present look to bring together more of their fellow alumni. The group looks forward to welcoming them and any other College visitors or new Fitzwilliam residents of Beijing to future events.

CHRISTOPHER WOOD (1977)

SUBJECT GATHERINGS

Computer Science and Information Technology Dinner

Peter Cowley (1974) and Dr Pietro Lio organized a dinner for current and past Computer Science graduates and other graduates in the IT industry. The College kindly provided a room and excellent food. A total of 45 people attended, ranging from a member of the college from the 1950s to 11 undergraduates. By moving every other person nine places between courses, we created both an excellent opportunity for networking and some confusion! Mike Muller (1978), Chief Technical Officer of ARM plc gave a talk on his experiences in industry and on what he had

learnt from twenty years at the largest semiconductor intellectual property licensing company in the world. The gathering continued until late evening in Hall and in the bar. It is intended to run a third event early in 2012.

PETER COWLEY (1974)

Engineering Dinner

The Engineering Alumni Dinner was held in the Walter Grave Room on 5 June 2010, attended by 51 people in total – of which 15 were alumni ranging the generations from those who matriculated as far back as 1951 to recent graduates who matriculated in 2005. Three current students of the college also attended, and the remainder were Fellows and guests. Although fewer alumni attended than originally was hoped for, it was nevertheless a very pleasant evening that allowed old friendships to be rekindled and new acquaintances made.

After the educational aspirations of the Fitzwilliam Fellows in Engineering had been set out, and the need emphasised for a partnership between Fellows and Alumni to ensure that future graduates can compete at the highest levels of international engineering endeavour, a warm debate ensued about how these objectives might be achieved. During this debate the strength of support for Engineering in the College was manifest through numerous offers to mentor students and provide career guidance, and these offers will be pursued during the coming academic year. A constructive and enjoyable evening.

NIGEL SLATER

Land Economy Dinner – the Cameron Society

The inaugural Annual Dinner of the Cameron Society was held in fine spirits on 6 May – election night. The Cameron Society (named in honour of Professor Gordon Cameron who was Master of Fitzwilliam and Professor

of Land Economy in the 1980s) has been set up as a vehicle for supporting Land Economists and Land Economy within Fitzwilliam, where the subject has long had a strong presence.

We were delighted that Ian Marcus, a Fitzwilliam Land Economist who is now Chairman of Real Estate at Credit Suisse First Boston, was able to speak to us beforehand, offering his thoughts on the need for education and transparency in the property industry and managing to enlighten as well as entertain everyone from first-year undergraduate to seasoned real-estate professional. It was particularly appropriate that we could use the Gordon Cameron Lecture Theatre for the event.

After a fine dinner, Dr Derek Nicholls, who retired as a Fellow in 2006 and was Director of Studies, spoke touchingly of his memory of his friend and mentor Professor Cameron. James Gillingham, President of the Cameron Society, then reported on behalf of the undergraduates on the year's activities, which have included extra-curricular talks, social events, and the establishment of study groups.

One aspect of the event was an unashamed appeal for donations, almost inevitable in the current climate. The Cameron Society has set itself the goal of establishing Fitzwilliam as having the best-stocked college Land Economy library, and the dinner represented the launch of that project. Land Economy is tremendously lucky to have alumni who understand the need for fund-raising, and who have either fond memories of their time at Fitzwilliam or bad memories of the fight for the 'right' book when an essay was due!

Three alumni clubbed together on the night to give the book fund a kick-start, and we are already able to start collecting multiple copies of core texts. We can only thank these donors and hope that others will feel moved to add their contribution in order that the book fund can become an ongoing and self-sustaining project.

MARY YOUNG, Director of Studies in Land Economy

LONDON DINNER

The 79th Fitzwilliam Society London Dinner was held on Thursday 29 April 2010 in the Hall of the Worshipful Company of Tallow Chandlers.

As in 2009, preliminary drinks were in the Parlour which was soon filled with the animated conversations of the ninety-one diners: Fellows, members and their guests. The matriculation years ranged from 1949 to 2002 and, as always, we were joined by the representatives of the current Junior Members Association and the Middle Common Room who attend as the Society's guests.

The meal (duck salad, rump of lamb, then apple and blackberry crumble) was accompanied by excellent Château St Jacques d'Albas wine, the generous gift of this year's President of the Society, Graham Nutter (Geography, 1966).

After the toast to Absent Friends, that same President proposed the toast to the College. He observed that only a college brimming with self-confidence would be prepared to take on 'a Nutter' as its President. Fitzwilliam was now

fully justified in that confidence, thriving in so many aspects when compared to the College he had joined in 1966. Sport had been far more critical in that era when we were a new college on the outskirts of Cambridge and Fitzwilliam had swept the board in all sports – except beagling, which had remained the monopoly of Magdalene. In the late 1960s, other colleges would weep, raise the white flag or claim medical exemption rather than face Fitzwilliam, and the hard training paid off when Graham had rowed in the crew that went Head of the River in the Lents, 1969.

Today, having taken leave of the City at a fortuitous moment, our President was in the wine business and would be hosting the first 'Fitz Sud' gathering at his vineyard in Carcassonne in July to which all were invited (p. 52). He concluded by emphasising the powerful start that Fitzwilliam had given him in his career and, in proposing the health of the College, he hoped that all past and future equally would benefit from the 'Fitzwilliam Experience'.

The response from the College came from the JMA President, Rosie Cook, who enchanted us for a second year with her enthusiasm for the College and all that is Fitzwilliam. She recalled her Matriculation Dinner and her gratitude to Richard Gere in the film *Pretty Woman* for his explanation of cutlery etiquette. Now, as she approached her graduation, she highlighted the exciting developments of the last year: the extension of the café-bar that had made possible quiz and music evenings; the new JCR; the opening of the new Library; the celebration of thirty years of women at Fitzwilliam; the sporting, music and theatrical successes. Also, fitting no distinct category, it had been Fitzwilliam students who had won the University Rag competition to get as far as possible from Cambridge in 48 hours starting with no money. The two Fitzwilliam Freshers had got to Washington DC earning their fares though conjuring tricks.

During her time as JMA president, Rosie had met famous people, but the greater pleasure had been in meeting older Fitzwilliam alumni, sharing stories and similarities across the years. She thanked the Fitzwilliam Society for their support and said how humbling and exciting it was to be rowing in the *John Adams* or the *Ray Kelly*, or to receive a prize or sit at a desk donated by a named alumnus. She was honoured to be part of such a brilliant community and hoped that we would 'long be bound by Fitz'.

The Master started by thanking the President for the wine and congratulating Rosie Cook on being the first JMA President to do a second speech at this dinner. This was his sixth speech to the London Dinner, having done five as Master and one as President, but against the time span of the College and University this meant very little. The Master had recently noticed that Fitzwilliam and Goldman Sachs both shared 1869 as their date of origin but, he asked, who would like to wager which would last 300 years – the expected life-span of the new Library?

What Fitzwilliam had become – and what Fitzwilliam will be in that future – was the direct result of the generosity of the alumni, those of the past, today and the future. His proudest moment in his thirty-seven years as

a Fellow had been ten days earlier when HRH The Visitor had opened the wonderful new Library and met staff and students; a triumphant moment in the College's history. Against that history, his time as Master would be brief but his priority had been to create the structures and effect the change of culture necessary for the College to meet the challenges of the future. Those challenges were very simple: it cost £15,000 p.a. to educate a Cambridge student and the University and College took equal shares of that cost; the diseconomies of a collegiate university; and the apparent luxury of one-to-one or two-to-one supervisions. But that small scale was fundamental to the collegiate experience that generates the loyalty and affection on which the College depends.

So who would pay for this education, for the excellence of an academic community of which those dining were all once part? It was unlikely to be the Government, so now Fitzwilliam was unashamedly asking everyone to support the 150th Anniversary Campaign to raise £20 million by 2019. Already over 1,300 alumni had contributed since the launch, including 83% of those attending the dinner, and he encouraged them to encourage others. Fitzwilliam was a charity which could educate the brightest and the best, the leaders in every field who would make a difference in the future. In conclusion, he asked that everyone, when approached by a student during the telephone campaign or at an opportune stage in their life, ask themselves whether they believed in Fitzwilliam and whether they wanted the next generation to enjoy what we all had enjoyed?

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REUNION WEEKEND 2010

The Reunion Gathering

The 76th Reunion Weekend was held, as usual, on the last weekend of September. It was of a scale and quality fully in line with previous occasions; it was very well attended, with a total of about 192 alumni present, about 88 of whom brought their spouses or partners, as well as the current undergraduates and graduates who were involved in the musical and sporting events of the weekend, and the members of the Fellowship who took part. So it lived up to its reputation as the best and the most enthusiastically attended gathering in Cambridge.

The Fitzwilliam Society Committee met on the Friday afternoon, and the Society AGM was held on the following afternoon. The AGM Minutes and the Accounts for the 2009–2010 year are reproduced towards the end of the *Journal*, together with a paper on the future role of the Society.

This year, the events included a lecture by Dr Jason Rentfrow on *The Science of Personality*; Jason is a University Lecturer in the Department of Social and Developmental Psychology who studies the interactions between people and their environments, and has been working in collaboration with the BBC on *The Big Personality Test* (in which more than a quarter of a million people have completed on-line questionnaires).

On the Saturday, the Master and Mrs Lethbridge hosted a lunch at the Master's Lodge for benefactors who are members of the Master's Circle.

There was a special gathering for the Golden Matriculands – we were very pleased that seventeen members from the 1960 generation were able to come

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The Master's Circle, at the 2010 Reunion

to the Reunion. At about the same time as the Reunion, it was very good also to welcome back to Cambridge Lisa O'Neill, who was the very first female Junior Member; in 1978, Lisa arrived a year earlier than expected and there was no residential accommodation in College suitable for her – we hope that the hospitality shown to her and to her daughter demonstrated some of the improvements that have been made to the College over the past three decades.

The extensive range of sporting activities, on the river and at Oxford Road, including both all-alumni groups and past-versus-present contests, are reported in the following pages by the participants.

The Saturday Reunion Dinner provided the high point of conviviality for the weekend, and were so well attended that both the Hall and the Walter Grave Room were at capacity. A splendid dinner and a good time were had by all. We thank the College staff – catering, domestic and Porters – for their major contributions which made the whole operation both possible and a great success. And also the staff in the Development Office, whose detailed planning of everything from the general arrangements to the individual sporting events ensured a smooth-running and enjoyable occasion.

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Fifty years on - 1960 Matriculands at the Reunion. Back row (L to R): Norman Killey, David Knowles, Roger Cro, Phil Barnard, Howard Norton, David Foulds, Tim Vincent, Roy Wood, Ted Bates; Front row (L to R): Laurence Abrahams, Paul Ramage, John Payling, Tony Plumridge, Colin Tucker, Damian McHugh, Michael Pyke

Alison Carter



Lisa O'Neill in College

Alison Carter



Reunion Dinner



Reunion Dinner: the President and the Master



Reunion Dinner: the Choir