Alumni Teachers' Conference

On a wild, sunny Saturday in the 2012 Easter vacation, over fifty of Fitzwilliam’s alumni, Fellows and students gathered in College to spend the day together and talk about teaching.

Punctuated by regular break-out sessions that immediately were filled with vibrant chat, the day was largely informal and interactive, but it was set off on its course by our own Helen Price, who is not only a current MEd student but is also Head Teacher at a secondary school in Peterborough. Helen spoke with passion about her research, inspiring us to remember that seizing opportunities whenever they come along makes for a rewarding life that surpasses our expectations.

Questions from the floor led us neatly into a plenary discussion of the state of the teaching profession. Despite the group’s natural frustrations with regulation and with trends in Governmental policy, a forest of hands rose to meet the request for explanation of what makes the job of teaching worthwhile. It is clear that the community of Fitzwilliam teachers is one that has managed to preserve its ideals – ‘Just stay in touch with the kids, and with your passion for the subject, and the other stuff falls away’ was a resonant line.

Discussion of the National Curriculum and the value of A-levels was every bit as contentious as would be expected. Shocking statistics were quoted regarding the arbitrary marking of public exams, and valuable discussion followed on the merits of modular and linear assessment. As the debate led on to assessment of the best and brightest, Dr Rosemary Horrox (Arts Admissions Tutor) took the floor and gallantly fielded an hour’s-worth of queries on the process of application. While many of the Directors of Studies present are familiar with the Admissions process from ‘our side’, the extended debate gave us a valuable insight into the factors affecting schools as they send students to us. ‘No matter how well you think you know the process’ noted one alumnus over dinner, ‘when it comes to Admissions, there’s always something you hadn’t quite realized or had forgotten.’

Innovative methods of supporting students’ learning were shared in the next session, which showcased a Facebook page that has provoked eager ‘liking’ by Russian-language students. We also heard about the success of an Essay Competition, run in a Sixth-Form College, which has produced some genuinely creative work outside the syllabus and has also served to raise the subject’s profile. The language began to leave some of us standing, as online opportunities beyond Twitter (I’d heard of that) and on to Fronter, Blackboard, and KhanAcademy were compared fluidly by those in the group who have clearly embraced the digital age with open arms! ‘Flipping the Classroom’ sounded terrifying at first, but a Google-search has been reassuring …

The final formal session of the day gave us the opportunity to break into subject groups and discuss issues specific to our own fields. These smaller groups were a perfectly intimate way for individuals to focus on particular elements of the issues discussed throughout the conference.

As we enjoyed a glass of bubbly in the evening sunshine, Dr Jane McGregor of the Faculty of Education was kind enough to make a presentation of her research on ‘Visual Voices’ – a way of increasing genuine participation in the learning environment by using photos taken by students as the catalyst for communication. This glimpse of the innovative research being carried out in the spaces we sometimes take for granted was thought-provoking and reminded us to think beyond the high-performers who are perhaps easier to support.

We rounded off the day with a splendid dinner in Hall, during which the conversation paused only for the Master’s welcome and continued in the College Bar until well after midnight. Ideas flew all day, and plans are already being made for next year’s event. Join us if you can!

MARY YOUNG, Director of Studies in Land Economy, and Admissions Tutor

Computer Science Dinner

Peter Cowley organised a dinner in Hall, in February 2012, for current students and graduates in Computer Science, and for other graduates in the IT industry, and the College provided excellent food. Forty-seven people attended, ranging from College members from the 1970s to six current undergraduates and the Director of Studies in Computer Science, Robert Harle.

Binary-encoded name places were used to test information retention and to facilitate a musical chair
Economics Reunion

With the UK economy’s sluggish recovery from a double-dip recession, the ongoing European sovereign debt crisis and the generally grim outlook for the world economy, bringing Fitzwilliam’s current and former economists together in November 2012 may not have seemed a recipe for a joyful evening. Nevertheless, there was an air of excitement and festiveness when first The Grove and then the Dining Hall filled with 77 guests, representing 26 different matriculation years, who came to the Economics Reunion Dinner – a great testimony to Fitzwilliam’s strong and lively economics community. The alumni enthusiastically embraced the opportunity to reconnect with their former fellow students and also with their Directors of Studies, six of whom attended the gathering. The current students were keen to meet the earlier generations to get a glance into what exciting opportunities an economics degree can offer, and thus gain inspiration and ideas for their own lives after Cambridge.

After a lovely meal full of good food, wine and reminiscences, the floor was taken by the guest speaker for the evening, Nunzio Quacquarelli. Nunzio studied economics at Fitzwilliam between 1983 and 1986, and is the founder and Managing Director of QS Quacquarelli Symonds. In 2004, his firm launched the QS World University Rankings which have since been guiding the university and career choices of millions of young people around the world. During testing times for universities, when government cuts, reforms to student fees, and the research excellence framework are changing the face of higher education in the UK, Nunzio gave a timely and insightful account of the forces transforming higher education globally and the challenges lying ahead. Whilst Cambridge University’s second place in the 2012 QS World University Rankings was reassuring and indicated that our alma mater has so far weathered the storm well – we might not have dared to invite Nunzio if this were not the case – his talk made clear that much needs to be done to maintain the high level of excellence.

After the Kitchens provided us with dessert and Nunzio had given us food for thought, discussions and conversations moved to The Grove and continued long into the night. As the guests were leaving College, there was already appetite for another Economics Reunion, which should happen soon!
The eighty-second Fitzwilliam Society London Dinner was a sell-out, with 95 alumni, Fellows, students and guests attending Professor Robert Lethbridge’s last such event as Master. Tallow Chandlers’ Hall looked splendid, as always, and all agreed it was an excellent occasion, to which our speakers rose with sincerity and wit.

The Society President, Dick Tyler (1978), proposed the health of the College, remarking that some of our sister institutions within the University must be quite embarrassed, having had a 650-year start, to have been overtaken by the upstart Fitzwilliam within less than 150 years. He also reminisced about his own first year, when 400 or so young men ‘lived an entirely monastic existence, with absolutely nothing to distract us from our studies’. The revolution that followed in 1979 has now come full circle, with a female Master-elect.

The President was followed by Junior President, Ellie Davies (2010). Ellie reported that despite the many advances much about the College remained the same: not least our sporting successes and friendly reputation. As the offspring of two Fitzwilliam alumni, she should know better than most.

The Master, a committed member and supporter of the Society, concluded the formal part of the evening with an excellent speech that reminded us why so many alumni continue to feel strongly about Fitzwilliam, years – even decades – after graduation.

Our next London Dinner will be in a new venue, and with a new Master-elect, on 8 May 2014.

Edinburgh Dinner

Inclement winter weather contrasted sharply with the warm and stylish welcome received by Fitzwilliam alumni and guests at the New Club in Princes Street on 25 February 2012. Hosted by the Master and Norman Drummond (1970), the dinner attracted 26 guests and alumni, who spanned an extraordinary range of matriculation years from 1948 to 2003.

The ultra-modern interior of the Club and spectacular views across the historic capital provided a wonderful backdrop to a memorable evening. After dinner our hosts spoke of the strong links that continue to bind Fitzwilliam and Scotland. The next day, some of us were fortunate enough to attend a Six Nations international at Murrayfield. Although Scotland lost to France, we were delighted to see Ed Kalman (2005) contribute to a brave Scottish performance.

Reunion Weekends in 2012 and 2013

Reunion Gatherings

The 78th and 79th Reunion Weekends were held on late-September weekends in 2012 and 2013, and were of scale and quality fully in line with previous occasions. They were very well attended, respectively with about 183 and about 197 alumni present, of whom many were accompanied by their spouses or partners – as well as by current undergraduates and graduates who were involved in musical and sporting events, and by the members of the Fellowship who took part. So they lived up to the long-established reputation as being the most enthusiastically attended gatherings in Cambridge.

The Fitzwilliam Society Committee met on the Friday afternoons, and the Society AGMs were held on the Saturdays. The AGM Minutes and the Accounts for both years are reproduced towards the end of the Journal.

In 2012, the events included a lecture in the Auditorium by Dr Kourosh Saeb-Parsy on Tripos to Transplant: the cutting edge, whilst in 2013 the imminent retirement of Professor Lethbridge was marked by his lecture on A Master’s Life.
These lectures were given in conjunction with the University’s Alumni Weekend; in addition, for the 2012 University Weekend lecture programme on the Sidgwick Site, Dr Bhaskar Vira spoke on How and Why should we put a value on Nature and Dr David Nally on Colonial Improvement: re-thinking the Great Irish Famine. Similarly, in 2013 Professor Michael Potter spoke on Wittgenstein on Religion.

On both years, the Master and Mrs Lethbridge hosted Saturday lunches at the Master’s Lodge for benefactors who are members of the Master’s Circle.

There was a special gathering for the Golden Matriculants in 2012, and we were very pleased that twenty-one members from the 1962 generation were able to come to the Reunion. On the following year, the corresponding gathering was held in July (p.9).

Some of 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.

Music is always an important part of the Reunion weekend. In 2012 the weekend’s celebrations were rounded off in excellent style by a concert of Baroque music played by Music Director, Francis Knights, and Patrick Welche. The Fitzwilliam Choir provided musical sustenance to an appreciative audience in 2013.

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 smooth-running and enjoyable occasions.
Reunion sports in 2012

Rugby – the Past and the Present

A summer of sport came to a fitting crescendo with a highly entertaining and high-scoring match in which the two sides shared almost a century of points, each dominating a half; the Past only narrowly maintained an edge over their young successors, winning 38–31. In the first half, accumulated bulk told as the Past pack made inroad after inroad. One driving maul from a line-out close to twenty yards out demonstrated this in particularly brutal fashion, resulting in a try for Ed Thornton. The Present team hit back through scrum-half James Wilkey, who holds the award for the fewest minutes played in a season after an horrific injury which involved breaking, spraining and dislocating his shoulder 3 minutes into his first match in 2011. In the second half, tries from Josh Keano and James Evangelou allowed the Present team to notch up a few points, duly converted from the touchline by Al Macfarlane. Awards for ‘top player’ went to Rob Macfarlane for the Past and Josh Keano for the Present, and ‘moment of the match’ to Ravi Dosanjh.

Information from ANDY FOSTER (2000) and AL MACFARLANE (2010)

Women’s football – the Past and the Present

The Past team were rather pleased when they realised that they outnumbered the Presents – none had to spend the full match on the pitch! Despite being a little out of shape the Past were not totally overwhelmed, and were the first to score – from a recent graduate rather than from an older generation! There was a goal from either side coming up to half-time, so we went 2–1 up into our much-needed break of oranges. But the Present team came back much more fresh and got two goals in quick succession, resulting in a 3–2 victory. Thanks very much to all who played, and to Carol Lamb and the Development Office for coordinating an absolutely lovely afternoon in the sunshine at Oxford Road.

Information from XINA MOSS (2002)

Over Sixties Rowing

Let’s be honest – we had expected the British Men’s Eight to win the Gold at the London Olympics. Urgent steps are necessary to find a crew for 2016. There assembled in September 2012 a fine body of men ready to come to the aid of the Nation: two in their 60s, six in their 70s and one in his 80s, forming the crew of Billy in the Over 60s Reunion row. A back-up crew could be found in Goat, coxed by Richard Sanders who had steered the 1969 First Eight to the Head of both the Lents and the Mays.

Goat took to the water first, but disaster struck when the frayed rudder wire snapped; it became impossible to operate the rudder normally; the boat returned to the boathouse with cox steering by pulling the ends of the snapped wire.

With Billy, the annual routine was followed: a maximum of 20 strokes ‘firm’ or ‘light’ before a short break to recover breath and allow heart rates to return to near normal. At one point on Long Reach we stopped about 50 yards behind a stationary Ladies’ eight. When both restarted, as cox, I realised quickly that we were gaining. It felt wonderful to be bearing down on them, and the urge to bump was enormous. But discretion prevailed.

Information from ANDY FOSTER (2000) and AL MACFARLANE (2010)
The weather was beautiful, the swans were old friends and all was as we remembered from so long ago. As part of our training for Rio, we decided to do a racing start. The amount of water propelled into the air during the ensuing confusion would have done the London Fire Brigade’s Thames Fire Boats proud. The crew were reduced to a giggling heap, but honour was largely retrieved when a second racing start went off much better. And so to Rio …

Information from DEREK READ (1952)

Jack Tupper (1956) wrote:

‘For years I have been on the River Dart to fish for salmon, clashing with the Reunion, but this year the Reunion was a week earlier.

‘I rowed during my terms at Fitzwilliam, and enjoyed it. But prior to Cambridge, I rowed small dinghies and other boats from about 1946. All the family and friends were boating people. I went to sea with the Selsey Fishermen in the 14ft boats and rowed while the fishermen hauled their lobster pots. It was cross-oared work as they all bought surplus oars from the Navy at Portsmouth and never reduced the size. Knowing that I rowed for the House, the fishermen at Selsey asked how I was getting on with ‘they slidin thorts’! National Service in the Navy gave the opportunity of rowing Cutters, Whalers, the Admiral’s Gig and so on, but the last time in a shell was 53 years ago.

‘Things have changed. The shell was carbon fibre, not wood, the wooden macon oars now replaced with blades, and the footrest had shoes which were designed for a very small person. Eventually we were afloat. Ken had indicated ‘just a gentle row – about 20 strokes and a rest’. Cox Kathryn was not expecting the racing rudder, so initially we had intimate relations with the reeds and the willows on the side of the Cam. Steady rowing in turns on the way down helped a lot, and timely words from Adrian not to row ‘the old way’ as I now had blades; improving all the time and the row back much improved, which included some 10s. We returned safely, no blisters, no-one in the river, no collision, no broken oars, no heart attack, no crabs. No criticism, so I came off lightly. Many thanks Cox for a good time and your tolerance.

‘What a nice way to spend time with lovely people. I think I have got to move my fishing week if I am going to come next year, possibly – probably – near certainty, if you will have me!’

Reunion rugby - the Past

Rugby – the Past and the Present

After six consecutive years of wisdom trumping fitness, Fitzwilliam Past came up short in an epic encounter in which the lead changed hands ten times. With sixteen tries, the game proved a lively encounter where the drama continued until the final few minutes.

The Past opened the scoring, but the lead was short-lived as the Present scored three quick consecutive tries. The following twenty minutes perhaps proved the best of the match, as five well-worked tries between the two sides saw the two teams going in at half-time at 27–24.

Information from DEREK READ (1952)
The difference in fitness began to show in the final quarter, yet some fine breaks from John Ferdinand helped the Past restore their lead at 39–43 with twelve minutes to go. But the Present scored twice in quick succession and achieved victory, with two minutes left.

Great thanks must go to Steve Cardy for his refereeing; to Carol Lamb in the Development Office for all her hard work in organising the game; and to Dave Norman, not only for a perfect pitch but also for a great environment at the Oxford Road bar.

Information on the Rugby from DAVE KING (2007)


... and the Present: Henry Warne, Robbie Bennett, Donald Bogle, Carl Plant, Georgios Pilakoutas (Captain), Oliver Jones, Sam Hobbs, Vince Bennici, Pierre-Yves Colin, Mehdi Golozar, Simon Court, Daniel Kerrigan

Women’s football – the Past and the Present

As another reunion weekend drew closer, the Pasts were short of players, eight on the day. Fortunately the Presents had eleven and were willing to lend one to make the match against the reigning Division 1 champions slightly more manageable. The Presents took the lead with a well-crafted goal to break down an initially-firm Past defence, and went on to take a three-goal lead, 5–2 in the first half, as fitness concerns surfaced. In the second half the match became more evenly matched and the Pasts showed a fair share of attacking prowess; after the first half, the 2–2 draw in the second felt almost as good a victory for the Pasts!

Information on the Women’s Football from GEMMA HARDY (2005) and HEMALI PATEL (2005)
Over Sixties Rowing

The Over-60s crew this year took out the Bob Grubb, with which they are pictured. This year three crew members were in their eighties, and John Stanley bravely took part despite having had a knee replacement operation earlier in the year.

On hand were Josh Briegal, the current Captain of Boats, Rosalie Warnock, the current Captain of Ladies’ Boats and Jess Halliday, the Club’s Junior Secretary.

The crew went down to The Railings and back, and then adjourned to the Cambridge ‘99 boathouse where, as always, John Jenner had arranged a celebratory lunch.

If there are any other over-60 former members of the Boat Club who would like to take part in the 2014 Reunion Row, they should contact Ken Drake, c/o The Development Office at Fitzwilliam.

Information on the Over-60s Row from DEREK READ (1952).

This oar commemorates the most places that any crew has ever moved up during either Lents or Mays. A similar oar was presented to Robert Perkins (1961) as a belated birthday present, on behalf of his wife, after he had taken place in the Over 60s row.

The 1962 Third Lent crew started fourth in Division 5. Ahead of them, Queens’ 5 bumped Corpus Christi 3 so they overbumped King’s 3 to go head of the division. As sandwich boat they rowed again 45 minutes later at the bottom of Division 4; in front of them Jesus 5 bumped Queens 4, Selwyn 3 bumped Christ’s 4, Trinity Hall 4 bumped Magdalene 3 and they triple over-bumped Lady Margaret 6 to go up 10 places in one day – a feat that had never before been achieved. On the last three days they bumped Caius 3, Peterhouse 3 and Lady Margaret 5.

In all, they rose 13 places in the four days.

Information on the Presentation from KEN DRAKE (1953).

CRICKETING EVENTS

The winners of 1972 Cricket Cuppers return to Fitzwilliam

The last occasion on which Fitzwilliam won Cricket Cuppers was on 4 June 1972; almost exactly 40 years later, 9 June 2012, all but one of the winning side plus our inimitable and scrupulously-fair umpire, George Jarzab, returned to celebrate at a reunion dinner in College. Only Phil Edmonds from the side that beat St John’s at Fenners by 44 runs was unable to attend. Following a champagne reception in the Grove, a wonderfully convivial evening was spent around the table in the Old SCR reliving old memories.

Lieutenant General David Leakey, fresh from his high-profile Jubilee duties as Black Rod, was asked to lead the team into dinner carrying a ceremonial cricket bat! Some of the team had not seen each other since leaving Cambridge, but old friendships were reignited and soon all were exchanging anecdotes about the historic victory – sadly, many of these did not entirely tally with the facts as reported in Varsity so many years ago, but nobody seemed to be very concerned about that. Many of the team were accompanied by their wives; they were delighted to be joined by Dr Helen Bettinson (Development Director), Andrew Powell (Bursar, and Senior Treasurer of Fitzwilliam Cricket Club) and four Mornie Onion undergraduate members as guests. Andrew Oakes (former Club Secretary) welcomed everybody to the dinner and the Revd Professor Norman Drummond presented a cheque to the club for £1,000 which had been collected from the ‘old boys’. The Bursar immediately took charge of this and gave his assurance that it would be spent in a manner which would best benefit College cricket!

The College cricket captain for 2012, Sam Strong, proposed a toast to Fitzwilliam Cricket which elicited...
an amusing response from the Bishop of Hull, Richard Frith, who captained the side to success in 1972. Richard mentioned his surprise at the reputation that international cricketer Phil Edmonds had developed for being a difficult man to captain and said that he had found no such problems in 1972! Not many observers of a group of 60-year-old former athletes would have concluded that the team of 1972 included 2 Cricket Blues, 8 Crusaders, 2 Hockey Blues, a Football Blue, a Rugby Blue and a Squash Blue! It will be interesting to see the turnout for the Fiftieth Anniversary dinner in 2022.

ANDREW OAKES (1969, Crusaders 1972–73)

Past v Present Cricket Match

The Past won the 2012 match by the closest margin, according to Wisden, in the history of this traditional fixture. Their single-run victory, having scored 199 from their 30 overs, surpassing the previous closest match – a pint-downing contest to settle a rained-off fixture from the mid-2000s.

However, to concentrate on the statistics and bald cricketing facts, as Wisden is wont to do, would ignore the very essence of this fixture. For example, one looking to the cricketing finer points might comment at length on Nav Kokri’s 114, but of far more relevance was Graham Robertson’s mere 4 runs following an announcement that he was ‘seeing it like a football’. Also, rather than laud Francis Evans for his 50, it seems to make sense to concentrate on his endless opening over which at one point threatened to see the Present home with 28 overs to spare. Furmanski, who had never played whilst at College (another reputed first), made a lovely not-out 0. Dosanjh was the most economical of the Present attack, taking 1 for 11 from his 5 overs.

Bennison in his final innings as a current student on his beloved Oxford Road turf got the Present off to a strong start with 41 along with Vora who made 27.

Tight-bowling Iqbal went some way to stemming the Present’s charge. Cox nipped in with the key wicket of Rowland. With 12 required off the final over, Kokri, who had taken two wickets, was recalled, much against his will – protesting about coldness, pressure and so on for so long that it threatened to delay the splendid evening meal. In the event the 11 runs conceded, the author would assert, demonstrated the wisdom of the bowling change. Strong finished undefeated on 31.

ALEX LITTLEFAIR (2000)

FITZWILLIAM GOLF SOCIETY

The 2012 Cambridge Golf Day was held at Cambridge Meridian Golf Club on Friday 6 July. Heavy overnight rain caused wet ground conditions and play started in light rain, although sunshine broke through later. The course provided a good golfing challenge, with water hazards and several sharp dog-leg holes. Opportunities to lose balls were regularly taken by many, and scoring was not easy.

Last year’s champion Kevin Pickersgill, playing off a handicap of 6, retained his title and took the Fitzbilly Trophy with a very creditable 37 points. Second and third places were claimed with 35 points, with David Griffiths narrowly beating Mike Hamment on countback.

The team-of-three prize (best two scores per hole) was also decided on countback with Dave Castell, Tony Stevenson and Mike Hamment, beating Ian Goldsmith, John Coombs and David Griffiths, both teams having 74 points. A mighty strike by John Uwins won the Longest Drive (straight along the Meridian). Alan Wood won Nearest the Pin. A new innovation this year was the putting competition. Over nine holes, five players took 18, but Kevin Pickersgill claimed the prize with 17 strokes.

The dinner in College was a convivial affair: an excellent meal in the Walter Grave Room. Prizes were presented by the Society’s Captain, Henry Croft Baker who, having kindly donated the trophy last year, added a bottle of Arran Whisky for the winner. In proposing a toast to the society, the Secretary, Colin Dunkerley, outlined the progress made by Fitzwilliam Golf Society in the three years since its foundation. The Cambridge Golf Day was the sixth event. The best news was that Fitzwilliam had won the last two annual matches against St Edmund Hall, Oxford, to draw 2–2 in the series.

In 2013, the Society had another very successful year, with five meetings and growing membership and numbers at golf days. The main event was the Fitzwilliam Open, this year in September to coincide with the Sporting Alumni Dinner in College, and played again at Cambridge Meridian. A record field of 32 golfers competed in dry conditions in a singles competition for the Croft Baker Trophy, with five scores over 36 posted. In second place with a fine round of 41 points was Michael Hall (1977) but the runaway winner with the round of a lifetime was the society Treasurer, Bob Barltrop (1973) with an eye-watering 49 points; he takes the title of Champion Fitzwilliam golfer. The Master presented the trophy and the prizes at drinks in College prior to the Dinner.

ALEX LITTLEFAIR (2000)

After the Golf, 2012
Earlier in the year, the Society played three matches against other alumni societies. The match against our longest-standing opponents, St Edmund Hall, Oxford, was hosted by Hall at Coombe Wood GC (near Wimbledon). In a pairs match play format Fitzwilliam triumphed 4–2 to retain the One Size FitzHall Trophy and go 3–2 up in the series. The highest scoring Fitzwilliam pair was Mike Hamment (1977) and Stuart Lester (1975).

A new fixture was the Cambridge University Land Society, with which the Secretary has close connections, at Beaconsfield GC – a delightful course, on a glorious June day. Thirteen players represented Fitzwilliam. On average individual scores per team, CULS took the match by the closest of margins. Top scorer for Fitzwilliam was John Uwins (1975), with 37 points.

The third match was against St John’s Cambridge at East Herts GC in late June when the weather was less kind, although we avoided the worst of the rain. This match was played in a pairs format; on score averaging, St Johns took the match comfortably to level the series 1–1. Top pair for Fitzwilliam was Graham May (1973) and David Williams (1974), with 38 points.

A new event was a Society Tour to Wensum Valley, Norwich in mid-July. Six members made the trip, with two rounds and an overnight stay. Conditions were hot and the course presented several watery opportunities to lose balls. The 2014 tour is planned for the Oxford area, which hopefully will be more central and accessible.

A total of 57 players have now turned out for the Society in at least one event during our four years, but we are keen to welcome yet more alumni and alumnae – particularly recent graduates, or indeed current students or members of the College. We encompass handicaps ranging from 5 to 28. Our oldest player matriculated in 1958 and youngest in 2009. We have no annual subscriptions. If you are interested in playing in 2014, please contact the Secretary.

COLIN DUNKERLEY (1973), Secretary

SPORTS DINNER

On 14 September 2013, 119 of the Colleges’ past and present students gathered for the third Sporting Dinner. We were very grateful to the Master for hosting the evening and to Matt Rogan (1993), whose generosity and that of his business, Two Circles, enabled current students to attend.

Our guest of honour was Philip Brook (1974), a tennis Blue and now Chairman of the All England Lawn Tennis Club; the Master observed that it was no coincidence that the first British Wimbledon men’s singles win for 79 years occurred with a Fitzwilliam man at the helm. Philip entertained us with a behind-the-scenes perspective on Wimbledon, including some fascinating statistics around the logistics of the Championships. He gave us a view from the inside of the All England Club, which fulfils the roles of guardian of British tennis, host of the world’s leading tennis tournament, and private members’ club. Philip also shared with us details of the Wimbledon Master Plan, which sets out the Club’s vision for the future of its grounds.

The formal proceedings ended with a quick-fire round of ‘heads and tails’; this raised £1,140 for the recently-established Sports Support Fund, which helps Fitzwilliam students meets the costs associated with their sport and representing the College (further details are available from the Development Office).

Planning has already begun for the next dinner, scheduled for 12 September 2015. Anyone who has played or watched sport at Fitzwilliam at any level is welcome to attend. Our researches suggest that the next dinner may well coincide with the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Mornie Onion Society; hopefully, this will result in an even better attendance.

DICK TYLER (1978)
MEMBERS’ NEWS

Sarah Asplin QC (1979) was appointed a Justice of the High Court, from 1 October 2012.

Professor Shankar Balasubramanian (1985), Herchel Smith Professor of Medicinal Chemistry and Fellow of Trinity, has been elected to the Fellowship of the Royal Society.

Sir Peter Bazalgette (1973) has been appointed Chairman of the Arts Council.

Dr Nick Beare (1988) is a consultant ophthalmologist in Liverpool and honorary senior lecturer. He has been leading research into malarial retinopathy since 1999 with two periods of 18 months in Malawi; most recently, he returned from 3 months in Malawi in September 2012. He authored the Ophthalmology chapter in the forthcoming Manson’s Tropical Diseases (23rd ed.).

Richard Booth (1988) has been appointed a Queen’s Counsel.

Martin Broadhurst OBE (1972) was appointed a non-executive director at Ultra-Electronics Holdings plc (a FTSE 250 company) in July 2012.


Dr Eryl Davies (1974) was awarded an Honorary DD by the University of Bangor in July 2012.

The Revd Dr Maggi Dawn (1993) was appointed Dean of Chapel and Associate Professor of Theology and Literature at Yale Divinity School from October 2011.


Emma Dwyer (née Fleming, 1991) was promoted to partner at Allen and Overy in March 2012.

Robin Ellis (1961) publishes Healthy Eating for Life, aimed at those looking for healthy, easy Mediterranean dishes. He has also started cooking workshops in Lautrec. The former Poldark star was offered a role in the forthcoming BBC remake of the iconic series.

Professor Sally Faulkner (1994) won the 2013 Philip Leverhulme Prize for work on Spanish cinema. In that year, she published A History of Spanish Film: Cinema and Society 1910–2010, following A Cinema of Contradiction: Spanish Film in the 1960s, and – based on her doctoral work at Fitzwilliam – Literary Adaptations in Spanish Cinema. She joined the University of Exeter as a Lecturer in 2001, and now is Associate Professor in Hispanic Studies and Film. She married Nicholas McDowell (see below) in the College Chapel in 2002; their sons Rowan and Cameron were born in 2006 and 2009.

Jeffrey Gold (1996) took the second place at the 2012 StoryPros International Screenwriting Contest. His play Fair Shake was a semi-finalist in the 2012 Moondance International Film Festival Stage Play Competition, and was selected for two Play Festivals. Another screenplay, Sten’s Folly, was a semi-finalist in the 2012 New York Screenplay Contest and a finalist in two competitions in 2013. He received the Entrance Institute 2013 Artist-in-Residence award. His play Horst and Gruben at the Chateau Godot was read by the Geneva Theatre Guild in Geneva, NY. He received 2013 Best of State Gold Medals in Playwriting, in Screenwriting and in Original Music Composition.

Dr Andy Harter (1980) has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering.

Professor Joseph Holden (1994) is now Research Dean for the Faculty of Environment, University of Leeds. He received the Gordon Warwick Medal in 2011 from the British Society for Geomorphology and a Philip Leverhulme Prize in 2007 for his research. He is also Head of water@leeds, which he founded in 2008 and which is now one of the largest interdisciplinary water research centres in the world.

Revd Peter Howson (1972) published Muddling Through – The Organisation of British Army Chaplaincy in World War One (Helion, 2013). He also contributed chapters to two other books published by Ashgate in 2013, both on military chaplaincy.

Selwyn Image CBE (1959) was awarded the Albert Medal by the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce for his work with Emmaus UK.

Sidharth Luthra (1990) was appointed Additional Solicitor General of India on 6 July 2012. It is the third highest law office in India after the Attorney General and the Solicitor General.


Professor Nicholas McDowell, Research Fellow 1998–2000, was in 2001 appointed Lecturer at the University of Exeter. Since 2012, he has been Professor of Early Modern Literature and Thought. He is the author of Poetry and Allegiance in the English Civil Wars: Marvell and the Cause of Wit and The English Radical Imagination: Culture, Religion, and Revolution, 1640–1660, which drew on his research at Fitzwilliam, and has co-edited The Oxford Handbook of Milton and The Oxford Complete Works of John Milton, Volume VI. In 2007, he won the Philip Leverhulme Prize.
Eric Meek (1965) retired in April 2012 as Orkney Area Manager for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, a post he held for over 31 years. During that time he has published numerous papers on a wide variety of ornithological topics including raptors, seabirds, and the effects of wind turbines on birds. He was a member of the British Ornithologists’ Union Records Committee from 2000 to 2006, and was Chairman for the last four years.

Dr Aditi Mukherji (2003) won the first Norman Borlaug Award for her work to eliminate hunger and poverty. The $10,000 Norman Borlaug Award for Field Research and Application recognizes exceptional, science-based achievement in international agriculture and food production by an individual under 40 who has clearly demonstrated intellectual courage, stamina, and determination in the fight to eliminate global hunger and poverty. Endowed by the Rockefeller Foundation, it was presented by the World Food Prize Foundation in October 2012.

Jane Reck (1981) was awarded the Royal Society Radio Prize 2012, from the Association of British Science Writers, for Hearing the Past, broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2011. It is given for the best scripted or edited radio programme or podcast.


John Ruff (1965) was appointed President of the Institute of Food Technologists, from 1 September 2012. The IFT is a non-profit scientific society for professionals engaged in food science, food technology, and related areas in industry, academia and government. John was formerly Senior Vice President of Kraft Foods.

John Snelling (1951) has donated a drawing of G K Chesterton to the American Chesterton Society, which has in turn given it to the Chesterton Society in Britain. The handovers took place at a Chesterton Society conference in Oxford. It is hoped that the drawing will hang in the new Chesterton Library associated with the Oxford Oratory. The drawing is by Sir James Gunn and was a preliminary sketch for his oil painting, Conversation Piece, which depicts Chesterton, Belloc and Maurice Baring and now belongs to the National Portrait Gallery; it was once the property of Hilaire Belloc.

Dean Spielmann (1989) was elected as Vice-President of the European Court of Human Rights in July 2012, for three years from 13 September. He has been President of the Fifth Section of the Court since February 2011.

Josh Summer (2008) is teaching French and Spanish at Radley School, Oxfordshire.

Andrew Titman (2000) is a Lecturer in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at Lancaster University.

Revd Dr Peter Waddell (1996) left his position as Chaplain at Sidney Sussex College to become the first Dean of Chapel at the University of Winchester, from 1 October 2012.

The Revd Professor Graham Ward (1976), Professor in Contextual Theology and Ethics at the University of Manchester, was appointed Regius Professor of Divinity and Canon of Christ Church in the University of Oxford from October 2012.

Andrew Wells (2001) is a Lecturer in Physical Climate Science at the University of Oxford.

John Willis (1965) was appointed Chairman of BAFTA, from 27 June 2012.

Josh Wrobel (2003) is a Senior Architect at AECOM in Rio. He is working on the 2016 Olympic Park.

Honours

2013 Queen’s Birthday Honours

David Reddaway CMG MBE (1972), HM Ambassador to Turkey, received a knighthood, for services to British diplomacy and furthering UK interests in Turkey

2013 Queen’s Police Medal

The Queen’s Police Medal for distinguished service was awarded to:

Francis Armstrong (2000), lately Assistant Commissioner, City of London Police;

Phil Gormley (2002), Chief Constable, Norfolk Police;

David Griffin (2000), Deputy Chief Constable, Humberside Police;

Mick Matthews (2003), Temporary Chief Constable, Gloucestershire Police;

Jackie Roberts (2003), Temporary Chief Constable, Dyfed Powys Police;

Peter Vaughan (2003), Chief Constable, South Wales Police.

Births, Marriages and Civil Partnerships

Megan Conway (2005) graduated PhD in Urban Planning from the University of Waterloo and got married on 16 June 2012. Dr Ranjan Vasudevan (2000) was in attendance.

Colin Cotter (1996) and his wife Rebecca became second-time parents with the arrival of Evan Daniel on 3 March 2012, a brother for Matilda Rachel.


Steffen Hennig (1996) and Caroline Hennig (née Dannell) (1995) met when they studied at Fitzwilliam. Later, they were married in a Registry Office in Germany. To celebrate their 10th Wedding Anniversary, they had a Wedding Blessing on 3 August 2013 in the College Chapel; Pastor Oliver Fischer of the German Church in Cambridge officiated.


Olubunni Legbe (2002) and Dr Peter Abe had a traditional Nigerian wedding on 12 July 2012 followed by a church wedding at Jesus House on Saturday 14 July with a reception in Chigwell. Xina Moss (2002) was among the guests.

Alex Markham (2004) married Florence Butler (New Hall 2006) on 12 August 2011 in Toft. There were many current and past Fitzwilliam faces, including Simon Page, Phil Harford, Richard Wheeler (all 2004). Donald Evans and Catherine Hanley (both 2006) in the wedding party and many more as guests (including all but one of the 2008 Mays 1st VIII). Fitz Barbershop entertained.

Caroline Marriage (1994) and Kevin Morgan (St Catharine’s) welcomed a son, Benjamin Jack Morgan, on 12 June 2011.

Dr Francisco Monteiro (2004) married Dr Fotini Hadjittofi (Newnham 2004) on 28 October 2010. Their first child, Adriana, was born on 21 September 2013.


Justin Roe (1990) and his wife, Melanie, welcomed their first child, John Robert Havelock, on 17 March 2012.


Lisa Saville-Young (2001) gave birth to her third child, Harry, on 19 November 2011, a brother for Adam (8) and Thomas (5). She is a senior lecturer at Rhodes University in Grahamstown, South Africa.

Stephen Smyth (1995) and his wife, Karine, had a third child, Emma, who was born on 17 March 2012 and welcomed by her elder brothers Alex and Matthew. The family live in London.

Dr Elina Vilar Beltrán (former Catalan Lector and Batista i Roca Fellow) gave birth to her first child, Gabriela, on 27 July 2012.

Simon Weinberg (2001) and his wife welcomed their first child, Sophia, on 28 December 2011.

FUNERAL-SERVICE ADDRESS

Norman St John Stevas

At the Funeral Service for Norman St John Stevas (1947) in March 2012, Lord Lamont (1961) gave the address.

‘Norman St John Stevas sometimes gave the impression that, like Oscar Wilde, he had put his genius into his life and his talent into his work. He was a Grade One Listed human being, known as a wit, a dandy and as a Catholic defender on TV of a Protestant monarchy, with brightly coloured shirts (Crushed Cardinal was his favourite colour). He was better known for all these things than as a politician or a scholar. In the world of politics, he was a macaw in the rookery.

‘The most important force in Norman’s life was his religion. He would have been very pleased that Cardinal Murphy O’Connor should be here today since he greatly liked and respected him. But he might mischievously have suggested, as Rex Mottram did in Brideshead Revisited when he married Julia, that a flock of Cardinals should be flown in to add some colour to the occasion.

‘Norman had a light-hearted manner but anyone who thought he was lightweight made a serious mistake. He had a powerful intellect and a dazzling academic career, winning almost every prize. And being who he was, there almost weren’t enough prizes for him. He had degrees, prizes and scholarships from Cambridge, Oxford and Yale. He lectured at Southampton, Kings College London, and returned as a tutor in Oxford. It was there he met his lifelong companion, Adrian Stanford, to whom he remained utterly devoted for the rest of his life.

‘He was the author of numerous books on issues like obscenity and the law, the law and morals, the right to life. And, of course, there was the monumental work that took thirty years to complete – editing fifteen volumes of the works of Bagehot.

‘In politics, Norman was a wet, a pro-Europe, anti-monetarist Conservative but with great affection for Mrs Thatcher. He was one of only two Shadow Cabinet Ministers to vote for her for Leader. Norman was an irreverent observer of politicians. I once described a conversation I’d had with Ted Heath to him. He replied “Ah, yes. Talking to Ted is rather like talking to someone in the room next door”. He had nicknames for everyone, Lady Thatcher was The Blessed One or The Leaderene. One Cabinet colleague was Caesar Augustus.

‘Norman had a reverence for history. His house in Preston Capes was full of pictures of Disraeli and Louis Napoleon. A glass case contained a pair of slippers from Pope Pio Nono, and a pair of Queen Victoria’s stockings hung on the wall. Outside on the lawn, peacocks strutted and were fed on British Railways cake. He travelled to and from the House in a white Rolls-Royce known as The Royce.

‘I once had an office in the Department of Trade and Industry on the top of the building in Victoria Street. Norman came to visit me there and I said to him, “From here you can see everything that matters in your life: Buckingham Palace, Westminster Cathedral and The Ritz”.

‘Norman was totally devoid of modesty, false or otherwise. On one occasion, someone accused him of being an incorrigible name-dropper. “How curious you say that”, he replied. “Her Majesty The Queen said just the same thing to me yesterday”.

‘On one occasion, he asked permission from the Prime Minister to leave a Cabinet Meeting early to attend a function. “But I am going to the same dinner”, Mrs Thatcher protested. “Ah, yes”, he said. “But it takes me longer to change”.

‘His first Ministerial appointment was as Minister of State for Education when he was also Minister for the Arts. In 1979, he became Leader of the House of Commons and again Minister of the Arts, and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster; he was delighted to discover the Duchy had its own flag.

‘It was then that he made a lasting impact on politics. He established the system of Departmental Select Committees, by which Parliament scrutinises each and every Government Department. The fact today that they are such a powerful, accepted part of the political landscape is Norman’s enduring legacy.

‘In his role as Arts Minister, he fought for his budget, made sure the British Library was started, and was the father of the Public Lending Right.

‘When the Prime Minister asked Norman to relinquish Cabinet Office, he was wounded but always remained loyal to the Prime Minister. He commented at this time, “People say you have to be nice to people on the way up because you might meet them on your way down, but on my way down I met people I never want to see again”.

‘He became a Life Peer and found a new life outside politics, in the arts. Most importantly, he became Chairman of the Royal Fine Arts Commission, the Government’s adviser on architecture and urban design. The role fitted him perfectly. He raised the profile of the Commission and there were some notable interventions. The Commission pronounced not just on buildings but also on underground stations, telephone boxes and the design for a new...
passport. The Commission under Norman had a powerful effect in improving architectural standards.

'Norman became Master of Emmanuel College Cambridge. Again, he raised the profile of the College, not least in House and Garden and Hello magazine. He raised money and there was a notable new extension, The Queen’s Building, the foundation stone of which was laid by Princess Diana, the Princess of Wales.

'Norman was probably best known to the public as a Royal Crisis Commentator and frequently confided to viewers the personal views of the Princess of Wales or, indeed, of Her Majesty. The nature of his acquaintanceship with the Royal Family was not always clear. But he was a great friend of Princess Margaret. His aim was to help the Monarchy. The Queen can do no wrong was, for him, more than a mere legal maxim. But Norman was not just a friend of Royals. He had a genius for making and keeping friends. A less publicized side of his character was that he was always a ready listener with wise advice for friends.

'Norman would sometimes go to extraordinary lengths. I remember in 1979, when Lady Thatcher was forming her first administration, I, like many MPs was sitting anxiously by my phone. It didn’t ring. By six o’clock, when most appointments had been announced, I had finally decided I had better give up. Then the phone made a very strange sound. Not a ring, so much, as a crackle. I rushed to the phone. Then I heard Norman’s voice saying “only a genius like you could have your phone out of order on a day like this. I had to come through the engineers to contact you. Ring the Prime Minister immediately.”

'Norman once complained, “Because I am burdened with a capacity for wit, people have sometimes had the impression that I am not serious in my approach. Nothing could be further from the truth”. Norman was no mere flâneur or boulevardier. He was a man of deep faith, integrity and high seriousness. But he added to the gaiety with a capacity for wit, people have sometimes had the impression that I am not serious in my approach. Nothing could be further from the truth”.

IN MEMORIAM

Fellows and Senior Members

PROFESSOR ROBERT PATTON FERRIER

Bob Ferrier was one of the early Fellows of Fitzwilliam, elected in 1965, when he was a Senior Assistant in Research in the Department of Physics. He was born on 4 January 1934 in Dundee, and was educated at Morgan Academy, Dundee and the University of St Andrews. After two years at the Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell and a year at MIT, he came to the Cavendish Laboratory in 1962, becoming an Assistant Director of Research in 1965 and a Lecturer in Physics in 1971. While spending a year’s sabbatical at the IBM Research Division in California in 1972–73, he was elected to the Chair of Natural Philosophy at Glasgow University, where he remained until retirement in 2002. As a physicist his interest lay in the structure of inorganic materials, and innovatively he used the new techniques of electron microscopy, and also established multi-disciplinary research with colleagues in electrical engineering, physiology and chemistry. Within the University of Glasgow he played a major role on several University Committees, as well as being Head of the Department of Physics and Astronomy in the 1990s; he also chaired the Semiconductor and Surface Physics Sub-Committee of the Science and Engineering Research Council, 1979–82. His scientific distinction was recognised by his election to a Fellowship of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. In the early days of Fitzwilliam’s new collegiate status he was one of the most welcoming of Fellows, with a cheerful personality; and he sustained this sociability in Glasgow. He died on 30 September 2012.

DR KENNETH ALAN JOSEY

Ken Joysey was born on 4 August 1928, and was educated at University College, London, reading Geology with subsidiary Zoology and graduating in 1949. He did research in Palaeontology and was awarded a PhD by the University of London in 1952. During his national service (1953–55) he was commissioned in the Royal Engineers and lectured on Geology and Chemistry at the Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham. Ken was appointed Assistant Curator in the Museum of Zoology at Cambridge in 1955, and from 1961 he was involved in the detailed planning of the new Museum, which became a ‘state-of-the-art’ museum in the modern style. In 1966, Ken was elected to a Fellowship and appointed a Tutor at Fitzwilliam. He rapidly became a well-respected member of the Fellowship, popular with students and Fellows alike. His undergraduates found his teaching inspiring, but fewer were aware of the great care he took with difficult pastoral problems. Within the new College’s Governing Body, he was always a source of quiet wisdom. His appointment as Strickland Curator and Director of the Museum of Geology in 1970 meant that he was unable to continue with his Tutorship, but, as well as teaching for the College, he undertook various temporary posts from time to time. As well as the administration of the Museum, he developed his own research in the evolution of mammals, and was awarded an ScD by the University in 1984. He was much in demand as a speaker at international conferences. Upon his retirement from the Museum of Zoology in 1995, he became a Life Fellow of the College. Ken was a distinguished scholar, but was always the most unassuming of men. Few who met him for the first time would have realised the extent of his achievements, unless they talked to him long enough to appreciate his irrepressible enthusiasm for his subject. He died on 25 November 2012.

PROFESSOR HARRY STEPHEN MARGOLIUS

Harry Margolius was born on 29 January 1939 in Albany, New York, and was educated at Albany College of Pharmacy, Albany College of Union University, and the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. He became a pharmacology research associate and later senior clinical investigator at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute of the National Institute of Health until 1974, during which time he made significant discoveries about the causes of high blood pressure. Margolius had a thirty-year career as Professor of Pharmacology and Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, during which he became internationally renowned. In 1980–81 he was a Visiting Scholar in
Cambridge, and was invited to Fitzwilliam as a Visiting Fellow in the Easter Term 1996, where he was a very congenial addition. He had a long and courageous battle with illness and died on 17 June 2012.

**The Rt Hon the Lord St John of Fawsley (1947) (Norman St John Stevas)**

Norman St John-Stevas was born in London on 18 May 1929, and was educated at Ratcliffe College. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1947 to read Law, and was awarded a Clothworkers’ Exhibition in 1948. As an undergraduate he revived the Fitzwilliam Law Society and was President of the Union and Chairman of the University Conservative Association in the Easter Term 1950. He gained a First in Part II Law and was awarded the J W Whitlock prize in Fitzwilliam and the Blackstone Prize in the University. After graduation he took a BCL at Christ Church, Oxford in 1954, having meanwhile become a barrister of the Middle Temple in 1952. In that year he was appointed to a Lectureship in Law at Southampton, and a year later at King’s College, London, where he remained until 1956, tutoring at Christ Church at weekends. Having secured a PhD at London in 1957 on the early writings of Walter Bagehot, he used a Fulbright Award in that year to spend a year at Yale Law School. His most enduring scholarly achievement was his 30-volume edition of the works of Bagehot, which he was invited to do by the editor of The Economist (the paper Bagehot edited), in return for a weekly political comment column in 1959. However, his real ambition was parliament – he had stood as a Conservative candidate in Dagenham in 1951. He had to wait until the 1964 election, when he was elected MP for Chelmsford; but found himself in opposition. Margaret Thatcher made him Minister for the Arts and Leader of the House of Commons, where he developed the Select Committee system as one of the most effective ways of challenging the executive. (His College Foundation Lecture in 1993 was on this subject.) He fell out of favour in 1981, but was made a Life Peer in 1987, and Chairman of the Royal Fine Art Commission in 1985, retaining the position despite criticisms until 1999. Emmanuel College, to the surprise of many, elected him as Master in 1991; and Fitzwilliam made him an Honorary Fellow at the same time. He had been President of the Fitzwilliam Society in 1968–69. During his time as an overseas student who came straight from school. After graduating in Economics in 1948, he stayed on to do Part II of the Law Tripos in 1949 and the LLB in 1950. He was called to the Bar at Gray’s Inn, and returned to Fitzwilliam as a Visiting Scholar from Westminster College in 1971–72. After retirement in 1990 he published two novels, as well as continuing to enjoy tennis and playing the banjo in the University’s Dixieland Jazz Band. He died on 3 November 2011.

**Professor John Irvine Ades**

Jack Ades was born on 14 July 1925 and was educated at Johns Hopkins University and the University of Cincinnati. A life-long Presbyterian, he taught English and biblical studies for thirty-two years at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, where he was chairman of the English Faculty. He came to Fitzwilliam as a Visiting Scholar from Westminster College in 1971–72. After retirement in 1990 he published two novels, as well as continuing to enjoy tennis and playing the banjo in the University’s Dixieland Jazz Band. He died on 3 November 2011.

**Chief Emmanuel Chikere Akwiwu (1945)**

Emmanuel Akwiwu was born on 23 July 1926 in Port Harcourt, Nigeria, and was educated at the Okrika Grammar School, Okrika. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1945 to read Economics, being relatively unusual at that time as an overseas student who came straight from school. After graduating in Economics in 1948, he stayed on to do Part II of the Law Tripos in 1949 and the LLB in 1950. He was called to the Bar at Gray’s Inn, and returned to Nigeria in 1951, where he became a member of the House of Representatives (1954–64), serving as Deputy-President and finally President of the University. He continued to teach in retirement until prevented by illness; he died in the summer of 2010.

**Miss Thelma Mary Thatcher**

Mary Thatcher was the daughter of Censor William Thatcher. She was born in December 1922 and was a student at Girton College from 1942 to 1945, where she read English, and Archaeology and Anthropology. Because of her specialist interest in India and her professional training, she was appointed Archivist of the South Asian Studies Centre in the 1960s, retiring in 1983. She published a listing of the Centre’s archives in three volumes between 1973 and 1983, as well as a book on British women in India, and an anthology of their writings, Reprinted Memuahls, based on material she had painstakingly collected over twenty years from families who had worked in the Raj. She was invited to become the first Archivist of Fitzwilliam in 1985, as well as a Patron of the 1985 Appeal. Her cataloguing of the surviving archives of the old House has been invaluable. On her retirement as Archivist in 1992, she was made a Senior Member of the College, at first annually and for life from 2003. Mary was an intensely loyal and generous friend of Fitzwilliam and a significant link with its past. She died on 12 October 2011.

**Members**

**Sheikh Ahmad Muhammed Ibrahim Al-Assal (1965)**

Ahmad Al-Assal was born on 14 May 1928 at El-Gharbiya in the United Arab Emirates, and was educated at Al-Azhar University and the Higher Arab Studies Institute in Cairo. He joined the Muslim Brotherhood while a student in Egypt, was arrested and beaten several times and consequently found it difficult to find stable employment. Thus he moved to Qatar in the 1960s to teach in a high school, as well as continuing to give sermons and lectures in the mosques. In 1965 he came to Fitzwilliam to do research in Islamic Studies on Asceticism in Early Islam with reference to the work of Ibn Al-Mubarak, and he was awarded his PhD in 1969. He went to Saudi Arabia to teach in universities there, eventually becoming Head of the Department of Islamic Culture at the School of Education in King Saud University. In the 1980s he moved to the International Islamic University in Islamabad, Pakistan, in time becoming Deputy-President and finally President of the University. He continued to teach in retirement until prevented by illness; he died in the summer of 2010.
Howard Anderson (1967)

Howard Anderson was born on 16 August 1947 in Wanstead, and was educated at Kingswood School, Bath. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1967 to read Economics, after a brief period doing voluntary work in Israel with the United Nations; and changed after Part I to read Moral Sciences, Part II, graduating in 1970. As a student he became Chairman of the Cambridge University branch of the United Nations Association, which was then almost the largest student society in the University. He obtained a job as a trainee journalist on the Leicester Mercury, and moved to the BBC in 1974 via LBC radio in London. Working at first on Breakfast Time, he made his name on Newsnight, before making his greatest impact as editor of The Parliament Programme on Channel 4. Anderson had been a campaigner for the televising of parliament, and from 1988 to 1993 he had the opportunity to make it come alive, almost despite the parliamentarians. This part of his career led to his being described as ‘one of the most colourful characters to work in news and current affairs’ in British television in the 1980s and 1990s. Then he set up his own company, Alpha, and made a wide range of documentary films. Anderson’s left-wing views were always offset by a delightful sense of humour and self-deprecation. After describing one programme he was making, hosted by Sir David Frost and Des Lynam, he added, ‘I feel like a particularly fragile flower stuck between two dinosaurs’. Sadly, he developed motor neurone disease, which he bore with great courage, but died on 18 March 2012.

The Revd William John Andrews (1959)

William Andrews was born on 5 December 1936 in Abingdon, and was educated at Penzance County Grammar School, Devonport High School and the University College of North Staffordshire. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1959 as a student at Wesley House to read Theology, graduating in 1961. However, he found time to row for the College, and took part in the Over-60s Row at the 2004 Reunion. After ordination he served in two Lincolnshire circuits, enjoyed a ministerial exchange in South Dakota, and then served in Bath and Cardiff, concluding his ministry in the Harrow Circuit, 1987–99. He retired to Hemel Hempstead, where he remained active until shortly before his death on 26 October 2011.

Bernard Francis Atherton (1947)

Bernarr Atherton was born on 30 July 1922 in Carmarthen and was educated at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Carmarthen and the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth. During the War he worked on radar at the Telecommunications Research Establishment in Malvern. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1947 to read Part II Moral Sciences, graduating in 1949 before completing a Post-Graduate Certificate in Education in 1950. Then he went to Singapore as an educational missionary, where he became Headmaster of the Kuo Chuan Secondary School in the 1950s. The high esteem in which he was held is indicated by the fact that a memorial service was held for him there after his death. On his return to England he gained an MSc at Swansea, and was head of department in Physics at several London schools, before becoming Head of three schools in Surrey in succession. After retirement he worked for a time for Christian Aid in Brixton and then returned to Wales. Here he was a voluntary secretary for the Churches’ Commission for Overseas Students Hardship Fund. He died on 27 September 2011.

The Revd Bevan Bird (1957)

Bevan Bird was born on 19 January 1936 in Llithney, near Royston, and was educated at the Cambriidgeshire High School for Boys. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1957 as a student at Cheshunt College to read Theology, graduating in 1960. After a two-year student pastorate at Fowlmere, he was ordained at Edward Street Congregational Church, Dunstable in 1962, but it became necessary for him to find alternative full-time employment. He went into the Special Needs department of a local school, and eventually became Special Needs Co-ordinator. Edward Street church invited him to undertake an oversight ministry, which he accepted alongside his teaching post. After a heart attack in 2000 he retired but continued to preach as opportunity offered until his death on 11 June 2011.

Brian Colin Box (1952)

Brian Box was born on 2 July 1932 in Leatherhead, and was educated at Eltham College, London. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1952 to read Medicine, but withdrew in 1953, and went into the Royal Artillery to do national service, finishing in February 1954. In retirement in Aynho near Banbury, he was a keen member of the local history society. He died on 18 April 2009.

Paul Timothy Coleman Brooks (1972)

Paul Coleman was born at Thornton Heath, Surrey on 5 October 1953, and was educated at Tudor Grange Grammar School, Solihull and Purley High School for Boys. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1972 to read Economics and graduated in 1975. After qualifying as a Chartered Accountant with Peat, Marwick and Mitchell in 1978, he spent several years working for ICI’s plastics division in Brussels and as chief financial officer of GKN’s industrial services division in the USA. Dyno-Rod asked him to establish a new business in California, which became a second home. In 1994 he joined the car distributor, Incape, as marketing services finance director, based in Singapore; and then moved to Great Universal Stores in 2001 as head of finance at Experian, which became a separate company in 2006, with Brooks as Global Chief Finance Officer. He died suddenly in California on 6 January 2012, and was described by the Chairman as ‘a great friend, a talented colleague and an inspirational leader’.

Michael Douglas Burton-Stepan (1965)

Michael Steppe (later Burton-Stepan) was born on 11 May 1946 in Epsom, and was educated at Midhurst Grammar School. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1965 to read Modern Languages, graduating in 1968. After doing a PGCE in Bristol, he took a post at Millfield School, Somerset, where he taught for four years. Then he moved to Lincolnshire, where he taught for thirty years and was Head of Modern Languages at John Leggott College, Scunthorpe. In retirement he taught briefly at King Edward VI Grammar School, Louth, and Culford School, Bury St Edmund’s. After his wife’s death he moved to Cambridge, and bought a house near Fitzwilliam. Whilst on the Camino to Santiago de Compostela pilgrimage to raise money for...
the charities which had cared for his wife, Maggie, in her final illness, he died of a heart attack in Ponferrada on 24 July 2012, having completed more than three-quarters of the 500 mile walk.

**The Revd Dr Frederick Stuart Clarke (1953)**
Fred Clarke was born on 2 September 1930 in Mexborough, Yorkshire, and was educated at Chesterfield Grammar School and Worcester College, Oxford. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1953 as a student at Wesley House to read Theology. After graduation in 1955 he served in the Carlisle, Nottingham North, Glasgow, Stoke-on-Trent, Bradford and Newark circuits. While at Newark he studied part-time for a PhD at Nottingham University. From September 1984 he taught at the Sierra Leone Theological Hall and Church Training Institute; and then completed his service in more English circuits. In retirement he returned to Chesterfield, whose football club he had supported since childhood. He died on 27 July 2012.

**Richard John Collier (1976)**
Richard Collier was born on 22 October 1956 in Wakefield, and was educated at the Gateway School, Leicester. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1976 to read Economics. At the end of his first year he changed to Land Economy. He also played regularly for the College Soccer 2nd XI, when they won the Inter-College Plate competition. After graduation he went into financial management. He died on 1 May 2009.

**The Revd Richard John Massie Collins (1937)**
Richard Collins was born on 3 July 1916 in Croydon, and was educated at Dean Close School, Cheltenham. He came to Fitzwilliam as an Affiliated Student in 1954 to read History and Theology, graduating in 1940. He remained at Cheshunt for a further two years before being ordained in 1942 as minister of Wyken Congregational Church, Coventry – a church for the building of which he was responsible and where he stayed until 1972. Collins was active in local ecumenical life and was Vice-Chairman of the Joint Council for the Christian Service Centre and the Chapel of Unity of Coventry Cathedral from 1961 to 1971. He was Chairman of the Warwickshire Congregational Union (1965–66) and President of the local Free Church Federal Council (1970–72). In retirement he chaired the family business, H H Collins (Broadway), founded in 1900 to manufacture fresh pork products for prestige markets such as Harrods of London, and also ran the Collins Charitable Trust, which was generous to the College for the last twenty years. Collins was a regular figure at the Annual Reunion. He died on 5 April 2012.

**John William Collinson (1960)**
John Collinson was born on 11 June 1940 in Bromley, and was educated at Kingswood School, Bath. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1960 to read Economics. After graduating in 1963, he was able to take advantage of a new scheme for training hospital administrators, beginning at Bedford General Hospital, moving to King’s College Hospital Dental School, and from there to be Deputy House Governor, King’s College Hospital, London, in 1976, and House Governor and Secretary to the Board of Governors in 1972. Later he became District Administrator for the King’s College Health District, and then General Manager of the Camberwell Health Authority. In 1996 he became Director of the King’s College Hospital Charity and was the driving force behind the formation of the Association of Health Service Charities, of which he became executive vice-chairman of the Association of NHS Charities. For this work he was made a Fellow of King’s College, London in 2004. In the New Year Honours for 2011 he was appointed OBE for services to the NHS. He died on 13 July 2012.

**The Revd Professor Calvin Wight Cook (1947)**
Calvin Cook was born on 8 March 1927 in Shanghai, and was educated at the China Inland Mission Boys’ School in Chefoo, Northern China, and Rhodes University College, Grahamstown, South Africa. His father was in the Merchant Navy and was interned by the Japanese after Pearl Harbour, eventually being exchanged for a Japanese naval attaché; and the family was reunited in Lorenço Marques (now Maputo) – which is why he went to Rhodes University. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1947 to read Theology (specialising in Church History) as a student at Westminster College, playing hockey and rowing for Fitzwilliam. After graduating in 1949 three years at Princeton followed, from which he gained a DTh and a wife. He returned to South Africa in 1953, and served as an assistant minister in Pretoria and then as minister in Pietermaritzburg. In 1964 Cook was appointed to the Department of Religious Studies at Witwatersrand University, and in 1970 as Professor of Ecclesiastical History at Rhodes University. Subsequently he was Dean of Divinity and Head of Department, eventually retiring in 1990. He was Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Southern Africa in 1975–76, and actively involved in the anti-apartheid struggle by means of the Christian Institute (he chaired the Board of Management), the Message to the People of South Africa in 1968 and Africa Enterprise, an ecumenical evangelism group. In 1991 Cook retired to Hilton, between Pietermaritzburg and Howick, and remained active until limited by failing eyesight. He died on 23 December 2011.

**Jitin Chotubhai Desai (1954)**
Jitin Desai was born on 13 September 1931 in Bombay, and was educated at The Cathedral and John Connon School, Wilson College, and the Government Law College, Bombay. He came to Fitzwilliam as an Affiliated Student in 1954 to read Economics, graduating in 1956. During this time he was also a student at Lincoln’s Inn, and on his return to India he began to practise as an advocate in the High Court. He also was for two terms a Professor of Economics and History in the Arts and Science College at Bulsar. His subsequent posts were with Burmah Shell Company, the Gujarat State Fertiliser Company (as Sales Manager) and Lloyd Industries. In retirement he lived in Vadodara, Gujarat, where he was able to enjoy his relaxations of travelling, reading and writing short stories, preferably smoking one of his collection of pipes. He died on 7 December 2003.

**Professor Shreekant Nageshrag Deshpande (1974)**
Shreekant Deshpande was born on 25 June 1929 in India, and was educated at Bombay and Karnataka Universities. After doing a postgraduate Diploma at the Central Food Manufacture fresh pork products for prestige markets such as Harrods of London, and also ran the Collins Charitable Trust, which was generous to the College for the last twenty years. Collins was a regular figure at the Annual Reunion. He died on 5 April 2012.
Technological Research Institute in Mysore, he moved to the USA and did an MSc and a PhD in Food Science and Technology at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. Having worked at the Puerto Rico Nuclear Center of the University of Puerto Rico for some years, he came to Fitzwilliam in 1974 to work for an MSc in a different area of Chemistry. His house in Puerto Rico was badly damaged by Hurricane Eloise and the subsequent flood in 1975, and he was unable to complete his degree. Subsequently he became a Professor in the University of Puerto Rico, and then retired to Ames, Iowa. He died on 15 March 2009.

**John Barry Earnshaw (1956)**

John Earnshaw was born on 4 February 1935 in Huddersfield, and was educated at Almondbury Grammar School and Leeds University, where he gained first-class honours in Geography. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1956 to do a Post-Graduate Certificate in Education. His first teaching post was at William Hulme’s Grammar School, Manchester teaching geography and geology; he was a Fellow of the Geological Society and an FRSA. The majority of his career was spent in educational administration first with Cornwall and Wiltshire County Councils, then as Education Officer for Schools in Essex from 1970, and finally as Deputy Chief Education Officer for Lancashire from 1980 to 1992. He was a great traveller and visited every continent except Antarctica; he walked all 214 of Wainwright’s Lakeland fells. In retirement in Longridge, Lancashire, he reinvigorated the local History Society, and encouraged a book by members for the millennium, Longridge, the Way We Were. In 2000 he launched the Longridge Partnership Action Group to regenerate the Ribble Valley and its market towns. He planted a wood of 1,200 broad-leaf trees in two acres of his home. In 2009 he and his wife moved to Buckinghamshire and he died on 15 November 2011. His friend, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Edgehill University, said that he excelled in all areas of life.

**Professor Alexander Fenton, CBE (1951)**

Sandy Fenton was born on 26 February 1920 in Shotts, Lanarkshire, and was educated at Turriff Academy and Aberdeen University. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1951 as an Affiliated Student to read Archaeology and Anthropology, during which time he won the Hirst-Player Bursary and also a half-blue for the half-mile. A competent linguist, he spoke Scots at home and a dozen or more other languages. After graduating in 1953, he had to do national service and, though accepted for research, did not return. He was appointed in 1955 as senior assistant editor on the Scottish National Dictionary, and soon was appointed an assistant keeper at the National Museum of Antiquities. His initiative led to the collection of rural artefacts from a vanishing Scottish agriculture as mechanisation took hold, which was eventually housed by the Scottish Country Life Museum Trust. By now he had become Director of the Museum of Antiquities, and when it became part of the National Museums of Scotland, he became Research Director. In 1990 he was appointed Professor of Scottish Ethnology at the University of Edinburgh, and Director of the School of Scottish Studies; latterly he was director of the European Ethnological Research Centre, which published a series of major works on Scottish life and society. Fenton’s own literary output was described as prodigious, and books were piled high in his front room at home. He had been appointed CBE in 1986, was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, and held several international honours. Despite increasing frailty, he worked until he died on 9 May 2012.

**John Lacon Fleming (1959)**

John Fleming was born on 22 June 1938 in Trinidad, West Indies, and was educated at the King’s School, Chester. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1959 to read Natural Sciences, changing to Chemical Engineering after Part I and graduating in 1963. In 1966 he left for the USA as a freelance engineer and held positions with several different companies. He later returned to Britain and died in Lancaster on 7 February 2012.

**Karol Josef Maria Godlewski (1945)**

Karol Godlewski was born on 3 July 1921 in Narzym, Poland and educated at the Lyceum Bydgoszcz, Poland and the Polish Lyceum, Paris. During the War he served in the 3rd Polish Artillery Regiment. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1945 to read Agriculture, and was Captain of Boats in his final year. After graduating he spent three years at the National Institute of Agricultural Engineering near Bedford, then obtained a post with Massey Ferguson, travelling widely as an international representative for them. In retirement he bought an estate at Barry’s Bay just south of the Alonquin Provincial Park in Ontario, Canada. There he set in order a remarkable family collection of sixteenth-century and seventeenth-century Renaissance texts in Polish editions, together with a range of Polish books, manuscripts and prints extending to 1900, previously belonging to his maternal uncle, Count Czapski, a diplomat in the service of the Tsar, who spent much of his life in Rome. Godlewski presented this collection to the Thomas Fisher Rare Books Library at the University of Toronto in 2001. He died on 8 April 2008.

**Group Captain Richard Derek Gommo (1954)**

Richard Gommo was born on 14 June 1934 in Halton, Bucks, and was educated at Newton Abbot Grammar School and Queen Elizabeth’s School, Credenhill. He joined the RAF as a Technical Cadet before coming to Fitzwilliam in 1954 to read Mechanical Sciences, graduating in 1957. The remainder of his career was spent in the RAF, including flying Victors as an Air Electronics Officer, working on the Phantom and Tornado projects, and being Senior Engineering Officer at RAF Bruggen in Germany during the Cold War. Eventually he became Deputy Director in the Ministry of Defence with the rank of Group Captain. He retired in 1981 and developed his interest in philately into a small business for several years. He died on 29 April 2012 from complications following back surgery.

**John Herbert William Hannant (1948)**

John Hannant was born on 4 May 1926 in Hackbridge, Surrey, and was educated at Whitchurch School, Crowdon. In 1944, after matriculating at Trinity, he joined the Army and was commissioned in the Royal Engineers, serving in India until demobilisation in 1947. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1948 to read Estate Management, graduating in 1950. He joined a London firm of Chartered Surveyors for three years. In 1956
he became Rating and Valuation adviser to BP, and in 1952 became Controller of Property for the Fatstock Marketing Corporation. He was President of the Fitzwilliam Society in 1966–67. Later he emigrated to Johannesburg, South Africa, where he died of Parkinson’s Disease on 1 December 2010.

ROBERT STAFFORD HARDING (1980)
Robert Harding was born on 5 November 1960 in Newport, and was educated at Colston’s School, Bristol. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1980 to read Engineering, where he was particularly interested in electronic problems. He was also a competent musician, and a keen camper and cyclist. His subsequent career was in electronic engineering. He died on 7 July 2011.

THE REV GORDON EWART HARRIS (1950)
Gordon Harris was born on 4 March 1929 in Battersea, and was educated at Tollington Boys’ School, Muswell Hill and Queen Mary College, University of London. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1950 as a student at Westminster College to read Theology, graduating in 1952. In 1951 he became a member of the British Association of Psychotherapists, as a Jungian Analyst. After ordination in 1954 he served churches at Pelaw and Kenton on Tyneside and in 1962 moved to Stepney, one of the oldest Presbyterian churches in England, followed by 28 years at another 1662 church, Aston Tirrold, Oxfordshire from 1967 until his retirement in 1995, when he moved to Wallingford. He died on 25 June 2012.

THOMAS ALMOND HINDLE (1952)
Tom Hindle was born on 14 October 1933 in Blackburn, and was educated at Morecambe Grammar School. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1952 to read Modern Languages, graduating in 1956 after spending his third year teaching English to French children in Algeria. National service followed in the Royal Signal Corps in Krefeld and Düsseldorf. He did a one-year course at Oxford in Personnel Management, and worked for Moët & Chandon in France, Bison Concrete in Leeds and Coates Brothers (manufacturers of specialty inks) in Machen, South Wales. In 1956 he went to the National Prices and Incomes Board in London, where he stayed for three years, before joining Bowyers, the pork-pie and sausage manufacturers, as Personnel Director. Eventually he became Managing Director and the family bought a house in Bath. In the mid-1970s he bought his own company, a wrought-iron forge in Wells, which he built up into a national manufacturer of fire baskets and garden furniture, semi-retiring in 1984. He died quite suddenly on 20 May 2012, a few months before his golden wedding anniversary.

THE REV JOHN WILLIAM LIONEL HOAD (1952)
John Hoad was born on 1 November 1927 in Barbados, and educated at Harrison College, Barbados, the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture, Trinidad and Cliff College, Calver, Derbyshire. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1952 as a student at Wesley House to read Theology. After graduating he returned to the West Indies, first as a minister in Guyana and then from 1962 in Jamaica, where he hosted Dr Martin Luther King Jr’s visit. In 1972 he went to the USA to study for a PhD in Pastoral Counselling from Princeton Theological Seminary. During that time or just after his theological views must have undergone a change, because he was a Leader of the Ethical Society of St Louis from 1980 to 1994, and for six years he was minister at Alton Unitarian Church and Emerson Unitarian Church, while working with Provident Counseling. He and his wife retired to Charleston, South Carolina, where he assisted his wife in a similar organisation. He died on 27 May 2011.

THE REV WILLIAM DONALD HORTON (1951)
Bill Horton was born on 12 November 1928 in Tottenham, and was educated at Southgate County Grammar School, and King’s College, University of London. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1951 as a student at Wesley House to read Theology, graduating in 1953. His first ministry was in the Bury St Edmund’s circuit, and he subsequently served in the Central London Mission, Guernsey and Alderney, Bury St Edmonds, Sevenoaks and Bristol (Clifton and Redland) circuits. While superintendent at Sevenoaks he was also Connexional Candidates’ Secretary, and began to contribute sermons to the Expository Times, as well as articles on pastoral practice, which were subsequently re-published in two short books. Horton’s last appointment was as Tutor in Practical Theology and Methodism at Wesley College, Bristol from 1987 to 1993. He retired to Bury St Edmund’s, where he shared in circuit life and was ecumenical chaplain at the Cathedral. He died on 20 May 2012.

THE REV JOHN JAMES BIRCHALL HUDSON (1945)
John Hudson was born on 17 November 1918 in Nelson, Lancashire, and was educated at Kingswood School and Manchester University. As a conscientious objector during the War he was first directed into land work, and then subsequently allowed to work under the direction of the Methodist Conference, serving in Fleetwood, and Presteigne and Kington. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1945 as a student at Wesley House to read Theology. After ordination in 1946, he was appointed to serve in the Chorley circuit, followed by Radcliffe, Coventry, Nottingham South, Coalville, Leicester South East and Romford, being superintendent in three of them. He retired in 1984 to Kent, where he remained active in his retirement. He died on 26 March 2012, just short of 94.

DR IAN ALEXANDER KINNES (1963)
Ian Kinnes was born on 10 August 1944 in Pickering, Yorkshire, and was educated at Lady Lumley’s School, Pickering. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1963 to read Archaeology and Anthropology, graduating in 1966. Staying on as a research student, he secured a PhD in 1974 on Neolithic Burial Practices in England and Wales. In the same year he was appointed Assistant Keeper in the Department of Prehistoric and Romano-British Antiquities at the British Museum. He rapidly acquired a reputation for his encyclopaedic knowledge of the subject and published two major works in 1979 and 1992. Kinnes’s work pre-dated the regular use of radio-carbon dating, but was based rather on relative chronologies of particular objects. He initiated the Museum’s Beaker Dating Programme, which showed that none of the existing typologies had much chronological coherence. In particular his study of Peterborough Ware defined Middle Neolithic as a distinct
Ron Lorimer was born on 10 October 1931 in Edenbridge, Kent, and was educated at Judd School, Tonbridge. After National Service he came to Fitzwilliam in 1952 to read Geography, graduating in 1955. He edited the Fitzwilliam Magazine in 1954–55, as well as rowing for Fitzwilliam. After graduation he went to Pembroke College, Oxford to do a PGCE; was awarded a Rotary International Scholarship for 1956–57, which enabled him to visit the USA in order to study at the Geography Department of the University of Wisconsin at Madison, during which time he travelled extensively. He went into teaching, first at Woolverstone Hall, a London County Council boarding school near Ipswich, and then at Christ’s Hospital, another boarding school for London boys. Here he became a Housemaster in 1968, and in time joint Head of Department, retiring in 1996. The stories of respect and affection from his former pupils, which flooded the internet after his death, testified to his skill as a teacher; they also showed his readiness to break with tradition, like not wearing a jacket for lunch. He enjoyed singing and was committed to the School Chapel, and the Church generally. Although he was very proud of having become a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, seemingly it did not improve his navigational skills in unknown territory. He died on 14 April 2012 after a long illness.

The Revd Ian Michael Mallard (1952)

Ian Mallard was born on 9 December 1952 at Crewkerne, Somerset, and was educated at Crewkerne School. After national service in the RAF (during which time he became a pacifist and joined the Fellowship of Reconciliation), and positions in Lowestoft, Ipswich and Leicester, he came to Fitzwilliam in 1952 as a student at Cheshunt College to read Theology, graduating in 1955. He was ordained into the Baptist ministry in 1957 and served in Brockley, Broadclyst and Thorverton (Devon), Preston (Paiington), St George (Bristol), Castle Bromwich, Twerton (Bath), and Watchet and Stogumber (Somerset). After retiring in 1994 he continued to preach regularly in Methodist and United Reformed churches as well as Baptist. He was President of the Baptist Peace Fellowship for several years. After a brief illness he died on 21 July 2007.

Patrick William Russell Masefield, OBE (1962)

Paddy Masefield was born on 17 September 1942 in Kampala, Uganda and was educated at Repton School. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1962 to read Archaeology and Anthropology, but had to degrade for two terms because of glandular fever. However, on his return he became active in Fitz Theatre, played soccer regularly and was General Secretary of the Amalgamated Clubs in 1965–66, and a founder member of the University’s Student Representative Council. In co-operation with the University African Society he produced two African plays (The Masquerade by John Pepper Clark, and The Trials of Brother Jero by Wole Soyinka) for the Marlowe Society, and in the following year he assisted with the ADC production of Soyinka’s The Lion and the Jewel. In 1967 Masefield became drama, film and literature officer for the North-East Arts Association, and two years later founded Stagecoach Young People’s Theatre, which toured nationally. He wrote plays and spent five years at the Swan Theatre, Worcester (1977–82); but by now he was an international figure working in both Holland and the USSR, as well as undertaking a number of Arts consultancy commissions. When he developed a severe form of ME in 1986 and had to use a wheelchair for the rest of his life, he became a campaigner for disabled people in the arts, chairing an Arts Council initiative in this area from 1994 to 1998. He was appointed OBE for services to the arts in 1996. After the diagnosis of cancer with six months to live in 2002, his colleagues created the Paddy Masefield award for ‘outstanding communication through art by a disabled person’. However he lived longer and died on 13 July 2012.

The Revd Canon Peter Robert Oades (1946)

Peter Oades was born on 24 February 1924 in Salisbury, and was educated at the Cathedral School, Salisbury and King’s School, Worcester. After War service in the Royal Navy first as a telegraphist and later as a Sub-Lieutenant (Executive Special Branch), RNVR in Aden and finally in the Admiralty, he came to Fitzwilliam in 1946 to read Modern Languages, with the intention of subsequently reading Engineering Studies. He secured a BA by counting consultancy commissions. When he developed a severe illness he died on 21 July 2007.
reading for ordination. He changed to Theology after a year and graduated in 1947. He coxed the Rugby Boat in the Bumps and was a founder member of the Billygoats Society. After doing a PGCE in 1947–48, he went to teach at the Alliance High School in Kikuyu, Kenya in 1951. On his return to England he worked in Crawley, was a Deputy Head in Bognor Regis and Headmaster of the Bourne School, Southbourne. He was ordained in 1967 in the diocese of Salisbury, first as Chaplain to the Cathedral School he had attended as a boy and as a Vicar Choral at the Cathedral, and then he served several parishes, becoming a Canon and Prebendary of the Cathedral in 1985. After retirement in 1989 he moved to Fordingbridge and was active in the parish. He died on 22 March 2012.

**His Honour Judge Benjamin Page Pearson (1957)**

Benjamin Pearson was born on 4 February 1938 in Southend-on-Sea, and was educated at the Skinners’ School, Tunbridge Wells. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1957 to read History, graduating in 1960. In 1963 he began training as a solicitor and took the requisite Law Society examinations, eventually becoming a partner in a legal practice in King’s Lynn. He was appointed as a Recorder on the South Eastern Circuit in March 1993 – one of the few solicitors in the list – and was later assigned to Chelmsford Crown Court. He died in 2004.

**John Thomas Pinion (1934)**

John Pinion was born on 14 March 1916 at Wilburton, Cambridgeshire and was educated at Soham Grammar School. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1934 to read Architecture, and secured the RIBA (Anderson and Webb) Scholarship from the Faculty of Fine Arts. He also rowed for Fitzwilliam and belonged to the University Architectural Society. After graduation he went into private practice for the rest of his career. He died in July 2008.

**Michael Port (1982)**

Michael Port was born on 23 August 1963 in London and was educated at Colfe’s School. He came up to Fitzwilliam in 1982 with an Entrance Scholarship in Geography. He gained first-class honours in all three parts of the Geography Tripos, winning the University Andrew Hall prize and the William Vaughan Lewis prize for his starred first in Part II. From the College he won the Cocke prize for Geography in 1983 and 1985, and also the Tutors’ prize for exceptional academic achievement in the latter year. Alongside these academic achievements he was active in College rowing and drama. After graduating he worked for the Boston Consulting Group, where he helped to found their Madrid office, in television management, as director of a health authority and a senior manager at the Audit Commission. Michael suffered some years of ill health, but had recently begun a new career as a specialist adviser with the Citizens Advice Bureaux, where he was respected and admired by all his colleagues. He was diagnosed with terminal cancer only weeks into this new role, and died on 8 December 2011.

**Professor Ram Singh Saini (1960)**

Ram Singh Saini was born on 1 August 1925 at Ramnagar, near Rewa, MP, India, and was educated at Agra and Sauga Universities. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1960 to do a PhD in Zoology, specifically in the field of entomology, which he secured in 1962. He then returned to his post in the Department of Zoology at the University of Sauga, where he established an internationally renowned Centre of Insect Physiology and Cell Physiology. In time he became Professor of Zoology and Head of Department, as well as Dean of the Faculty of Life Sciences. After retirement in 1985 he still pursued his active interest in research. He was able to attend the Golden Jubilee matriculants dinner in 2010, but died of a heart attack on 25 March 2012.

**Dr George Peter Semeluk (1958)**

George Semeluk was born on 14 April 1924 in Coleman, Alberta, Canada, and was educated at the University of Alberta and the Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1958 to do research in Physical Chemistry, and was awarded his PhD in 1960. In September 1960 he was appointed as an Associate Professor in the Chemistry Department at the University of New Brunswick, becoming a full Professor in 1968; he remained there until his retirement in 1989. He represented the Faculty of Science on the University Senate from 1968 to 1976; and also became President of the Association of New Brunswick Teachers and was a member of the team, which in 1979–80 secured the first collective agreement for university teachers in the province. In 2002 he received the Prix Nicole Raymond Award, awarded to one who significantly influenced post-secondary teaching in New Brunswick. His retirement enabled him and his wife to spend winters further south, which he did for as long as he could. He died on 28 May 2011.

**His Excellency Samir Subhi Shihabi (1948)**

Samir Shihabi was born on 27 May 1925 in Jerusalem, Palestine, and was educated at the American University of Beirut, the American University of Cairo, and Yale University. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1948 to read Law. Unfortunately the death of his father in that year made him the head of the family with responsibility for looking after his mother, brothers and sisters in the troubled Palestinian situation. Having failed to secure the University’s permission to shorten his course, he left in 1949, and secured a post with the Saudi Arabian Foreign Ministry, serving first in Jeddah and then in Bern and Rome. In 1964 he became Ambassador to Turkey, and in 1973–74 to Somalia. From 1974 he was back in Jeddah, but began to appear in his country’s delegations to the UN. After three years as Ambassador to Pakistan, 1980–83, he became Saudi Arabia’s Permanent Representative at the UN, where he became famous for his collection of walking sticks. Eventually he was elected as President of the General Assembly in 1991 and subsequently Head of the Council of Presidents. In the latter role he remained active even in retirement. He died on 20 August 2010.

**Commander Ronald Derek Short (RN) (1950)**

Ron Short was born in India on 7 September 1931, and was educated at Farnham Grammar School. He joined the Royal Navy as a Special Entry Cadet in the newly formed electrical branch in 1949, spending a year at the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth and at sea, before coming to Fitzwilliam in 1950 to read Engineering, gaining a double
First as well as coxing for the Boat Club. In 1957–58 he returned to do the year-long course in Control Engineering. His naval career was a mixture of time at sea and on land in weapons development, spending a period at the missile test range in Australia in the 1960s. In 1980 he joined Marconi, where he had a successful career as a Project Manager, designing and introducing new underwater weapons. He retired in 1996 and was able to spend more time in his local community at Titchfield, Hants, where he had lived since 1959. He was Chairman of the Fareham Society and also of the Titchfield Village Trust, when Titchfield won awards as the Best Kept Village. He died on 11 September 2011.

Donald Marshall Silver (1939)
Donald Silver was born on 15 September 1920 in Cheam, Surrey, and was educated at Whitgift School, Croydon. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1939 to read Classics, but left for War service after Part I in 1941 and never completed his degree. He joined the Royal Navy, serving at one point on the same ship as the future Prince Philip, and was involved both in Russian convoys and the Normandy landings. In 1946 he joined Henry Gardner & Co, which after merging with Cominco led to his appointment as Managing Director of Cominco Gardner Ltd in 1968. After retiring from Cominco (UK) Ltd in 1982 he moved to New South Wales and in 1989 became an Australian citizen. In retirement he was an active yachtsman, as well as being a Community Aid volunteer and a furniture craftsman. He died on 18 October 2011.

Ken Wilson was born on 3 March 1923 in Formby, Lancashire, and was educated at Giggleswick School. After War service in the RAF and the Fleet Air Arm as a Navigator in bombers in North Africa and Italy, he came to Fitzwilliam in 1946 to read Agriculture and Estate Management, graduating in 1948. At first he farmed in Cambridgeshire, and then moved to Nottinghamshire, where he was involved in running the Crown Estates. Later he bought a paper business, which he ran until 1993, when he moved to the Isle of Man. He contributed to several projects to improve College sporting facilities and gave Fitzwilliam sufficient to provide it with the best in Cambridge. He died on 15 April 2012.

Geoffrey Norman Wood (1947)
Geoffrey Wood was born on 15 June 1922 in Bedford, and was educated at King Edward VII School, Lytham, Lancashire, and the University College of Wales at Aberystwyth. He did War service in the Royal Engineers as a Radio Officer, serving most of the time as a Second Lieutenant in the Signals Research Establishment. After demobilisation in 1946 he came to Fitzwilliam in 1947 to do Part III Mathematics as an Affiliated Student, but transferred to Part II Physics instead. He regularly played for the Fitzwilliam 1st XV, as well as for Blackheath. After graduation in 1949 he gave up further thought of Mathematics or Physics and in 1953 bought a small farm at Aberaeron, moving to a larger farm at Moylegrove in North Pembrokeshire ten years later, where he remained until his health declined in 2000. He died on 9 November 2011.

Nicholas Xeros (1953)
Nicholas Xeros was born on 7 December 1924 in Melbourne, Australia, and was educated at Mildusa High School, the Scotch College, Melbourne, and the University of Melbourne. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1953 to do research in entomology, having already worked for two years in the Molteno Institute in Cambridge. He received the PhD degree in 1957, and eventually became a University Lecturer. He died on 20 January 2009.
THE FITZWILLIAM SOCIETY

All students and Fellows, past and present, are members of Fitzwilliam College for life. All members who have paid a life subscription (normally as students) are members of the Fitzwilliam Society, and every Fellow is an Honorary Member of the Fitzwilliam Society during his or her Fellowship.

The Society exists to keep the members of Fitzwilliam College in contact with each other and with the College, in order to provide social, business and career networking and support, and to further the interests of Fitzwilliam College.

To achieve these objectives, the Fitzwilliam Society works (principally through the Development Office) to:

• publish the Fitzwilliam Journal
• fund awards, scholarships, prizes and debates (p.29)
• provide funds to support other student activities
• provide the Career Network and an annual Careers Fair (this page)
• organise the annual College Reunion
• organise other reunions, including the annual London Dinner and events in the UK and overseas.

More information can be found throughout the Journal and at www.fitz.cam.ac.uk

The Society operates through a Committee, the current members of which are set out below. All members of the Society are eligible to stand for election to the Committee – please contact the Honorary Secretary through the Development Office if you are interested in doing so.

THE ROLE OF THE SOCIETY

The Society was established in 1924. Most of the specific aims for which the Society was established (for example, to keep records of members, to publish the Journal and to arrange reunions) have been delegated to the Development Office at the College. The Committee therefore reviewed the role of the Society about three years ago, to ensure that it is useful and productive for members, and concluded that some changes would be beneficial.

Changing the Objectives and Rules of the Society

New Objectives and Rules for the Society were adopted at the AGM on 24 September 2011. The objectives of the Society are now particularly focused on social and business networking and career support, as well as assisting in the development of the College. The Development Office has also taken over the roles previously performed by a Dinner Secretary and a Cambridge Secretary.

Career Initiatives

You can help give careers guidance to current students by signing up to the online Career Network, or coming along to a Fitzwilliam Society Careers Fair.

The Fitzwilliam Career Network is an online network for the exclusive and mutually beneficial use of members of Fitzwilliam College. It allows alumni to offer their professional experience for the benefit of current and former Fitzwilliam students. Members, at any stage of their careers, volunteer as Career Contacts to offer advice, help, opportunities (including work experience and internships) and the benefit of their experience. Please visit www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/alumni/career-network for more information.

The Fitzwilliam Society Careers Fair takes place at the College every November. It is an opportunity for you to chat to students directly, and by letting them know more about what you do and answering their questions about your job or the industry in which you work, you can help them decide what career path they would like to follow.

If you would like to attend a Careers Fair, or have not already signed up to the Career Network and are able to help Fitzwilliam students and alumni with their career choices, please email fitzwilliamsociety@fitz.cam.ac.uk or call 01223 332018 for a brochure. We would be delighted to hear from you.

Vacancy for Honorary Treasurer, Fitzwilliam Society

There will be a vacancy for the position of Honorary Treasurer with effect from 1 October 2014, on the retirement of Jeremy Maynes FCA, who will be stepping down after four years’ service. He or she prepares the Society’s Accounts and a brief report for the AGM in September each year. The Treasurer is an Officer of the Society, and a member of the Committee which meets twice a year, in London immediately before the London Dinner in May and in Cambridge on the Saturday of the Reunion weekend towards the end of September. The role is not onerous, but it is important to the smooth running of the Society and provides an opportunity to keep up to date with developments at the College. The ideal candidate will be a qualified accountant, who could be working in private practice, in industry or in the public sector.

If you are interested in this role, please contact Jeremy Maynes on +44 (0)1491 574920 or Dr Helen Bettinson, Development Director, on +44 (0)1223 332075.
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Professor R D Lethbridge (ex officio)
The Reverend Professor D M Thompson
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N M Padfield

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D W King (2007) (2009–10)

MCR President (ex officio)
F Kao (2009)

Honorary Independent Examiner
R N Smith (1967)

Annual General Meeting
Held in the Trust Room, Fitzwilliam College at 5.30pm on Saturday 22 September 2012

The chair was taken by the President, Zoe Shaw.

Others present were Professor Robert Lethbridge (Master), Ian Barrett, Peter Bates, Oliver Bennett, Dr Helen Bettinson, the Rev Anthony Brown, Dr Paul Chirico, Dr John Cleaver, Dr Gerald Coles, John Creasey, Dr David Filer, John Gamlin, Geoff Harrison, Peter Howard, Dr Garth Lancaster, James McQuhae, Ian Mortimer, Professor Glen Norcliffe, Ken Olisa, Noel Pilling, Andrew Powell, and Dick Tyler.

1 Apologies for absence
Apologies were received from John Adams, Sarah Asplin QC, Judith Bunting, Rosie Cook, Ellie Davies, Andrew Garden, Sheherazade Haque, Caireen Hargreaves, Fiona Kao, Jack Lassman, Jeremy Maynes, Carl Meewezen, John Müller, Jeremy Prescott, Chris Rann, Group Captain Alan Silvester, The Revd Professor David Thompson, Doug Webb and Rachel Webb.

2 Honorary Secretary’s Report
As in recent years, we held two events in London this year. The annual Drinks Party on 29 February at the Balls Brothers Wine Bar in Brook Street was again well attended. However, while it was an enjoyable evening, many of those attending felt that the venue was less satisfactory than it had been the previous year, because of the area which we were allocated, its layout, the noise and the lighting. We may therefore use a different venue for the 2013 event. The second event was the annual London Dinner, held on 3 May at Tallow Chandlers’ Hall. This was also most enjoyable. Numbers attending were slightly up on last year, and, as usual, we enjoyed good food and wine and
fine speeches. Our thanks are again due to Graham Nutter for his gift of the red wine from his vineyard. A report will be included in next year’s Journal.

The Master has had another busy international schedule in the past academic year. He hosted a dinner for major US donors at the Gramercy Tavern in New York on 9 November 2011, attended by the Vice Chancellor and his wife and a number of other guests. On 1 December 2011, he hosted a brunch at the Seattle Tennis Club for Fitzwilliam and Gates alumni, organised by Cambridge in America. One notable guest was Paul Heller, who was about to celebrate his 100th birthday, and who had travelled from Vancouver with his daughter and granddaughter. In February, the Master returned to the West Coast in his capacity as Provost of the Gates Cambridge Trust, and he and Mrs Lethbridge hosted a brunch, organised by Peter Robinson (1961), at the St Francis Yacht Club in San Francisco, attended by 17 alumni and their guests. More recently, on 4 September, he hosted a drinks reception for a dozen alumni and their guests in Geneva, some of whom stayed on for dinner afterwards at the Hotel Kempinski.

Thanks and congratulations are again due to Dr John Cleaver for his work (going well beyond the usual duties of an editor) on producing the excellent 2012 issue of the Journal, and we are very fortunate that Dr Cleaver is willing to stand for re-election as the Editor.

The annual Reunion is again a superb event, with excellent attendance; this year the Guest List shows that about 15 alumni who matriculated before 1950 are attending. As usual, places at the Saturday dinner were taken up extremely quickly. Our thanks are again due to the Master and Fellows, to the Development Office team for their hard work in making the arrangements, and to the students and College staff involved. Each year we receive a wonderful welcome and enjoy magnificent hospitality.

Your committee has met twice in the last year, in May and yesterday. In the previous year, much work had been done to look at the role of the Society to ensure that it remains relevant to members, and in particular younger members. This resulted in several changes to the Society’s Constitution (the ‘Objectives and Rules’) being proposed and approved last year, and to the Society hosting a Careers Fair at the College in November, to allow students to explore possible careers with alumni in an informal setting. This event is due to be repeated, with a few changes of format, in November this year. Working alumni are again urged to participate in the Fitzwilliam Careers Network, details of which are in the Alumni section of the College website. The main sub-committee has met twice (as well as holding a telephone conference) during the last year to review the 2011 Careers Fair, to plan the repeat event in 2012 and to discuss other careers related initiatives. The Trust sub-committee has not met during the last year.

The Hon. Secretary thanked the President, Zoë Shaw, for her year in office, and mentioned the enormous amount of work that she had devoted to the Careers Fair last year and to the planning for the repeat event this autumn.

He also thanked Dr Helen Bettinson, the Development Director, and her team for their support of the Society and for their hard work in arranging events during the year. He also thanked them, and his predecessor, Jeremy Prescott, for their valuable help and advice during the year.

3 Honorary Treasurer’s Report and Accounts
The Report, which had been circulated in draft before the meeting, was presented by the Hon. Secretary in the absence of the Honorary Treasurer. The Honorary Independent Examiner had now signed the Accounts and had confirmed that he had examined them and they were in accordance with the records and vouchers of the Society. There had been an overall deficit of just over £600 (compared to a surplus of £791 in the previous year). This was accounted for by the increased cost of distributing the Journal; overall the production and distribution of the Journal had produced a deficit of around £400, compared to a surplus of £1,000 in the previous year.

4 Report on the Fitzwilliam Society Trust Fund
A short form of the report on the Trust Fund awards by the Senior Tutor, Dr Chirico, had been circulated before the meeting. Dr Chirico mentioned that 3 awards had not been used and had been returned.

5 Election of Officers
The Committee’s proposals put to the meeting were agreed unanimously, and the Honorary Editor of the Journal, the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer were all re-elected.

6 Election of Committee Members
The Committee’s proposals put to the meeting were agreed unanimously, and Jack Lassman, Peter Bates and Rachel Webb were each re-elected to the Committee for a further 3 years.

7 Election of Honorary Independent Examiner
The Committee’s proposal put to the meeting was agreed unanimously, and Roger Smith FCA was re-elected as Honorary Independent Examiner.

There being no other business, the President declared the meeting closed.

Minutes prepared by Peter Howard, Hon Secretary, and approved and signed by Zoë Shaw (President 2011–12).
Fitzwilliam Society Accounts

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J J Maynes, Honorary Treasurer
22 August 2013

HONORARY INDEPENDENT EXAMINER’S REPORT

I have examined the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 July 2013 and the Balance Sheet at that date together with the records and vouchers of the Society, and confirm them to be in accordance therewith.

R N Smith
22 August 2013
# Fitzwilliam Society Committee 2013–14

**President**
J M Prescott (1967)

**Vice-Presidents**
- Professor Sir James Holt FBA (*ex officio*)
- Professor A W Cuthbert FRS (*ex officio*)
- G Harrison (1955)
- Professor B F G Johnson FRS (*ex officio*)
- Professor R D Lethbridge (*ex officio*)
- The Reverend Professor D M Thompson
- J V Adams (1958)
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- N M Padfield (*ex officio*)
- Group Captain A E Silvester (1949)

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**Elected members**
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  - S J Asplin DBE QC (1979)
  - J Harrington (2008)
  - R A Cook (2007)
- **Retiring 2015**
  - P J Bates (1959)
  - J Lassman (1951)
  - R L Webb (1979)
- **Retiring 2016**
  - Z R L Shaw (1979)
  - A S A Garden (1981)
  - J A Bunting (1979)

**Co-opted members**
- R A Powell (Bursar)
- J F Müller (2009)
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- D W King (2007)

**JMA Presidents (*ex officio*)**

**MCR President (*ex officio*)**

## Annual General Meeting

Held in the Trust Room, Fitzwilliam College at 5.30pm on Saturday 28 September 2013

The chair was taken by the President, Dick Tyler.

Others present were Professor Robert Lethbridge (Master), John Adams, Ian Barrett, Peter Bates, Robin Bell, Oliver Bennett, Dr Helen Bettinson, the Rev Anthony Brown, Dr John Cleaver, John Creasey, Susan Elliplock, Andrew Garden, Paul Gibson, Geoff Harrison, Peter Howard, Dr Garth Lancaster, Jack Lassman, John Müller, Susannah Odell, Ken Olisa OBE, Nicky Padfield, Noel Pilling, Andrew Powell, Jeremy Prescott, Iain Reid, Peter Sanderson, Rev. Professor David Thompson, Doug Webb and Rachel Webb.

**1 Apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Dame Sarah Asplin DBE, Rosie Cook, Ellie Davies, James Harrington, Sylwia Mankowska, Jeremy Maynes, Christopher Pratt, Group Captain Alan Silvester, Eva Sharma, and Zoe Shaw.

**2 Honorary Secretary’s Report**
The Society had as usual held two events in London this year. The annual Drinks Party on 6 February was held at a new venue, the Melton Mowbray pub in Holborn, and was well-attended. Feedback on the venue was very favourable, and we will return there next year. The London Dinner was held on 2 May at Tallow Chandlers’ Hall. Numbers attending were well up on last year, and the event was fully booked, with a waiting list. Some felt that the food was possibly not quite up to the standard of previous years, but it was still a delightful evening and we enjoyed excellent wine and speeches. Our thanks are again due to Graham Nutter for his gift of the red wine from his vineyard. A report will be included in the next issue of the Fitzwilliam Journal.

The Master again made several visits to the USA during the last year. In November and December 2012 he met alumni in San Francisco and Seattle, during visits to attend Board meetings of Cambridge in America and the Gates Cambridge Trust. In February 2013 he co-hosted a brunch...
at the Westin Hotel, Washington with former Fellow Dr Larry Poos. It is also worth mentioning that 2013 saw the 40th anniversary of the annual MML Dinner, an event which the Master instigated when he was a junior Fellow at the College. This is usually a relatively small event for students and donors to the MML Fund, but this year all MML alumni were invited and the dinner was attended by more than 160 alumni and guests. Overseas travels by other Fellows to meet alumni included a visit to Tokyo by the Bursar and a visit to Canberra by Professor Bob Haining.

The annual Reunion is again a magnificent event, with a very tempting programme of events. As always, attendance is excellent; this year’s Guest List shows about 47 alumni attending who matriculated 50 or more years ago and, as usual, places at the Saturday dinner were booked up extremely quickly. Once again our thanks are due to the Master and Fellows, to the Development Office team for their hard work in making the arrangements, and to all the College staff and students involved.

Your Committee has met twice in the year, in May and yesterday. The Careers’ Fair hosted by the Society at the College in November 2011, enabling students to explore possible careers with alumni in an informal setting, was repeated with a few changes of format, in November 2012, including an excellent presentation on Networking by alumnus Colin Tweedie. To thank them for their contributions, the alumni were invited to a drinks reception at the Master’s Lodge afterwards, and we are very grateful to the Master and Mrs Lethbridge for their kind hospitality. The third Fair has now been arranged for next November and the event can now be regarded as a regular fixture. The help of the Development Office in organising it each year has been invaluable. Working alumni are again urged to participate in the Fitzwilliam Careers Network, details of which are in the Alumni section of the College website.

The main Sub-committee has met three times during the last year. Its main focus has been how alumni can support students with their career choices, in co-operation with the College’s programme of careers support and also the help provided by the University Careers Service. The Sub-committee’s main activity has been the planning of the Careers Fair. The Trust Sub-committee has not met during the last year.

The Secretary thanked Dr Helen Bettinson, the Development Director, and her team for their support of the Society and for their extremely hard work in arranging events during the year, including supporting the work of the Sub-committee, researching possible venues for the London events, and doing much of the work involved in organising the Careers Fair.

He also thanked the President, Dick Tyler, for his year in office. As well as chairing committee meetings and the AGM, Dick has been an enthusiastic and highly effective member of the Sub-committee. He gave an excellent and most entertaining speech at the London dinner, and those attending tonight’s dinner are eagerly looking forward to hearing from him again.

3 Honorary Treasurer’s Report and Accounts

The Report, which had been circulated in draft before the meeting, was presented by the Honorary Secretary in the absence of the Honorary Treasurer. The Honorary Independent Examiner had now signed the Accounts and had confirmed that he had examined them and that they were in accordance with the records and vouchers of the Society. There had been a significant surplus since, exceptionally, the Journal had not been published during the academic year. A question was asked from the floor about the slight fall in subscriptions compared with the previous year, and whether there was any plan to raise subscriptions. The Secretary replied that the issue of how to fund the Journal, which was the Society’s main expense, was being considered and it was possible that the group considering it might conclude that, in future, it should be funded entirely by the College. Whatever was decided, it was not expected that subscriptions would be increased.

4 Report on the Fitzwilliam Society Trust Fund

A short form of the report on the Trust Fund awards by the Senior Tutor, Dr Chirico, had been circulated before the meeting. The highlights were presented by the President in the absence of the Senior Tutor.

5 Proposed Amendments to the Society’s Objectives and Rules

The Secretary referred to the draft amendments which had been circulated before the meeting, most of which had been intended to clarify the Rules, and explained that the Committee had been decided to withdraw all of them except for the proposal to delete the final sentence of Rule 4, which said that a Committee member who missed four consecutive meetings was deemed to have resigned, which had never been enforced. He explained that much committee business was now conducted by e-mail and telephone conference, and that several Committee members who for various reasons had been unable to attend the last few Committee meetings had participated in e-mail or telephone discussions, and some had attended Sub-committee meetings. The Committee’s proposal put to the meeting to delete the final sentence of Rule 4 was agreed unanimously.

6 Election of President and other Officers

The Committee’s proposal that Jeremy Prescott be elected President for 2013–2014 was agreed unanimously.

The President reported that the Committee had wished to follow the customary practice of inviting a new Master to become President in his or her second year of office, that Nicky Padfield was delighted and felt very honoured by this, and that she would be minded to accept. However, at her request, no proposal for President for 2014–2015 is being put to the AGM this year, but the meeting is asked to note that it is likely that Nicky will be proposed at next year’s AGM as President for 2014–2015.

The Committee’s proposals put to the meeting to re-elect the Honorary Editor of the Journal, the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer were all agreed unanimously.

7 Election of Committee Members

The Committee’s proposals put to the meeting were agreed unanimously, and Zoë Shaw and Andrew Garden were both re-elected to the Committee for a further 3 years. Judith Bunting, currently a co-opted member of the Committee, was elected to the Committee for 3 years to replace Christopher Pratt, who had retired from the Committee at the end of his term of office and had decided not to stand for re-election.
Election of Honorary Independent Examiner

The Committee’s proposal put to the meeting was agreed unanimously, and Roger Smith FCA was re-elected as Honorary Independent Examiner.

Any other business

John Adams reported that Group Captain Alan Silvester had been unanimously elected as a Vice-President of the Society at the previous day’s Committee meeting. This recognised his exceptionally long period of service to the Society; he had first been elected to the Committee 60 years ago, had served as President and had also served for 21 years as Cambridge Secretary.

The President paid tribute to the Master on his retirement, thanking him in particular for his assiduous work in developing relations between the College and alumni, and congratulated and welcomed Nicky Padfield on her election as the new Master with effect from 1 October.

There being no other business, the President declared the meeting closed.

Minutes prepared by Peter Howard, Hon Secretary, and approved and signed by Dick Tyler (2012–2013 President).

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J J Maynes, Honorary Treasurer
22 August 2013

HONORARY INDEPENDENT EXAMINER’S REPORT

I have examined the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 July 2013 and the Balance Sheet at that date together with the records and vouchers of the Society, and confirm them to be in accordance therewith.

R N Smith
22 August 2013
The year 2012 will be remembered for the London Olympics and the Diamond Jubilee – an amazing year, not only for Team GB but also for the Conference Team at Fitzwilliam College. After his second gold medal, Mo Farah put his success down to hard work. The Conference Team at Fitzwilliam are very aware that our combination of hard work, endeavour to provide the best facilities, and attention to detail is our winning formula for delivering successful events for clients.

The Conference and Catering Department had another exceptional year, greatly supported by our Fellows and Alumni – who held over 75 events at Fitzwilliam.

In May 2012, a conference to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the Lectorat de Catala was held in College. In attendance was the Master and from the Universitat Jaume I, the Vice-Chancellor for International Relations and Professor Frederic Chaume. Two Fellows, Dr Geoffrey Walker and Dr Dominic Keown, gave workshops and talks. Dr Elina Vilar, Batista I Roca Fellow at Fitzwilliam, helped organise the conference with Miss Carme Calduch Rios, Lectora in Spanish and Catalan, Fitzwilliam, and University of Cambridge, Department of Spanish and Portuguese. Elina is no stranger to the Conference Office.

What started as the English Trip in 2005, when I was in my final year as Catalan Lectora at Fitzwilliam, has now become the Annual Anglo-Catalan Conference. Those students who achieve the best academic results from Universitat Jaume I obtain as a prize a 10-day stay in the College during the summer. They enjoy the full Cambridge experience, practice their English and learn about British culture – from highly intellectual lectures to pub-crawls! Unfortunately, this year the Conference was cancelled due to the economic crisis in Spain. However, Fitzwilliam hosted a very special event, to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Catalan Lectorat. More than 30 Catalan students attended a day of seminars and emotion which saw the reunion of five former lectors with Dr Keown and Dr and Mrs Walker, whose support and enthusiasm has been instrumental.

The Molten Salts Discussion Group Summer Meeting was held in July. Professor Derek Fray, Life Fellow and Director of Research and Emeritus Professor of Materials Chemistry, was instrumental in bringing this meeting back to Fitzwilliam for the Third International Round Table on Titanium Production in Molten Salts. In a letter to the Bursar, Professor Fray said:

Yet again, the delegates were delighted with the facilities and the excellent service offered by the staff. The College looked lovely, especially the gardens, which provided a refuge for these high-intellectual discussions and helped us relax. Unfortunately, the gardens were not fully open due to the weather, which was very wet.

Professor Fray gave a little more insight on the MSDG and the future of the discussion group.

The Molten Salt Discussion Group is a Special Interest Group of the Royal Society of Chemistry and meets twice a year; for several years, the summer meeting has been at Fitzwilliam. The meetings usually attract between 30 and 40 participants from academia and industry, mostly from the UK but also from other European countries, ranging from first-year graduate students to retired academics. There is an invited speaker, usually from Europe, and topics discussed range from pure science to the application of molten salts and ionic liquids to energy generation and storage, metal refining and sensors. The meetings are very informal with a series of presentations and discussions in which everyone is encouraged to participate. The facilities in Fitzwilliam are perfect for these interactions, especially in the summer when the College looks so attractive. Usually delegates arrive at lunchtime and have presentations in the afternoon, followed by the conference dinner – preceded by Pimms on the lawn. The meeting finishes after lunch on the second day. All the delegates appreciate the very high quality of the service by College staff, the excellent facilities and the relaxed atmosphere. Many from Europe make of a special point of returning year after year.

In September Fitzwilliam hosted the Cell Biology of Early Mouse Development, which was co-organised by Professor David Glover, Fellow of the College and Magdalena Zernicka-Goetz, Professor in Developmental and Stem Cell Biology at the University of Cambridge. Professor Glover stated:

This was a wonderful meeting that formed part of this year’s programme of workshops sponsored by the European Molecular Biology Organisation. EMBO organises a wide range of scientific meetings and courses, awards research fellowships and publishes its own scientific journals. This meeting allowed Magdalena and me to bring together scientists from the United States, numerous European nations, Japan, China and Australia at an exciting state in the development of this important field. Fitzwilliam proved to be an excellent venue in which to bring together scientists from different disciplines applying their expertise to this common goal of understanding how we, as mammals, develop.

All our guests felt very much at home: the College auditorium was a terrific place to hold lectures, allowing us easily to get together for discussions surrounded by the College gardens; and the catering and care given to us by college staff combined to make it into a truly memorable occasion.

We have been responsible for the planning and implementation of many family celebrations for our Fellows and Alumni. We understand that the small, unique details make a real big difference, for an event to remember. In April Dr James Elliott and his wife Saori held a special naming ceremony and celebration for their daughter Julia in The Grove. The ceremony followed a buffet luncheon, and concluded in a flurry of bubbles.

Julia’s parents wrote: Thank you for helping to organise the lovely naming ceremony for Julia on Tuesday. All our guests had a great time, and the bubbles at the end were a fantastic highlight. A mix of special celebrations and Alumni reunions took place over the summer. In early June, Rachel and Robert Haining celebrated Rachel’s birthday. It was a small, family event attended by close family. Professor Haining, Fellow and Director of Studies in Geography, wrote:

It was a very pleasant occasion and since most of the family had not had the opportunity to visit the College before, the sunny weather (yes, there were a few such days last summer) provided the opportunity for a tour of the College and gardens which were looking at their best. Pre-lunch drinks were held in the Writing Room, and a leisurely meal taken in the Parlour.

In August, Andy Jackson (Modern and Medieval Languages 1962) organised a small reunion for friends who were at College with him. Since leaving Fitzwilliam in 1965 Andy, Bill Grant, Patrick Philpott, Mike Stimson and David Weir have kept in touch despite long periods living and working in various parts of the world. As Andy explains:

Over the last fifteen years, we have made a point of holding a reunion lunch every summer, together with our wives, who fortunately get on very well. We have not been so good at maintaining College
connections, so it seemed appropriate to hold this year’s celebration, which marked 50 years since we started university, not in the usual garden setting but in Cambridge. The College was able to offer us the Parlour, which was perfect for our group. The food has improved considerably in half a century and the rates were very reasonable! A walk round the very impressive grounds and a visit to the College Chapel nearly completed our 50th Anniversary Reunion.

August 18 was the occasion of a celebratory lunch to mark the Golden Wedding of Revd Dr Albert Jewell (1960) and Gill Jewell. Thirty-eight guests enjoyed a splendid meal in the Walter Grave Room, with pre-lunch drinks served on the lawn outside. Amongst the Fitzwilliam guests were Revd Dr David Keep (1960) and Rachel Churcher (1993), Albert and Gill’s niece. Albert wrote:

We really do appreciate the meticulous care you took over arranging the whole event. The staff were amazing — nothing was too much for them, everything went perfectly and they were so pleasant the whole time — a real credit to the College.

The same day will be remembered by Professor David Thompson, Fellow, and his family and friends for the occasion of his son’s wedding:

It was the hottest day of the year! That was the only thing the College did not arrange for my son’s wedding last August — the organisation of the rest was superb. The service was held in the College Chapel, with the Reception in the splendid setting of the Grove Lawns and gardens. The Wedding Breakfast took place in the Hall and the meal was characteristically excellent. Fitzwilliam has the added advantage of plentiful parking, which was a huge advantage for our guests making the entire day very convenient for them. The Grove Lawns and gardens provided an excellent backdrop for photographs. All the guests and the hosts were exceedingly satisfied.

And another year has passed: as we enter Autumn, and look back over the extremely busy year 2012–2013, we can start to relax, safe in the knowledge that we have once again risen to the challenge and provided all our customers with a first-class service. This is all the more evident as at least three-quarters of the conference business is now repeat bookings.

Earlier in the year we hosted various events for the Gates Cambridge Trust. Lucy Milazzo, Programme Administrator for the Trust, commented after their Graduation Dinner in June 2013:

The dinner was excellent, lovely food and a great atmosphere — definitely one of the best we have had! Thank you so much.

We are extremely lucky that many of our Fellows act as ambassadors for the College, and continue to bring their conferences, meetings and other special events here. Dr James Elliott held two conferences. In April, he hosted the Self Assembly of Bio-inspired Materials meeting and, in June, the second Compaction Simulator Forum and Conference. Dr Robert Abayasekara was instrumental in bringing the annual international conference of the Society for Reproduction and Fertility to Fitzwilliam in July.

The College has had a very busy year. Dr Helen Bettinson, Development Director, explained:

2013 was a big year for Fitzwilliam and the Conference, Catering and Development teams. Our fifth year on the present site was celebrated with wonderful anniversary events, including an excellent dinner on 5 July attended by the Chancellor, Lord Sainsbury, to which we invited all 1963 matriculants. I particularly enjoyed showing off the College to members who hadn’t been here for many years; they were impressed by our new buildings, loved our beautiful gardens, and declared that the standard of catering was on a par with top restaurants.

In fact, I was so pleased with the friendly and professional service that a week later I celebrated my own half-century with a private dinner party in College. My guests combined Fitzwilliam alumni with friends who’d never set foot in here before. It was a perfect evening (one of the hottest of the year) and I couldn’t have been prouder.

In September, the Grove was the backdrop for another 50-year celebration. Professor Geoffrey Whittington, Life Fellow, and his wife Joyce celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special luncheon.

Fitzwilliam was the obvious choice, because of our long association. This started when we stayed for several days in the old Fitzwilliam House in 1963, when we returned from our honeymoon. Fitzwilliam House the institution had just moved to the Huntingdon Road site (celebrated in the recent architectural exhibition in the Chapel) and Fitzwilliam House the building had been taken over by the University Graduate Society, which provided us with accommodation. Later in the 1960s, I became a research student and then a Fellow of Fitzwilliam, and both my wife (in Mathematics) and I (in Economics) supervised undergraduates. However, apart from our long association, the facilities of the present-day College were a huge attraction. The Grove provided the ideal venue and the grounds an idyllic setting for the event. The conference and catering teams did a wonderful job for us both in planning the event and in delivering it efficiently and with a smile. We are grateful to them for ensuring that the day was memorable for all the right reasons.

Throughout the year, we hosted various private functions for Fellows and their families. The year 2013 started with various birthday celebrations, one a birthday party for Professor David Glover’s son. As parents know only too well, January is not the best month for a child’s birthday party, but David found the perfect solution. In Fitzwilliam, for 12 six year olds — a Mad Science Birthday Party for Kids!

In September, the Bursar Andrew Powell celebrated his sixtieth birthday. He and his wife Jane marked the occasion with a Reception in the Grove, and then guests made their way across the lawns into the Auditorium for dinner and a Ceilidh. Andrew remarked:

I had never considered this option before: the use of the Auditorium Foyer as a wonderfully atmospheric dining area, coupled with dancing in the Auditorium, worked really well. Jane and I just wanted to say ‘thank-you’ for everything you all did to make our party on Saturday such a huge success. The creativity and attention to detail that you contributed in so many different ways showed the College at its best; we had a wonderful evening and our overnight guests enjoyed their stay as well. Please pass on our thanks to all those who were involved, particularly to the Chefs. I last count of the number of compliments we had about the food!

There is no time like the present to start planning for your next conference or special celebration. Every conference, meeting or special occasion is unique and we aim to guide the organiser every step of the way. To discover how we can create a unique event, contact Caroline Choat, Conference Co-ordinator, or a member of the Conference Team, on 01223 332040. Or email conference.office@fitz.cam.ac.uk.
THE FITZWILLIAM SOCIETY

All students and Fellows, past and present, are members of Fitzwilliam College for life.

All members of the College who have paid a life subscription (normally as students) are members of the Fitzwilliam Society, and every Fellow is an Honorary Member of the Fitzwilliam Society during his or her Fellowship.

The Society exists to keep the members of Fitzwilliam College in contact with each other and with the College, in order to provide social, business and career networking and support, and to further the interests of Fitzwilliam College.

To achieve these objectives, the Fitzwilliam Society works (principally through the Development Office) to:

• publish the Fitzwilliam Journal
• fund awards, scholarships, prizes and debates (p.29)
• provide funds to support other student activities
• provide the Career Network and an annual Careers Fair (p.88)
• organise the annual College Reunion
• organise other reunions, including the annual London Dinner and events in the UK and overseas.

More information can be found throughout the Journal and at www.fitz.cam.ac.uk

DINING IN COLLEGE

All graduates of Fitzwilliam are reminded that they have High Table Dining Rights of one free meal per term and are entitled to further meals at their own expense. As for Fellows, the cost of drinks before, during and after dinner is charged to the member. If you are in Cambridge and wish to take advantage of this privilege, please book in by telephone to the Steward’s Secretary on (01223) 332521, at least a day in advance. As there are several occasions throughout the year when dining is available for Fellows and invited guests only, it is advisable to check with the Steward’s secretary in good time if there is a particular date when you wish to dine.

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