ACADEMIC AWARDS AND PRIZES

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS AND STUDENTSHIPS for 2017–2018

Fitzwilliam College PhD Studentship: A. Brown (renewal), H. Kwon, J. McIntosh (renewal), S. Saxena (renewal).

1912 SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS for 2017–2018, awarded to students who obtained First Class or equivalent


SCHOLARSHIPS for 2017–2018, awarded to students who achieved First Class or equivalent

Elections to scholarships
Barnes: T. Gessey-Jones (NST); Clough: L. Barlow (Clinical Veterinary Medicine); T. Benn, H. Farnworth, M. Wieczorek (Computer Science); D. Wong, K. Naydenov (Engineering); C. Hamdi-Cherif (NST); L. Mackintosh (Clinical Veterinary Medicine); C. Atwood, Dr William Edwards (L.-X. Li (Engineering); Ellen Hughes; J. Luo (Economics); Fitzwilliam Society: T. Knight

GRADUATE TUTORS’ PRIZE for distinction in Masters

1912 SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS for 2017–2018, awarded to students who obtained First Class or equivalent

A. Watson (Clinical Veterinary Medicine); C. Matache, L. Karazija (Computer Science); G. Lapedus (Education); C. Heavens, Y. Lou (Engineering); H. Cavender-Deere, N. Whittaker, P. Brooks, S. Fulton (English); H. Gillie (distinction), T. Callender (Geography); H. Oxlade, I. Jones, N. Clegg (History); M. Mirolo (HSIPS); H. Lewis, S. Porter (distinction) (Land Economy); A. Hennessy, L. Charatan, Y. Lee (Law); K. Stoliv, T. Smyth (LL.M); A. Hameed (Management Studies); J. Salmon (Manufacturing Engineering); G. Baveerez, G. Giotopoulos, L. Emmert, O. Borthne (MAST Applied Mathematics); F. Nie (MAST Pure Mathematics); A. Guerr (MAST Pure Mathematics); O. Prior (Mathematics); A. Watsham (distinction), C. Nugent, I. Churchill, J. Donnelly, S. Aarup (MML); A. Thomas (distinction) (Music); K. Colston (NST BBS); K. Toh (NST Genetics); L. Wanger (NST PDN); L. Tsui (NST Astrophysics); B. Shires (NST Chemistry); T. Merry (NST Earth Sciences); H. Warne (NST HPS); A. Hepp, L. Longley (NST Materials Science); Q. Gu, T. Bell, Z. Brubert (NST Physics); S. D’Souza (PBS).
(Philosophy); Fitzwilliam Society: Taylor, O. Taylor (History); Henry Locke: I. Philipsborn (HSPS); Irene Walker: T. Clare [distinction] (Geography); Jean-Marie Bourdeau: F. Day (MML); Muriel Laurence: M. Bond (NST); Peter Constable: A. Rottenberg (MVST); Raulins: J. Campkin (NST); Reddaway: H. Kalsi (Economics); E. Everest, H. Mendall, E. Thornton (Geography); O. Lam (HSPS); Sir John Stratton: M. Frey, E. Garau (Classics); J. Mullan Lipman (English); S.S. Samra: T. Taylor (Law); Thomas Walker: R. Willson (PBS); Tim Gray Law: Y. Tam (Law); W.W. Williams: E. Middleton [distinction] (Geography).

Re-elections to scholarships
Barnes: C. Mellor (NST Biochemistry), T. Corner (NST); Clothworkers: S. Borgeaud dit Avocat, C. Matache (Computer Science), X. Ma (Mathematics) Clough: Y.-L. Lee, Y. Liu, C. Thye, J. Ye (Engineering), A. Perera (Chemical Engineering) Z. Ma, D. Smallbone (Engineering), Y. Dong, H. Mahmood, W. Mansons (Mathematics), R. Clarke (NST Materials Science), J. Duffield (NST Physics); David Mason: Y. Foong [distinction] (Engineering); Donald Walker: C. Bandeen (NST); Excelct: T. Ahuwalia (PBS); Fitzwilliam Society: Skinner: A. Prasad (Economics); Geoff Walker: D. Koren (MML); Irene Hill: P. Winch (MML); Reddaway: M. Hui (Economics), G. Sato-Holt (Economics), B. Platt (Geography); Sir John Stratton: T. Tindall (AMES), J. Miller (ASNC); Vincent Joseph Hughes: M. Croci (Engineering); Wilf Wilde: M. Croft (NST).

PRIZES for First Class results in examinations
A.J. Watson: T. Knight (Philosophy); Audrey Siddall: A. Prasad (Economics); A.V. Stachulski: B. Shires (NST Chemistry); Barbara Humphrey: T. Callender (Geography); Brian Jones: H. Lewis (Land Economy) Burton: H. Cavender-Deere, S. Fulton, N. Whitaker (English); Business Fellows: A. Hameed (Management Studies); Caleb: H. Gillie [distinction] (Geography); College: G. Bavezer, O. Borthne, L. Emmert, G. Giotopoulos (Mast Applied Mathematics), T. Benn, S. Borgeaud dit Avocat, H. Farnworth, C. Matache, M. Wieczorek (Computer Science), J. Campkin (NST), T. Clare [distinction], H. Mendall, E. Middleton [distinction], B. Platt, E. Thornton, J. Everest (Geography), M. Frey (Classics), A. Guerra, F. Nie (Mast Pure Mathematics), C. Hamdi-Cherif (NST), H. Kalsi (Economics), H. Mahmood, W. Manson, J. Thandi, O. Prior (Mathematics), G. Sato-Holt (Economics), A. Watson (Clinical Veterinary Medicine), R. Willson (PBS); Cuthbert: A. Rottenberg (MVST); David Pearl: T. Smyth (LL.M); Dennis Price: P. Winch (MML); Edward Miller: I. Jones (History); Fitzwilliam Engineers’ J. Salmon (Manufacturing Engineering), D. Smallbone, C. Attwood, Y.-L. Lee, L.-X. Li, Y. Liu, K. Nayanov, C. Thye, D. Wong, J. Ye, M. Croci, Y. Foong [distinction], C. Heavens, Y. Lou (Engineering), Z. Ma (Engineering); Gntt: O. Taylor (History); Harvey: N. Clegg (History); Heather Butler: J. Philipsborn (HSPS); Houston Putnum Leour: Y. Tam (Law); Hugh Humphrey: J. Miller (ASNC); Humphrey: B. Kwok (Land Economy), A. Perera (Chemical Engineering); Inge Naismith: M. Bond (NST); Irving: T. Merry (NST Earth Sciences); Jack Gossage: H. Oxcliffe (History); Jean and Arthur Hart: A. Thomas [distinction] (Music); John Etherton: M. Croft (NST); Johnson Jary: K. Colston (NST BBS), H. Warne (NST HPS); K.L. Desai: J. Mullan Lipman (English); Landy: C. Bandeen (NST); Mary Lucking: S. Porter [distinction] (Land Economy); Neuton: L. Barlow, L. Mackintosh (Clinical Veterinary Medicine); Nick Clarke: M. Hui (Economics); O.B. Pak: A. Watsham [distinction] (MML); Padma Desai: P. Brooks (English); Pat Higginbottom: T. Ahiwuala (PBS); Perreau-Saussine: M. Mirolo (HSPS); Peter Wylie: E. Garau (Classics); QinetiQ: R. Clarke (NST Materials Science), J. Duffield (NST Physics), L. Tsui (NST Astrophysics); R.A. Watchman: Y. Dong (Mathematics); Raulins: L. Wenger (NST PDN); Ray Kelly: D. Koren (MML); Sir John Stratton: S. Aarup, I. Churchill, J. Donnelly, C. Nugent (MML), S. D’Souza (PBS); Skepper: F. Day (MML); Stumbles: X. Ma (Mathematics); Swinburne Senior: K. Toh (NST Genetics); Thatchr: O. Lam (HSPS), J. Luo (Economics), T. Bell, Z. Brubert, Q. Gu (NST Physics), L. Charatan, A. Hennessy, Y. Lee (Law), L. Karazija (Computer Science), L. Longley (NST Materials Science); Tom Comfort: T. Tindall (AMES); Trethewey: T. Corner, T. Gessey-Jones (NST), C. Mellor (NST Biochemistry), A. Hepp (NST Materials Science); Vera Letbridge: G. Lapedus (Education); Wellings: K. Stoiol (LL.M); Whitlock: H. Taylor (Law).

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL PRIZES


MUSIC AWARDS


In addition, nine students received support from The Father Brown Chapel Music Fund and fifteen students received support for singing lessons.
OTHER AWARDS AND PRIZES

Other Prizes

Other Fitzwilliam Society Awards

GRADUATE- STUDENT AWARDS AND SUPPORT

Graduate Research and Conference Grants
Graduate Students at Fitzwilliam, undertaking PhD or Masters studies, have access to a range of funds which support them in their research. In 2016–2017, a total of about 92 awards (worth more than £25,000 in total) were made, for conference attendance and field-work, from sources which included the Fitzwilliam Society Trust Fund Research Fund, the Student Opportunities Fund, the Graduate Tutors’ Fund and the Cuthbert-Edwards Fund.

Other Graduate-Student Support
Graduate students received maintenance support, and support for language studies, music and sports.

Total Value of Awards and Support
In 2016–2017, more than 240 awards were made to graduate students. The total value of graduate-student scholarships and prizes, maintenance support, and support of academic and other activities was close to £210,000.
GENERAL ADMISSION 2017

On Saturday 1 July 2017, 131 graduands were admitted to their degrees in person. Of these, 128 received the degree of BA (of whom 24 on four-year courses received MEng or MSci in addition to the BA), whilst two received LLM degrees and one received the degree of VetMB.
The following dissertations were approved for the degree of PhD during the year 2016–2017.

M.I. Ashtine: Investing with foresight: regional wind gust parameterization for the wind energy sectors of the UK and the Caribbean

R. Binte Rawi: Assessment for learning in Malay language classrooms: from zahir to batin

D. Chen: In vivo functional specificity of Hox transcription factors

S. Cheng: Polynomial models and extensions in mathematical finance

S. Finamore: Engagement as a foreign policy strategy in EU relations with China

F. Fiorelli: Quantized state integration dynamic simulation techniques and applications

J. Gao: The relationships of parental self-efficacy, perceived parenting behaviours, adolescents’ self-efficacy beliefs, and developmental outcomes: an empirical investigation in a Chinese context

M. J. Gonzalez Hernando: The pursuit of timely narratives: British think-tanks and the 2008 financial crisis

L. Guo: Modelling of microstructure development in silicon-containing bainitic free-machining steels

P. Gurry: A critical examination of the coherence-based genealogical method (CBGM) in the catholic epistles

F. Haenisch: Identification of a biological signature for bipolar disorder

D.K.H. Ho: Palladium (II)-catalysed sp³ C-H functionalisation of hindered amines and its application in synthesis of astemizole analogues

J.L. Liu: Indole signalling and heat stress in Escherichia coli

Y. Liu: Global product standardisation in multinational corporations: strategic change and implementation

Z. Liu: Application of unfolding IRT models and computerised adaptive testing to work-family conflict measurement

S.A. Mankowska: Droplet-based approaches to therapeutic proteins

S.A. Mazzilli: Understanding estuarine hydrodynamics for decision making in data poor coastal environments

R. J. Mitchell: The Sacramento hot spots policing experiment: an extension and sensitivity analysis

J. Patrick: Zebrafish models of inherited skeletal muscle disorders

J.B. Prothro: Both judge and justifier: the use and function of biblical legal language in Paul’s theology of justification

Y. Ruan: Modelling glucose and insulin kinetics in type 1 and type 2 diabetes to support the development of an extracorporeal artificial pancreas

L. Sbordone: The contextual adjective: on indexicality, gradability, and vagueness in the adjectival domain

C. L. Scheib: Genetic history of Southern California and its Channel Islands: a population-scale study of ancient whole-genome data

J. Shen: Trimmed NURBS to untrimmed subdivision: conversion for watertight representations

T. J. Sum: Divergent synthetic approach towards the synthesis of novel flavonoids and biflavonoids

N. Szumilo: Financial implications of energy efficiency improvements in commercial real estate: an empirical study of current assumptions

M. Tschurtschenthaler: Analysis of genetic and environmental risk factors implicated in the pathogenesis of mucosal intestinal inflammation

L. Yang: Efficient utilisation of spin-triplet excitons for applications in solar cells and light-emitting diodes

H.-Y. Yeh: Parasites and isotopes in ancient population in Taiwan and neighbouring regions: evidence for migration, health and diet

C.S.M. Yeoh: Electron tomography of Fischer-Tropsch catalysts

D. Zhang: Modelling and optimisation of bioprocesses for biohydrogen and high-value bioproducts production
DAIICHI STUDENT EXCHANGE

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

For the 2016–2017 year, five students from Fitzwilliam – Charlotte Frude, Hannah Okorafor, Damiano Sogaro, Laura Thompson, and Tom Harris (all 2013) – made the journey to the Orient. Damiano reported:

Leaving the UK to spend a year in Japan was long enough to spot the differences, but not long enough to take them for granted. Together with five colleagues from St. Anne’s, Oxford, we were taught Japanese language at the Japanese University of Economics campus in Fukuoka, Japan. We started from absolute scratch, but our teachers dealt gracefully with that first month of receiving only blank faces and silence as a response to their statements. The beginning was undoubtedly a struggle – for all involved. The transition from just having finished our degrees to being taught the equivalent of the alphabet was a humbling experience for those of us who found the latter more difficult. Of course, our sense of achievement of being able to match five-year-olds and being able to read the kana (hiragana and katakana – the phonetic scripts) did not last long. Moving onto kanji made us long for those first weeks that we had, at the time, found so challenging. But they also served as a real marker of progress. Now, those once-baffling Japanese scripts come as fluently to us as our native Roman alphabet. Kanji, on the other hand, remains baffling (although reading the nonsensical Japanese tattoos of strangers in the street is a constant source of amusement).

While the teaching was structured by our textbooks and their hero Mike Miller, for us being in such a small group meant, crucially, ample opportunity for speaking and conversation. After the stumbling block of the start, we were soon able to chatter on with our teachers who seemed to flit between amusement at our broken sentences, to genuine interest as we grew more able to draw comparisons between our experiences and theirs.

Indeed, the lessons soon evolved to be about more than just language. Our teachers involved us in each festival as it came around: girls’ day, boys’ day, the first days of each season. They would bring us the festival-appropriate food, make the festival hats with us, and explain the stories surrounding the practice. Once, we were taught how to perform a tea ceremony. A traditional calligraphy teacher was brought in to teach us Japanese calligraphy, which we did with animal-hair brushes, grinding out our ink from sticks against inkstones. The same lesson involved us carving our own hanko, ink stamps with our assigned kanji names, giving an inkan that functions as a signature.

As we became more competent we became more confident. We began to be able to converse with local people – and other foreigners too. Not quite a lingua franca, we were able to form friendships with Thai, Korean, and Chinese people we met during the year because of our Japanese. Importantly, we gained the ability to form friendships with our teachers as well using our newfound language. By the end of the scheme, our goodbye dinner with our teachers was one in Japanese.

Our free time was our own, except for a few events we were expected to attend to represent both Fitzwilliam College and the University of Economics. Perhaps most memorable was the very first; less than a month into our year we were informed that the Tsuzuki Education Group would be celebrating its 60th anniversary and that we would be expected to attend as ambassadors. Fortunately, the ever-courteous staff of the University had guessed this might be a bit of challenge for us in our new setting, and etiquette lessons were forthcoming to teach us what to say, who to greet, what to wear. Our bowing is now something to behold.

Mostly however, we spent our time travelling and teaching. Teaching is a vital part of the scholarship – not only because you are expected to volunteer at Linden Hall Primary School and High School for a few hours a week, but also because the part-time work provides a source of income and a way of meeting people. Fortunately, there is now a whole collection of jobs that are passed on year-to-year between successive generations. And since there is a huge demand for native English speakers, it is also relatively simple to find work once in Japan. For all of us teaching was a rewarding experience – in fact, one of our number has returned to the UK to commence her work as a full-time teacher.

It helps that there are many different options for English teaching work. Some of the scholars work for Cram Schools (schools throughout Japan that offer extra lessons after regular school). Others worked for private students individually or in small groups. As a collective, our students ranged from 3 years old to over 70, and were from all walks of life, from doctors to librarians and from journalists to lawyers. Despite the traditionally formal view many Japanese hold with regard to the student–teacher relationship, many of the older students became our friends. To name a few experiences they arranged for us, their teachers: a tea ceremony; incredible sushi eating opportunities; invitations to birthday parties; driving into the mountains to experience tea and cakes in hand-made cabins; and give lectures on Brexit.

We have all now moved onto new challenges; some of us remain in front of the desks of students as teachers, whilst some of us have moved back behind them to carry on our education. Wherever we will go however, the experience of Japan will endure.

DAMIANO SOGARO (2013)
MARK SAVAGE TRAVEL AWARDS

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

The Venezuelan economy and the people

I am very grateful to the Mark Savage Fund of the College for enabling this amazing experience, and for supporting me on my journey which has broadened both my personal and my academic horizons through helping disadvantaged people in South America, and (at least partially) discovering one of the most picturesque countries on our planet – Venezuela.

I had the great fortune to spend three weeks in Venezuela, departing right after the 2016 Michaelmas Term had ended — London via Madrid to Caracas. I had pre-arranged accommodation in Caracas through a contact from Cambridge and so was picked up at the airport, which was truly appreciated, given the high risks (according to a myriad of rankings Caracas was the most dangerous city in the world at that time). The ‘host family’ I lived with was great, with a rather small house located in a ‘condominio’ in south-west Caracas. They welcomed me with open arms, a kiss on the cheek, and a freshly-made ‘arepa’, the traditional Venezuela corn-based tortilla.

I want to highlight the two biggest takeaways, insights, inspirations and insight that the Fund has helped me experience: my volunteer work in the Caracas ‘barrios’ (the Venezuelan equivalent of the Brazilian favelas), and seeing first-hand the economic ruin that communism has turned this country into.

I spent fifteen days volunteering for a local organization with the mission of providing children from the barrios with dental first-aid and care. This involves donating free toothbrushes to the children, showing them how to brush their teeth, and looking at their teeth for both prevention and help in case the teeth were already diseased. This experience changed my life, and I came to appreciate deep inside my heart the luck and enormous opportunity we have in England; this opened my eyes (even for tears). I will never forget the smiles on the children’s faces after receiving their first toothbrushes, there is nothing more pure and beautiful in this world.

As an economics student, experiencing and living the Venezuelan communist economy was most interesting. It was the first time I had entered a communist country and economy, something I had only learned of in textbooks of economics, politics and history. It was shocking to see how ruined the Venezuelan economy is, especially prominent to me through the rise of the black market (with its currency: cigarettes). It made even clearer to me how economics as a subject is not ‘intangibly caught in the ivory towers of academia’ but how it directly impacts people’s everyday lives. There this was particularly appalling when I noticed the empty shelves in the supermarkets, the locked-down hospitals (no electricity) and the scarcity of medical supplies.

This travel was more than a journey and has truly impacted and changed both my personal and my academic life. I am profoundly grateful to the Fund for enabling me to experience this. In my travel, I have gratefully been able to provide a lot of value and to pay a lot forward to disadvantaged children in Caracas, contributing a little more to the world’s happiness.

BENEDICT DOHMEN (2016)

At the East Malling Research Laboratory of the National Institute of Agriculture and Botany

The funds from my travel award facilitated my travel to and from the Laboratory, a leading facility in soft-fruit crop genetics and a satellite of the National Institute of Agriculture and Botany. This was an hour’s commute by train from my home. The funding of my travel to this unpaid internship enabled me to benefit from the experience of a professional scientific environment.

My time at the laboratory lasted the entire summer, working full time including staying after hours when necessary to complete large-scale projects such as the data collection for an entire fruit crop of strawberry plants — which had to be done within four hours of their respective harvests for the data to be comparable.

The work at the laboratory also gave me further valuable experience as I was given my own independent workload which included designing, conducting, and collecting data from my own experiments, and presenting the results. The first of the two projects was to develop a method to transform commercial strawberry plant cultivars using Agrobacteria. This was challenging and interesting; I worked with low class controlled genetic material to genetically modify strawberry plants. In order to conduct this project, I had to learn multiple new skills such as tissue-culture techniques, aseptic methods, media preparation, and the use of an industrial autoclave.

My second independent project was to investigate variations in root architecture of diverse wheat lines as induced by association with Metarhizium robertii, an insect-pathogenic fungus. This investigation also required new techniques and the development of interpersonal skills to coordinate with the primary wheat laboratory at NIAB, and allowed me to conduct some fieldwork growing crop samples both in controlled environments and within polytunnels. For this work, the use of custom software for data harvest and analysis from root images was necessary.

I was also lucky enough to work briefly with another scientist in the laboratory who was working in collaboration with the food company Quorn to identify alternative suitable growth media for Quorn mycoprotein production by Fusarium. This work was conducted in a state-of-the-art scaled-down continuous fermentation unit like those used by Quorn.

At the end of my stay, I was required to present my findings from my individual projects to the rest of the laboratory team of twenty people during their weekly meeting. I gained a lot from my experience while I was there and made some valuable contacts in my intended professional field. The travel grant facilitated my opportunity to enjoy this opportunity and I am highly grateful for it.

JAZ STODDART (2015)
THE JUNIOR COMBINATION ROOM

JCR Committee Members

President: Carl Martin
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Academic Affairs Officer: Niveditha Yalamarthi
Publications Officer: *Issy Cocker, [vacant]
Website Officer: Charlie Jonas
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*Abi Sommers
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Target & Access Officers: Andrew Carey, Dan Walsh
Ethical Executive: Ramnik Uppal
Green Officer: Charlotte Coventon
Charities Officer: *Peter Winch, *Tom Knight

* in 2016–17 year
` in 2017–18 year

The JCR this year is working as hard as ever before to make sure that everyone at Fitzwilliam enjoys their time here and is well-supplied with events and with support. In Lent we saw a new committee step up to the mark, and along with some fresh first and second-year faces we welcomed back some old hats.

Our Vice-President, Katie McCoshan, after successfully organising the 2016 Freshers’ Week as Entertainments Executive, sprang up to steer the Housing Ballot ship, ensuring that it sailed smoothly into the harbour. A momentous task executed well. Along with weekly JCR meetings, she represents Fitzwilliam at fortnightly CUSU meetings and sits in a whole host of other meetings in and around College. And only recently has she turned her hand at family match-making – allocating returning second-year and third-year ‘parents’ with shiny new ‘college children’!

You will be glad also to hear that our Treasurer, Emilia Morgan, ensures a keen grip on the financial obstacles of the JCR; being extremely diligent with the committee’s financial records; and ensuring students are reimbursed expeditiously. On top of this, she orchestrated the freshers’ gown sale this year with excellent efficiency.

Niveditha Yalamarthi returns as Academic Affairs Officer, running weekly drop-in sessions for students to voice concerns and working closely with the College Education and Library Committees to ensure that Fitzwilliam works for everyone and that the Library is constantly being updated to suit the changing needs of students.

The Communications team of Issy Cocker and Tara Ahluwalia produced a fantastic Lent Term edition of The Goat Post, and Tara works hard to make sure that the agenda, minutes, and organisation of JCR meetings is done in an extremely timely manner. Over the summer, they both worked hard on updating the Freshers’ Handbook. Along with Website Officer Charlie Jonas, they have continued the substantial upgrades to all forms of JCR communication; with our JCR website recognised as one of the best across Cambridge – having all information up to date, available, and easy to find – this is a fantastic resource for prospective applicants, current students, and alumni. He also built an excellent website tool which was used to coordinate the Housing Ballot, and this made the process much simpler for everyone involved.

The Welfare Team, led by Katie Bryden and Reuben Andrews, continue to play a crucial role in helping students whenever they are needed; whether offering support, supplying sexual-health supplies, or providing their incredibly successful Fitz-themed freshers’ pack. They do a lot of work organising behind the scenes and it has been wonderful seeing students enjoy the fruits of their labour; reigniting the ‘Angel Scheme’ in Lent term, welfare sweets in week-five or the regular massage and yoga sessions.

Whilst the highlights above show how the JCR sometimes masterminds some of the biggest events of the College calendar, the rest of the JCR take enormous pride in supporting a large breadth of projects.

Tom Benn, International Officer, has been keeping students up to date with the events of I-CUSU and operated a phenomenal International Freshers’ Week, featuring a Hill Colleges Formal Hall and bar crawl and punting (of course, one fresher fell in – although he took it in good spirit!).

Our LGBT+ Officer, Savannah Tiger Adeniyan, took College to task on its LGBT Pride and for the first time ever managed to get College to fly Rainbow Banners around College at the beginning of LGBT+ Month, as well as organising an extremely popular LGBT+ Formal Hall for students at Hill Colleges.

Rebecca Tomlinson has also taken social media by storm, launching a series of photo-interviews entitled
I’m a feminist because..., engaging all students from across the College, as well as organising Women’s Dinner, and inviting back several female alumni to talk to students about their experiences. Rebecca and Beth Edwards, our new LGBT+ Officer, have both worked to advance the College’s zero-tolerance policy on sexual harassment and have organised and presented the freshers’ consent workshops. Beth also helped welcome incoming freshers with her LGBTea and Cake event.

Danielle Jefferies, Ethnic Minorities Officer, keeps our students aware of opportunities available to BME students and has recently started a Fitzwilliam BME group to increase the student network at the College as well as to connect it to opportunities and other networks in the wider University.

The Fitz Shadowing Scheme, now in its third year, is already in the works. The hard work and organisation of the Target and Access team (led by Emily Young, and supported by Andrew Carey and Dan Walsh) will ensure that pupils from link-schools will be given a flavour of life at Fitzwilliam and at Cambridge. This involves pupils attending their mentors’ lectures, supervisions and practicals over the course of a few days. Having masterfully handled the CUSU Shadowing Scheme, I have no doubts that this year will be incredibly successful and that the scheme will only get bigger year-on-year. Throughout the year they have been working with the Admissions Office and the new Schools Liaison Officer to help run open days, tours of College, and school visits, and so to encourage better access to Cambridge and to Fitzwilliam.

The Ethical Affairs team consisting of Peter Winch and Tom Knight (Charities Officers) and Charlotte Coventon (Green Officer), led by Ramnik Uppal have been continuing the work of their predecessors. This year the Charities Officers set up a food-bank collection which is filled regularly by our generous students, and the undergraduate body voted to support Jimmy’s Homeless Shelter as our charity for this year – a pub quiz in Freshers’ week in aid of Jimmy’s raised nearly £500! Ramnik and Charlotte ran the Green Dinner in Lent term as well as making a success of the annual Fitz Off competition.

In January, the Ents team (Georgia Gridley, Matt Hill and Abi Sommers, led by Alisha Levermore) ran Refreshers’ Week, with the obligatory film night, pub quiz and pub crawl. In collaboration with the MCR, there was a Ceilidh on Burns’ Night, and the first of this year’s Fitz Up Look Sharp ents took place with the theme of ‘Under the Sea’. Lots of balloons, decorations and merriment was visible, an extremely successful night of fun. After the flutter of events at the beginning of Lent, the Ents team continued to impress with even more great events – Halfway Hall bop, Valentine’s Day bop (featuring College marriages!) and open-mic nights.

Freshers’ week this year was also a massive success. As well as introducing a better-than-ever welcoming team, with our very own dedicated freshers’ committee, the additional line-up of non-alcoholic events went down a treat with the new cohort. The success of the week was down to the hard work, dedication and meticulous planning of the Ents team and assisted closely by the rest of the JCR to make sure everything went smoothly. On the first day, the obligatory ‘speed friending’ and ‘ice breakers’ were closely followed by a freshers’ bop. Fitz Up Look Sharp was yet again hugely popular, taking over the Auditorium and hosting nearly 300 students including eager Fitz freshers with a groovy ‘retro disco’ theme.

Having been on the previous year’s committee and returned in the President’s seat this year, I can honestly say it’s been a blast. A lot of student activism occurs in Cambridge, partially as a result of discord with University and College bodies. At Fitzwilliam we are extremely lucky to have open accountability and the ability to have thorough representation. The coming-together of ideas and ideals to bring Fitzwilliam closer together and provide a sterling set of events for everyone is something that the JCR (and the College) strives for year-on-year. There truly is something for everyone at Fitzwilliam.

CARL MARTIN (2015), JCR President

THE MIDDLE COMBINATION ROOM

MCR Committee Members

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Academic Officer: Madeleine Chalmers
Welfare Officers: Winnie Yeung, Maya Zakrzewska-Pim
Undergraduate Liaison Officer: Tom Merry
Social Secretaries: Vamsee Bheemireddy, Nikzad Falahati, Hugo Poplimont, Areeb Mahtey, David Turner

I love being behind the bar at an MCR party. Whether it’s themed for a holiday (this year for Halloween and for Valentine’s Day), for a decade (as you’d expect, it was the 60’s this time around), or a fun day out (beach trip anyone?), or a party to welcome new faces and welcome old ones back after a summer, or a BOP featuring the Cambridge-based Handlers (complete with Fitzwilliam students and alumni) or our own DJ Jay, these parties are full of unbridled joy (even for those of us just drinking lemonade) and celebration of knowledge and hard work well done. It’s a blast to watch people meet for the first time, reminisce about College and University events, and find passions and causes (or TV shows) for which they...
share an appreciation. The Fitzwilliam MCR is a beautiful international community full of people who are excited to learn and grow, and who are also thrilled to kick back and have a good time. What an exciting atmosphere to be a part of – and to take a step back from and appreciate from behind the bar every once in a while!

Beyond big parties, our social calendar this year has included Green Formals, complete with fair-trade food and wine, and a Formal in the Dark, where diners navigated the art of eating without sight to have a taste of the visually-impaired experience. This event also raised money for CamSight, a Cambridge-based organization that raises awareness and provides support for people with sight loss and blindness.

On a beautiful July day, the Graduate Tutors graciously hosted a summer BBQ for us, where students and their families were able to play football, eat good food, and enjoy the sunshine in lovely company.
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Parker’s insight into Charles Darwin and his Cambridge beginnings, followed by Dr Jon Lawrence’s entertaining and popular talk on class in post-war Britain.

Every year at the start of Easter term the Society hosts a dinner to all members and friends. This year we were extremely honoured and fortunate to have Professor Sir Christopher Clark as our guest speaker who, as anticipated, gave a highly engaging and amusing speech on the importance of history; a fitting end to an incredibly successful year. It is hoped that the Society continues to thrive and attract even more members in Michaelmas 2017.

ELLIE MATTHEWS (2014), President 2016–2017

Law Society
The Fitzwilliam Law Society has had an interesting academic year. In the Michaelmas term, the focus was on welcoming the first-year students and ensuring that they were coping well with the pressures and novelty of being law students. With this in mind, there was a brief meet-up with them during induction week, to introduce ourselves and provide general tips for their first year. About half way through the term, with the aim of bringing together all the law students at Fitzwilliam and as a well-earned break from academic rigours, we organised a brunch in town which proved to be very successful, enjoyable and gave the law students across the years a chance to interact and get to know one another better.

The next two terms also proved to be quite exciting. We were able to liaise with Slaughters and with Freshfields, two firms of solicitors, to organise dinners with them, and to provide those interested with an excellent opportunity to network, to have their questions about the profession answered and to get to know solicitors of various seniorities on an informal basis. The fact that this was limited to Fitzwilliam ensured that our students were able to gain the maximum benefit from these opportunities.

In Lent, working closely with our Director of Studies Dr Andreas Televantos, we were able to organise an Alternative Careers Evening where we invited those who were not practicing as barristers and solicitors but who had used their legal knowledge to move into other areas of law. This event, which was open to students from all the colleges and was well attended, provided an opportunity to get an insight into the various alternative career options available to law students. We welcomed Daniel Peat, who works as a clerk at the International Court of Justice, Jessica Uguccioni who works for the Law Commission, works as a clerk at the International Court of Justice, and Augusta Itua who is a youth advocate for Just for Kids; they were able to provide informative and personal insights not only to their professions, but to the path they took to forge their careers. The dinner that followed allowed the students of Fitzwilliam to further interact with these speakers, and get to know them and their careers better.

Second term also brought with it the annual College Moot, for the first-year students. The first round was judged by the then Master for Moors for the University, Chee Ching Sik, and the final round was judged by Dr Benjamin Spagnolo, an experienced mooter and judge. The Annual Dinner followed on the 9 March, sponsored by Herbert Smith Freehills. This gave students an opportunity to interact with the representatives from the firm as well as with the speaker who preceded the dinner: Andrea Coomber, director of JUSTICE, who has had an impressive career in the field of international human rights law.

LUCY CHARATAN (2013) and SANDAMINI ETHAKADA (2014), Presidents

Enterprise Society
Fitz Enterprise is an intimate society which has the aim to inspire, educate and connect entrepreneurially-minded members of the College, and to nurture the network of past, present and future Fitzwilliam entrepreneurs.

In October 2016, Fitz Enterprise hosted Dr Ben Medlock (2008, PhD in Computational Linguistics) who cofounded SwiftKey, the predictive keyboard software. The hugely successful company was recently acquired by Microsoft for $250M. The Society’s annual dinner, in March 2017, was well-attended and well-received.

MILAN GRITTA (2015), CHAITANYA MANGLA (2014)

Geography Society
In 2016–2017, the Fitzwilliam Geography Society contained twenty-three undergraduates; Annabel Cleak was President, Ben Platt Vice-President, and Charlotte Coventon Secretary. The year began with an informal gathering in the JCR on 5 October, providing a great opportunity for the incoming Geographers to mingle with the current second and third years and to begin to shape the Fitzwilliam community. On 11 October informal drinks were organized in Wilson Court, followed by a walk to the Tandoori Palace for a curry. This presented a brilliant opportunity for further inter-year mingling.

The annual geography weekend away took place on the penultimate weekend of term. We spent the weekend in the Deepdale backpackers hostel, Deepdale Burnham – just near the Scolt Head Island Nature Reserve, on the North Norfolk coast. On the first night we prepared our dinners – basic microwave cookery – and played ice-breaker games and got an early night in preparation for our annual walk. On the Saturday we set off for a wonderful walk, in the beaming late-November sunshine, through the wetlands of the Nature Reserve and eventually arrived at a beautiful stretch of beach where we set up camp and enjoyed a competitive game of Frisbee and football. After this we all took part in a game of Sardines in the sand dunes, followed by a communal lunch and a daring venture – for a brave few – into the cold North Sea. When we arrived back at the hostel we enjoyed a lovely dinner of burritos, salad and nachos, followed by games. The next day we took a short walk to go for a pub lunch, before returning to Cambridge.

In mid Lent term the Geography Annual Dinner was held, which was attended by an eclectic mix of Fitzwilliam Geography undergraduates, graduate students, Fellows, and alumni from the past five years. This was a brilliant chance to see old faces and get to know the academic staff in a more informal setting, outside the supervision office. Dr Alex Jeffery – a splendid orator – delivered a fitting speech to top off both the night and another fantastic year for Fitzwilliam Geography Society.

BEN PLATT (2015), Vice-President 2016–2017
**Medical and Veterinary Society**

The Fitzwilliam Medical and Veterinary Society (FCMVS) had yet another fantastically eventful year, which included numerous academic talks, dinners, and parties organised by the FCMVS committee. As usual, Michaelmas term kicked off with a welcoming curry for the freshers. The next FCMVS event was a fascinating talk where we had the pleasure of Dr Gary O’Driscoll – the official doctor for Arsenal football club – in conversation with the College Master. Dr O’Driscoll and the Master discussed what he does in his current job and how he got into sports medicine in the first place, as well as how his current work differed from his previous positions: as the doctor for the London Irish rugby union club, and as a GP. After the conversation we held a drinks reception, where those who attended the talk enjoyed the opportunity to talk with Dr O’Driscoll.

A fortnight later, FCMVS held a second academic talk by Dr Richard Kock from the Royal Veterinary College in London. Dr Kock spoke to us about his exciting career as a wildlife vet, and how he deals with wildlife disease epidemics and their impact on human populations in Africa. Michaelmas term ended with the annual FCMVS Christmas Party – which never disappoints!

Lent term began with the termly FCMVS curry, and the first academic event was a truly thought-provoking talk by Dr Elizabeth Murchison, who spoke about the current knowledge and remaining mysteries regarding Transmissible Cancers – such as the one currently wiping out the majority of the Tasmanian Devil population. Lent term included also the main FCMVS social event of the year, our Annual Dinner. As usual, this was well attended by current students, alumni and Fellows. At the pre-dinner drinks reception, we hosted the hustings and elections for the next year’s FCMVS Presidency. As well as having delicious food, our annual dinner also had the delightful company of Professor Geoffrey Smith, our after-dinner speaker. Professor Smith is the head of the Pathology Department at the University of Cambridge and the Chairman of the World Health Organisation Advisory Committee for Varioli Virus Research, and gave a very well-delivered speech. Lent term ended with another enjoyable academic talk by Dr Ewan Smith from the Department of Pharmacology, who discussed naked mole-rats and their oddities with regards to longevity, pain, cancer (which they don’t get!) and hypoxia.

**Natural Sciences Society**

The first event of the year was an extremely interesting talk by Professor Jayant V. Narlikar entitled The Pioneering Search for Micro-Organisms in the Upper Atmosphere. In the main body of the talk Professor Narlikar described his role as the head of an international research team which was conducting a pioneering experiment designed to detect micro-organisms in the atmosphere. The outcomes were set to have profound implications on the origins of life on earth. It was a great introduction to Fitzwilliam Natural Sciences Society for the incoming freshers, and there was also a formal hall afterwards for those who wished for further discussion with the speaker.

In the Lent term we hosted another guest speaker – Dr Stuart Higgins, a Research Associate at Imperial College London, who is known for his Scientists not the Science podcasts. The talk was aimed at those interested in a career in scientific research, and the combination of hard truths and humorous anecdotes meant we were all engaged until the very last minute. Many students thanked Dr Higgins at the end of the talk and there was a short question and answer session for those who wished to learn more.

As well as hosting these incredible speakers, the Natural Sciences Society also took part in formal-hall swaps with Christ’s, Girton and Selwyn. Each swap had a strong Fitzwilliam turnout and it was a great way for them to meet people who studied different options and modules … … and discuss how excited they were for their 9am Saturday lecture the next morning.

The society is now in the hands of Co-Presidents Bryce Lim and Camy Hamdi-Cherif, and I wish them the best of luck for the future.

**Debating Society**

The year 2016–2017 proved exciting and rewarding for Fitzwilliam Debating, as this year’s committee continued to drive the Society forwards, building upon the good work of those before us. We can now boast an expanding reach in Cambridge with members attending events from across the city, and some even joining us from outside Cambridge itself. This growth was also reflected in the high-quality events that we were able to stage across the year, from debates and panel discussions through to our workshop programme and an inaugural debating fixture with Stamford Endowed School for the Oswald Elliot Cup. We were also delighted to welcome a great range of
excellent guest speakers to many of our events including Dr Gerard Lyons, the former chief economic advisor to Boris Johnson; internationally-renowned lawyer Amanda Padoan; Josephine Apira, Ugandan human rights activist; as well as Peter Hitchens, the prominent author and journalist.

More than anything though, Fitzwilliam Debating remains committed to our core values of providing an open, inclusive and engaging space for members and to promote participation in thought-provoking debate.

For this reason, it was hugely encouraging to continue welcoming new members and to host so many different student speakers in our debates, drawn from a wide mix of colleges, and ranging from freshers to graduates. This good work will continue to be built upon by the new committee, with Kirill Lasis as President, and I wish them the best of luck for the year.

JOSHUA MARCHANT (2015), Debating Society President 2016–2017
COLLEGE MUSIC AND ART

Music Society
Students, Fellows, staff and alumni can all look back on an exciting and rewarding year of music-making in college that has encompassed nearly everything from top-flight professional acts to the most informal gatherings.

During the year, the College has not only continued to nurture long-standing relationships, but has forged links with new friends, all in an effort to bring a rich and diverse group of performers to Fitzwilliam. We were thrilled to welcome once again the Fitzwilliam String Quartet. This internationally-renowned group not only gave us some stellar performances in the Auditorium; they conducted workshops during which they shared their wealth of experience with student ensembles. Violist Alan George even had the opportunity to evoke the Quartet’s personal relationship with Dmitri Shostakovich during a fascinating open conversation with the Master. Another highlight of our professional series was Pop-up Opera. Its founder, Fitzwilliam alumna Clementine Lovell (2000, Archaeology & Anthropology) was the special guest speaker at the Music Reunion, and brought this innovative and critically acclaimed troupe to the College for the first time. Their performance of Rossini’s Barber of Seville took place on Valentine’s Day for an enthusiastic full house. We hope that it is the first of many appearances at Fitzwilliam!

Robust student involvement is, as always, the lifeblood of day-to-day musical life in college. In addition to ensembles such as Fitz Swing, the Barbers, the Sirens, and the Chapel Choir, there was a wealth of convivial and delightful recitals by soloists and chamber groups based in college. Anna Sozanska, the trainee organ scholar, gave two captivating organ recitals in the chapel featuring works by Boellmann, Buxtehude, Bach, and many more. Two chamber ensembles including students from Fitzwilliam were regular performers: a clarinet quintet and a piano quartet who treated us throughout the year to chamber works by Mozart, Brahms, and Fauré. Accompanied song had pride of place as well, with highlights including a recital by Isaac Jarratt Barnham accompanied by Organ Scholar Amalie Kari Fisher and, in May week, the Alkan Piano Scholar Pierre Riley appearing with special guest Simon Gfeller in a programme of Duparc and Richard Strauss.

The College’s musical affinities are broad and even sometimes eclectic! Traditional music ranging from Irish to Indian was an exciting and regular feature in folk nights organised by the Music Committee, and in the postgraduate salon evenings held in the Senior Combination Room. These evenings were also the setting in which Music MPhil Oliver Gudgeon explored spontaneous and improvised music-making using everyday objects and sounds – a compelling and fresh approach to musicianship that he termed ‘Sonic Improvisation’.

The awesome variety of musical happenings at Fitzwilliam bears witness to the passion of its students, Fellows, and alumni – who bring enthusiasm to each event, whether as supporters or as performers.

PIERRE RILEY (2016), Music Society President

Fitzwilliam Barbershop
After a relatively quiet start to the year 2016–2017, during which both Jake Glidden and Jonas Rasmussen joined the team, the group gave a number of high-profile performances towards Christmas. These included sets for clients including Marshall Aerospace and the Fitzwilliam...
Museum. A slightly quirkier assignment saw the group carolling from the balconies of the Grafton shopping centre!

During the second term the Barbershop honed their act, recording a number of tracks and providing entertainment at several University dinners, which prepared them well for the excitements of Easter term. These included the now annual Fitz Barbershop and Fitz Sirens Cheese and Wine Concert in the final week of the academic year. Once again selling every seat in the College Auditorium, both groups performed excellently and received rave reviews from all quarters. May Week followed soon after, during which the Barbers performed at six Balls, making for an enjoyable, if hectic, close to the academic year.

A triumphant return to the Edinburgh Fringe, performing alongside the Fitz Sirens, marked the end of the year for the Barbershop. Academic 2 played for four days, selling out each performance and receiving a number of excellent reviews from both festival-goers and critics. We can’t wait for the next academic year in October!

If you would like to hire Fitz Barbershop, we’d love to hear from you. Please address all enquiries to barbershop@fitz.cam.ac.uk

ISAAC JARRATT BARNHAM (2014)

Fitzwilliam Sirens

Our 2016–2017 year was kick-started by our tour of China in September with the invitation to the celebration of Jilin University’s 70th anniversary, and ended with a record number of Balls in May Week (including the Trinity Ball!) and a sell-out run at the Edinburgh Fringe. This success would never have been achieved without our new Sirens: Amy, Louise, Millie, and Christie.

You may notice that we have lost the gloves and brought in some silver, but the classic jazz and blues style still prevails and has proved very popular. Changes were also made to our administrative team: Alice French (St Catharine’s: Japanese, 2015) as Manager, Nadia Bates (Christ’s: Anthropology and Management, 2013) and Lucy Courage (Homerton: Classics, 2013) as Musical Directors,

ISAAC JARRATT BARNHAM (2014)

Celebratory cake from the College for The Sirens’ 20th Anniversary, with Katie McCoshan and Nadia Bates
The Cheese and Wine Night in June. L to R: Lucia Azzi, Millie Morgan, Lucy Courage, Katie McCoshan, Tasha Pick, Nadia Bates, Christie Lam, Alice French.

After a long day of singing in Edinburgh, a hike up Arthur’s Seat. Left to right: Louise Harris, Nadia Bates, Amy Stuart, Alice French, Lucy Courage, Katie McCoshan, Millie Morgan.

and Katie McCoshan (Geography, 2015) as Treasurer and Fringe Manager.

Our new look was loved also by Sirens alumni at the Music Society Dinner, which celebrated over twenty years of Sirens. It was lovely to meet them and their families, and even better to perform the old classic Boogie Woogie. I don’t think a room has ever been filled with such power and emotion as it was when we all sang I will survive spontaneously at the end of the dinner.

Fitzwilliam has supported us tremendously this year and we are grateful for their enthusiasm. We are very excited about what the next year will bring, despite losing our beloved Nadia, Lucy, and Alice, who have given so much over the last few years. Katie and Amy Stuart (Newnham: Natural Sciences, 2015) are now taking the reins.

KATIE MCCOSHAN (2015)

Fine Arts Society

Within one year the Society grew from four to fourteen members, who make use of the art studio on Wychfield Lane for painting, drawing and other handicrafts. In Michaelmas, Fine Arts members were involved in the preparations for the Fitzwilliam Winter Ball, and used the room to prepare decorations and lighting and to store equipment for this important and successful evening of the College year. At Christmas, the Society co-joined the annual Christmas event of the local venue The Junction at the Arty party – Christmas party. This was a gathering of arts and culture professionals of Cambridge in a nice and creative atmosphere accompanied by delicious catering and Kir Royale. Various artists performed that evening and gave the students the chance to engage and collaborate, or just to discuss new ideas.

Within the College, the Society started an art promotion in the College Café – we want to engage students to provide their artwork and display it to the public. Currently, the paintings of two of our members are on display: Freya Johnson (2014, Physics) with an abstract portrait; and Lara Levene (2016, History) with an abstract expressionist acrylic painting.

Highlight of the year was the talk by Professor Richard Marks about his career as a museum curator of the British Museum and his research in imagery in religious medieval art work in Europe. In his presentation he brought in an original icon and used it to demonstrate the various methodologies and aspects that art historians might employ, which was much appreciated by the audience of interested Architecture and History students attending the event.

Outside Fitzwilliam College, the Society was involved in organizing a permanent exhibition which is on display in the Chemical Engineering Department in West Cambridge. The Art Corridor shows impressive fluorescence-
microscopy pictures of neural cells, zebrafish and amyloid proteins – which form an important part of the research in the Department – explaining their science in an aesthetic and accessible way.

OLIVER VANDERPOORTEN (2015), Fine Arts Society President 2016–2017

COLLEGE SPORT

Amalgamated Clubs

The year 2016–2017 has provided incredible success for Fitzwilliam sport, highlighted by some terrific League and Cup performances. The Men’s Rugby Team narrowly missed out on winning the Shield after a hard-fought final. The Hockey Teams have had a tremendous season as a collective: reaching all three possible Cappers finals where they narrowly missed out in the Mixed and Women’s finals but were capped off in glory by the Men’s Team.

Fitzwilliam Men’s Basketball Team has had unprecedented success achieving what can only be described as a near-impossible feat of being promoted twice in one season due to their dominance in their leagues, whilst the Men’s Cricket Team achieved their consecutive Cappers victories.
The true success story of this year however, is undoubtedly the Football Club. Every team that represented Fitzwilliam won a trophy this year. In total six trophies: three League titles thanks to the Women’s Team, the Men’s Second Team, and the Men’s First Team; and three Cup victories with the Men’s Third Team, Second Team and First Team all winning their respective Cup competitions. This is an unprecedented feat and cements Fitzwilliam’s position as a football powerhouse among colleges.

The Gym has continued to be extremely popular amongst members of College with a very high attendance. It is continuing to be improved with the help of our Gym Officers, Camy Hamdi-Cherif and Henry Clifford. I would also like to say a big thank-you to our Groundsman Dave Norman, whose hard work to keep the Oxford Road pitches in phenomenal condition — despite the new drainage system being put into place — is hugely appreciated! With such a strong year it seems a tough act to improve, however the high level of participation and the fantastic quality of sportspeople at Fitzwilliam will ensure next season has every chance to be just as successful and ensure that Fitzwilliam maintains its position as perhaps the best sporting college at the University.


Cricket: Fitzwilliam are Cuppers Champions on two successive years

The 2016 Captain’s view

On an overcast April afternoon in 2016, a second-string Fitzwilliam side was roundly thumped in a friendly against a Magdalene team devoid of proper cricketing attire — so I did not think instinctively that this was a Cuppers-winning team in the making. However, this was not our full-strength side. Over half of the team were absent, playing or training with the Blues and Crusaders squads and a couple were busy with the PGCE teaching training course. Two weeks later we had a replay against Magdalene. This time we were busy with the PGCE teaching training course. Two

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The other group match was against Clare Hall who boasted an Australian first-grade cricketer. The only time we bowled first all season resulted in Clare Hall’s star wicketkeeper Patrick Tice had informed me that one of

the opposition were dispatched for 19 courtesy of Adam

Drew’s 5/10. Whilst we were acutely aware that more

difficult challenges lay ahead, our 10-wicket win saw us

qualify for the quarter-finals and we were now dreaming of

a semi-final tie against Jesus, so we knew we would likely have to beat both favoured teams to win Cuppers. We batted first with Patrick Tice setting up a substantial score, and showing his appetite for the big occasion, with 91*. We knew that if we bowled and fielded well we would win the match — but perhaps our poorest bowling display of the Cuppers campaign aligned with some determined batting from Robinson’s blues players meant we were in for a fight in the last few overs. Despite some ill-disciplined bowling, our fielding remained excellent. This was aligned with the support of perhaps 30–50 Fitzwilliam students who had turned up to support us on what was a glorious summer’s day. Henry Warne bowled perhaps the spell of his life to soak up the runs, remove their star batsman, and ultimately win us the match. However, just as the match appeared won, Henry delivered a no-ball off what should have been the last ball of the innings which was dispatched for six, meaning Robinson could still win the match with another six. Thankfully Henry kept his composure and we won by 5 runs. We now had the chance to win Cuppers for the first time since 1972. We had our day at Fenner’s.

Wednesday 8 June was a glorious, hot, and sunny day. A crowd of perhaps 100 — weighted in Fitzwilliam’s favour — turned up for what was a match for the ages. I won the toss and had no hesitation in batting first. By the half-way stage of our innings things were far from ideal. On what appeared a glorious batting track we had scored at barely a run-a-ball for the loss of two wickets, including Patrick Tice. However, the next 10 overs saw the birth of a new Fitzwilliam batting hero, as fresher Tom Corner played what must be one of the greatest Cuppers-final innings to score 81 and, with a quick-fire cameo from Oli Taylor, push the innings score to 167 — which was widely felt to be just above par.

We started brilliantly, restricting Girton in the early overs with Sam Strong — representing Fitzwilliam for the seventh year — picking up a crucial early wicket. Girton’s captain counterattacked with a rapid innings of 49 until being brilliantly caught on the second attempt by Dan Mehlig at Cover. The innings remained in the balance but began to slip away as Girton’s number three scored a well-compiled 60 to put Girton in the driving seat. Then, just as the game appeared to have slipped, Dan Mehlig took another great catch under pressure to remove the set batsman. With 17 runs needed from two overs with 7 wickets in hand, Girton were still favourites but two excellent death overs from Adam Drew and Henry Warne secured the Cuppers victory sparking wild celebrations from the Fitz players and the crowd. The 44-year wait was over. Fitzwilliam were champions.

A view from the Bursar on the boundary

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Seriously, it was a privilege just to be associated with this great achievement. I managed to get to one of the group games (opposition bowled out for 19, mostly extras), and the latter part of the semi-final, against Robinson at Oxford Road. This was not a team dependent on one or two stars and a bunch of journeymen – from where I saw it, it was a whole-team effort. Sure we had our stars – every team needs them – but whenever someone failed someone else stepped up to fill the gap. We batted deep, bowled long and fielded like demons. Everyone was a hero. On the field we looked a well-organised outfit. The captain was in charge looking as though he had a plan for all situations and the team followed instinctively. The new ‘Baggy Red’ caps (now surely destined to be more popular than Manchester United football shirts) reinforced the impression of a strong and focused team, inspired confidence in the supporters and fear in the opposition; somehow you never felt they were going to break, even though every game was a tight one.

And yet they never made it easy; who but Fitzwilliam could contrive to make a cliffhanger out of a situation in which the opposition needed 14 to win off the last ball (in the semi-final against Robinson)?

Of course this squad is not a flash in the pan. I am sure they would be first to acknowledge the efforts of those captains over the last three years who have brought Fitzwilliam cricket back from the brink. I am especially pleased for Sam Strong who has played for Fitzwilliam for seven years, and has done two stints as Captain and really pulled us through some difficult times.

Those of us who failed to get to the final had to make do with various methods of communication. Alumni followed the match in their offices via Twitter feeds. Back in the College we had to make do with unreliable text messages. The final message before contact was lost was Girton 88 for 12 – looking a bit better. We didn’t even know whether this was the first or second innings, so we
were very confused for the rest of the afternoon! When the news came of the eventual victory by three runs, the Fellows were gathering in Upper Hall for a meeting of the Governing Body. Others will tell the tale of the game, but the JCR President had the pleasure of informing the Governing Body of this historic achievement, which drew a round of applause (another first?).

Four years ago we were proud to host the 1972 cuppers-winning team holding their 40th anniversary back in College. We look forward to the return of the 2016 champions, and watch out for Fitzwilliam Cricket 2060!

ANDREW POWELL, Bursar and Cricket Senior Treasurer

But it was not necessary to wait until 2060 for a further Cuppers win ...

Cricket in 2017

It was a triumphant season for the Fitzwilliam College Cricket 1st XI with the side, captained by Nikhil Patel, defending its Cuppers title from last year.

The season began with a comfortable victory against Pembroke. The opening stand of 73 between Blues Captain Patrick Tice and powerful hitter Oli Taylor proved decisive as Fitzwilliam raced to a formidable total of 182–5. In reply, Pembroke never seemed like chasing down the target, restricted by the consistency and guile of left-arm spinner Rory Sale – 4–0–12–2. The second group-stage match was against Clare. Unfortunately this match was cancelled, due to bad weather.

After a two-week break, the side returned to action with a fixture against King’s, the third and final in the group stage. Tom Corner captained the side in regular skipper Nikhil Patel’s absence, and led the batting effort with a gutsy 32 ball 50. He was supported excellently by the middle order. In particular by Rory Sale and Tom McCarty, who scored his maiden half-century for the College side, a magnificent innings with a number of powerful hits back over the bowler’s head. In the second innings the King’s response was defiantly led by skipper Joel Bradbury. Nevertheless, his efforts proved in vain as Fitzwilliam won by 32. Special mention must go to fresher
debutant Robbie Sewell and to Tom Franks Moore, whose disciplined seam bowling saw Fitzwilliam to victory.

After winning their group, the Fitzwilliam side faced Girton in the quarter final – a repeat of the 2016 final won by Fitzwilliam in nail-biting fashion. This was the first real challenge faced by the team. Disaster struck in the fourth over, with talismanic opening bat Patrick Tice run out. This promoted top order collapse with linchpins of the side Oli Taylor, Tom Corner and Rory Sale all out in quick succession. This brought to the crease Tom McCarty and skipper Nikhil Patel, who rebuilt the innings with intelligent stroke play and steely resolve. Tom McCarty brought up his second half-century in as many matches. It proved to be a season-defining innings packed full of characteristic straight hits. An unbelievable innings, that really showcased McCarty’s class under really testing conditions, saw Fitzwilliam end on a respectable total of 145. In response, Girton got off to a flying start, led by the marvellous stroke play of Blue Chris Webster. At the halfway stage Girton looked well on top; however, the match was turned on its head by a splendid catch in the deep by Henry Warne to dismiss the key man Webster. After a lengthy rain break midway through the 15th over, Fitzwilliam snatched victory out of the jaws of defeat, thanks to a splendid piece of death bowling by Patrick Tice.

In the semi-final Fitzwilliam were pitted up against tournament favourites Robinson. Having won the toss, Fitzwilliam elected to bat. Yet again the class of the batting line up showed as the side posted another 200+ score. Highlights included 78 from Tom Corner and quick-fire forties from the ever-dependable middle order of Rory Sale and Tom McCarty. Robinson never looked like chasing down the target, their top order blasted away by the pace of Omar Hatteaa and Robbie Sewell, with Fitzwilliam coasting into their second Cuppers final in as many years.

Fitzwilliam’s final opponents Emmanuel took the risky decision to field first on a hard Fenners track. This proved to be a poor one as openers Oli Taylor and Dan Mehlig got the side off to a flying start. In particular, Oli Taylor treated the bowling with contempt as he swatted the ball to all parts of the ground with an array of innovative shots. The loss of Taylor in the sixth over for a swashbuckling 42 brought Tom Corner to the crease, who ably supported Mehlig for the next 14 overs as Fitzwilliam ended their twenty overs on 192–1. Mehlig finished up just short of his century, but it was an awesome innings full of hard hit drives that delighted the Fitzwilliam faithful. The chase proved too much for Emmanuel, who, despite the best effort of their Captain Alex Mislin, finished up well short. In particular, praise must go to the economical Oli Taylor and Tom Franks Moore, who restricted Emmanuel superbly in the middle overs. After yet another convincing win, Fitzwilliam were crowned Cuppers 2017 champions! A brilliant end to a season packed full of fantastic cricket.

Massive thanks must go to groundsman Dave Norman and to skipper Nikhil Patel.

TOM CORNER (2015), Vice-Captain 2016–2017

Football

The Men’s Football Club had a historic season, becoming the first college to win all four major competitions in the same year. The 1st XI were crowned Cuppers champions, marking the tenth time Fitzwilliam have lifted the trophy, and completed the double by winning a tightly-contested Premier Division on goal difference. The 2nd XI won the Shield competition, and the 3rd XI made it a perfect season with victory in the Vase.

During the last three years at Fitzwilliam, Cuppers has been exhilarating, unpredictable and thoroughly enjoyable, and yet usually concluded with a loss on penalties to the eventual champions (St John’s in 2015, Robinson in 2016). These shortcomings only made the success of our 2017 campaign all the sweeter. After the draw kindly handed us a Round 1 bye, we beat Gonville and Cauis 2–1 in Round 2 before satisfyingly smashing
St John’s 3–0 in the Quarter Final. The Semi-Final clash with Queens’, a very talented side who had many University players, was our hardest game all season. In truth, we were on the ropes early in the game, with Blues and Fitzwilliam goalkeeper Henry Warne saving a penalty, Peter Rutzler and Joe Gregory working tirelessly at full-back, and the rest of the side gritting teeth and digging deep. Once half-time came and went, and with the score still 0–0, we started to impose ourselves on the game before finally making a breakthrough on 82 minutes. The match finished 1–0 and to our delight we achieved a rare League and Cup double. Rutzler was inevitably declined.

Lastly, we must, of course, thank Dave Norman for his round-the-clock work and commitment, and Vice-Captain Alex Spyrou for all his help and advice.

Like our other teams, Fitzwilliam Third team had a particularly impressive season this year, winning the Vase competition to complete a trio of cup wins for Men’s football. Fielding a smaller squad compared to previous years meant we got used to playing a regular team with solid performances across the board, particularly in goalkeeping and striking. Our League performance in Division 5 was fairly mixed, with several challenging fixtures particularly against the second teams in the division; as such a final position of 5th out of 8 teams was fairly satisfactory, and we will be looking to push up into the top half of the division next season.

Fitzwilliam College Women’s Football Team enjoyed an extremely successful season this year. This began with an alliance between the women’s football teams of Fitzwilliam and Corpus to create Fitz-Corpus WFC, and this turned out to be an excellent choice. The first match against Newnham, Fitz-Corpus went on to take victory from Wolfson-Darwin at 11–1, and more closely but still conclusively from Magdalene-Sidney at 4–3 that term. Congratulations must be made to Bianca Wilcox, a top goal-scorer, as well as gratitude to long-term goalie Zoe Walker who did the team proud yet again this year, preventing losses on many occasions. Fitz-Corpus continued to show the same success into Lent notwithstanding one loss, which enabled them to win their league. They look forward to competing in Division 2 next year, with great optimism about their chances in light of their recent success.

Rugby

Come mid-October 2016, FCRUFC were chomping at the bit to get their season under way – not least due to their smart new playing strip. Again, Fitzwilliam found themselves in Division 2 – the middle tier of college rugby. However, as a continuing theme, this season was marred by player shortages, and it soon became clear that only Caius could field teams against us. FCRUFC succumbed to three heavy defeats against the soon-to-be Cuppers finalists, and entered the New Year without a win. It is also worth noting that, due to ground-drainage works, Fitzwilliam were unable to play at Oxford Road until Lent.

The start of 2017 brought new challenges for FCRUFC. Injuries and CURUFC call-ups reduced us to fewer than 15 players as Cuppers approached. Despite desperate attempts to attract new players, Fitzwilliam were unable to raise a side until a joint team was formed with Christ’s (themselves with only 5–10 players). This proved a good decision as, following a narrow defeat to Girton, the team coasted past Churchill and Homerton to reach the Cuppers Shield final.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the season, the game was played in front of a large Fitzwilliam crowd
at Grange Road. In a tight and cagey affair played in slippery conditions, Magdalene however emerged as the 10–7 victor. Nevertheless, it was refreshing to see pride, passion and scrum dominance again return to the Fitz jersey.

Player of the season: Sam Porter
Most improved: Michael Fan
Newcomer’s award: Jordan Chong
University caps: P. Harlow (LX), N. Stride (LX), H. Moir (LX, u20 Captain), R. Sale (Colleges), S. Porter (Colleges)

Hockey

After a slow start in the League due to a number of injuries to key players in Michaelmas term, the Trinity-Fitzwilliam Hockey Team quickly bounced back after the break. The initial Cuppers match was tough, as some players had University-team commitments, but then the team stopped looking back. A few matches later and we made the Cuppers finals for the Men’s, for the Mixed, and for the Women’s competitions. This created an exciting Sunday in Easter term where the team spent the whole day at Wilby, alongside a Varsity athletics match.

Pulling out all the stops, the Men’s team initially raced to a 3–0 lead. Jesus looked defeated at half-time but came out strongly after the break and got back to 3–2. A lovely short corner powered Trinity-Fitz to 4–2, a lead that proved to be too much for Jesus. Later in the day, the Women’s team tried to hold on to a 0–1 deficit to stay in their own game but just couldn’t quite find the net. St Catharine’s played a strong team and the women did very well to hold on for so long. The final match was for the Mixed team and this also was against St Catharine’s; this proved just too much since their men were fresh and their women on a high from winning the match just before.

In summary, the season had a slow start but we were rewarded in the end with some silverware.

Special mention must go to: Will Archibald and Dan Mehlig for being committed members of the team for four years; James Campkin and Demetris Stylianou who represent the future University-level players who will help the team to future victories; Rob Folkes for coming back after his injuries; and Rhianna Miller for being a great Women’s Captain and making the Mixed team so strong.

Lawrence Tan (2015)

Men’s and Women’s Rowing

The 2016–2017 season saw crews in the Fitzwilliam College Boat Club continue to build on the excellent progress made in the last few years, with success across the board for novices, for seniors and for University trialists. The year kicked off with the annual reunion row in September, where it was great to see the 2011 Women’s First crew reunite – the first women’s crew to attend a reunion row. We hope that the coming years will see this event continue to grow.

Once term had started, novice season began and Fitzwilliam put out some strong performances across the squad, with both the Men’s and the Women’s Novice 1st boats making it to the semi-final of Clare Novices’ Regatta.
A total of seven FCBC crews raced in the Fairbairns, with the most outstanding performance being Novice Men’s 3rd: they may have had the slowest rowing time, but displayed some other skills when one crew member took to the water mid-race for a swim.

After Christmas, a strong novice retention rate bolstered the senior squads substantially, to help create some strong Lent-term crews. With six former novices joining first boats, and others forming second boats on both sides of the Club, the learning curve was steep for everyone. Unfortunately, Women’s 2nd narrowly missed out on a place in Lent Bumps while Men’s 2nd did take part but managed to catch crabs all the way to a set of spoons. The Men’s 1st boat, on the other hand, managed to hold their place in the First Division, and the Women’s 1st bumped up two places – easily holding off crews who had, only weeks earlier, beaten them at Bedford Head.

The usual annual pilgrimage to the Tideway for Head of the River was spoilt for the Men by some classic British weather, which led to the Head being cancelled. However, the term ended on a high for everyone regardless as we saw Fitzwilliam student and Cambridge University Women’s Boat Club President Ashton Brown lead the Blue Boat to their first ever win on the Tideway, as well as our two lightweight trialists beating Oxford in Henley.

With no time to lose before May Bumps, work began on the Cam well before the start of Easter Term for those looking to row in first boats. It was great to see seats being hotly contested by enthusiastic rowers despite the looming shadow of exams. Goals for the term included ensuring that the Women’s 2nd boat got to experience bumps; improving on the Lent results for the Men’s 2nd; and managing to field a Men’s 3rd Dream. Two of the three were successful but, sadly, the Men’s 3rd Dream was crushed in the getting-on race. For most of the Women’s 2nd boat, the Mays provided their first set of bumps and, although they spooned, they had a lot of fun doing it. While Men’s 2nd conceded one bump early on in the week, they came back strongly and managed to earn their first bump, on Churchill II, on the final day.

The Men’s 1st boat was not so fortunate, getting bumped twice, but it did manage to hold off Hughes Hall – consisting of half the Blue Boat – on day one. Having broken into the First Division, the year before, the Women’s 1st boat was faced with the challenge of competing at this new higher level. The crew faced numerous problems through term including glandular fever, pneumonia recovery, and two sprained wrists. However, the year’s hard training paid off and they bumped Queens’, Magdalene, Jesus II and Pembroke, all within a few hundred metres of the start, to win their blades and finish 13th on the river. Sadly, the chase of Pembroke by the Women’s 1st boat was also Ken Drake’s last ever push-out of a Fitzwilliam crew at bumps. Every Fitzwilliam rower in recent years will know how greatly appreciated is the support of Ken Drake, who attends every day without fail to push boats off before the cannon, even when the weather calls for a full boiler suit to protect him from the mud (p.73). We look forward to seeing him continue to enjoy the Bumps in a more relaxed capacity, and the Women’s 1st boat was delighted to have ended this era on a good note.

Overall, the year was greatly enjoyed by members of FCBC at all levels, and it was wonderful to see such strong team spirits built between rowers, regardless of whether they had been rowing for six months or for six years. One of the highlights of taking part in Fitzwilliam rowing is the opportunity to form close friendships made across years in College, and this year was no exception, with members ending the year with lots more to remember than just their Bumps results.

Tennis

Our team this year put out a good performance when called upon during the Michaelmas term. We ended the League, coming fourth in our division after struggling against the autumn weather. Noteworthy contributions to the team came from Ran Zmigrod, Jamie Gawith, George Neville and Jared Butters, for their regular commitment to the squad. Amongst other comedic moments during the term, a special mention must go to the 2016–2017 Football Captain Tom Dunn-Massey for his cameo in the tennis team against a strong Newnham side. Despite a predictable upset in his singles match, Tom powered on in the doubles to clinch what is almost certainly his single greatest Fitzwilliam sporting achievement to date. Despite the typically busy Cambridge calendar and our lack of Blues team members, the team was strong and resilient when we needed to be, and for that I am proud.

The following terms saw us play in Cuppers. Comfortably beating St Edmund’s in the first round led us to Queens’ in the second round. A marathon fixture, spanning over three weeks in attempts to arrange mutually suitable times, this match really brought out the best in both teams. Although they had far more Blues-standard players than we did, we fought valiantly – but lost narrowly. It seems cruel that those who lose in the second round do not get a chance at redemption, and I feel that a shot at the Shield would have easily been within our reach. To next year however, with our heads held high and rackets in our hands, I hand over to Zan for another shot at promotion.

KANE COLSTON (2014), Tennis Captain 2016–2017

Badminton

After aggressive recruiting at the Freshers Fair, the Badminton team garnered more interest than the previous year. Some weeks later, the selection was over and our core members became clear. With the new additions of the ‘living wall’ Alexander Fritzsche and Ryan ‘I dare you to do a short serve’ Ng, our team showed promise. Sadly, our master of net play, Sebastian Bourgeaud, suffered an injury and was not able to play for us until the second term. This, coupled with the fact that many of our other third-year players were very busy, meant that we did not have a full team of experienced players for a lot of our games in the first term. This did not stop us, however, and we did our best – in the end missing out on the promotion by two games.

With Lent term came Cuppers matches, and we were ready to play another term of intense badminton. Sadly, Fitzwilliam lost the Men’s Cuppers against Pembroke 1, a team with many players from the University teams. We were, however, recognised as a real threat by them and that, in its own way, is a win. In the League, despite having more of our better players present and available, we missed out on promotion by a single game.

DANNY HE (2015), Men’s Badminton Captain 2016–2017

Table Tennis

The Fitzwilliam College Table Tennis Club has enjoyed its second season after being re-established in 2015–2016. We continue to provide free training for beginner and intermediate players, as well as providing an opportunity for more experienced players to play in competitive matches. The highlight of the competitive season was a trip to Oxford to play against St Edmund Hall. Although we were defeated in a tough encounter, we thoroughly enjoyed the experience and hope to organise a return match in the future. Many thanks to Samir Yep Manzano for arranging the match, and to the St Edmund Hall team for their kind hospitality.

A special mention ought to go out to two of our members, Juan Antonio Rubio-Lara and Eddie Wei, who represented Cambridge in the Men’s 2017 Table Tennis Varsity match. The pair clinched the decisive point in the doubles, to hand Cambridge the victory. We are privileged to have such experienced players passing on their knowledge to the members of the club during training sessions.

HARKEERIT KALSI (2015), Table Tennis Captain, 2016–2017

Squash

Fitzwilliam Squash had a good 2016–2017 season. Both the Men’s and Women’s teams were raised more or less from scratch, and headed into an unknown season. Nevertheless, two Men’s teams and a Women’s team were formed to represent Fitzwilliam in the Intercollegiate tournaments.

In Michaelmas term, both Men’s teams did well in the Leagues, advancing into their respective next-league divisions. Each team faced several tough opponents,
with some close matches – with Fitzwilliam managing to win most of them! The Women’s team also had a good League term.

Lent and Easter gave way to Cuppers. The Men’s team had a very tough draw, so that although they won a tight match against Queens’ in the first round, they lost in the second to the very experienced King’s College School.

Fitzwilliam was proud to have three members in the University Squash Team: Tom Knights playing in the Men’s team, and Anira Perera and Hannah Gillie for the Women’s team. Hannah fought very hard and played a great match but unfortunately lost her match. Nevertheless Anira came through to secure Cambridge’s victory. The score was 2–2 (best of five), when Anira played an incredible match to win 3–1!

Overall, Fitzwilliam Squash did a fantastic job throughout the year, and may be expected to continue to improve in the coming season.

Basketball

The Fitzwilliam College Basketball Club was revived by Alex Taylor in October 2016, after a number of years of inactivity. The team was inserted at the bottom of the ladder – in Division 5 – of the Cambridge University Basketball Club College League. When the league kicked off in Michaelmas, the team did not lose a single game throughout the term. After winning their division they were promoted automatically, bypassing the playoffs at
the end of 2016. They began Lent term in Division 4 and remained undefeated, securing yet another promotion to Division 3, where they will play in 2017–2018. It was only when they reached the quarter-finals of Cuppers that they lost their first game of the year, after being seeded against King’s from Division 1. With two promotions this season alone, it is certain that next year will see the team’s continued success.

The 2016–2017 team was made up of Kaesi Opara (third-year Medicine), Arvin Alaigh (MPhil in History), Siyuan (Tim) Tong (Masters in Finance), Alex Taylor (PhD in Social Anthropology), Derek So (first-year Mathematics), Florian Nie (Masters in Mathematics), Hyunkyu Park (PhD in Engineering), Alan Walsh (PhD in Economics), Michael Fan (second-year Medicine), and Harkeerit Kalsi (third-year Economics).

ALEX TAYLOR (2014), President 2016–2017

Netball

The 2016–2017 season saw the Fitzwilliam Ladies Netball team go from strength to strength. For the first time ever, the team was able to secure sponsorship – from London law firm Baker & McKenzie. This funding enabled the club to purchase new kit for the season, which can be seen in the photograph. In League matches, the team managed to move up to the top League; this is the first time in Fitzwilliam’s history that the Ladies Netball Team has held a place in the top League. At Cuppers, they came second in the group stage, narrowly missing out on the chance to compete in the final round. The Ladies Netball Club continues to be the largest women’s sports team at Fitzwilliam, and this season was our best yet.

In Mixed Netball, we had a strong season this year. With a solid team made up of players from a mixture of years, we managed to win many tough matches and top our league in Lent term (the Second League). This certainly could not have been achieved without a great new cohort of Freshers joining the team, especially Emma, Jared, and Amy. Games were great fun, hitting a balance between competitiveness, skill, and a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Although we will miss many third-year regulars who left the College at the end of last year, we hope to continue our success in the coming season.


Swimming

At the annual University-wide Cuppers competition, the Fitzwilliam Girls’ Team came joint first. For the year 2015–2016, we had not been able to enter a Boys’ Team as there were not enough swimmers, but this year we managed to raise a team, helping Fitzwilliam to finish fourth over all.

HANNAH ROBB (2015), Swimming Captain 2016–2017

Pool

This year the Pool team recruited very few freshers; instead interest was sparked in many second-year students. There were also a number of tournaments hosted this year, an enjoyable tradition that we hope will continue.

After many riveting matches throughout the year – curiously, all but one of which ended in a score of 5–4 – we finished second in our division and were given the chance to play Peterhouse 1 in a playoff. If we won, we would be promoted back into Division 1. The day came and we sent in some of our best players, though sadly we were just one short of a full team. First up to play was a promising fresher pair; they finished their frames and went home, leaving us in the lead at 2–1.

Next up to cue was our previous Captain, Will ‘The Man’ Manson himself. With a calm, collected demeanour he approaches the table and faced off against the rival Captain. Unfortunately, he missed a crucial shot – and that was all it took to lose the frame. Not one to be affected by the mistakes of the past, he beckoned his doubles partner to the table as they started the next frame. As was the case earlier, however, one mistake was all it took for Peterhouse to clear their table, leaving us at 3–3.

And then we lost the next three frames – so we will be staying in Division 2A.

HOPEFULLY our new Captain, Lucy Wan, will lead us back into Division 1, and host a few tournaments along the way.

DANNY HE (2015), Pool Captain 2016–2017

Standing: Dominic Jaques, Amy Purohit, Alice Hobson, Steph Sinclair, Hannah Robb, Michael Fan; in front: George Roberts, Jordan Chong
DEVELOPMENT

Development Office News
As the preceding pages demonstrate clearly, the College is thriving. As we nudge closer to our 150th-anniversary celebrations in 2019, Fitzwilliam continues to evolve, blending tradition and innovation to create our own unique identity. Whether you consider yourself a Billyboy, a pioneer ‘79er or a Fitz millennial, you are part of this story. Many of the reports which follow are rich in nostalgia, reunions of friends reminiscing about past escapades – but let us not forget the vital role that alumni play in College life here and now. Sometimes this support comes through donations – a good year, with £1.9 million received, more details of which are in the Campaign Report and in the Bursar’s review of the year – but here I would like to pay tribute to those of you who so generously volunteer your time. The stalwarts of the Fitzwilliam Society, the Billygoats, the sportsmen and women who attend races and matches, and coach, the alumni members of our College committees, those who (bravely!) volunteer to speak at College events, and all those who give up a precious Saturday afternoon in November to mentor current students at the Careers Fair ... ... To all of you who help out, thank you!

I hope that many of the reports and anecdotes contained within these pages prompt fond memories of your own time at Fitzwilliam. Moreover, I hope they inspire you to consider getting involved with something at College. Whether it happens to be your Reunion year, or a Subject Dinner, or if you simply have a spare hour or two in Cambridge, we would be delighted to see you. We are working hard in the Development Office to create new opportunities for alumni to meet fellow Fitzwilliam members – current students, academics and alumni – and we welcome your suggestions.

Golden Matriculants’ Reunion, 1967–2017
A recently-established Fitzwilliam tradition is that of the Golden Matriculation Reunion and, on Saturday 8 July 2017, we were delighted to welcome back fifty-nine Fitzwilliam old boys, along with their guests. We took advantage of the glorious weather, and spent a pleasant afternoon drinking tea on the Grove lawn. Armed with the specially-prepared booklet of photographs and biographies, old friends amused themselves by searching out familiar faces, and new acquaintances were struck. If you were unable to attend and would like a copy of the...
The 2017 Golden Matriculants in the Auditorium

L–R. Back row: Roger Smith, Andrew Smyth, David Stewart, David Taylor, John Tipper, Paul Tomkins, Martin Trent, John Venning, Mark Walker, Ian Wallace, John Weaver, Roger Wilkins

Fourth row: Martyn Moxley, Andrew Neil, David Norman, Jeff Norwood, Robin Orchard, Jeremy Prescott, Jonathan Price, David Punter, Anwaar Rasul Khan, Graham Read, Stephen Rogers, Nick Salmon

Third row: Charles Kellett, Hans Klein, David Leech, Alan Legland, Bob Lou, Richard Lyon, Geoffrey May, James McDowall, David McKenzie, Jonathan Middle, Mike Mortimer

Second row: Bill Clegg, Fred Coford, David Crosby, Anthony Culley, Colin Filer, Ed Gilchrist, Rex Greenslade, Peter Haigh, Kes Heffer, Chris Hughes, Richard Humphry

Front row: Alastair Adams, Alan Alesbury, Christopher Baron, Robin Bell, Neil Beresford, Derek Bishton, Stephen Burman, Howard Canning, Steve Cardy, Peter Carr

Occupants of C staircase from half a century ago gather with the Master
booklet, do let the Development Office know. As the sun set, all moved to the newly-renovated Upper Hall for a special dinner.

Many alumni had not been back to Fitzwilliam since graduation, and many travelled from around the globe to attend. Particular mention should be given to Anwaar Rasul Khan, who flew in from Pakistan, with others coming from the USA, Australia, Hong Kong, Thailand and continental Europe. Our thanks also to Roger Wilkins and John Venning for their thoughtful and moving tributes to absent friends and to the late Dominic Baker-Smith.

NICOLA JONES

1869 Foundation Luncheon

Each year, the College invites back to lunch those alumni and friends who have pledged to remember Fitzwilliam in their will. Legacy gifts have been vital to the continued financial stability of the College, but by their very nature such gifts arrive long after we can thank the donor. Through this society, and the annual gathering, we have an opportunity both to get our thanks in early and to showcase the difference that supporting the College makes to our current students.

This year fifty-five members and eight students gathered for lunch on 21 May, where we welcomed nine
new members to the society. After an excellent lunch, we listened to two graduate students (Gabrielle McHarg, current MCR President; and Hari Jackson) who offered insights into their current research, and then moved to the Chapel to hear a musical concert performed by Fitzwilliam students.

The event marks a wonderful opportunity to introduce members of your family to the College, and give them an insight into its importance in your life. We are currently considering how we might best develop this event to make it more family-friendly – do get in touch if you have any suggestions.

NICOLA JONES

The Master’s Travels

In October 2016, the Master and the Bursar travelled to Japan for the 60th Anniversary celebrations of the Tsuzuki Group. As well as participating in the splendid celebrations in Fukuoka, they also hosted an alumni reunion in Tokyo and met with the current generation of students from St Anne’s College Oxford and from Fitzwilliam who were enjoying the benefits of the Tsuzuki Scholarship Programme – learning Japanese, teaching English, and immersing themselves in Japanese culture at the Japan University of Economics.

On the last day of her Lent-term sabbatical leave, the Master embarked on a three-week tour of the East (from

The Global Cambridge event in Hong Kong. Professor David Cardwell presenting Global Cambridge, with the Master chairing and with Professor Ellis Ferran (Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Institutional and International Relations) and the Vice-Chancellor Sir Leszek Borysiewicz also present.
30 March to 19 April, with Dr Padfield. They travelled to Japan (visiting Kyoto, Nagoya, and Tokyo), to Hong Kong (where the Master chaired a panel of academics analysing Global Cambridge, including Professor David Cardwell, Head of the Department of Engineering), to Kuala Lumpur, and finally to Singapore. Alumni events were held in each of the locations visited – it was marvellous to meet so many new faces, and catch up with old friends. Particular thanks to Professor Yabushita in Kyoto, to Dr George Lee in Kuala Lumpur, and to Dr Lee Suan Yew in Singapore.

In June the Master and the Development Director visited Edinburgh, and met alumni at the New Club for drinks and dinner. We were particularly pleased that Professor and Mrs Lethbridge were able to join us.

In September, the Master and the Development Director returned to Singapore for the official launch on
5 September of the Lee Kuan Yew – Fitzwilliam Fund, at the historic Old Parliament building. This was followed on the next day by the inaugural meeting of the Fund’s Advisory Board, and by a dinner at Eden Hall, the official residence of the British High Commissioner, at which we thanked the Advisory Board and Dr Lee Suan Yew who has been so supportive.

Hot off the plane from Singapore, the Master and Dr Padfield travelled to Cardiff, to hold an alumni drinks and dinner on 14 September. And then it was nearly time for the Reunion in College.

NICOLA JONES

Great Geography Get-Together

Take one BBQ on the Grove Lawn on a glorious Suicide Sunday, add a much-loved Director of Studies, fifty-five Geography graduates and a bouncy castle, and you have all the ingredients for an annual tradition.

Hosted by Bhaskar Vira, the Great Geography Get-Together drew together alumni who matriculated from 1965 onwards, including many from his eighteen years as Director of Studies for Fitzwilliam. Glasses were also raised to Bhaskar’s recent appointment as Professor within the Department of Geography. The bouncy castle kept the young (and the young at heart) entertained, with the addition of impromptu games of croquet, cricket and giant jenga.

The Geography Get-Together was a wonderful reminder of the community that has built up around the subject within the College, and the influential roles our Geography graduates go on to play in academia and the wider world. If you would like to keep in touch with fellow alumni, you can join our Fitz Geoggers group at www.facebook.com/groups/269851170158694/.

NICOLA JONES

London Dinner

The 86th London Dinner saw a change of venue to Ironmongers’ Hall. The Ironmongers moved to the current site in the Barbican after a Great-War bomb destroyed their previous hall in Fenchurch Street. The mullioned windows, monochrome beams and internal wooden panelling of the new Hall (completed in 1925) recognise the Company’s long history within the City, in architectural juxtaposition to the modernism of the Barbican.

The turnout of 118 alumni and guests was excellent, albeit lower than the previous year’s blockbuster response to the EU Referendum debate. Concessionary tickets meant that younger generations of alumni were well represented. Father Anthony Brown’s ‘F Word’ grace was delayed to dessert, but no London Dinner would be complete without it.

The debate in 2016 highlighted sharp divisions on Europe; one year on consensus seemed no nearer, nor the political landscape more certain, as spirited discussions about the EU and the upcoming General Election dominated pre-dinner and post-dinner conversations. However, the inexorable march of progress was evident in the speeches by a triad of Fitzwilliam women – Nicky Padfield (Master), Rachael Webb (President of the Fitzwilliam Society), and Fenella Keevil (JCR President) – and in the customary toast Ex antiquis et novissimus optima.

ISOBEL COHEN