controversy ensued when it transpired that Present had 14 men on the field and Past only 11; a breather was called for to allow the teams to be evened out. The view from the dugouts was that this was too late – little did they realise that you can never count out a Fitzwilliam Old Boy.

Former Captain Tom James, who had made the eminently wise decision to incorporate the reunion match into his honeymoon itinerary, called his men together and asked for one final push. He was suitably rewarded, with the Old Boys not only scoring next but also converting the try thanks to Al Macfarlane – and they took the lead once again. The rugby gods had yet to cast the final dice and five minutes from time the Present dug down to that special well that all college players have built inside them and managed to conjure a moment of sublime skill to break through on the half-way line and go all the way to dot down under the posts for what turned out to be the winning try, giving Present 47 to Past 42.

**Past vs Present Women’s Netball**

With uncertainty surrounding whether the match would go ahead, I was glad that, with the hard work of Carol Lamb in the Development Office, both the Past and Present teams managed to find enough players for a five-a-side Reunion netball match.

Despite having never played together before, the Past team started the match strongly and, with some tidy bounce passes, we were leading after the first quarter. We extended the lead, with accurate shooting and strong defence, going into half time – which was much needed, on a surprisingly hot day and after some time out of playing netball! This trend continued and, even with some equally impressive shooting and defending from the Present team, the Past team extended their lead into the final quarter and eventually were victorious, winning the match 20–11.

There were some tired legs after the match but it was great to meet other alumnae who had played in the past, as well as being able to meet the Present players. It would be great to see more faces, both past and present, in the future; next year, hopefully, we will be able to play a full seven-a-side match!

**September Reunion events on the River: Veterans**

There is a famous cartoon which shows Andy Capp going to the pub in one frame, and returning in the next. In the second frame, Andy is puzzling why it is always further back from the pub than it is going. The answer, of course, is shown by the dotted line tracing his rather erratic path home after a few pints.

At the reunion weekend, Edwina had the honour of recreating this cartoon, but in reverse: a somewhat erratic path down river, during which we exchanged friendly greetings with fishermen whose lines were unaccountably tangled in our blades, and with other crews who persisted in being on the correct side of the river, even though they could see us coming. The return, however, was immaculate.

So who was Edwina? Edwina was a ‘gentlemen’s boat’, a group of friends mainly of 1971 matriculants, who rowed together for five sets of Bumps, and in the Head of the Cam and the Fairbairns, between 1972 and 1974. For our reunion outing we managed to raise seven of the 1971 intake, and a 1972 Edwina-ite for the crew, together with two more 1971-ers for the bank party. One hardy soul from...
1966 joined the crew and stroked us heroically to the far end of the Long Reach and back (our Cox being unprepared to risk spinning the boat any further down river).

Thankfully, one of the crew had been responsible for the building of a new bridge across the Cam, and we felt it appropriate to stop and admire it at length – both going down-river and when coming back. The fact that this gave an opportunity to stop rowing and take a breath was purely coincidental (although afterwards I did hear complaints from some crew members: they felt that Brian could have built a few more bridges at regular intervals for us to admire).

For most of the crew it was the first time in a boat for forty years, and we felt proud of our achievement in getting so far down river and returning without damaging the boat or any equipment, and of the fact that we each got out of the boat unaided.

Most of all, though, it demonstrated how strong are those friendships formed at College, and how well they survive decades without meeting each other.

Our thanks go to Samantha Tarling and her colleagues for letting these foolish old men take to the water, and helping us get ‘Ray Kelly’ launched and back on to dry land.

DAVID ACKLAND (1971)

Twenty years on – 1994 Row

During the Reunion Weekend, a crew from 1994 had their first outing together for twenty years – reuniting five of the 2nd Men’s crews from 1995, 1996 and 1997 (of whom four won blades in 1996).

Glorious sunshine and smooth waters greeted us as we left the new Boat House with a mission to reach Baits Bite Lock. We succeeded in reaching the lock, though some of the crew were disappointed that a stop at the Pike and Eel for ‘liquid refreshment’ was impossible due to it being boarded up. As with all newly formed (or re-formed) crews, we slowly improved during the outing, so that we were able to try some firm pressure and our Bumps start – which luckily our cox remembered. Despite losing significant amounts of skin from our hands (and some concentration, during humorous reflections of colourful events in FCBC in the ‘90s), we all agreed that it had been a wonderful experience and that it would not be another twenty years before we re-formed again.

Many thanks to the current boat club, and in particular to Samantha Tarling (Overall Captain) and Chloe Withers (Women’s Captain) for helping to arrange the outing and for riding along the bank.

JAUME VILAR (1994)

Over-Sixties Rowing

This year, three days before the event, one of our crew and two reserves declared themselves unable to row. Fortunately Christopher Padfield, the Master’s husband, nobly stepped into the breach and all was well. The Captain of Boats, Sammi Tarling, and the Captain of the Women’s Boats, Chloe Withers, helped us into our seats and saved us from falling into the river (some requiring considerably more help than others). A fork lift truck would have been useful! Then of course shoes and stretchers had to be adjusted. How much simpler it was in
the old days when we wore our own shoes and only had to adjust the footplate and then place our feet under the leather strap which was attached to it. There was the usual big send-off from the bank with cameras clicking, and morale was high.

Progress initially was slow but this gave time for several crews from neighbouring boathouses to compliment us on our all-white turnout! We had several enforced stops because of coxless boats and one near-collision with a charming women’s four. There seemed to be more women’s crews than men’s on the river and some mixed – if only it had been like that in our day.

When we reached the site of the old Pike and Eel and open water, the sun came out and it was suddenly very hot. Beyond the railway bridge we were now managing stretches of 20 continuous strokes. The balance was not very good but there were no ‘crabs’ – someone said we should practice more often! Cox complained that stroke side were pulling bow side round but by the end of the outing it was the other way round – he needed a bigger rudder!

The Captain of the Women’s Boat Club, who rode all the way on her bike encouraging us from the bank, advised us where best to turn round. Much to the relief of some we were on our way home and enjoying the beauties of the river. Apparently only once in twenty reunion rows has there been any hint of rain. We admired the sweeping style of the gleaming white bridge for pedestrians and cyclists near the old gasworks and wisely decided not to try our customary ‘start and ten’ in front of the boathouse – it might have given a good impression!

Our thanks again to Ken for organizing the crews. Let us hope that next year when we have our grand finale, he does not have the same trouble finding eight oarsmen.

JOHN BARRACLOUGH (1955)

The Over Sixties group started when five or six of us at the 1995 Reunion decided it would be good to go out in an Eight again. We go out once a year on the Saturday of the Annual Reunion towards the end of September. Now almost twenty years later the majority of us are, or are well on the way to being, octogenarians. Somewhat reluctantly we have decided as a group to make next year our last row together. However, we are keen that this Over 60s group should continue under new management with younger over-sixties oarsmen. If you rowed for Fitzwilliam and are over sixty you are eligible. The fact that we have done this over such a long period is an indication of how enjoyable it is. Please come and join us and help to continue this great tradition. You can contact me via the Development Office.

KEN DRAKE (1953)

The 2014 Past vs Present fixture was highly anticipated – with the previous two games having been taken to the last ball, the crowds were settling in early at Oxford Road in anticipation of seeing more of the special scenes that have now come to be expected at the home of cricket.

The following hours did not bring the expected tense affair, but were not without moments of both class and controversy. The day commenced with an expertly-won coin toss by the Past, who elected to bat, and sent Mark Teal and F P Evans in to begin proceedings. Unfortunately Teal was soon trudging back to the pavilion with 4 to his name, wondering ‘what might have been’, victim to a stunning delivery from Donnelly. This brought Bennison to the crease; the two started to build a solid partnership, Evans looking particularly at ease, when Bennison played (and missed, as usual) at a delivery outside off stump. An
unconvincing appeal by wicket keeper Tice for caught behind was met with a raise of the finger by Umpire Powell, and Bennison was sent back to the pavilion with 19 to his name. This brought Aleem Iqbal to the crease. Keen to impress both wife and son on the side line he started well, but the Past’s middle order were soon checked by an injection of spin into the Present’s bowling attack. Enter Sam Hobbs. Now in his 4th year, many had called time on the career of ‘the ginger magician’. However, the uninformed had failed to appreciate the anti-ageing powers that a year abroad in Italy can bring. Hobbs had clearly been drinking from the fountain of Andrea Pirlo during his third year, and bowled with finesse and style to remove both Iqbal and Andy Jones in quick succession. Phil Lopeman and Gerry Tucker put up some resistance, Lopeman looking particularly dangerous with his quick-fire 19. Lopeman’s dismissal, to the spin of Mark Christy, brought Graeme Robertson to the crease. Typically unfazed by the bowling attack, Robertson set about dispatching the bowlers to all four corners of Oxford Road for an explosive 27, ably supported in his quest by Tucker (11) and Ravtar Dosanjh (4*), taking the Past to 148–7 from their 25 overs.

In reply, the Present XI Captain Sam Strong sent a mixture of youth and experience in to begin the reply, with over-40s Veteran Sam Hobbs being joined at the crease by the youngster Patrick Tice, who, fresh from a season playing with the Blues, looked in imperious form from the off. The pair started solidly, and it soon became apparent that chances would be hard to come by, when Hobbs uncharacteristically spooned a shot up in the air. The Past team turned their heads to see Dosanjh under the ball: an un-droppable chance most thought – but not for Ravi. From then on Hobbs and Tice kicked on to take apart the Past’s bowling attack, with the introduction of Iqbal one of few highlights in the field, taking 2 for 20 from 4 overs. The Present team knocked off the 148 with relative ease from 20 overs, Hobbs making a classy 52 with contributions from Laurence Cowton, Simon Court, and Tom McCormick-Cox. Present throughout the innings was Patrick Tice; having opened the batting he scored a chance-free 81 not out, which was a pleasure for all to watch.

This leaves a final word of thanks to both umpires for their time during the match, and a big hand as ever to Dave Norman, for producing a wicket which was far superior to the standard of cricket played on it, and for serving up both a good tea and a glorious Oxford Road pint before, during and after the match.

Matthew Bennison (2008)

Fitzwilliam Golf Society

The society had another very successful year in 2014, with an expanded list of fixtures and an ever-increasing membership.

The main event of the year was the Fitzwilliam Open, played in September at Gog Magog Golf Club for the first time. A field of 21 players enjoyed beautiful September weather, fine views over Cambridge and some tricky greens. The winner with 37 points and the new Fitzwilliam Champion Golfer was Peter Bennett. He was presented with the Croft-Baker Trophy after Dinner in College. Last year’s runaway winner, Bob Barltrop, scored a very respectable 36 points to claim second place. Alan Wood (34) and David Williams (33) were third and fourth.

Following an overnight stay in College for many, we enjoyed an excellent morning tour of Fitzwilliam and its many new buildings led by John Müller (2009, currently Development Intern). For one member, it was his first visit back to College for 40 years. We were honoured to have the Master join us for coffee in The Grove.

The afternoon round was at Royal Worlington Golf Club, the University course, near Mildenhall. This is regarded as the country’s finest nine-hole course and has a very traditional clubhouse. The pairs’ competition was won by Mike Hamment & Andrew Stracey with 44 points; the latter is a scratch golfer and, in a display of golf never previously seen at Fitzwilliam event and

Matthew Bennison (2008)
unlikely ever to be matched, completed 18 holes in five under par gross.

Earlier in the year, three matches were held against other Oxbridge institutions. Our oldest fixture is against St Edmund Hall which was held at Burnham Beeches Golf Club in May. In an exciting match play competition, wins by the last two Fitzwilliam pairs – namely Brian Smith & Tim Sullivan and Mike Hamment & David Williams – levelled the score at 3½ each to halve the match. Fitzwilliam, as holders, retained the One Size FitzHall Trophy and remain one-up in the series.

The match against the Johnians at Porters Park Golf Club (near Radlett) in June was also enjoyable but with a less successful outcome. The match format was the average of the individual scores. Despite good individual scores by Matthew Hignell and Bob Barltrop, Fitzwilliam lost to go 1–2 down in the series. Society History was made with our first hole in one, scored by Peter Bennett. Hitting to a raised green, Peter spent several minutes scouring the bushes around the green before eventually finding the ball in the hole! At the Cambridge Dinner, he was presented with a Porsche car as his prize – but in this case, a model version.

Our next opponents were Cambridge University Land Society, who hosted the event for the first time, at Essendon Golf Club near Hertford. Realising that match play format best suited the Fitzwilliam spirit, we proposed an amended format and ran out 3–2 winners after good wins by Matthew Hignell, Michael Hall, Mike Hamment, Peter Bennett and Graham May. This levelled the series 1–1.

The Society’s second Summer Tour comprised a long weekend in the Oxford area in very warm weather at the end of July. Round One was a team event at Chipping Norton Golf Club. Our excellent Tour Manager, Mike Hamment then led a Sunday morning tour around Oxford which included a punting trip. One of our number, seeking to steer around some less accomplished tourist punters, took an unexpected dip in the Cherwell; he spent the rest of the tour drying out his mobile phone. The afternoon round was at Oxford Golf Club which was set up at its most challenging because it was the day of their club championship competition. The winning pair was Matthew Hignell & Bob Winckless with a creditable 34 points. Round Three was at the delightful Studley Wood course where the victorious pair was Bob Barltrop & Colin Dunkerley with 43 points, winning on count-back. The Order of Merit winner over the three days was Matthew Hignell.

A new match was held this year. Christ’s College Golf Society had formed only over the Summer, partly inspired by the success of Fitzwilliam Golf Society. We were honoured to be their first opponents in early October at Mid-Herts Golf Club, the home course of both organisers. A pairs’ match was held with Christ’s running out winners 3–1. Our only winning pair was Graham May & Matthew Hignell. The event was a great success and we now have a new annual fixture.

After five years as Captain, Henry Croft-Baker has now become the society’s first President. Henry was the inspiration behind the formation of the Society and was donor of the trophy which bears his name for the Fitz Open champion. We thank him for his enthusiasm during his term of office.

Our new Captain, introduced at the Cambridge dinner is the equally enthusiastic Michael Hamment and we wish him well in his post.

Fitzwilliam Golf Society is open to all alumni and members of College. Since our formation in 2009, 61 people have played at least one match, and we have a wide variety of handicaps and ages. We are keen to carry on welcoming new players and invite all Fitzwilliam golfers to join us. We will have six events in 2015 at good courses – mainly in the South East. We have no subscriptions but operate on a pay-per-match basis. We aim primarily to enjoy ourselves and to play social competitive golf.

All new members will be made most welcome; please contact the Secretary.

COLIN DUNKERLEY (1973), SECRETARY, FITZWILLIAM GOLF SOCIETY.
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MEMBERS’ NEWS

Dean Armstrong (1979) was appointed Queen’s Counsel in February 2014.

Martin Broadhurst (1972) was elected by The Council of The Royal Aeronautical Society to serve as President of the Society for the year from May 2015. He will be President during the Society’s 150th anniversary year, 2016.


Mike Butterwick (1990) graduated from the US Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania with a Masters in Strategic Studies. He was a ‘distinguished graduate’, and received an Army War College Foundation Writing Award for excellence in research. His paper, Conflict Prevention: A Cautionary Tale, will be published by the War College.


Professor Stephen Farris (1978) became Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada on 30 May 2014. This position and the structure of the Church are essentially the same as in the Church of Scotland.

Claire Foister (2002) is Lead Media Manager, BT Sport at Timeline Television.

Orlando Fraser (1986) was appointed Queen’s Counsel in February 2014.

Lee Hall (1986) adapted Marc Norman and Tom Stoppard’s Shakespeare in Love for a production at the Noel Coward Theatre in London, which ran from July to October 2014. Previously he had adapted Michael Morpurgo’s 1982 novel War Horse for the big screen; this was released in 2011.

Rob Hilliard (2006) has left the Army and returned to Australia. He is now Dalmas Housemaster at The King’s School, Parramatta, New South Wales.

Dr Mark Holmes (1979) has been promoted to a Readership in the Department of Veterinary Medicine, from October 2014.

Riyad Insanally (1977) took part in a half-century celebratory gathering at the home of Sir Dennis Byron (1962), who is an Honorary Fellow of the College, in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. The brunch, hosted by Dennis and his wife, Norma, was in honour of a visit by Bob Perkins (1961) and Mike Ashburner (1962) and their wives to commemorate, a little belatedly, the 50th anniversary of the 1963 epic overland trip in a Land Rover by Dennis, Bob, Mike, and Barry Wilson (1962), from Cambridge to Eilat, Israel, and back. Before the Trinidad leg of their reunion, Bob, Mike and Dennis first visited Barry, who lives in Nevis but who was unable to travel to Trinidad with them. Dennis, Bob and Riyad are all Billygoats, rowing (coxing in Riyad’s case) in the First VIII respectively in 1964–65, 1964 and 1980–81.

Stuart Crawford (1973) published Sending My Laundry Forward: A Staff Officer’s Account of the First Gulf War (Leicester, Matador: 2014). Stuart has been a freelance political and media consultant for the past 15 years, mainly based in Edinburgh.

Paul Coles (2008) is Founder and Project Manager at Caferati.

Detective Chief Superintendent Helen Collins (2004) has been awarded a Winston Churchill Travelling Fellowship for work on penal reform. At Cambridge, she was inspired by Professor Shadd Maruna, among others, to consider the subject of identity in the process of desistance from offending. This is the subject she will pursue as part of the Fellowship; for this, she will visit projects in Canada and the United States that work with offenders.

At the home of Sir Dennis Byron; L to R: Riyad, Bob, Dennis and Mike
Dr Eng Keong Lua (2003) became Director, R&D, at the Singapore Laboratories of NEC in January 2014.

Fergus Macleod (2005) has been appointed Charles Mackerras Fellow at the English National Opera; this is a two-year award for an outstanding emerging conductor. Previously he has been with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, and was Leverhulme Conducting Fellow at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland.


Chris Nicholls (1968) will become President of the Cornwall Law Society in November 2014.

James Norton (2004) has appeared in several film and television productions: Rush, the story of Formula-1 rivals James Hunt and Niki Lauda; Death Comes to Pemberley, a BBC adaptation of P.D. James’ sequel to Pride and Prejudice; Happy Valley, also on the BBC; Belle, a new film inspired by the 1779 painting of Dido Elizabeth Belle. He also filmed Grantchester, in Cambridge, an ITV production of James Runcie’s novel about vicar-turned-sleuth Sidney Chambers.

Dr Ndangwa Noyoo (1994) is Associate Professor in the Department of Social Work, University of Johannesburg.


Revd Dr Steve Walton (1977) left the London School of Theology, where he was Professor of New Testament, in July 2013, and now has two part-time roles. He is Professor of New Testament and Professorial Research Fellow in Theology at St Mary’s University, Twickenham, where he is supervising PhD students, writing and researching, and contributing to their Centre for Social-Scientific Study of the Bible. He is also an Honorary Research Fellow at Tyndale House, Cambridge, and is an Affiliated Lecturer in the Divinity Faculty of the University of Cambridge.

Andrew Watson (2005) became a tenant at 12 King’s Bench Walk in October 2014, the chambers at which he completed his pupillage.

Sarah Winckless (1993) won the 2013 Helen Rollason Award for Inspiration at the Sunday Times and Sky Sports Sportswomen of the Year Awards.

Honours

2014 New Year Honours

Neil Richardson QPM (2003), Deputy Chief Constable, Police Scotland, was awarded the OBE for services to policing in Scotland.

Carl Meecewezen (1994), Deputy Director, Management Information, Cabinet Office, was awarded the MBE for services to Government efficiency.

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

Simon Cole (2001), Chief Constable, Leicestershire Constabulary

Garry Shewan (2003), Assistant Chief Constable, Greater Manchester Police

2014 Queen’s Birthday Honours

Jonathan Murphy QPM (2001), Chief Constable Merseyside Police, has been made a Knight Bachelor for services to Policing, The Revd Professor Norman Drummond (1970), Founder and Chairman, Columba 1400, was awarded the CBE for public and voluntary service, particularly to young people.

Judith Gillespie OBE (2003), Deputy Chief Constable, Police Service of Northern Ireland, was awarded the CBE for services to policing and the community in Northern Ireland.

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


Births, Marriages and Civil Partnerships


Dr Melissa Heightman (1994) and her husband, Stephen, welcomed their third child, Francis, in April 2014, a brother for Caspar (5) and Genevieve (3).

Rosie Hodgson and John-Michael Cheshire (both 2003) married at the Little Brompton Oratory on 26 July 2014. The ceremony was followed by a reception at the Inner Temple. The Best Man was Ed Phillips (2003), and ushers included Ben Bathurst, Thomas Lee (2002) and Mark
Fitzwilliam champagne. Rosie May (Magdalene 2004) caught the bouquet and Ben Bathurst proposed on the dance floor – she said yes!

Jess Hrivnak (1999) and her husband, Andy Macintosh, welcomed their second child, Simon Jacob, on 19 June 2013, brother to Daniel James, born 11 January 2010.


Lucy Jones (2000, née Taylor) and her husband, Stu, welcomed their third son, Edward Peter Richard, on 9 November 2013, a brother for Adam (5) and Oliver (2).


Alethea Tang (1997) and her husband Kevin Chan, welcomed their son Charles in June 2014, a brother for Emilia, born May 2012.

Lianne Warr (2004) and Rob Griggs (2004) married at the Great Barn in Rolvenden on 12 July 2014. There were about 12 Fitzwilliam guests from their year – mostly housemates from 128 (where Lianne lived) and 92 (where Rob lived) Huntingdon Road, with whom they are still very good friends.
Worplesdon, Surrey, in 1972, becoming the Bishop of Guildford’s Ecumenical Missioner from 1974, before
becoming Diocesan Missioner in the Lichfield Diocese in
1980, where he fostered a link, which still survives, with
dioceses in the German Democratic Republic. He was
appointed to a prebendal stall in the cathedral in 1986,
until he had to make a life-changing decision in 1989 —
whether or not to have a spinal operation with a 50:50
chance of success. He chose the operation, but it was
unsuccessful and he was confined to a wheelchair
thereafter, forcing early retirement. With his wife, Mary,
he moved to Shropshire, where he continued to lead
retreats until 2010. Soon afterwards he moved to a
nursing home, where he died on 28 January 2014.

Members

John Aitken was born on 1 January 1937, and came
to Fitzwilliam as a candidate for ordination from
Westminster College in 1955 to read Theology, graduating
in 1958 with a First in Part I. He was ordained to the
ministry of the Presbyterian Church of England at
Billingham in 1958. However, he left the ministry at the
end of the 1960s, to become an Extra-Mural Lecturer in
Religious Studies at Birmingham University. He retired

Professor Avram Goldstein was born on 3 July 1919 in New York
City, and was educated at the Walden School and Harvard,
graduating from the Medical School in 1943. After war
service he returned to Harvard, until invited in 1955 to
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the late 1960s, and it was at this point that he became a
Visiting Fellow at Fitzwilliam in 1968–69, which he very
much enjoyed. Goldstein’s later work also went into the
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The Revd Prebendary Francis Harvey Palmer
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Francis Palmer was born on 13 January 1930, and was
educated at Nottingham High School. After National
Service with the Royal Leicestershire Regiment, he came
to Jesus College where he read Classics and Theology,
graduating in 1952. He read for ordination at Wycliffe
Hall, Oxford and was chosen by his fellow students to
join the staff of the Second Assembly of the World Council
of Churches at Evanston in 1954, which for him was a life-
changing experience. Ordained in the Liverpool diocese
in 1955, he served a curacy there, and then became priest-
in-charge of a new parish in Crawley (1958–60),
superintending the building of a new church. In 1960
he came to Fitzwilliam as Chaplain and oversaw the
transition of the chapel community from the old House
to the temporary chapel on the new site, with new
challenges and opportunities. In 1964 he became vicar of
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a minister in a Cambridge church. He moved to
Worplesdon, Surrey, in 1972, becoming the Bishop of

Professor Silverio Pedro Almeida was born on 27 July 1933 in Hudson,
Massachusetts, and was educated at Clark University,
Worcester, Mass., and Massachusetts Institute of
Technology. After doing post-graduate work at Berkeley,
California, he came to Fitzwilliam in 1962 to do research
in nuclear physics, and received his PhD in 1964. During
his time at Cambridge he also worked at CERN in Geneva,
and then became a Professor of Physics at Virginia Tech in
Blacksburg, VA. In 1989 he was appointed Chairman of the
Physics Department at the University of North Carolina at
Charlotte, where he remained until retiring in 1998. As
well as serving on several NATO advisory committees,
Almeida also became increasingly interested in optics
research. He died in a car accident on 29 January 2007.

The Revd Dr Boris Anderson
(1940)
Boris Anderson was born on 11 August 1918 in Hull, and
was educated at Newcastle Royal Grammar School, and
Pembroke College, Oxford. His father was a Presbyterian
minister, serving in Falstone, and then in Jarrow at the
time of the Jarrow March, which made a deep impression
on Boris. He came to Fitzwilliam as a member of
Westminster College in 1940 to read for Theology as
part of his training for ordination in the Presbyterian
Church of England. In 1945 he and his wife were sent as
missionaries to Fujian Province, China, and then moved
to Taiwan in 1948 at the request of the Revd Dr Shoki Coe,
Principal of Tainan Theological College, who had been a
fellow student with Boris at Westminster in the early
1940s. As Vice-Principal and Lecturer in New Testament
Theology and Hebrew, he served the college for fifteen
years, during which time it became a principal focus for
democratic opposition to the KMT government. In 1963
Boris returned to the UK as Overseas Secretary of the
Presbyterian Church of England, and subsequently as
World Church and Mission Secretary of the United

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Fellows and Senior Members

Frederick Maurice Algate (1962)
Frederick Algate was born in London on 15 November
1922 in London, and was educated at the London School
of Economics, where he read Economics and History.
After working at University College, Southampton as a
Research Assistant, he went into university administration,
first in the Department of Education at Leicester, and then
as Assistant Registrar at Hull, where he was involved in the
move to full University status in 1955. This was followed
by a period at Liverpool, where he was Secretary of the
Board of Education, and finally his move to Cambridge in
1961 as Secretary of the Board of Graduate Studies until his
retirement in 1977. He became a member of Fitzwilliam in
1962, and then in 1965 was one of the founding Fellows of
University (later Wolfson) College. In his retirement he
learnt Welsh, and became Administrator at the National
Trust property at Erdigg in North Wales. He was an
accomplished pianist and clarinettist, and in his youth
had qualified for the Junior Wimbledon, later cancelled
because of World War II. He died on 14 May 2013.

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Reformed Church until his retirement in 1983. He retired to Aysgarth in Wensleydale, where he lived for the next thirty years until his death on 15 April 2013. His funeral was attended by senior leaders of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan, who spoke warmly of his decisive contribution to that church and the country.

Bernard Gerald Michael Asquith (1947)
Bernard Asquith was born on 30 August 1926 in Cambridge, and was educated at the Perse School. After war service he came to Fitzwilliam in 1947 to read Estate Management, graduating in 1950. Subsequently he became a regional surveyor with the Abbey National Building Society. He died on 15 November 2013.

Leslie William Charles Seaman Barnes (1947)
Leslie Barnes was born on 13 February 1920 in Eltham, London, and was educated at Shooters Hill School. After war service in the ballistics section at Woolwich Arsenal, during which he was seconded to Canada from 1942, he came to Fitzwilliam in 1947 to read Economics, gaining First Class Honours in Part I and the Preliminary Examination for Part II, which enabled him to graduate in 1949. He went to Buenos Aires for health reasons in his third year, and so did not take Part II. However, he was accepted to do research in Economics, but after his first year, he was invited back to Canada to create the Proof and Ballistics Directorate in the Department of National Defence. His dedication to labour economics led to his appointment as Executive Director of the Professional Institute of the Public Service, and his service there led to significant improvements in the working conditions for many federal employees. He returned to research at The Industrial Relations Centre, Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario and the Canadian War Museum, and was a Visiting Scholar at Fitzwilliam in Michaelmas Term 1973. Here he wrote a book, Consult and Advise (1975) – a history of the National Joint Council of the Public Service of Canada, 1944–74 – followed by a second, based on his experience of the Ballistics Service. His final job was as a member of the Executive of the National Association of Federal Retirees. He was also active in the Anglican Diocese in Ottawa and as a governor of Ashbury College.

Robert Hughes Brown (1978)
Robert Brown was born on 21 March 1959 in Merthyr Tydfil, South Wales, and was educated at Haywards Heath College. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1978 to read Modern Languages, graduating in 1981. As an undergraduate he was an active member of the College choir, and also that of the Hispanic Society. After a period as an English Assistant in France, he secured a job with a reinsurance company in Haywards Heath, and then moved to E.W Payne (International) Ltd, a reinsurance broking company in London. He died on 10 January 2014.

Rev Canon Michael John Benton (1960)
Michael Benton was born on 3 November 1938 in Hythe, Kent, and was educated at Chichester High School for Boys and University College, London. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1960 to do a PGCE, and taught Biology at the Perse School, Cambridge for several years. In 1972 he went to Sarum & Wells Theological College, and was ordained in the Church of England in 1972. He became a Senior Lecturer at King Alfred’s College, Winchester, and then served several parishes in the diocese, as well as being Director of Education for the diocese, and an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral from 1989, before retiring in 1996. He was a founder member of the Society of Ordained Scientists. In his retirement he and his wife moved to Auchterarder in Perthshire to be closer to their family. He was made a Chaplain to the Queen in 1998. After a short illness he died at home on 15 June 2013.

Byomkesh Biswas was born on 1 February 1928 in Delhi, and was educated at Calcutta University and the University of Southern California. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1959 to do research in colloid science, and was approved for the PhD degree in 1961. From here he went to the University of Science and Technology at Kumasi, Ghana, but returned to Cambridge in 1966 after the coup that deposed Dr Nkrumah. He remained active in the field, but his links with the College became intermittent. He died in the autumn of 2013.

Dr Jones Knox Chamblin (1961)
Knox Chamblin was born on 28 December 1935 at Louisville, Kentucky, and was educated at Wheaton College, Illinois and Columbia Theological Seminary,
Decatur, Georgia. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1961 to do research in New Testament with Professor Moule. However, he did not complete his dissertation, and returned to the USA, where he did further research at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, which subsequently awarded him a ThD in 1975. He was ordained to the ministry in the Presbyterian Church (USA). From 1967 to 1980 he taught at Belhaven College, and then from 1980 to 2001 he was Professor of New Testament at Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, Mississippi. He continued to teach part-time after his retirement, but in September 2011 was diagnosed with leukemia and died on 7 February 2012.

**Professor Paul Kwang-Yi Chao (1963)**  
Paul Kwang-Yi Chao was born on 26 December 1919 in Pai-tang, Hopeh province, China, and was educated at the Fu-jen Catholic University, Peiping and St Benedict’s College, Atchison, Kansas. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1963 to do research in Social Anthropology and, as a Catholic priest, resided at St Edmund’s House; he was awarded an MLitt in 1967. On returning to the USA he secured a post at Maryland State College, and then moved to the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at William Paterson College, Wayne, New Jersey. He ceased to be a priest when he married. Professor Chao died peacefully at his home on 5 January 2013.

**Professor John Philip Cooper, CBE, FRS (1945)**  
John Cooper was born on 16 December 1923 in Buxton, Derbyshire, and was educated at Stockport Grammar School and at the University of Reading. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1945 to read for the Post-Graduate Diploma in Agriculture, specializing in Genetics. His subsequent career in plant breeding brought him a world-wide reputation. In 1975 he was appointed Director of the Welsh Plant Breeding Station and also Professor in the Department of Agricultural Botany of the University of Wales. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1977, and awarded a CBE in 1983, the year of his retirement. He died on 18 November 2011.

**John Reginald Cooper (1959)**  
John Cooper was born on 15 September 1939 in Brighton, and was educated at Roa School for Boys, Greenwich. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1959 to read Natural Sciences, graduating in 1962. He was a member of the successful First VIII, which reached Henley in 1962 for the first time in many years. After graduation he went into commerce, and spent over thirty years in pioneer management training for disadvantaged people in the Cape Town clothing industry, South Africa. He spent his retirement in Axminster, Devon, enjoying walking and painting. He died on 13 September 2013.

**Howard Lloyd Davies (1949)**  
Howard Davies was born on 27 August 1931 in Wallington, Surrey, and was educated at Sutton County School. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1949 to read Natural Sciences, graduating in 1952. While in Cambridge he enjoyed rowing and also became a keen cyclist. (He visited Dr Ken Smith, Life Fellow and one of his contemporaries, by cycling every year from Surrey.) Davies did National Service in the Army, and then took a job with the Dunlop Rubber Company in Birmingham. After two years he became a student at Birmingham University and studied Mathematics. He became a temporary lecturer in 1961, and then full Lecturer in Mathematics at University College, London, in 1964. On his retirement in 1996, he was made an Honorary Research Fellow; eventually he had worked in the Mathematics Department for over fifty years. He was an enthusiastic Youth Hosteller, and from 1976 he was a member of the London Natural History Society and then its Botany Committee, as well as the South London Botanical Institute, which became a springboard for a range of ecological interests. He died on 30 March 2013.

**The Revd Meirion Lloyd Davies (1957)**  
Meirion Lloyd Davies was born in 1932, and was educated at the University of Wales. He came to Fitzwilliam as a member of Westminster College in 1957 to read Theology, graduating in 1960. He was ordained to the ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Wales in 1955 in Llanderif. Meirion was committed to the cause of church unity in Wales and elsewhere, and was a Vice-President of the British Council of Churches from 1984 to 1986. His first pastorate was in Llanberis, but he later moved to take charge of the church in Pwllheli and the surrounding villages: he was mayor of Pwllheli in 1978. He was also a noted peace campaigner. After retiring in 1998 he remained in demand as an occasional preacher. He died on 14 October 2013.

**Eric William Dinneen (1949)**  
Eric Dinneen was born on 23 March 1924 in London, and was educated at St Dunstan’s College, Catford and New College, Oxford, with war service as a Lieutenant in the Royal Signals in Burma and Malaya. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1949 to do a PGCE, which he obtained in 1950. Thereafter his career was in teaching, latterly as Head of Liberal Studies at Highbury College of Technology in Cosham, Portsmouth. He died on 8 August 2013.

**Dr Jacobus (Jack) Dominian, MBE (1949)**  
Jack Dominian was born on 25 August 1929 in Athens, Greece, and was educated at the Lycée Léonin in Athens, St Mary’s High School, Bombay, India and Stamford Grammar School, Lincolnshire. After National Service as a Lance-Corporal, he came to Fitzwilliam in 1949 to read Medicine, graduating with an MB in 1955. He qualified as a psychiatrist, becoming a Registrar at the Maudsley Hospital in 1958, then a Senior Consultant Psychiatrist at the Middlesex Hospital, London (1965–88), and an Honorary Consultant thereafter. His reputation was based on his publications about marriage and sexual ethics: he was active in the Catholic Marriage Advisory Council (now Marriage Care) and was Director of One Plus One (1971–96), concerned with Marriage and Partnership Research. Somewhat controversially in changing times, he believed that children brought up by parents who stay together, however turbulent their marriage, stand a better chance of living happy lives. However, as well as arguing that sex was not the most important part of marriage, he was critical of the Catholic Church’s reluctance to recognize sexual pleasure as a gift of God. He also argued that sexual relations between two people constituted partnerships (whether straight or gay) that deserved the support of
the state. A lifelong Catholic, he was respected by the hierarchy, and was made an MBE in 1994. He died on 10 August 2014.

LOUIS JOHN DRAKE, MBE (1963)
John Drake was born on 12 July 1943 in Cambridge, and was educated at the Perse School for Boys, Cambridge. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1963 to read Architecture, graduating in 1966, after which he studied for the Diploma in Architecture, which he was awarded in 1969. Subsequently he studied garden conservation at the Architectural Association in London, which led to a career in the conservation and development of gardens. He was a judge for the Royal Horticultural Society at the Chelsea Flower Show for several years. Locally he will be remembered as a founder member of the Cambridgeshire Gardens Trust. His work for the Sue Ryder Foundation took him all over the country to assist in garden renovation projects. He died on 3 September 2012, only a few months after being awarded the MBE for services to horticulture in the Queen’s Birthday Honours List for that year.

DR RAYMOND ELLIOTT (1973)
Raymond Elliott was born on 19 December 1954 in Newcastle-upon-Tyne and was educated at the George Stephenson High School, Killingworth in Newcastle. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1973 to read Natural Sciences, graduating in 1976, and represented the College at Cross-Country, Chess, Football and Badminton. After two years working with Pfizer he returned to do a PhD in Organic Chemistry, which he gained in 1981. There followed two years of post-doctoral studies at Stanford University, USA, after which Elliott joined ICI in the Plant Protection Division; eventually he became Herbicide Section Manager. Subsequently he became a section leader at Zeneca and then Syngenta, becoming International Head of Analytical Sciences in the latter company, leading groups in both the UK and Switzerland. As a member of the Royal Society of Chemistry he chaired the Science, Education and Industry Board, and was a member of the Council; he was also a strong supporter of the Pan-Africa Chemistry Network. Dr Elliott died on 12 June 2012.

DR JOHN STEPHEN FARRAND (1954)
Stephen Farrand was born on 11 February 1936 in Barnsley, and was educated at Holgate Grammar School, Barnsley. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1954 to read Music, graduating in 1957. This was followed by a year at Sheffield University where he obtained a DipEd. He then did National Service in the Army of the Rhine, before beginning his teaching career at a comprehensive school in Eltham, south-east London, where he was soon appointed Head of Music – running three choirs, an orchestra and a wind band, as well as organising stage shows and writing original music for songs. In 1967 he left London for Aberdeen, where he became musical director of the Aberdeen Choral Society, and was invited to conduct the Aberdeen Opera, and made an assistant organist at St Andrew’s Cathedral. His main work, however, was at Aberdeen College of Education, where he became Senior Lecturer in Music. He gained a PhD from Aberdeen University. Before he and his wife moved south again to Eastbourne in 1999, Farrand had had a major impact on the musical life of north-east Scotland. He died on 20 March 2013 after a short illness.

GORDON THOMAS FREY (1976)
Gordon Frey was born on 10 April 1957 in Putney, London, and was educated at Wimbledon College, and part-time at the Royal College of Music, where he held a piano scholarship. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1976 to read Natural Sciences, graduating in 1979. While in College he played football and was also a keen musician. His first job was in the BBC as a sound engineer, but he subsequently moved to Financial Services with a series of accountancy firms. However, the bulk of his career was in management, specializing in information technology, with McKinsey, MiSyS, and finally with Microsoft. After thirty years in IT, he became a freelance musician and sound designer, working on TV commercials and soundtracks, while continuing to compose, arrange and perform his own music at Glastonbury and elsewhere. This included his own records, accompanied by his daughter on keyboard; he was deeply committed to all his children. He died unexpectedly on 16 August 2013.

WING COMMANDER ERNEST SAMUEL GATES, DFC (1947)
Ernest Gates was born on 22 March 1922 in Bradford, and was educated at Lewes County School for Boys, Sussex. After war service as a Navigator in the RAF, during which he was awarded the DFC, he came to Fitzwilliam in 1947 to read Geography, graduating in 1949. After teaching for some years he returned to the RAF College at Cranwell, and spent the remainder of his career in the RAF, writing three books on weather and navigation. He died on 10 July 2013.

THE REVD NIGEL LANGLEY GILSON, DFC (1947)
Nigel Gilson was born on 11 April 1922 in Holcombe near Bath, and was educated at Midsomer Norton County Secondary School, and St Catherine’s Society, Oxford. After distinguished war service in the RAF as a navigator and wireless officer, being awarded the DFC in 1944, he returned to complete his studies at Oxford, graduating in Modern History in 1947. He came to Fitzwilliam as a candidate for the Methodist ministry at Wesley House, and gained Honours in the Theological Tripos in 1949. After ordination he served in the Carmelford and Newark circuits, before going to Rhodesia from 1958 to 1967. The years in southern Africa strengthened his commitment to racial and political justice. On his return he served the Filey and Oxford circuits before being appointed as Chairman of the Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District in 1975. He was President of Conference (1986–87) and served a final term in Oxford before retiring in 1989. Deeply committed to peace, ecumenism and the wider Church, he was a powerful preacher, an efficient administrator and a conscientious pastor. He died on 29 December 2013.

THE REVD JOHN FREDERICK HALE (1951)
John Hale was born on 25 May 1929 in Norwich and was educated at Ilfracombe Grammar School and Exmouth Grammar School. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1951, after studying for two years at the Bible Churchmen’s College, Bristol, to read for the Ordinary BA degree in Christian Theology, graduating in 1954. He was ordained into the ministry of the Church of England in 1955, and after serving curacies in the dioceses of Norwich and London spent the rest of his ministry in the diocese of Chichester,
serving various parishes in East Sussex. After retirement in 1992 he moved to Brighton. He died in Patcham on 14 April 2010, loved by all he had served.

**Philip Doyle Havercroft (1949)**

Philip Havercroft was born on 15 September 1931 in Bridlington, Yorkshire, and was educated at Hymers College, Hull. He volunteered for the RAF at the outbreak of war and was trained as a navigator, subsequently serving in North Africa (where he was mentioned in despatches) and the Middle East, and left the service in 1946 with the rank of Flight Lieutenant. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1949 to read English, graduating in 1952. After doing a PGCE he spent his career in teaching, concluding with a post at Paston Grammar School, North Walsham. He died on 14 February 2014.

**Major Peter Douglas Tyrrell Hawker (1946)**

Peter Hawker was born on 14 July 1920 in Harrow, and was educated at Oundle School and Chillon College, Switzerland. After war service with the Royal Engineers he came to Fitzwilliam in 1946 to read Mechanical Sciences, graduating in 1948. He made his professional career in the Army and retired to Weymouth, where he died on 19 January 2014, after suffering Parkinson’s disease for several years.

**George William Hayward (1968)**

George Hayward was born on 11 January 1947 in Peterborough, and was educated at King’s School, Peterborough. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1968 to read Mathematics, graduating in 1971. His subsequent career was in computing, beginning with the installation of a computerized records system at the London Hospital, and continuing with Métier Management in Ipswich. A few years later he and several colleagues set up their own company, which proved very successful. After taking early retirement he worked on several contract jobs. He died suddenly on 24 June 2013.

**Pawel Heller (1930)**

Pawel (later Paul) Heller was born on 14 December 1911 in Warsaw, and was educated at the Gimnazjum M. Krecxmara there. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1930 to read Mechanical Sciences, graduating in 1933. Then he returned to Poland, where he married, but as a Jew decided to leave just before the German invasion, travelling via Hungary to England and then on to Canada with his brother in September 1939. The pair bought the Pacific Pine Company Ltd in New Westminster, a Vancouver suburb – his father having been in the lumber industry in Poland. In 1941 he started Paul Heller Ltd (Real Estate) in Vancouver, British Columbia, which was a firm originally specialising in the design of sawmills, but from 1970 shifted to real estate and apartment buildings. His wife was a well-known concert pianist who taught at the University of British Columbia, and together they founded the Edwina & Paul Heller Holocaust Education Fund; he was also a director of the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre. They were great supporters of the music and the arts generally in Vancouver. He died on 5 February 2013.

**Professor Edward Irving, FRs (1948)**

Ted Irving was born on 27 May 1927 in Colne, Lancashire, and was educated at Colne Grammar School. He did military service with the East Lancashire and the Loyal Regiment, ending with a period in the Army Educational Corps. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1948 to read Natural Sciences, but his heart was already set on Geology, and he graduated in 1951. While an undergraduate he took an active part in the life of Fitzwilliam. He was considering
the possibility of going to South America to do research, when a grant was secured for him by a Fellow of Caius, and this led to his migration to Caius to do doctoral work. His achievement, with his fellow students, was to establish the history of the earth’s magnetic field before written records began, and the discrepancies he discovered between the present magnetic field and that in past time established empirical proof for the theory of continental drift. The novelty of this approach did not impress his PhD examiners, who declined to award him the degree, but he became a Research Fellow at the Australian National University in Canberra, and spent ten years working on the magnetic field there, demonstrating the southward drift of the continent. This work did impress the assessors for the ScD degree, which he was awarded at Cambridge in 1965. Having married a Canadian citizen while in Canberra, he moved to Ottawa in 1964, and joined the Dominion Observatory in the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys. After a year teaching geophysics at the University of Leeds (1966–67) he returned to Ottawa, and then in 1981 he moved to Sidney, British Columbia, to establish a paleomagnetism laboratory at the Pacific Geoscience Centre. He was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1973 and a Fellow of the Royal Society of London in 1979: he was invited to be a Member of the Order of Canada in 2003. Even in 2009 despite being semi-retired he was still working on how the Precambrian crust was being deformed. He died on 25 February 2014 after suffering from cancer for eighteen months.

PROFESSOR KENNETH HENDERSON JACK, OBE, FRS (1947)
Kenneth Jack was born on 12 October 1918 in North Shields, and was educated at Tynemouth Municipal High School and King’s College, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1947 to do research for a PhD, which he obtained in 1950; he was awarded an ScD in 1978. After his PhD he returned to Newcastle as a Lecturer in Physical Chemistry (he had had teaching and research posts there before coming to Cambridge). He was a research engineer at Westinghouse in Pittsburgh for a year, Research Director of the Thermal Syndicate Ltd at Wallsend (1957–64), and finally Professor of Applied Crystal Chemistry at Newcastle from 1964 to 1984 (and Professor Emeritus thereafter). In his ‘retirement’ he held several research posts, before becoming a consultant for various companies and Honorary Professor at the University of Wales from 1996. He died on 28 January 2013 in Coventry.

TIMOTHY LEWIS ROWLAND JONES (1949)
Timothy Rowland Jones was born on 11 November 1931 in West Hartlepool, and was educated at the Lower School of John Lyon, Harrow. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1949 to read Natural Sciences, graduating in 1952. As an undergraduate he played for the First XI football team, and for First XI cricket in 1950, tennis in 1951 and 1952, and chess and bridge in 1951 and 1952; he also captained the table-tennis team throughout. He did a short-service commission with the RAF Education branch (1951–56), and then a PGCE at Fitzwilliam (1956–57), before taking a post at Felsted School, Dunmow. He moved to Sir William Turner’s School, Redcar, as Head of Biology in 1965, and then taught Environmental Science at Bretton Hall College of Education in West Yorkshire, where he became Dean of Admissions. He also served on the Parole Board at Wakefield Prison and as a marriage-guidance counsellor with Relate. After taking early retirement in 1982 he devoted himself to setting up a database of charitable foundations in the former West Riding, as well as setting up a small antiques business with his wife. However in 2010 he suffered from heart failure and he died in Stockton-on-Tees on 4 August 2013.

THE REV'D DAVID CHRISTOPHER JOSCELYNE (1962)
David Joscelyne was born on 24 August 1943 in Norwich, and was educated at Norwich School. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1962 as a student of Cheshunt College, reading for the Congregational ministry. He read English and Theology, graduating in 1966, and was ordained to the ministry of Welwyn Garden City Free Church in 1968, where he served until 1978. Subsequently he became a Probation Officer in Suffolk, and eventually a Senior Probation Officer. He died in October 2012.

THE REV'D WILLIAM NORMAN LEAK (1948)
Norman Leak was born on 26 July 1924 in Liverpool, and was educated at Liverpool Institute High School and Liverpool University (with an interruption for war service as a navigator in the RAF). He came to Fitzwilliam in 1948 as a member of Westminster College to read Theology in the course of his training for ordination, graduating in 1950. He spent two years as a Tutor at Westminster, and was ordained to the ministry in the Presbyterian Church of England in 1953 to serve at St Aidan’s, Didsbury, with special responsibility for the newly-formed congregation at Wythenshawe. In 1956 he was appointed to the challenging job of Youth Secretary for the Presbyterian Church, before returning to pastoral ministry at Trinity, Streatham (1960–71) and Grosvenor St Aidan’s, Didsbury until his retirement in 1988. In the wider Church, he served on the Joint Liturgical Group and the International Consultation on English in the Liturgy, as well as editing the Presbyterian Messenger for a period. Norman had a meticulous eye for detail, and had a similar pastoral sensitivity in dealing with people. Although confined to a wheelchair in later years, his mind remained lively until his death on 20 August 2013.

JOHN BERNARD LEE (1951)
John Lee was born on 16 April 1921 in Sheffield, and was educated at King Edward VII School, Sheffield. He was called up on 3 September 1939 and served in the Army in North Africa until 1946, being awarded the Africa Star. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1951 to read English, graduating in 1954, and then went into teaching. After posts at Lewes Grammar School, Biallack School, Coventry, and Lincoln, he became Head of English at Cheltenham Grammar School, and finally, Headmaster of Katharine Lady Berkeley’s School in Gloucestershire. During this time he was also a tutor for the Workers’ Educational Association and for Bristol University; other spare-time occupations included chairing the Board of Visitors at Eastwood Park Junior Detention Centre, the Standing Conference of Secondary Heads, the Humanities Advisory Group and Cirencester & Tewkesbury Labour Party. In retirement he
was a member of the Court of Bristol University and the Council of Bath Spa University. He moved to Shouldham, near King’s Lynn in 1991, where he died on 10 May 2014.

Professor Edward Jonathan Lowe (1968)
Jonathan Lowe was born on 24 March 1950 in Dover, and, after an itinerant childhood because of his father’s position as head of British Army education overseas, he was educated at Bushey Grammar School, Hertfordshire. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1968 to read Natural Sciences, but changed to History in his first year and graduated with First Class Honours in 1971, and a Half Blue in swimming. Because of his interest in Philosophy he did a DPhil, and then a DPhil as a member of St Edmund Hall at Oxford (Fitzwilliam’s sister college). He also won another Half Blue for swimming. After writing several articles based on his dissertation he was appointed to a one-year Lectureship at Reading University, and in 1980 secured a permanent post at the University of Durham, where he remained for the rest of his career. He became a Professor in the Department in 1995, specializing in contemporary metaphysics, the philosophy of logic and language, and mind and action, and John Locke (which was where he began). In the course of his career he wrote over two hundred articles and ten books, and latterly he was General Editor of the Cambridge Studies in Philosophy series. Although he was an impressive intellectual figure with a world-wide reputation, he showed a humble, yet unaffected kindness to pupils and anyone who asked him serious philosophical questions. He was also a family man, enjoying time with his wife and children. Sadly he was stricken by a serious illness in the summer of 2013 and died on 5 January 2014.

Andrew James Madel (1963)
Andrew Madel was born on 18 June 1944 at Calverhall, near Whitchurch, Shropshire and was educated at Uppingham School. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1963 to read Veterinary Sciences, graduating in 1966 and receiving his VetMB in 1969. Beginning in practice in Herefordshire, in 1971 he went to work in Australia and New Zealand, where he met his wife, Ros. Returning to the UK, he enrolled in the postgraduate Diploma in Animal Health at the Royal Veterinary College. After another period in practice in Cheshire, he was appointed a lecturer in the Department of the Animal Husbandry to the RVC in 1976, being promoted to Senior Lecturer in 1987 until his retirement in 2005. As early as 1974 he had been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, but from his wheelchair he retained the same enthusiasm for teaching. This was recognised by his award of the Betts Prize in 1993 for outstanding service to the RVC, and the James Bee Teaching Prize in 1997/98 for outstanding teaching. He was elected an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons in 2001. He died on 9 January 2013.

Christopher Denis Alexander Martin-Jenkins, MBE (1964)
Christopher Martin-Jenkins was born on 20 January 1945 at Peterborough, and was educated at Marlborough College. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1964 to read History, graduating in 1967. He won two Half-Blues at Rugby Fives and was Captain of Cricket (leading the College to victory in College Cuppers for the first time) as well as playing hockey and soccer, and squash and golf for recreation; he appeared in College Revues and was a member of the Footlights. He had been accepted for a PGCE, but he also applied for a job as Assistant to the Deputy Editor of The Cricketer, which he was successful in securing. From that point on his career was firmly fixed in cricketing journalism. In 1970 he joined the BBC Sports News department, and in 1972 became one of the Test Match Special team, remaining there for every home season for the next 38 years. He also had periods as cricket correspondent for the Daily Telegraph, 1991–99, and for the Times, 1999–2008. In 2007 he gave the MCC Cowdrey Lecture on The Spirit of Cricket. In 2010 he had the rare honour of being President of the MCC, and was elected to the Committee at the end of his term of office. Just over a year later he was diagnosed with cancer, and died on 1 January 2013. Few members of Fitzwilliam have attracted the flow of public tributes as Christopher did. Of the many I select simply one from Alan Mountford, producer of Test Match Special: ‘CMJ was one of the voices of the English summer ... quite simply he was one of the legendary characters of cricket writing and broadcasting’.

Professor Timothy Stephen McDermott (1946)
Stephen McDermott was born on 26 November 1926 in St Helens, Lancashire, and was educated at West Park Catholic Grammar School and Liverpool University. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1946 to do research in Physical Chemistry (Colloid Science). However, he was ‘lured away’ by a week of lectures by three Dominicans at the Catholic Chaplaincy, and in September 1948 became a Dominican novice, taking the religious name of Timothy. After ordination to the priesthood in 1954, he was sent to the Dominican Study House in Stellenbosch, South Africa, where he first became Pro-Regent in charge of studies and then Student-Master (in charge of students) as well. After a sabbatical in Oxford and New York, he found the Stellenbosch priory divided, as a result of the attempt to unite the Dutch, English and South African friars; furthermore it was in the process of being closed down as a study house, without any consultation with him. He went to live with his sister in London, and did a Master’s degree in computer science, before resigning from the order and being laicized. In 1973 he was appointed to a lectureship in computer science at the University of Cape Town, and also married. After a brief period at the University of Tasmania (1978–81), he returned to the University of Cape Town as professor. However, he then moved back to theology, resigned his chair in 1987 and was a visiting scholar at St Edmund’s, Cambridge, followed by a series of appointments at the University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign); Emory University, Atlanta; Clare Hall, Cambridge; and The Center for Theological Inquiry at Princeton. During this time he conceived the idea of Concise Translation of the Summa Apologia, and also edited the Selected Philosophical Writings for OUP’s World Classics. In 1996 he retired and settled in Cambridge. His death on 13 February 2014 removes the last of a trio of remarkable exponents of Aquinas, the other two being Cornelius Ernst and Herbert McCabe.
Donald McFarlan was born on 6 May 1952 in Glasgow, and educated at Glasgow Academy. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1972 to read English, graduating in 1975. His subsequent career was in publishing, with Oxford University Press and latterly with Penguin Books. He died on 23 August 2012.

Krzysztof Misiewski was born on 22 June 1924 in Warsaw, Poland, and he was educated at the Joseph Piłsudski No 1 Cadets’ School, Luow, Poland. Escaping from a train to Siberia, he made his way to the UK via Bulgaria, Greece and France, where he joined the Polish Navy, serving as a Sub-Lieutenant in the Mediterranean and the Dieppe and D-Day landings. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1946 to read Agriculture, graduating in 1949. He worked for several years at Agricultural Colleges in Sierra Leone, and married while he was in Freetown. On his return to England he bought a farm in Suffolk, where he acted as a training officer for the Agricultural Training Board. During this time he became Chair of the Polish Farmer Association in Great Britain. After the fall of the Iron Curtain, he returned to Poland and farmed for another nine years, before retiring to Nottingham in 2011. He died on 27 July 2013, while on a visit to his son, Jan, in Clear Lake, Minnesota, USA.

Colin Murray was born on 3 April 1948 in Edinburgh, and was educated at Bryanston School. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1976 to read Classics, but changed to Archaeology and Anthropology, graduating in 1970 with First Class Honours. After a year doing research at the Institute of Race Relations in Durban, South Africa, he returned to Cambridge to do a PhD in 1971, which he was awarded in 1976. He became a Lecturer at the University of Manchester, eventually becoming Professor of African Sociology. He died on 14 October 2013.

Paul Northcott was born on 11 September 1931 in Devonport, and was educated at Saltash Grammar School. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1950 to read Geography, graduating in 1953. After this he did a PGCE, and two years’ National Service. From 1956 to 1960 he taught at Shebbear College, North Devon; and then emigrated to Australia, where he continued to teach in Launceston, Tasmania until he became Tutor in Economic Geography at the University of Melbourne. Finally he was Professor in the Distance Education Unit at Deakin University, Victoria, before retiring in England in 1990. This proved to be short-lived, because his children were still in Victoria so, after his mother’s death, he and his wife returned to Australia, where he died on 3 April 2013.

John Parry was born on 3 May 1954 at Thetford, Norfolk, and was educated at Thetford Grammar School. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1954 after National Service in the Army to read Estate Management, graduating in 1957. After this he became a Chartered Surveyor, working for a series of London firms, and ending as Managing Director of Hammerson Property Investment and Development Corporation. He was President of the British Property Federation in 1992–93, and also became Chair and Member of the Board of the College of Estate Management, as well as being a member of the Property Advisory Group of the Department of the Environment. He died on 12 March 2012.

Ivor Pattinson was born on 21 February 1928 in Marylebone, London and was educated at Frimley and Camberley Secondary School, Surrey. After war service in the RAF, he came to Fitzwilliam in 1948 to read Mechanical Sciences with a view to a permanent Commission. He graduated in 1950 with First Class Honours and resumed his RAF career. He died after a long illness on 1 February 2012.

Harvey Perkins was born on 29 January 1919 in Hobart, Tasmania and was educated at the University of Melbourne and then Melbourne College of Divinity after war service in the Royal Australian Navy. He was Tutor in Hebrew and Old Testament in Queen’s College, Melbourne University for a year before being ordained into the Methodist ministry in 1949. Then he came to Fitzwilliam in 1949 as a member of Wesley House to do research in Old Testament. He returned to Australia in 1952 and took up a ministry in the Mitcham circuit, which eventually led to the Methodists joining the Presbyterians some twenty years before official union. In 1956 Perkins became General Secretary of the Australian Committee for the World Council of Churches (later the Australian Council of Churches), which he served until 1967, pioneering a new relationship between the Australian Churches and those of Asia to the north. This was particularly important in Indonesia, but it also involved taking a stance on the conflict in Vietnam. After a year as Secretary of the Interchurch Aid, Refugee and World Service division of the ACC, he became Secretary of Inter Church Aid for the East Asian Christian Conference (1968–71), before moving to Geneva to work with the Churches’ Commission on People’s Participation in Development within the World Council of Churches. During three years as Secretary of the Methodist Overseas Missions Board (1973–76) Perkins enabled the traditional missions structures to adjust to the new Asian realities, and also prepared them for integration into the Uniting Church of Australia, when it was formed in 1977. By then he had become Executive Secretary for Development and Service in the Christian Conference of Asia from 1976 to 1980. He concluded his ministry with a period as Research Officer for the Board for Social Responsibility for the Uniting Church based in Sydney, retiring after a well-earned year’s leave of absence in December 1984. His influence in the Australian churches, introducing them to liberation theology by personally-written bible studies, drawing on the stories people told him in East Asia, was profound. The General Secretary of the National Council of Churches in Australia said that ‘he has left a large ecumenical footprint for which he will long be remembered’. He died on 25 November 2012, after suffering from Alzheimer’s disease for some ten years.
THE REV'D CANON CYRIL JOHN PETERS (1938)

‘Bill’ Peters (as he was always known) was born on 26 September 1919 in Portslade, Sussex, and was educated at Shoreham Grammar School. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1938 to read for an ordinary degree, but a serious attack of pleurisy in 1939 resulted in a term’s intermission: he was declared unfit for military service, and eventually graduated in 1942. Meanwhile he read for ordination at Chichester Theological College (which moved to Peterhouse in 1941) from 1940 and was ordained in 1942. Just before the war ended he was accepted by the Army as a Chaplain, and served for two years, before returning to St Michael’s, Brighton. In 1950 he began a nineteen-year period as Chaplain of Brighton College, where he is still remembered with great affection, before becoming Rector of Uckfield, and remained until retirement in 1999. He became a Canon and Prebendary of Chichester in 1981. He died on 20 September 2012.

PROFESSOR JOHN VICTOR PICKSTONE (1962)

John Pickstone was born on 29 May 1944 in Burnley, and was educated at Burnley Grammar School. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1962 to read Natural Sciences, graduating in 1965. He did graduate work at Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario, then a Master’s degree at University College, London, in the history and philosophy of science, followed by a PhD at Chelsea College, London. His interest in physiology led him to the history of that subject since the nineteenth century. After Research Fellowships at the University of Minnesota and UCL, he moved in 1974 to the Department of the History of Science and Technology at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology in his native Lancashire. By this time his interests had broadened to include the history of medicine generally, leading to his book Medicine and Industrial Society (1985); in that year he moved to the University of Manchester to establish the Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine, to which he added a Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine and the National Archive on Computing. He remained Director until 2002, when he became a Wellcome Research Professor, retiring in 2009. He also created the Manchester Histories Festival, now one of the largest in the country. The breadth of his interests ensured that he was intellectually creative. His relaxations included the Hallé Orchestra, travelling and walking, especially the discovery of scientifically historic sites in the Lakes and the Peak District. He died after a short illness on 12 February 2014.

VIVIAN GILBERT POVAH (1951)

Vivian Povah was born on 9 July 1930 in Liverpool and was educated at The King’s School, Chester. He had wanted to become a pilot, following in the footsteps of a family hero who had fought in Burma. Unfortunately, due to poor eyesight, this was an ambition he could not realise. After National Service (RAF, 1949–51) in the Midlands and Hooton, Wirral, he came to Fitzwilliam in 1951 to read Natural Sciences. Whilst at Fitzwilliam he joined the Puppet Club, for which he was Treasurer, and the Physics Society. After graduation he began work in the chemical industry with CIBA and then Fisons. He moved back to Runcorn to care for his father following the death of his mother, and worked as a process plant chemist at Ward Blenkinsop, manufacturer of fine chemicals for the pharmaceutical industry in Widnes. In September 1967 he obtained a lecturing post and began work at Widnes Technical College (now Riverside). He retired from his college post in the early 1990s but continued to give specialist lectures on Health and Safety issues within the process plant chemistry industry for a number of years. In retirement he retained his passion for learning and continued with his lifelong interest in postage stamps and Meccano. He died on 7 January 2009, well respected and loved by the many people who knew him. His generosity as a donor to the Upper Hall is reported on p.50.

PROFESSOR SIGBERT JON PRAYS, FBA (1951)

Sigbert Prays was born on 19 December 1928 in Frankfurt, and after his family left Nazi Germany he was educated at King Edward’s School, Birmingham and Birmingham University. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1951 to do research in Economics, while working in the Department of Applied Economics, being awarded a PhD in 1953. After a post-doctoral Fellowship at the University of Chicago (1953–54), he became a Research Officer at the National Institute of Economic and Social Research. There followed a period in international organizations such as the United Nations and International Monetary Fund, and as Finance Director with Elbief Co (the Prays family firm). Returning to this country he became Senior Research Fellow in the NIESR in 1970 (eventually retiring in 2010); and was awarded an ScD in 1974; he was Visiting Professor of Economics at City University (1975–84). He became a Fellow of the British Academy in 1985 and received honorary degrees from City University and the University of Birmingham. In his long career he was a valued colleague and friend to many researchers, and was always generous with his time. He died on 22 February 2014.

DAVID ALLEN RAMSDEN (1979)

Allen Ramsden was born on 21 November 1960 in Batley, Yorkshire, and was educated at Batley Grammar School. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1979 to read History and Archaeology and Anthropology, graduating in 1982. As well as playing both kinds of football for the College, he played cricket occasionally and enjoyed music. It was no surprise that he was elected as Junior President of the JMA, and he always put 150% into everything he did. After five years working for Marley Tiles, he did a PGCE at Leeds, and in 1981 secured a teaching post at Wellingborough School, where he became Head of History and Politics and also Assistant Head (as well as rugby coach). In the school he became a legend – ‘Big Al’ and ‘Rambo’ were but two of his nicknames. His discipline inspired respect because it was balanced by an absolute commitment to the education of every pupil: the tributes to him after his death illustrated the great affection and awe he inspired. He was diagnosed with cancer early in 2013, but continued to cycle in the Alps and France, coming first in the over-fifties class in a road race in Lincoln after he had begun chemotherapy. In the Christmas vacation before he died he discussed with the Head what teaching he could still do in the coming term. He died on 28 January 2014, and will be mourned by all who remember him.

COLIN VICTOR LEIGHTON ROBERTS (1956)

Colin Roberts was born on 30 August 1935 in Hereford, and was educated at the Priory School, Shrewsbury and Cowbridge Grammar School, Glamorgan. He came to
Fitzwilliam after National Service in the RAF in 1956 to read Classics, graduating in 1959. His first job was with BOAC as a Station Officer, and he remained with British Airways until 1976. In due course he emigrated to South Africa, and from 1990 he became involved in railway management and operations in and outside South Africa – his father had been a railwayman – becoming a senior manager, and subsequently an IT consultant, based in Johannesburg. In retirement he was active in the South African University of the Third Age, as a committee member and designer of the South African U3A website. He died on 24 January 2013.

The Revd Canon Bryan Robinson
Bryan Robinson was born on 5 February 1932 in Accrington, Lancashire, and was educated at Accrington Grammar School, where he was Head Boy. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1953 to read History, after National Service in the Army in Egypt, graduating in 1956. He read for ordination at Ely Theological College, and was ordained in 1956 to a curacy in Fleetwood. In 1965 he moved to be vicar of St Andrew’s and St Margaret’s, Burnley, remaining there when the two parishes were united in 1974. On his initiative a restoration took place of the carvings behind the altar at St Andrew’s, and also of the Charles Kempe screen, completed in 2010. He was rural dean of Burnley from 1985 to 1991, and in 1992 was given charge of St James’ Burnley. In 1994 he became an honorary canon of Blackburn Cathedral and retired in 1997. Whenever possible he continued to officiate, but his health began to fail in 2013, and he died on 7 February 2014.

Dr Henrik Rogne (1993)
Henrik Rogne was born on 5 June 1969 in Norway, and was educated at the University of Glasgow. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1993 to do research on the optical properties of semiconductors, and was approved for the PhD degree in 1997. On his return to Norway he became a Senior Scientist at SINTEF Electronics. Sadly he died from cancer on 1 April 2006.

Clive Frederick Rolf (1962)
Clive Rolf was born on 23 December 1940 in Fishbourne, Isle of Wight, and was educated at Monckton Combe School. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1962 to read Law, graduating in 1965 and taking an LLB in 1966. He was a member of the Boat Club, rowing at stroke in the First May Boat when it first entered the First Division, and also enjoyed Rugby and sailing. After graduating he travelled along the Trans-Siberian Railway to the Far East before joining Herbert Smith to serve his Articles. He married Cindy in Canada in 1972 and returned to the Island to join the firm in which his father had worked. After opening an office in Southampton, he took charge of the Cowes office before becoming senior partner in the Ryde office until his retirement in 1999. He and his wife were members of the Isle of Wight Christian Fellowship Island Network Church, and also regional organisers for Marriage Ministries International. He died on 28 January 2013 after suffering from pancreatic cancer for more than a year.

Professor Louis Desire Michel Roussel (1958)
Michel Roussel was born on 14 December 1925 in Mauritius, and was educated at the University of London, where he took an external BA degree and an MA in Classics, since there was no university in the colony. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1958 to do an MLitt in Classical Philosophy. After doctoral studies in the history of philosophy at the Sorbonne, Roussel took a post at the University of Ottawa, Canada in 1960, and remained there for the rest of his career, eventually becoming Professor Emeritus. His abiding interest was Plato, but he also specialized in pre-Socratic Greek thought, as well as considering the relationship between philosophical and scientific thinking among the Greeks. He taught in the Department of Classical Studies, and supervised many research students. The wide respect in which he was held by his colleagues was reflected by his election as chairman of the Association of Professors of the University of Ottawa for a year. He maintained close links with his family in Mauritius, and was devoted to his own family in Canada. He died on 29 December 2012.

Dr Michael Shaw (1949)
Michael Shaw was born on 11 February 1924 in Barbados, and was educated at The Lodge School, Barbados, and McGill University. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1949 on a Post-Doctoral Overseas Fellowship, awarded by the National Research Council of Canada to work in the Botany School for one year. Returning to Canada, he moved to the University of Saskatchewan at Saskatoon as the university’s first plant pathologist, and then in 1967 he became Dean of Agricultural Sciences (and later Academic Vice-President) at the University of British Columbia. He retired in 1989, but remained active in the scientific field. He died on 25 March 2013.

Robert Thornton Smith (1954)
Robert Smith was born on 6 February 1930 in Sandhurst, Berkshire and was educated at Marlborough College. He was accepted by Pembroke College, and did National Service with a commission in the Royal Engineers, but his admission was then delayed by Pembroke for two and a half years, during which time he worked for a firm of consulting engineers in South Wales. In 1952 he entered Pembroke to read Mechanical Sciences, but because of his results in 1954 Pembroke asked him to intermit for another year. He therefore applied to Fitzwilliam and was admitted, graduating in 1955. His principal career was in project management with W S Atkins, Boulton & Paul and finally as a director of Industrial & Marine Engineering Services Ltd. He was also a Member of the Institute of Civil Engineers and a Fellow of the Institute of Directors. After retirement in 1989, he was Secretary of the Marlburian Club for seven years. He died on 11 February 2014.

The Revd Frank Edward Stubbings (1946)
Frank Stubbings was born on 1 October 1920 in Cambridge, and was educated at the Cambridgeshire County High School for Boys. After war service in the 27th Lancers as a wireless operator and as a member of the intelligence staff, he came to Fitzwilliam in 1946 to read History. He changed to Geography, and graduated in 1948, before doing a PGCE. While an undergraduate he was a
Thomas Mercer Telford (1947)

Thomas Telford was born on 21 January 1921 in Liverpool, and was educated at Burton-on-Trent Grammar School and Birmingham University. He served in the RAF with Bomber Command during the war, reaching the rank of Flight Lieutenant. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1947 to read for the Diploma in Agriculture, which he received in 1949. While he was an undergraduate, he gained a Half-Blue in Badminton and captained the University team. He joined the National Agricultural Advisory Service and worked in Staffordshire, where he was also a county badminton player. After serving several years as a Senior Agricultural Adviser he retired to North Wales, where he died on 26 May 2014.

The Revd Richard Francis Theodosius (1956)

Richard Theodosius was born on 17 February 1935 in Woking, and was educated at Lancing College. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1956 to read Theology, graduating in 1959 after taking the ordinary BA degree. Subsequently he taught at a variety of preparatory or primary schools before entering Lichfield Theological College in 1969, from which he was ordained in 1971. After serving as curate at Bloxwich for two years he taught in a series of secondary schools, eventually becoming Head of Religious Studies and Chaplain at the Blue Coat School in Walsall. He moved to a similar position at Ranby House School, Retford, and finally became priest in charge of Norton Cuckney, Nottinghamshire (1996–2002). He died on 16 August 2013.

The Revd Canon Timothy Thompson (1956)

Timothy Thompson was born on 14 October 1934 in Dunedin, New Zealand, and was educated at Waitaki Boys High School and John McGlashan College in New Zealand before completing his education in London. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1956 to read Theology, graduating in 1959, and then went to Cuddesden College to read for ordination in the Church of England. After ordination in St Paul’s Cathedral, he served two curacies in the London area and went to New Zealand in 1967. Returning to this country in 1970, he settled in the diocese of Chelmsford, where he spent the rest of his career, first at Tolleshunt Knights with Tiptree and then in Colchester. He became a canon of Chelmsford in 1985 and then Vice-Provost of the cathedral in 1988, retiring in 2001. He died on 17 August 2014.

Professor Chen-Lu Tsou (1948)

Chen-Lu Tsou was born on 17 May 1923 in Tsingtao, China and was educated at the National South Western Associated University in Kunming, graduating in 1945. He won a prize scholarship to come to England to study, first at Birmingham University and then at the Molteno Institute under its then Director, Dr David Keilen. He became a member of Fitzwilliam, and gained a PhD for his work on cytochrome c. This was right at the beginning of the development of modern biochemistry, and Professor Tsou has been called ‘one of the creators of modern biochemistry in China’. He returned to a position at the Institute of Biochemistry at the Academia Sinica in Shanghai. Later in the 1950s he led a group, which ultimately synthesised bovine insulin, having had to make all the amino acids themselves in China because of its political isolation. They were able to publish their success in 1961. The leader of the Nobel Prize committee for Chemistry at that time remarked that ‘you can learn how to make an atomic bomb from a textbook, but you cannot learn from a textbook how to synthesize insulin’ (China tested its first atom bomb at roughly the same time). Tsou resumed work on enzymes and established a fundamental equation for quantifying chemical modification in protein – ‘Tsou’s equation’. The ‘Cultural Revolution’ was an unfortunate interruption in his career, but a paper in Nature for 1979 was the first high-profile publication in a world journal after the ‘open-door’ policy was introduced. Almost immediately he was elected to the newly re-established Academia Sinica. Professor Tsou became the outstanding international scholar in China, and turned his attention to raising the ethical standards of Chinese scientific research, as exemplified in his book, My Scientific Path, published in the early 1980s. This made him unpopular with the authorities, but by now he was protected by his international reputation. In his later years he re-visited Cambridge several times when in Britain for scientific meetings. He died on 23 November 2006.

Charles Walter Underhill (1953)

Charles Underhill was born on 21 June 1934 at Ketley, Shropshire, and was educated at Ludlow Grammar School. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1953 to read Mechanical Sciences, graduating in 1956. After National Service he joined British Rail in 1958, beginning in civil engineering and proceeding via project planning to become Assistant Principal of the Transport Staff College at Woking, and then Principal of the Railway Training School at Derby. During this time he also acted as an adviser in developing the railways of India and Pakistan, as well as other parts of the world. On leaving British Rail, he worked with the Derby Diocesan Board of Education as a school Buildings Advisor until his retirement. He died on 28 August 2013.

The Revd Dr William Lansing Van Auker (1955)

William Van Auker was born in Watervliet, New York on 9 May 1924, and was educated at Harvard and Austin Presbyterian Seminary, Texas. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1955 as a member of Westminster College to do research in Reformation history. His time at Cambridge was cut short after a year, when he was offered a post at First Presbyterian Church, Houston in Texas. After four years there he moved to a rural pastorate, and then to other churches in Nebraska and Ohio. He spent seventeen years at Aurora, Ohio until 1989, when he retired. His retirement years were filled with other activities, church-based and otherwise; and he died on 7 August 2011.
Alfred Vasquez was born on 2 March 1923 in Gibraltar, and was educated at Mount St Mary’s College, Spinkhill, Sheffield. After military service in the Royal Artillery, 1943–45, he came to Fitzwilliam in 1947 to read Law, graduating in 1949. He was called to the Inner Temple and to the Bar in Gibraltar in 1950, and became Senior Partner in Vazquez and Vazquez, and latterly at Triay & Triay after his own firm merged with the latter. In a distinguished legal career he was also Mayor of Gibraltar, and Speaker of the House of Assembly from 1970 to 1992, longer than any previous holder of the office. As such he gained a reputation for scrupulous impartiality, even leaving the territory at the time of general elections and not voting, so that no one could accuse him of partisanship. He died on 3 July 2012, and his Requiem Mass in the Catholic cathedral was a full civic occasion.

Alan Warrell was born on 3 July 1930 in Streatham, South London, and was educated at Tiffin Boys’ School, Kingston on Thames, and University College, Leicester, where he read Geography and did a PGCE. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1954 as a candidate for the Methodist ministry at Wesley House to read Theology, graduating in 1956. As a probationer he spent some months at the London School of Oriental and African Studies, learning Efik so that he could work in Eastern Nigeria, where he spent three tours of duty, returning to Britain in 1963. He ministered in five circuits in the Midlands and Southern England, before finishing as Chairman of the Shetland District. While in Dover he was involved in ministry to those caught up in the Zebrugge ferry disaster and also the bombing in Deal; by contrast he served as Chaplain to the Youth Custody Centre. In his first year in the Shetlands a hurricane severely damaged one of his churches. He retired in 1995 and moved back to Hastings to be near his family. Always a keen advocate of Methodist Evangelicals Together, he believed strongly in the power of prayer. He died after a short illness on 3 June 2013.

David Watkins was born on 20 July 1927 in Plymouth, and was educated at King Edward’s School, Bath. Having been declared unfit for military service on medical grounds he came to Fitzwilliam in 1946 to read History, graduating in 1949. While at Fitzwilliam he played rugby and cricket, and was student librarian for a year. He then did a PGCE and taught History at Sir Thomas Rich’s School, Gloucester, eventually becoming Head of Department. After his move to Hucclecote on the expanding south-east edge of Gloucester, he helped to found the Hillview Evangelical Church, to which he and his wife devoted much of their spare time, especially after his retirement. He continued to preach regularly until he suffered a fall, which led to his death on 15 April 2014.

Harold Whiting was born on 24 September 1922 in Palmers Green, London, and was educated at Mercers’ School, Holborn and St Bartholomew’s Hospital medical college. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1945 to read English, graduating in 1947. After a PGCE, he secured a teaching position at St Olave’s Grammar School, in due course becoming Headmaster of Stoke-by-Nayland New Secondary School near Colchester. Subsequently he became Head of Longsands Secondary School, St Neots, followed by Sir Charles Lucas Comprehensive School, Colchester, and Deben High School, Felixstowe. He retired to Norwich, where he died on 3 August 2013.

Brian Wicks was born on 26 March 1934 in Gateshead, and was educated at Sedbergh School. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1954 to read Economics and Law, graduating in 1957. He became Deputy Director-General of the National Farmers’ Union and a Director of NFUM Leasing Ltd. Having been elected to the Worshipful Company of Glovers, he was Master of the Company in 2006–07. A keen oarsman, he rowed in the over-60s boat in 2003 and 2004. He died on 24 November 2012.

Stanley William was born on 17 March 1930 in Colombo, Ceylon, and was educated as St Thomas’s College, Ceylon. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1954 to read Economics, graduating in 1957. On returning to Ceylon he took over his father’s business, following the latter’s early death. He was a founder Director of Sampath Bank, and remained a Director after his retirement as Chairman. The Almex Group of companies also benefited from his leadership. For over thirty years he was a member of the World Fellowship of Buddhists. He died on 7 April 2001.

Andrew Wilson was born on 2 April 1960 in Nuneaton, and was educated at King Edward VI School, Nuneaton. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1979 to read Geography, graduating in 1981. He was popular at Fitzwilliam during his undergraduate years, and played for the First XV. He then went into financial services, and worked for UBS, Warburg and Barclays, before becoming a director of Westminster Healthcare plc in 1996. This was one of a number of positions in the European healthcare sector for which he worked over the next few years. For a time he also chaired the Board of Watford Football Club. The variety of his executive and non-executive directorships was considerable. With a Fitzwilliam contemporary he also funded the post of Schools Liaison Officer at the College, which has been a most significant development. He was diagnosed with cancer in October 2013 and died on 16 May 2014.

Nick Wright was born on 16 June 1946 in London, and was educated at St Olave’s and St Saviour’s Grammar School, Bromley. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1965 to read Modern Languages, changing to Economics for his final year. After graduating in 1968, he became a computer programmer with the City of Westminster during the 1970s and then worked for Commercial Union Insurance as a systems analyst until 1988. He took early retirement and emigrated to San Francisco, USA, where he married. Sadly he was diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease in 2008, which gradually deteriorated until his death on 15 August 2013.
We regret that we have little information between the date of graduation and the date of death on the following members:

RODERICK CLOEN ADAMS (1955) born 1 April 1937 in Bournemouth; educated Blundell’s School, Tiverton, Devon; came up 1955 to read Estate Management, graduating 1958; Chartered Surveyor; died 27 February 2013.


MICHAEL DAVID JOSEPH CONNOLLY (1971) born 7 October 1951 in Stockwell, south London; educated St Joseph’s College, Crowborough and the Cambridgeshire College of Arts & Technology; came up 1971; read Classics, English and Theology, graduating 1975; died 4 December 2012.

ROBERT JAMES ELKERTON (1939) born 26 November 1919 at Middleton Stoney, Oxfordshire; educated Cambridgeshire High School for Boys; came up 1939 to read Economics and History; called up for military service, Easter 1940, before taking any Tripos examination; never returned to complete his degree after the war; died 16 November 2012.

LESLIE GALBRAITH (1947) born 7 October 1924 in Preston Patrick, Westmorland; educated Preston Grammar School; after war service in the RAF, came up 1947 to read Geography, graduating 1949; did PGCE; died 1 October 2012.


NEVILLE FREDERICK SLATTERY (1952) born 31 May 1934; came up 1952 to read Land Economy, graduating 1955; died 22 May 2013.

ALEXANDER CHARLES JAMES WELLS (1952) born 6 September 1929 in Sheffield; educated Wrekin College and South Devon Technical College, Torquay; came up 1952 to read Veterinary Medicine, graduating 1955; received VetMB 1958; died 11 February 2013.

JAMES MCKELLEN WILKINSON (1949) born 3 April 1934 in Chingford, Essex; educated Bishop’s Stortford College; came up 1949 to read Agriculture, graduating 1952; died 6 July 2011.
THE FITZWILLIAM SOCIETY

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

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

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

• publish the Fitzwilliam Journal
• fund awards, scholarships, prizes and debates – see page 31
• provide funds to support other student activities
• provide the Career Network and an annual Careers Fair – see below
• organise the annual College Reunion
• organise other reunions, including the annual London dinner and events in the UK and overseas.

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

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

THE ROLE OF THE SOCIETY

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

The Objectives and Rules of the Society

New Objectives and Rules for the Society were adopted at the AGM on 24th September 2011. The objectives of the Society are now particularly focussed on social and business networking and career support, as well as assisting in the development of the College.

Career Initiatives

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

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

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

If you would like to attend a Careers Fair – the next one is in November 2015 – or have not already signed up to the Career Network and are able to help Fitzwilliam students and alumni with their career choices, please email careernet@fitz.cam.ac.uk or contact Hannah Ellis-Jones in the Development Office 01223 332018. We would be delighted to hear from you.

PETER HOWARD (1970)

The Fitzwilliam Society Careers Fair 2013

On Saturday 16 November 2013, more than 30 alumni came back to the College to attend the Fitzwilliam Society Careers Fair and to give careers advice to current students. The Careers Fair was held in the Dining Hall and was busy, with lots of conversations between alumni and students over tea and biscuits. There was praise for the ‘helpful and friendly alumni’ who were ‘happy to answer any questions’.

Katie Dowbiggin (Theology, 2001), an executive director in leadership development at Goldman Sachs, ran a well-received ‘Interview Tips’ session before the Fair; her CV clinic also was popular. Afterwards, alumni gathered in the SCR for drinks, and the Master thanked them for their time and involvement.

The Careers Fair is co-organised by the Fitzwilliam Society and the Development Office. Particular thanks go to the Executive Subcommittee of the Fitzwilliam Society, led by Society President Jeremy Prescott (Economics 1967), who have helped develop career initiatives, and to Rachel Webb (Natural Sciences 1979), who produced and funded the Careers Fair brochure.

HANNAH ELLIS-JONES
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

 Held in the Trust Room, Fitzwilliam College at 5.30 pm on Saturday 27th September 2014

The chair was taken by the President, Jeremy Prescott.

Others present were Nicky Padfield (Master), Peter Bates, Robin Bell, Dr Helen Bettinson, Rev Anthony Brown, Gerald Coles, John Creasey, Derek Culley, John Gamlin, Ross Gray, Geoff Harrison, Philip Hart, Peter Howard, Tim Johnson, James McQuale, Carl Meewezen, Ken Olisa OBE, Andrew Powell and Rev. Professor David Thompson.

1 Apologies for absence
Apologies were received from John Adams, Dame Sarah Asplin DBE, Rosie Cook, Professor Alan Cuthbert, Ellie Davies, James Harrington, Jack Lassman, Professor Robert Lethbridge, John Mueller, Susannah Odell, Group Captain Alan Silvester, Zoë Shaw, Doug Webb and Rachel Webb.

2 Hon. Secretary’s Report
As usual, two events had been held in London, and both were well attended. The Drinks Party on 4th March was again held at the Melton Mowbray pub in Holborn, and the London Dinner on 8th May was held at a new venue, Stationers’ Hall, where we enjoyed excellent food, drink and speeches, with thanks again being due to Graham Nutter for his gift of the red wine from his vineyard in France.

As is traditional, the Secretary gave a brief summary of the Master’s travels to meet alumni overseas, which had taken her to Belfast last November, Hong Kong and Singapore in January, New York in March, for a programme based around the Cambridge in America Day, and Rome, Mumbai and Delhi in September.

As usual, there was a wide ranging and very varied programme of events at the annual Reunion, with, as always, a very large number of attendees, including (according to the guest list) some 57 who were alumni of 60+ years’ standing and their guests. Thanks were expressed to the Master and Fellows for their hospitality, to the Development Office team for their hard work in making the arrangements, and to the many students and College staff who were helping to make the weekend so memorable.

The committee had met twice in the year, before the London dinner in May and on the day before the AGM. The Secretary referred again to the work carried out a few years ago to re-examine the role of the Society and to make particular efforts to appeal to younger members, the most visible fruit of which process had been the Careers Fair, which was first hosted by the Society, with invaluable help from the Development Office, at the College in November 2011, and which could now be regarded as a regular annual event, with the fourth, 2014, Fair due to take place on Saturday 15 November.

The process of looking again at the role of the Society had now been carried a stage further. For the last couple of years the Committee had been discussing the linked topics of the subscription and the funding of the Society and of the Journal. The life subscription was currently £72, paid by all students. Following discussions with students, the
Committee had agreed in May to freeze the subscription at this level, and to make one important change; henceforth the subscription would be related to the length of the course and would be expressed as a termly amount of £8, with an overall cap of £72. The Committee had also agreed that a working group should be set up to consider the funding of the Journal, which currently accounts for the bulk of the Society’s subscription income, as the Society had been meeting about 82% of the production and distribution costs. The working group, chaired by the President, and including the Bursar and the Development Director, had met last month, and had made recommendations which were accepted by the Committee at the previous day’s meeting. The main points to report were that as the Journal is largely a record of College activities, it seemed appropriate for the College to meet a much higher proportion of its costs, enabling more of the Society’s income could be freed up to use for other activities. The aim was to enhance the links between the students and the Society and to make the Society very much more than merely a social society for alumni. For example, the Society might provide sponsorship for student activities and also make some additional awards (which would be distinct from the Trust Fund awards). While there were many details to work out, and the College would need to consider the recommendations, but the Secretary felt sure that there would be more to report next year. Particular thanks were due to the Bursar and the Development Director for their support and some very constructive ideas.

Another working group had looked at the constitution of the Society, and much re-drafting had carried out by John Adams, to whom particular thanks were due. However, when it became apparent that the Committee might be approving some fairly radical changes in the funding and the focus of the activities of the Society, the group concluded that it would be premature to ask the AGM to approve a wholesale re-writing of the constitution.

The Secretary thanked Dr Helen Bettinson, the Development Director, and her team for their support of the Society and for their extremely hard work in arranging events during the year, and also Andrew Powell, the Bursar, and the Master for their tremendous support of the Society and Dr John Cleaver for his ongoing hard work in producing the excellent Journal. The Society was extremely fortunate that Dr Cleaver had very kindly agreed to continue editing it for several further years, notwithstanding his retirement this year.

Finally, the Secretary also thanked the President, Jeremy Prescott, for his year in office. As well as chairing committee meetings and the AGM, Jeremy had been an enthusiastic and highly effective member and chairman of the main working group.

3 Hon. Treasurer’s Report and Accounts
The Treasurer summarized the highlights of his Report, which had been made available to members before the meeting, mentioning in particular that the small deficit of £2,84 had have been larger but for the fact that the College had kindly agreed to meet the deficit of around £605 on the London Dinner. The Independent Examiner, Roger Smith, had signed the Accounts and had confirmed that he had examined them and that they were in accordance with the records and vouchers of the Society. The Treasurer expressed his thanks to Roger Smith for reviewing the accounts so promptly, and also to Carol Lamb in the Development Office and to the College Accountant for their help in answering his questions.

4 Report on the Fitzwilliam Society Trust Fund
A short form of the report on the Trust Fund awards by the Senior Tutor, Dr Chirico, had been published on the College website before the meeting. Further copies were circulated and the highlights were presented by the President in the absence of the Senior Tutor. A question was raised about the production of a full set of accounts for the Trust Fund and the Bursar explained that they were now being finalized and would be available at the May 2015 Committee meeting.

5 Proposed Amendment to the Society’s Objectives and Rules
The Secretary referred to the draft amendment to Rule 4 which had been published on the College website before the meeting. He explained it concerned the student members of the Committee, and that it would result in each JCR President and each MCR President being a member of the Committee for the year of his or her term of office and one more year. Substituting a reference to the JCR President for the reference to the JMA Junior President was necessary to take account of a recent change to the JMA Constitution, and the Committee recommended that giving JCR and MCR Presidents two years each provided a more appropriate balance than the current arrangement of the JMA Junior President having 3 years Committee membership but the MCR President only one year, and was more representative of the current membership of the student body. The proposed change was agreed unanimously.

6 Election of President and other Officers
The Committee’s proposal that the Master, Nicky Padfield, be elected President for 2014-2015 was agreed unanimously. The Committee’s proposals put to the meeting to re-elect the Editor of the Journal, the Secretary and the Treasurer were all agreed unanimously.

7 Election of Committee Members
The Committee’s proposals put to the meeting were agreed unanimously, and Dame Sarah Asplin, Rosie Cook and James Harrington were each re-elected to the Committee for a further 3 years.

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

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

Minutes prepared by Peter Howard, Hon Secretary, and approved and signed by Jeremy Prescott (2013-2014 President).
Fitzwilliam Society Accounts

Income & Expenditure Account – Year Ended 31 July 2014

Income                           Notes  2014  2013
Subscriptions                    1     17,371  17,848
Donations received               2      1,064   971
                                    18,435  18,819

Expenditure                      
London dinner – Society guests (2013 – surplus) 3   (225)  233
Fitzwilliam Journal              4  (18,168) -
Magazines for JMA café           (326) (216)

Deficit (2013 surplus) for the year
                                    (£284) £8,835

Balance Sheet – at 31 July 2014

Net assets                      
Loan to Fitzwilliam College     5     40,212  40,497
Cash at bank                    -        -    -
                                    £40,212 £40,497

Represented by:                  
Accumulated fund at 1 August 2013 40,497  21,661
Deficit for the year (2013 surplus) (284) 18,835
                                    £40,212 £40,497

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS:
1. Subscriptions shown above are those received in the period from members currently at the College.
2. Donations are received from some members of the Society towards the cost of printing the Journal.
3. Income for the event totalled £8,770 (2013– £8,362). As in previous years, Graham Nutter generously donated the red wine served on the evening. The College has kindly agreed to meet the 2014 deficit of £605.68
4. The Society pays the cost of printing and distributing the Fitzwilliam Journal to those members of the College who are members of the Society. Funding of this cost is on a ‘pay as you go’ basis. This year’s Journal was the first that was produced for 2 years
5. The Society’s assets are on loan interest-free to Fitzwilliam College, to the benefit of the Society’s Trust fund at the College. The fund supports the College by awarding scholarships and prizes, funding research awards and the Milner Walton Music & Drama Awards, and making an annual grant to the Library.

Robin G Bell, Honorary Treasurer
22 August 2014

HONORARY INDEPENDENT EXAMINER’S REPORT
I have examined the Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 July 2014 and the Balance Sheet at that date together with the records and vouchers of the Society, and confirm them to be in accordance therewith.

Roger N Smith, Independent Examiner
8 September 2014
CONFERENCES AND SPECIAL EVENTS AT FITZWILLIAM

Universities throughout the country have a long and well-known tradition of providing hospitality, which has helped them to steadily increase their market share of the events business since the 1980s despite competition from other commercial venues. There is no doubt that their success is down to a strong commitment to provide the best of everything so that satisfied customers keep coming back, encouraged by the economic benefits, good facilities and personalised service. Customers today are more astute and demanding, no more so than when it comes to and personalised service. Customers today are more

Each year the Fitzwilliam Events Office welcomes back Fellows of the College who are happy to entrust the team with their special event or academic conference, confident in the knowledge that all of their requirements will be met, resulting in another resounding success. So many events take place throughout the year, it is impossible to note them all down! However, it is always a pleasure to be part of special family celebrations, especially when they follow a pattern, as Dr Kourosh Saeb-Parsy, Fellow and Director of Clinical Studies explains:

I have fond memories of the Reddaway Room. I vividly remember the feelings of excitement and anticipation — mixed with apprehension — in that room on 2 October 1993 as I listened to Tony Edwards deliver the Dean’s welcome speech with electrifying effect. It therefore felt particularly special when I was able to hold my daughter Nadia’s fourth birthday party in the same room twenty years later. I am, of course, no stranger to special family occasions at Fitzwilliam: I met my wife Kathryn at Fitzwilliam and was married in the Chapel in July 2004. I have lost count of the number of private social and professional functions I have had the pleasure of hosting at Fitzwilliam. Whether I am looking to organise my nephew’s naming ceremony, a formal dinner with research collaborators, an informal meeting and lunch with colleagues, or a two-day conference, Fitzwilliam is always my first choice. Hosting a function at Fitzwilliam is simple, flexible and very competitively priced. Everyone involved in the entire process is astonishingly helpful and accommodating. I have been delighted with the outcome on every occasion and would strongly encourage others to take advantage of the fantastic resources that are available at Fitzwilliam. I certainly will.

In November 2013, a symposium devoted to the centenary of the birth of the Catalan poet Salvador Espriu was held. Espriu was one the protagonists of the democratic movement of creative defence against the military dictatorship of General Franco, and Professor Dominic Keown, Fellow and Reader in Catalan Studies, felt it was correct that the Catalan Government, through its cultural outlet the Institut Ramon Llull, should want to mark this occasion in an international forum at Cambridge. The College is, of course, perfectly equipped to host a conference of this nature. The Gordon Cameron Lecture Theatre provided a comfortable and intimate location for the academic business of the 50 delegates who were welcomed — in Catalan — by the Master and enjoyed a glass of Cava and other refreshments in Wilson Court Common Room. After the intellectual stimulation of the day’s proceedings the company retired to the Dining Hall to experience a typical Cambridge Formal Hall. The cocktail of Catalan culture and Fitzwilliam hospitality provided a rewarding experience for all concerned.

Of the 53 Fellows, 26 have held a meeting, a conference, a dinner or a special function at the College over the past twelve months. Many have held several events or promoted the College’s facilities to their colleagues, friends or families.

In March, the Master encouraged her colleagues at the Law Faculty to hold Professor John Spencer’s special retirement party with a ceilidh at Fitzwilliam. After the event, Nicky emailed to thank everyone:

I hope you’ll get a very warm thank you from the Law Faculty. I think it was all fabulous — the College did really well. Everything was fab … The buffet was particularly good: delightful salmon on rye bread, and lots of other really lovely things…

Please could you pass on my huge huge thanks to all concerned.

The Master is a prominent supporter of Parkinson’s UK, and she has been instrumental in promoting our facilities to the charity; we now host the annual Gretchen Amphlet Memorial Lecture, held in our state-of-the-art Auditorium.

The Bursar, Andrew Powell, never misses an opportunity to help the Events Team secure new business. In April, an EU Workshop on Innovation and Entrepreneurship with Péteris Zilgalvis, Head of Unit, Health & Wellbeing, European Commission, took place in the Wilson Court Suite. As the organiser, Dr Huw Alan Edwards, expressed in a note to the Conference Office Manager:

It was a pleasure to meet you; everyone involved in the workshop found the facilities excellent. I had noted that Péteris Zilgalvis commented on the ‘excellent facilities’. My thanks to you, for all the arrangements, and of course, to the Bursar for his support.

Professor Epaminondas Mastorakos, Dr James Elliott, and Professor Martin Millett are all staunch supporters and use the College for most of their events, as Professor Millett sums up (and felt whole-heartedly by the others):

I’m a firm believer in using College as a venue for events for both my Faculty and for myself. For instance, in the last year we have held a private dinner for colleagues to welcome a new senior member of the University. This is not just a question of loyalty to Fitzwilliam by a Fellow, but because the venue is excellent, and the food and wine first class. With a small dinner party in the Parlour with drinks and discussion beforehand in the Writing Room, the College offers a perfect venue. Dealing with the planning is also straightforward. Colleagues who have not been in to Fitzwilliam before frequently comment on both the quality of the catering and the place — almost invariably also talking about the beautiful gardens, too. Why should I go elsewhere?

It is good to see other Fellows using the College’s facilities for private or departmental functions for the first time. Amongst them are Dr Philine zu Ermgassen and Dr Anna Watson, who held a private luncheon in March for a small group of friends in the Parlour.

Dr Holly Canuto, Tutor for Admissions (Science), has kept the Fitzwilliam Events Team busy with a medley of events and explains:
The Admissions Team has worked very closely with the Events Team actively to promote the College by holding a variety of events over the course of the year, ranging from day trips for schools to longer residential events. Many initiatives, such as Experience Cambridge, BAME Year 12, Oxbridge Prospects, and STEP preparations summer schools are aimed to broaden access to the College and to the University. The OP event in August was a huge success: ‘the little touches such as getting the visit on the TV screens in the Porters’ Lodge, and reserving a table in the buttery really made them all feel special’ and allowed the students to view Fitzwilliam as a welcoming College.

In July, Fitzwilliam hosted the Senate House Education programme, which was referred by alumnus Eric Kwan and by Professor David Cardwell. The summer school, which was organised in part by Dr Holly Canuto, Fellow of the College, provided a taste of the Oxbridge experience for talented and, in some cases, underprivileged students from Hong Kong. The residential event was deemed a great success and the participants praised the professional assistance provided by the Events and Development Offices.

Fitzwilliam College continues to make a major investment in enhancing hospitality services for students and conference delegates alike; the improvements are strengthening the appeal of Fitzwilliam College’s varied facilities, including the accommodation. The Upper Hall has been completely refurbished. This versatile room, with plenty of light and air, can be used for dining, as one or two separate meeting rooms or as an exhibition hall. We now have the ability to accommodate a conference with 250 delegates in the Auditorium, utilising the Upper Hall for refreshments and an exhibition. There is also huge potential to hire out the Upper Hall together with the other meeting rooms on the first floor of the Hall Building, as a complete suite for a group up to 160 delegates.

This is an exciting time for the Events Office team as we are now able to take the much larger conferences. Our first opportunity to try out the recently refurbished facilities came recently when we hosted a prestigious international conference – the 88th Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, BSPS and BSET Annual Conferences over the period 10 – 16 July. Professor Michael Potter was instrumental in bringing the conference to Fitzwilliam, and commented:

The Joint Session is the main annual philosophy conference in the UK. The last time it was held in Cambridge was 1987. When our turn came round again this year, I was very happy to nudge it in the direction of Fitzwilliam: the charges were competitive and I was confident that the staff would deal well with the complex logistics of a large conference. We did not regret the decision.

This year we had a summer wedding for Bye-Fellow Juraj Sibik and Svetlana Novikova. After their wedding breakfast in the Parlour, the couple chose the quiet location of the Grove for their evening reception, which provided the perfect romantic backdrop. As Juraj said:

Our lovely wedding celebration in Fitzwilliam College was indeed an unforgettable experience. Not only it was very easy to organise (it took us only 4 meetings with Caroline, Conference Manager, to make it all happen!), but the friendly and professional staff made the event run extremely smoothly.

We must also thank the kitchen staff as our guests were pleased with the top-class food and drinks, which were well above average.
in terms of standards across the Cambridge Colleges — delicious pea soup with truffles and canapés with caviar surprised even us!

The College is a very nice place for a photo shoot. Here you can find diverse backgrounds, so the wedding photos will certainly not look alike. The Grove, where Emma Darwin lived after the death of her husband Charles, offers historic and profoundly representative rooms to accommodate formal parties. The College gardens are just beautiful, varied and colourful. Indeed we opted out of using any florists, as counterproductive; no-one could compete with these settings. We were very pleased to see that even our Cambridge friends were amazed by the venue. Many thanks to all College staff that helped us to make the day truly special!

Alumni are always very welcome in College and we hope that many will return to meet old friends, celebrate a special event or use the College for their own business purposes. A number of Old Members return year after year. Mike Dean (Law, 1972) and his wife Pam visit annually, and are almost part of the Parlour furniture! After yet another successful dinner party, Mike wrote:

A very sincere thanks for a wonderful evening last Friday. From start to finish we ‘old campaigners’ thoroughly enjoyed the whole event. The room was beautifully set out with great attention to detail, the food was exquisite. Please thank Richard for his great and much appreciated efforts; we saw how busy the College was that night. Also, the three ladies who looked after us, very attentive, willing and helpful. They ensured that the evening really did go along with a swing. All in all, we had a fabulous time and think we may well come back again next year! Would you mind letting everyone involved know of our feelings.

We were pleased to assist David Valinsky (Architecture, 2003) with a small dinner, and also Dr Eric Turner (Natural Sciences, 1947) and his wife Sheila, who returned to Fitzwilliam in March to celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary with a luncheon for friends and family in the College Dining Hall.

Nigel Bartram (History, 1972) returned to Fitzwilliam for an extra special celebration, which he organised with the help of Megan Saunders, our Events & Conference Co-Organizer; a surprise dinner for his wife, Caroline Varley. Nigel tells the touching story behind this very special event — and his very special lady:

When a lady from New Hall you ‘befriended’ 41 years ago, and subsequently married, was struck down by an accident which all but killed her thrice over, put her in a coma for a month and caused all powers of movement and communication to be lost, stages the most extraordinary fight back over the ensuing months — a recovery which the medical profession repeatedly termed a miracle — where better to celebrate such remarkable escape and return to near normality but back in Cambridge, where the relationship began? But would the Fitz I remember from yesteryear be a fitting place to house and feed 50 old friends and family over a long weekend? You bet — and how!

The Conference Organiser bent over backwards to help me plan (in secret) what turned out to be a celebration which exceeded my every expectation and which every last guest enthused about — not least, my dear wife. From the rooms and room settings, to the equipment provision, the decorations and menus all were so very fit for the purpose. The execution was faultless in every detail, all the staff were as friendly and helpful as they were efficient. They so evidently entered into the spirit of the occasion in a manner which was as obvious as it was sincere.

As the nights start to draw in and everything around us has that autumnal sensation, our attention is drawn to the staff Christmas Parties, and the challenge to find something different which will suit everyone. Dr Bill Allison shares his thoughts with us on that subject:

‘Where should we have the Christmas Party?’ — possibly the most important item to be decided at the start of the Michaelmas Term. It is certain to be on the agenda of every research group in the University alongside: who will be our representative on the Safety Committee, or on the IT Working Group or whether it’s time to clean the coffee machine? The Christmas Party is part of the glue that binds a group together. Somehow the usual commercial offerings fail to hit the spot, partly because of cost but also because we like something different each year and a degree of flexibility is essential.

Over the years our research group — Surfaces, Microstructure & Fracture — at the Cavendish Laboratory, has tried many alternatives and we return to Fitzwilliam College regularly, even though few members of the group are students at the College. We have had cabarets, ceilidhs, quizzes and other amusements, usually accompanied by a hot buffet and finished with the famous Fitzwilliam mince pies. Quality, flexibility and cost are all factors alongside the congeniality of the College environment and the fantastically helpful staff.

For a memorable Christmas Party and end-of-year celebration, there is nowhere like Fitzwilliam College! You may think it is too early in the year to start thinking about Christmas 2015 — but it really is an ideal time and saves all the stress at the end of the year! We have a good reputation for excellent Christmas events, with a choice of a Festive Fitz Shared Party Night or a Private Fitzmas Dinner. Even our competitors come to Fitzwilliam to hold their staff Christmas Parties! What could be a better recommendation? We will take care of everything; all you need to do is bring your friends, family or colleagues!

If you are looking for a venue for that special occasion — a wedding or an anniversary celebration — our newly refurbished Upper Hall or Dining Hall is the ideal location. Our dedicated Events Team will be delighted to discuss your requirements and create a unique event to suit your needs. Whatever you are planning you can be sure that our attention to detail and long-standing tradition of hospitality and service will ensure a memorable success.

To discover how we can help you, please contact Caroline Choat, Conference Office Manager, or a member of the Fitzwilliam Events & Conference Office team.

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