took us into the realm of sociolinguistics, and was entitled *My Fair Lysias: did ancient Athenians talk properly in court?* He argued that ancient Athenians, much like today’s politicians, adapted their language to match the speech and expectations of the high-brow or low-brow audiences they were addressing.

Both Rob’s and Freddi’s talks triggered some excellent questions and reminded us that good humour can sit easily with serious intellectual curiosity – especially at Fitzwilliam!

Guests were then treated to a wonderful concert in the Chapel by two of the College’s most distinguished student musicians – Charles Gurnham (Natural Sciences, 2012) and Hannah Roper (Music, 2013). Charles held an organ scholarship from 2012 to 2015 and now is the Padley Repetiteur Scholar. He played three pieces by Rachmaninov on the piano: G Major and B Minor from 13 Preludes, Op. 32, and D Major from 10 Preludes, Op. 23. Hannah, who is president of the Fitzwilliam Music Society, is Fitzwilliam’s first Yehudi Menuhin Scholar. Charles accompanied her first piece: Rondo aus der Haffner-Serenade K250 by Mozart, and Hannah then delighted the audience with Partita No. 3 in E major BWV 1006 by J S Bach. This wonderful concert was rounded off with tea in the Auditorium Foyer.

**HELEN BETTINSON**

**Computer Science and Information Technology Dinner**

Peter Cowley (Engineering and Computer Science 1974) organised the fifth biennial event in February 2016. Rather than the Main Hall, the Upper Hall was used; it was the perfect size for the seven current students and the 31 others, who dated from 1965 to 2011. For this event, invitations are sent to those doing or having done a Computer Science course or have or have had a career in IT.

As usual, we moved places between courses to intermix fully – as computer scientists, we have tried hexadecimal and Babylonian numerals as place settings, but this time resorted to simple binary.

We had an excellent informative and amusing talk from Paul Forster (1980) with several excellent take-aways. Paul is an investor in early-stage technology companies, and previously co-founded Indeed, where he was CEO until the company’s acquisition in late 2012. Indeed is the leading job site globally, with over 180 million unique visitors in more than 50 countries and 28 languages. He holds an MBA from INSEAD and Master’s degrees from Fitzwilliam (1983–1986) and Pembroke, Oxford (1987).

Guests reminisced and networked until nearly midnight in the bar. The next event will be February 2018; do email the College Development Office, if you would like an invitation.

**PETER COWLEY (1974)**
Mathematics Reunion

On a wintry Saturday in February 2016, Fitzwilliam mathematicians from every decade since the 1950s gathered for an evening of maths, fine food and wine, and reminiscences.

The evening began with a lively and stimulating talk Cool mathematics? Ice, oceans and climate, given by Andrew Wells (2001). As an audience we were encouraged to answer questions, and apparently we did better than his previous audience – a group of physicists! Feeling very proud of ourselves, we moved to The Grove for pre-dinner drinks before settling in Upper Hall 2 (the Old Library) for our meal. Conversation flowed and stories were told. A very enjoyable evening, hopefully to be repeated in 2019.

DR RACHEL CAMINA

London Dinner

The 85th London Dinner of the Fitzwilliam Society pioneered a new format, with the addition of a pre-dinner debate – on the highly topical issue of the EU Referendum. This spread the event across two venues; the debate found a home in the lovely Wren church of St Martin-within-Ludgate, while guests relocated just 85m to the Stationers’ Hall for dinner, hosted by former Master Stationer Nigel Stapleton (Economics, 1965), President of the Fitzwilliam Society.

Two hundred alumni – many of them attending the dinner for the first time – heard Lord Lamont (Economics, 1961), Sir Vince Cable (Economics, 1962) and the Rt Hon. Andy Burnham MP (English, 1988), debate the merits of Remain vs Brexit, with contributions from the floor by Marina Wheeler QC (Law 1983) and Catherine Barnard (Law 1986), Professor of EU Law in Cambridge and a Fellow of Trinity College.
New faces among our alumni were matched by some new faces in the Fitzwilliam line-up. It was Dr Helen Bettinson’s last London Dinner as Development Director, and she was joined by Dr Nicola Jones – formerly at Robinson College – who took over the post officially in August. Former JCR President Alex Cicale gave a rousing round-up of the year’s activities from the student perspective, Nigel Stapleton and the Master joined in thanks to the evening’s speakers, and the Master offered her customary toast ‘Ex antiquis et novissimis optima.’

Possibly none of us sitting in St Martin-within-Ludgate that evening could have imagined the outcome of the Referendum would usher in the most extraordinary and seismic upheaval in British politics in many of our lifetimes. More than ever, it looks like we shall have need of the best of the old and the new, the spirit of Fitzwilliam, and the determination of our students in this brave new world.
Fitz+ in London

The Fitz+ February drinks started at 18:00 at the Big Chill House in London’s King’s Cross. Our area was called The Snug – a large and kaleidoscope-coloured booth, decorated with old Fitzwilliam Journal pictures and photos, bringing Fitz to life!

Our first guests started arriving at 18:15, and by 19:15 our area was buzzing with Fitz alumni – so much so that many guests spilled out excitedly into the surrounding area. At precisely 20:05 the Wales vs France Six Nations match began; it ended with a Welsh victory, much to the ebullience of all our Welsh alumni!

By 22:00 the night had attracted over 60 Fitz+ members, and the party had been an unexpected – yet wonderfully vibrant – success! Most were still dancing to the ebb and flow of the Big Chill House DJ’s exhilarating mix long into the twinkling night.

Thank you to all those who came and who made the night a tremendous success! The Fitz+ Drinks 2016 will certainly be an event to remember!

KIANA THORPE (Geography 2012), Development Intern 2015–2016

September Reunion Weekend 2016

The 82nd Reunion Weekend was held on the last weekend in September, and was of scale and quality fully in line with previous occasions. It was very well attended, with about 195 alumni present, of whom many were accompanied by their spouses or partners – as well as by current undergraduates and graduates who were involved in musical and sporting events, and by members of the Fellowship. So it lived up to the long-established reputation as being the most enthusiastically attended alumni gathering in Cambridge. The Fitzwilliam Society Committee met on the Friday afternoon, and the Society AGM was held on the Saturday. The AGM Minutes and the Accounts are reproduced towards the end of the Journal.

On the Saturday morning, the Reunion Lecture was given by Dr Subha Mukherji, on Law and the Theatre: an early modern dialogue? A Fellow, and University Senior Lecturer in English, she considered the physical overlap between the literary – and especially the dramatic – and the legal cultures in Renaissance England, which led to the obsession that Shakespeare and his contemporaries had with legal problems and trial scenes.
Music is always an important part of the Reunion Weekend, with a concert in the Chapel on the Saturday afternoon as well as the accompaniment to the Reunion Dinner. Some of the extensive range of sporting activities, including both all-alumni groups and past-versus-present contests, are reported in the following pages.

The Master and Dr Padfield hosted a lunch at the Master’s Lodge on the Saturday for benefactors who are members of the Master’s Circle. This year, a separate Sung Grace from the Chapel Choir before the Reunion Dinner
gathering was held in July for the 1966 generation of Golden Matriculants (p.62), in accordance with recent practice.

We thank the College staff – catering, domestic and Porters – for their major contributions which made the whole operation both possible and a great success. And also the staff in the Development Office, whose detailed planning of everything from the general arrangements to the individual sporting events ensured smooth-running and enjoyable occasions.

September Reunion sporting events
Past vs Present Men’s Rugby

Despite a change of venue – to the Wilberforce Road pitches of Emmanuel College – both teams were keen to lock horns following a pleasant evening meal on the previous day. The Present team, a little short of players, borrowed some recent graduates from the Past players, who had turned out in excellent numbers.

From kick-off, it was clear that both teams were willing to play creative, running rugby. It was the Old Boys who took an early lead. The Present team, a little out of practice, looked to struggle with the size and pace of some of the more experienced Past players. This was the tale of the game, which was split into quarters to relieve the tired athletes. The Present team nevertheless struck back several times with tries from Moffat at centre. In the end, the Past team won resoundingly with a score of 60–17. The game was played in the true spirit of Old Boys Rugby, and saw some tremendous tries scored, along with a few bone-crunching collisions and fine handling moves. It remained physical and competitive throughout, especially at scrum time.

Credit to all who attended, and especially to the Past team for their great numbers and enthusiasm.

SAM PORTER (2014)

Past vs Present Men’s Football

Even though we were disappointed not to be at Oxford Road due to ground works, a sunny day on Cambridge’s second-best pitches was a welcome sight to us all. The Old Boys were happy to let the Present team dictate the play – relying on an experienced defence, shielded by three former Blues in central midfield ready to pounce and to release the pacey Lobron and Hobbs (when able to keep
up). The first goal came after good link-up play between Rutlzer and Spyrou penetrated the Old Boys’ defensive line. Despite the Old Boys’ centre-half pairing of Dummet and Houlding seeming to recover well, Rutlzer managed to squeeze in a shot which evaded the goalkeeper Ewers.

An evenly matched became more and more open, with both goalkeepers making crucial saves. With seconds to go, a deft ball over the top was met by the evergreen Andy Lewis, who duly volleyed in to the delight of the raucous travelling support. With six of the starting current XI already involved in the University set-up, the team look well placed to continue Fitzwilliam College’s rich footballing tradition.

GEORGE PILAKOUTAS (2011)

Past vs Present Women’s Football

In classic Fitzwilliam Women’s Football Club style, both the Past and Present teams were a few players short of a full team but, after one member of the Present team volunteered to switch sides, we had even teams and play could begin. The Present team began the match by edging ahead, scoring two goals in the first ten minutes of play and taking the lead at the end of the first half. A hard-fought second half led to the teams drawing level, until a last-minute goal sent the Past team into the lead. The whistle blew with the Past team winning the match 7–6!

LAURA HALLAHAN (2013)

Reunion Netball

This year both Past and Present were only able to field five players each due to some unfortunate last-minute injuries; however, this wasn’t going to stop us and with a few minor adjustments we got going.

Strong tactics and accurate shooting got the Present off to a roaring start with a 7–0 lead after the first quarter. The Present girls continued to extend this lead throughout the whole match due to a fantastic pair of shooters. However, the Past squad made some tactical changes to their line-up and miraculously managed to pull back a highly celebrated goal in the third quarter. Present, however, were not allowing any chance of a comeback and eventually won the match 22–1. A big thank-you to all who played – it was a really fun day of netball. I hope to see Past attempt some revenge next year!

AoiFE MATCHETT (2014)

Reunion Row 2016

The Reunion Row continued the tradition set by the Over 60s, whose final outing was last year. An Eight and a Four went out – and everyone returned in (relatively) good health, after enjoying the river on a beautiful day for an hour.

The spread of matriculation years was from 1961 to 2006, with a cluster in 1970–1972, and included two new to reunion rowing. Current Captain of Boats Helen Fishwick and Men’s Captain Jordan Chong helped out the Four by respectively stroking and coxing. Antony Moule, College boatman, provided excellent support. Many thanks to the land-bound supporters, whose encouragement contributed to the enjoyment.

The Eight cox reports that ‘the four members of the Eight who had not previously rowed with Edwina probably had great expectations when they heard she went like a bullet. Realisation soon dawned that this referred not to speed, but to a tendency to ricochet off hard surfaces. Nonetheless, in an act of great bravery, or possibly foolhardiness, we successfully tackled the Long Reach twice’. The Four worked out well, with the best balance curiously achieved at racing speed, even if only for two spells! At the post-row lunch at the boathouse, we were joined by the May 2011 Women’s First-boat crew, on their first self-organised reunion row.

We look forward to being joined in future Reunion Rows by Fitzwilliam rowers of all years. It is a great opportunity to meet old friends and to revive rowing experiences and memories. Please spread the word amongst former crews and get in touch with Brian Smith and Mike Thomas via the Development Office if you are interested in the 2017 Reunion Row. An invitation to join in will be sent out in April 2017, to all on our list.

MIKE THOMAS and BRIAN SMITH (1971)
Women’s Reunion Row

Saturday 24 September 2016 was a busy and eventful day for Fitzwilliam College Boat Club, with a lot of reunion rowing. The majority of the Women’s First Crew who achieved blades in May Bumps 2011 re-formed for an outing (missing two key members Sarah Jones and Megan Smith, but very grateful to Charlotte Parker and Jane Patrick for substituting).

What was meant to be a ‘light paddle’ turned into a full ninety-minute row to Baits Bite Lock and back, with four practice starts and some ‘power-stroking’ as well as a good old game of Fitz-buzz! Thoroughly enjoyed by all, and followed by a fantastic afternoon tea at the boathouse. Many thanks to all who participated – a tradition definitely has been started!

AANYA MADHANI (2008)

The Women’s Reunion Eight. From top left: Charlotte Parker, Alice Hewetson, Kristen Foxwell, Elizabeth Dalgleish, Jane Patrick, Lucie Munns, Aanya Madhani, Usman Iqbal (cox), Naomi Paulus

Rowing back – in the sun

NEWS OF MEMBERS


Azelina Flint (2007) has received a Fulbright Award to support her research on Louisa May Alcott at the Houghton Library archive in Harvard, which has the largest collection in the world of material appertaining to the Alcott family.

Bernard Georges (1974) was elected on 10 September 2016 – for the third time – to the National Assembly of Seychelles as Member of Parliament to represent the district of Les Mamelles for the next 5 years. His party, the Linyon Demokratik Seselwa, is the majority party in the House. He reports that, instead of retiring, he continues to work as a full-time lawyer, as an MP, and as a COMESA (Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa) court judge.

Dr Sam Hare (1995), a consultant thoracic radiologist and radiology lead at Barnet Hospital, has been working on a new method of carrying out lung biopsies which means patients do not have to stay in hospital overnight. In January 2016, his team was awarded the NHS Innovations Challenge Prize for cancer treatment.

Dr Andrew Harter (1980) was awarded the Faraday Medal, the most prestigious award of the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET). The Faraday Medal dates back to 1922, and is awarded for notable scientific or industrial achievement in engineering and for conspicuous
service rendered to the profession. Dr Harter is Chair of Cambridge Network, a Visiting Fellow of Cambridge University Computer Laboratory, and a Fellow of St Edmund’s College. He is CEO of RealVNC, which he founded in 2002 with Lily Bacon.


**Selwyn Image (1959)** was made a Chevalier of the Légion d’Honneur by the French Government in recognition of his outstanding commitment as the founder of Emmaus UK, his strenuous efforts to extend it across the whole of the UK and his deep-rooted ties with France.

**Dr Riyad Insanally (1977)** was appointed Guyana Ambassador to the United States in April 2016.

**Dr Stephen Legg (1996)** was promoted to Chair in the School of Geography, University of Nottingham in August 2016. He published *Prostitution and the Ends of Empire: Scale, Governmentalities, and Interviar India* (Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2014).

**Dr Anies L’Hroub (2003)** has been appointed Chair of the Department of Education at the American University in Beirut.

**Fergus Macleod (2005)** was, at 28, the English National Opera’s youngest conductor for 60 years, following his Mackerras Fellowship there. In December 2015 he conducted the revival of the Jonathan Miller production of *The Mikado*, by Gilbert and Sullivan; the performance had extensive coverage, including live screening in cinemas.

**Sophie Maddocks (2009)** has received a Fulbright Award, to support her work in Media Studies at The New School in New York.

**Dr Sanjiv Patel (1991)** took part in the ceremony of ringing the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange in June 2015, with fellow employees from Allergan, where he is Head of Corporate Strategy.

**Sir David Reddaway (1972)** was appointed Clerk to The Goldsmiths’ Company on 15 January 2016.


**Harry Steinberg (1993)** was appointed Queen’s Counsel in January 2016.

**Matthew Waldren (1995)** has been appointed joint recipient of the 2016 English National Opera Mackerras Fellowship. This offers exceptionally talented young conductors the opportunity to work and develop at the ENO. **Fergus Macleod (2005)** was the recipient of this prestigious Fellowship for 2015.

**Marina Wheeler (1983)** was appointed Queen’s Counsel in January 2016.

**Sarah Winckless MBE (1993)** was appointed Chef de Mission for the 2018 Commonwealth Games and the 2017 Commonwealth Youth Games.
Honours

2015 Dissolution Honours
Dr Vincent Cable (1962) was awarded a Knighthood in the Dissolution Honours List, for political and public service.

2016 New Year Honours
Dr Timothy Brooks (1977) was awarded a CBE for services to public health.

2016 Queen’s Birthday Honours
Professor Angus Deaton (1964) was awarded an Honorary Knighthood for services to research in economics and international affairs.
David Armond (2001) was awarded a CBE for services to law enforcement, particularly to international policing.
Adrian Leppard QPM (2003) was awarded a CBE for services to policing and the prevention of economic crime.
Bernadette Rijnenberg (2005) was awarded an OBE for services to probation.
Dr Ben Medlock (2002) was awarded an MBE for services to technology.
Suzette Davenport (2004) was awarded a Queen’s Police Medal for services as Chief Constable, Gloucestershire Constabulary.
Susannah Fish OBE (2003) was awarded a Queen’s Police Medal for services as Temporary Chief Constable, Nottinghamshire Constabulary.

2016 Resignation Honours
Jitesh Gadhia (1988) was awarded a Peerage in the Resignation Honours List.

Births, Marriages and Civil Partnerships
Rachel Day and Michael Allan (both 2009) married on 13 August 2016 and held their reception in College.
Kelvin Donald (2003) and Gemma Donald (née Hardaker, 2003) welcomed their first child, Florence Violet Grace Donald, on 26th February 2016.
Ian Felstead (1996) and his partner Sophie Lalor-Harbord welcomed their first child, Albie Jack, on 3 August 2016.
Thomas Geh (2010) married Imogene Fletcher on 10 July 2016 in the chapel at Christ’s College, followed by a reception in Fitzwilliam.
Alexandra Hirst (2005) married Rob Jamieson in Fitzwilliam College Chapel on 20 August 2016, with many alumni in attendance: Mary Thomas, Michael Corlett, Lauren Smith, Siobhan Davis, Lowri Jenkins, Simon Watson, Catherine Watson (née McCloskey), Adi Kumar, Emma Jamison, Alex Lambeth, Charlotte Tyson, Natalie Woolman, and Megan Brook (née Tierney).
David Hopkinson (2009) and Rachel Rayner (2005) were married in Fitzwilliam College Chapel by former Fitzwilliam Chaplain, Revd Dr Tiffany Conlin, on 27 August 2016.
IN MEMORIAM 2016

The Obituaries Editor, Professor David Thompson, is grateful to all those family members and others who have contributed material for the obituaries that follow.

Members

PROFESSOR MOHAMMED ADEL FATTAH AHMED EL KASSAS

Mohammed El Kassas was born on 6 July 1921 in Gharbia, Egypt, and was educated at Abbasia Secondary School, Alexandria and the Fouad 1st University of Cairo. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1947 to do research in Plant Ecology, and was approved for the PhD in 1950. After graduating he returned to Egypt and spent the rest of his career in the Botany Department of the University of Cairo, eventually becoming Professor. His particular interest was in arid-land ecology. He and his students surveyed plant life in the deserts and coastal lands of Egypt, Sudan, Saudi Arabia and Iraq, and contributed to the basic understanding of the ecology of desert vegetation. As one of the pioneers who warned the world against hazards of desertification, he contributed to the UNESCO Arid Lands Research Programme (1950–1960), to the scientific preparation for the UN Conference on Desertification (1977) and was Senior Adviser to the intergovernmental committee that negotiated the Convention on Desertification (1992–1994). As well as being a member of the Egyptian Academy of Science and the Institute d’Egypt, internationally he was President of the World Conservation Union (1978–1984), a Fellow of the Indian National Academy of Science, and of the World Academy of Art and Science, and a member of the Club of Rome. In 2007 he was a founding member of the Arab Forum for Environment and Development. He died on 12 March 2012.

JOHN HARDING ATHERTON

John Atherton was born on 1 October 1936 in Plymouth, and was educated at Devonport High School. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1956 to read English. In his first two years he rowed for Fitzwilliam, and was Treasurer in his second year. He gave that up and performed with the String Quartet and the Madrigal Group, was active in the Debating Society, played Squash for Fitzwilliam, and was Chapel Clerk. After graduating he worked for a year at Cambridge House in Camberwell, before returning to Cambridge to do a PGCE. This enabled him to secure a post at Hastings Grammar School, but after two years he moved to the Prince of Wales School, Nairobi. After independence and the consequent Africanisation of administration and schools, he felt it wiser to return than to stay. An appointment in Southend Education Department followed. After a period in Brighton he eventually became Director of Education for Mid-Kent, retiring in 1993. He moved back to Devon, and died unexpectedly at his home in Ottery St Mary on 27 February 2014.

DR TADEUSZ BONISZEWSKI

Tadeusz Boniszewski was born on 29 August 1931 in Vilnius, Poland, and was educated at the Krakow Academy of Mining and Metallurgy, gaining a BSc in 1954 and an MSc in 1956. In that year he escaped to England to join his father and uncle (his mother and sister having died during the war). Having learnt English, he came to Fitzwilliam in 1958 as a mature student to read Natural Sciences, after working for two or three years as a Technical Assistant in the Department of Pathology, but was not classed in his second-year Preliminary Examination, and did not complete the course. He died on 5 December 2015.

DR ROBERT ALEXANDER AYRE-SMITH

Robert Ayre-Smith was born on 25 September 1926 in London, and was educated at Marlborough College and the Royal Veterinary College. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1949 to read for the Diploma in Agriculture. Although his family through three generations had been family doctors and it was assumed that he would do the same, he did not. Time spent on a dairy farm at the start of World War II led to an interest in crop and livestock production. He used a Fulbright Scholarship to pursue climatological interests in the USA by studying the cross-breeding of European and tropical cattle to develop heat tolerance. In 1952 he was appointed as a livestock specialist in the Kenya Rift Valley, where he developed a research station to study cattle, sheep and pigs. Three years later he spent a year as the foundation professor of animal husbandry at Baghdad University, where he gathered information on the fat-tailed sheep of the Middle East that led in 1961 to a Fellowship of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. Meanwhile in 1957 he was appointed First Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture, and developed a livestock service for the resettlement of land and livestock purchased from European settlers. A scholarship from the Kenya Agriculture Society enabled him to spend a year in Australia and New Zealand comparing livestock and agricultural problems with those in Kenya. From 1971 to 1979 he worked for the World Bank in various capacities, spending time in the Caribbean and south-west Spain; in 1979 he returned to Australia to help his family to develop a small farm, north of Sydney. He made over forty missions for various development agencies, but always observed what local farmers did, as when a vehicle breakdown in Indonesia in 1989 enabled him to study the way in which small-scale agriculture worked: eventually this led him to question the applicability of western methods in non-western contexts. After retiring in 1996 he and his wife developed a new farm, re-establishing Australian hardwoods and other trees and rearing cattle. Later he moved to Sydney, where he died on 18 January 2016. His grand-daughter described him as trying to save ‘the world long before it became trendy – with mixed results’: in the end, he realised that development goals formed on the basis of western experience were likely to fail, and a new approach based on indigenous wisdom was necessary.

DONALD BEDFORD

Donald Bedford was born on 21 October 1924 in East Ardsley, near Wakefield, and was educated at Queen Elizabeth School, Wakefield. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1958 as a mature student to read Natural Sciences, after working for two or three years as a Technical Assistant in the Department of Pathology, but was not classed in his second-year Preliminary Examination, and did not complete the course. He died on 5 December 2015.
wrote *Self-shielded Arc Welding*, and was awarded the Sir William Larke Medal of the Welding Institute. He enjoyed an active retirement from 1997 until diagnosed with arthritis of the spine in 2012. He died on 12 February 2016.

Professor Peter Kenneth Newton Burbidge

Peter Burbidge was born on 29 July 1950 in Stamford, and was educated at Kimbolton School. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1969 to read Law, graduating in 1972. As an undergraduate he was a member of the Boat Club and played tennis. After qualifying as a barrister in 1973, his career was spent in legal education, first as a Lecturer (later Principal Lecturer) at the College of Law, and then as Professor of Law at the University of Westminster, specialising in employment, data protection, and commercial law. He was a regular Visiting Lecturer at the University of Bordeaux for fifteen years, and contributor to the research centre on commercial law run by the Paris Chamber of Commerce. Retiring in 2014 because of ill-health, Peter died on 8 January 2016.

Dr James Dale

Jim Dale was born on 11 July 1931 at Mussoorie, North India, and was educated at Reed’s School, Cobham, Surrey. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1952 to read English, graduating in 1955. After this he stayed on to do research, being approved for the PhD in 1961. He emigrated to Canada in 1963 and – after posts at the United College, Winnipeg, and Trent University – he was appointed Professor of English Literature at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario in 1967. After retirement in 1993, he went on to do an MDiv degree in his seventies. An insatiable reader, he readily shared his love of literature within the nearby local communities; he was also a lover of music, art, history and ice cream. He died on 13 February 2014.

Norman John D’Cruz

Norman D’Cruz was born on 3 February 1924 in London, and was educated at Trinity Grammar School and, after war service in the RAF communications branch, at Birkbeck College and University College, London, where he geology with zoology. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1951 to do a PGCE. In 1952 he was appointed as a master at Beckenham and Penge County Grammar School, where he taught Derek Underwood, the England cricketer, and Bill Wyman of the Rolling Stones. Eight years later he moved to Luton College of Technology (now part of the University of Bedfordshire), where he developed teaching in geology for the external London BSc. His teaching of crystallography was outstanding, and he was renowned for drawing complex 3D crystal structures on the blackboard. By his retirement in 1983 he was a Senior Lecturer. Typically, he gave the money collected for his retirement to a needy student. In retirement he pursued his love of gardening and developed a passion for lengthy cruises, especially to the Indian sub-continent. He will be remembered for his generous support of colleagues and students alike, who benefited from his humour, patience and enthusiasm. He died on 13 July 2016.

Dr Maurice James Dowling

Maurice Dowling was born on 3 October 1947 in Liverpool, and was educated at St Boniface’s College, Plymouth. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1966 to read Modern Languages, graduating in 1969, with consistently first class marks in his Russian papers. After graduation he moved to Belfast to take up a post in Church History and Historical Theology at the Irish Baptist College, where he remained for the rest of his career, retiring in 2012. He secured a London BD in 1973, and also completed an MTh in 1982 and a PhD in Patristics in 1987 at Queen’s University, Belfast. After the end of Communism he became a regular visitor to the Moscow Theological Seminary and other colleges in former communist countries to teach courses for Baptist students in Patristics and the history of the Early Church – courses which he would readily give in Russian, Latvian or Romanian. On one occasion in Belfast he switched from English to Russian in a PhD viva, because the candidate was struggling for words, to the amazement of the other examiner. For nearly thirty years he was an elder in a Belfast Baptist church. He retired in 2012, but continued to teach and supervise research part-time; he died on 10 December 2015, after a long illness.

Joanna Louise Dugdale (née Pecover)

Joanna Pecover was born on 23 September 1973 in Clivedon, and was educated at Burnham Grammar School, Slough. She came to Fitzwilliam in 1992 to read English. After acting at school it was natural for her to seek opportunities to do so while at Cambridge, and she did wonder about it as a career. She also wondered about politics but eventually settled into a job in Communications and Public Relations. Joanna married in 2006 and her daughter was born in 2008. Sadly, in 2015, she developed breast cancer, which was rapidly followed by a series of secondaries, and she died on 23 May 2016. It was a sign of her many friends, her infectious sense of humour, and her great popularity that her funeral was attended by 400 people.

Richard Sydney Eldridge

Richard Eldridge was born on 20 November 1935 in Edmonton, London, and was educated at the Roya Liberty Grammar School, Romford. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1956 to read Modern Languages. He served on the committees of various clubs, including the Amalgamated Clubs, the Chapel and the Choir; and also rowed in the College First Boat and was Treasurer of the Boat Club. He became a peripatetic teacher of the deaf in Cornwall, becoming an Educational Audiologist at the Royal School for the Deaf in Manchester. He developed dementia in November 2014, and died a year later on 22 November 2015.

Oliver Douglas Elliott

Oliver Elliott was born on 13 October 1925 in Bedford, and was educated at Bedford Modern School and Wadham College, Oxford. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1951 to do a PGCE, which he completed in 1952. He died on 1 June 2016.

Colonel William Whitson Etches MC, OBE

William Etches was born on 15 May 1921 at Bisley, Surrey, and was educated at Rugby School and the Royal Military College, Sandhurst. After distinguished war service with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, involving several daring raids in 1941–1942, notably that on St Nazaire in March 1942, he was taken prisoner of war (but was also awarded the MC). On release in 1945 he served in the Middle East, Palestine, and Egypt from 1945 to 1947, and the Army sent him to
Fitzwilliam in 1947 to do a one-year course in Russian. He saw further service in Austria, Korea, Northern Ireland, Aden, and Hong Kong. In 1961–1962 he commanded one of the battalions in the Queen’s Own Nigeria Regiment to act as a peace-keeping force in the former Belgian Congo, for which he was awarded the OBE. Thereafter his postings were mainly administrative, and on retirement from the Army in 1971 he became the regimental secretary of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers for 14 years. He also enjoyed golf, gardening, and writing. He died on 12 April 2015.

**The Revd Peter Facer**

Peter Facer was born on 18 February 1936 in Brierfield, Lancashire, and was educated at Colne Grammar School and Queen Mary College (University of London), where he read History. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1958 to do a PGCE. Following completion of the Certificate he took a post at Hipperholme Grammar School, near Halifax, and then moved to Colne Grammar School. He was awarded an MA by London University after five years part-time research into educational history. After thirty years in teaching, he trained at Durham for the Methodist ministry and served for ten years in the St Ives and Hayle circuit, where he undertook various additional responsibilities. He was Cornwall District Property Secretary from 1993 until his retirement in 2001, where he undertook a part-time ministry at Flushing, FrogbPOOL, MyLor, Perranwell and PonsanoOTH. He died peacefully on 19 January 2016.

**George Falconer**

George Falconer was born on 23 November 1929 in South Shields, and was educated at Newton-le-Willows Grammar School. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1950 to read Geography, graduating in 1953. While at Fitzwilliam he was a member of the Boat Club; and he also developed an interest in glaciation, which was to stay with him for the rest of his life. After graduation he moved to McGill University, Montreal, to satisfy his interest in the Arctic, and then to the University of Toronto, where he helped to create the first glacial map of Canada. For the International Geophysical Year (1957–1958) he organised an expedition to British Columbia, and later one to Ottawa, to examine the Federal Government’s many aspects of travel. In due course he became Head of Mapping for the National Atlas of Canada. After retirement in 1990 he and his wife moved to British Columbia to avoid the long snowy Ottawa winters, and there he cultivated his many artistic and cultural interests until his death. He retained his strong interest in the Arctic and, with friends from Ottawa and Toronto, regularly made visits to the far north, meeting Inuit and collecting their carvings, and canoeing along the arctic wild rivers; he walked and took photographs in the forests and woodlands, learning about local animals, insects and mushrooms. ‘It was impossible to be bored in his presence’, wrote his wife. He died on 1 May 2016, and will be missed by his many friends.

**Patrick John Franklin**

Patrick Franklin was born on 26 September 1929 in Salisbury, and was educated at Bishop Wordsworth’s School, Salisbury, where he was Head of School. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1949, after military service, to read History, and was active in the Debating Society. After graduation in 1952, he spent sixteen years in Nigeria, engaged in trade in basic commodities, until the Biafran War led him to leave. He spent some years in Denmark and Sweden before moving to New York to join a leading chemical company, for whom he became European Logistics Manager. When the company was taken over in 1990 he retired to France. He moved back to Salisbury around 2010, and suffered a stroke in 2012. He died in April 2016. (We apologise for publishing an obituary of Mr Franklin in 2008, based on misinformation.)

**Dr David Franks**

David Franks was born on 6 June 1933 in Birmingham, and was educated at King Edward’s School. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1956 to do research in the Department of Pathology, and was approved for the PhD in 1961. He had a varied career as a research worker and university lecturer at Cambridge, as well as working in university administration in Kenya, Somalia, the USA, and Germany. In 1967 he became a Fellow of Wolfson College, where he was also Senior Tutor (1980–1983). He was also Secretary of the School of Biological Sciences for a time. In retirement he was a member of Cambridge Writers and also made training films for commercial companies. He died on 19 July 2015.

**The Revd David Gamble**

David Gamble was born on 21 May 1947 in Gravesend, and was educated at Lawrence Sheriff School, Rugby, and the University of Hull. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1971 to read Theology as a member of Wesley House, graduating in 1973. After serving as a minister in two North Yorkshire circuits he moved to the Methodist Division of Education and Youth. In 1996 he became Secretary for Family and Personal Relationships and in 2003 Coordinating Secretary for Legal and Constitutional Practice. The last President of Conference, the Revd Steve Wild, said that ‘he was the only person who could ever make the Standing Orders of the Methodist Church funny’. His legal knowledge proved invaluable to the Methodist Churches in the Gambia and Guyana, as they became autonomous, and they paid their own tributes. As a former chair of Barnardo’s he was well-placed to take the lead in a group called together by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland to make proposals about the better handling of the survivors of sexual abuse in the churches, reflected in two reports with the Revd Kathy Galloway, *Time to Act*, and the full report, *Time for Action* (2002). He was President of the Methodist Conference in 2009, making the startling suggestion to the General Synod of the Church of England that he was prepared for a full merger with them for the sake of mission. He died unexpectedly on 11 September 2015.

**David James Gittins**

David Gittins was born on 20 June 1947 in Wolverhampton, and was educated at Ellesmere College, Shropshire. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1966 to read Law, and rowed in the 1st VIII that went Head of the River in the Lents in 1969. After graduation in 1970 he moved to London to read for his Bar finals and was called to the Bar in 1971. He and his wife moved to the Midlands where he practised as a barrister. In 1989 they moved to Plymouth where he joined the new Crown Prosecution Service, and
set up the Plymouth office. At the same time he ran advocacy courses for new entrants to the CPS at their training centre in York. Ultimately he became Senior Crown Advocate for Devon and Cornwall. In his retirement he played golf and bought a boat to sail once again. He died at home on 4 April 2015 after a short battle with cancer, and is missed by his many friends.

**Professor Clive Hart**

Clive Hart was born on 14 May 1931 in Perth, Western Australia, and educated at Perth modern school, the University of Western Australia and the Faculté des Lettres, Université de Paris Vme. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1957 to undertake research on James Joyce’s Finnegans Wake. He was an active member of the MCR and President of the Research Students’ Club in 1958–1959. After the award of the PhD degree in 1960, he became a Lektor in English at the University of Lund, and then returned to Australia to a Lectureship at the University of Newcastle, New South Wales, where he became Professor in 1967. He moved to a chair at the University of Dundee in 1969, before becoming Professor of English Literature at the University of Essex in 1972. Here he remained until retirement in 1998, also serving as Dean of Students, Head of Department, and Pro-Vice-Chancellor Academic. He was a Founder-Trustee of the James Joyce Foundation, and was also Editor-in-chief of A Wake Newsletter Press, which published monographs on James Joyce. As well as Joyce his research interests included Swedish literature, the poetry and iconography of flight – he published the authoritative Kites: an Historical Survey (1957) and Images of flight (1988) – and erotic tension in the poetry and visual arts of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance. His first wife, Helen, died in 1988, and later he married Kay Stevenson. He suffered a stroke in 2006, but recovered; and died on 27 August 2016.

**The Revd Dr Roger Hayden**

Roger Hayden was born on 27 July 1935 at Fulbourn, Cambridgeshire, and was educated at the Cambridgeshire High School for Boys. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1956 to read Theology, graduating in 1959. After training for the ministry at Bristol Baptist College, he was called to Waterbarn Baptist Church, Bacup, where he served until 1966. Then he served Broadmead, Northampton (1966–1971), Haven Gree, Ealing (1971–1981) and Abbey, Reading (1981–1986) before becoming General Superintendent of the Western Area of the Baptist Union in 1986 until his retirement in 2000. He was President of the Baptist Union in 1986–1987, and a long-serving member of the Union’s Council. Roger was also an influential Baptist historian, publishing the readable Baptist Histor and Heritage in 1990 (2nd ed. 2005). He served the Baptist Historical Society for six years as Secretary and six more as President. As Chairman of Trustees of Bristol Baptist College, he made a notable contribution to the College’s development; and was also Archivist and Honorary Research Fellow of the College. Authoritative and firm when necessary, Roger won the hearts of a wide cross-section of Baptist life – itself no mean achievement in the late twentieth century – by his sustained emphasis on the simplicity of Christian discipleship. The tributes paid to him illustrate this well. He died on 3 March 2016.

**Professor John Martin Hull**

John Hull was born on 22 April 1935 in Corryong, north-east of Melbourne, Australia, and was educated at Melbourne High School and Melbourne University. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1959 to read Theology, as a member of Cheshunt College, graduating in 1962. Afterwards he taught RE at Selhurst Boys’ School, Croydon for four years, while completing a part-time PhD at London in New Testament. A two-year post at Westhill College of Education was followed by appointment as Lecturer in Religious Education at the University of Birmingham, and in 1989 appointment as Professor of Religious Education (the first such Chair in the country). Although influenced by better-known figures in the field such as Harold Loukes and Ronald Goldman, Hull used the phenomenological approach of Ninian Smart to develop his own distinctive position, which combined an impartial study of religions with the development of students’ personal views. This is expressed in books such as School Worship: an Obituary (1975), God Talk with Young Children (1991) and What prevents Christian Adults from Learning? (1991). He was Editor of Learning for Living (renamed the British Journal of Religious Education in 1978 for 25 years (1971–96). In 1978 he and John Peatling founded the International Seminar on Religious Education and Values, which met every other year. He was general secretary for 32 years and president emeritus at his death. Although he had had trouble with his eyesight from the age of 13, he did not go completely blind until 1980; he described his experiences in On Sight and Insight (1997), In the Beginning There Was Darkness (2001), The Tactile Heart (2013), Touching the Rock (2013), and Disability: The Inclusive Church (2014). He died after a fall at his home on 28 July 2015.

**Dr Kok Kheong Ho**

Ho Kok Kheong was born on 19 October 1931 in Ipoh, Malaya, and was educated at St John’s Institution, Kuala Lumpur and the University Tutorial College, London. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1951 to read Medicine, becoming Secretary of the Badminton Club in 1952. He received his BA in 1954, his BChir in 1957 and his MB in 1958. To complete his registration he worked in the Department of Pathology in Singapore. He began his career as a medical practitioner in the Ho Clinic, before becoming Honorary Consultant Physician at the Tungshin Community Hospital and the Chinese Maternity Hospital. He was also a trustee and member of the Executive Committee of the Malaysian Society of Rheumatology. He died at a family gathering for Father’s Day on 19 June 2016.

**Arthur James Searle Hicks**

Arthur Hicks was born on 9 June 1926 in Bolton, and was educated at Glynagarth School, Cheltenham and the Nautical College, Pangbourne. After war service in the Army Air Corps (Parachute Regiment) between 1944 and 1948, he came to Fitzwilliam in 1948 to read Urban Estate Management, graduating in 1950. Thereafter he worked for the Inland Revenue as a rates-valuation officer in and around Cambridge, until he retired. He lived in Cambridge all his life, and died on his 90th birthday on 9 June 2016.

**The Revd Michael Leslie Jackson**

Michael Jackson was born on 30 June 1944 in Birmingham, and was educated at Kings Norton Grammar School and the School of Oriental and African Studies, London. He
came to Fitzwilliam in 1969 to read Theology as an Affiliated Student at Wesley House, graduating in 1971. His first appointment was to the Cambridge circuit, followed by the Bristol Mission circuit with work on a challenging council estate, then Bristol South (Keynsham), Northampton, Rugby and Daventry, and Nene Valley. He returned to Birmingham (South West) as a supernumerary. His sensitive pastoral manner and meticulous preaching supported many in both joyful and difficult times. He also served in part-time chaplaincies to the RAF, the prison service, a private mental hospital and a Methodist Holiday Association residential home. In 2013 he was diagnosed with motor-neurone disease, and from it drew strength to write inspirational articles about the challenge of facing death. He died on 17 December 2015.

DAVID FRANK JOHNSON

David Johnson was born on 19 May 1946 in Ashford, Kent, and was educated at Dover Grammar School. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1965 to read Natural Sciences. He was active in the Fitzwilliam Music Society as an accomplished clarinettist. After graduation in 1968, he spent some time gaining industrial experience, and then became a teacher, latterly at the London Oratory School and then at a lecturer in the Education of Science at Roehampton University. He died on 13 January 2016.

THE REV'D DR IVOR HAROLD JONES

Ivor Jones was born in Bradford in 1934, but his roots were in Cornwall, where his father was a distinguished minister who became General Secretary of the Wesleyan Reform Union (one of the smaller Methodist bodies). He was educated at King Edward VII School, Sheffield, where he combined academic promise with footballing ability, playing for Yorkshire Schoolboys and being offered a place at the Sheffield United Academy. At Brasenose College, Oxford, he read Classics and Music, and, influenced by the worship at Wesley Memorial Church, offered for the Methodist ministry. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1957 as a member of Wesley House. His results were outstanding, gaining a First, as well as winning the Junior Scholefield Prize and the Carus New Testament Greek Prize. After a year in Heidelberg, he was appointed as Assistant Tutor at Handsworth College, Birmingham and then to circuit ministry at Friern Barnet, where he introduced new elements into worship. This was followed by a spell as Ecumenical Lecturer at Bishop’s Hostel, Lincoln, another at Hartley Victoria College, Manchester, eleven years at Wesley College, Bristol, and ending with fifteen years as Principal of Wesley House, Cambridge. He took great pastoral care of his students, especially in securing their first appointments, and played a significant part in the development of the Cambridge Theological Federation. Links were established with South Africa, the United College in Bangalore and the Henry Martyn Centre in Hyderabad. Ivor also took a special interest in Eastern Europe before the collapse of Communism. He also found time to be an active member of the Hymn Society and acted as Convener of the Committee that produced Hymns and Psalms: A Methodist and Ecumenical Hymnbook in 1983. Always soft-spoken and gentle, he wore his learning lightly, but nevertheless spoke with authority. He retired to Birmingham, where he died on 7 April 2016.

BRIGADIER JOHN WILLIAM MARTIN KINCAID

Bill Kincaid was born on 1 July 1940 in Exmouth, and was educated at Cheltenham College and the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1962 to read Mechanical Sciences as an Army-sponsored student. As an undergraduate he played in the Hockey 1st XI and the Cricket 1st XI, as well as joining the Friends of Covent Garden. He went into the Army Procurement Executive and eventually into the Ministry of Defence as Director of Operational Requirements (Land), where he was responsible for all land systems equipment and research programmes. As managing director of TheSAURAS Ltd from 1995, he was involved closely with the MoD and industry. He wrote several books on defence procurement as well as editing RUSI Defence Systems, and was one of those who warned that an emphasis on the ‘accountants’ bottom line’ would endanger men and women on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan, because equipment was arriving months or years after the Forces needed it. He died on 21 September 2016.

CHARLES JONATHAN KITCHELL

Charles Kitchell was born on 4 February 1920 at Willington Quay, Northumberland, and was educated at Rutherford Grammar School and Rutherford Technical College. After war service in the Royal Navy and as a Paymaster with the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, he came to Fitzwilliam in 1946 as a member of Cheshunt College to read Theology, graduating in 1947. He did not proceed to ordination to the Congregational ministry, but settled back in Newcastle teaching (R.E. and Physics) at King’s School, Tynemouth, with a keen interest in sport – rugby, cricket and athletics. In 1951 he stood unsuccessfully as the Liberal candidate for South Shields. Six years later he moved to Derby, where he taught at Bemrose School, and was very involved in the setting up of the telephone Samaritans. In 1967, he moved to Leeds, where he became a Lecturer in Religious Studies at Carnegie Teacher Training College. Throughout his life he was a lay preacher, known for preaching without notes; and he took part in many amateur dramatic productions, his favourite being Tevior in Fiddler on the Roof at the Leeds Grand Theatre. His wife died after sixty years of marriage and he continued to live independently, and was a Director of Parkhurst Grounds Ltd (1993–2001), one of the longest lasting residents’ associations in existence, which looked after the apartments in which he lived. He died on 13 October 2015.

DR VYVYAN AUGUSTINE KNIVETT

Vyvyan Knivett was born on 24 July 1920 in Ramsgate, and was educated at Chatham House School, Ramsgate, and Chelsea Polytechnic. He saw war service in the Royal Artillery and the Royal Engineers, ending in the Army Educational Corps. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1946 to read Natural Sciences, graduating in 1948. Having received a grant to do research in Biological Sciences, he stayed in Cambridge until taking his PhD in 1953. He secured a post at the Chemical Research Laboratory at Teddington, and then spent time in the Department of Physical Chemistry at the University of Wisconsin. Returning in 1957, he obtained a position at Twyford Laboratories Ltd where he continued until retirement. He developed dementia in 2008 and died in September 2013.
Tyne, and was educated at Nottingham and Johns Hopkins. Walter Little was born on 18 June 1945 in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and was educated at Nottingham and Johns Hopkins University, securing a BA and MA in History and Politics respectively. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1967 to do research under Dr Street on the relations between President Peron and the suppression of trade-union activities in Argentina, which he successfully completed in 1971. Meanwhile he had secured a Research Fellowship in the Department of Politics at Glasgow University, where he remained until joining the University of Liverpool as a Lecturer in 1973. As one of the few academic specialists on Argentinian politics, he was much in demand for interviews at the time of the Falklands/Malvinas War in 1982. Following the war he worked as a special advisor to the House of Commons Select Committee on Foreign Affairs, and later helped to establish the South Atlantic Council to seek a negotiated solution to the conflict. His later research was on the army and democracy in Latin America, and on political corruption more generally in the region. Little was an inspiring teacher for generations of students in Politics, and especially Latin American Studies. He retired in 2010 and died on 1 April 2015.

Danice Lee was born on 15 November 1953 in the USA and was educated at the University of California, Davis and Dallas Theological Seminary, where she obtained an MA in Christian Education. She came to Fitzwilliam in 1997 to read for the Diploma in Theology, which she received in 1998. After this she remained in Cambridge for two years, teaching biblical Hebrew to PhD candidates, and then went to Hong Kong, the Netherlands and Belgium engaged on evangelical work. In 2008 she retired and returned home to San Francisco, where she resumed her original work in sewing and designing projects for private clients, including the San Francisco Giants for whom she was the ‘relief stitcher’ in sewing names and numbers on jerseys. Sadly, she contracted liver cancer in 2014, and died on 16 September 2015.

Richard Alan Lee was born on 31 August 1943, and educated at Bedford School, where he was Head of School. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1962 to read Architecture and Fine Arts, which he followed with the Diploma in Architecture. While at Cambridge he was a member of the Boxing Club and the Hawks’ Club. Upon leaving Fitzwilliam he moved to Bristol and began his own architectural practice in the city, then on the brink of significant central redevelopment. In the late 1970s he merged his practice with that of Alec French Architects, and was responsible for several significant buildings: Redcliffe Quay, Bridewell House, Bristol Royal Society for the Blind, and the Penny Brohn Centre; they won several architectural awards. He was a talented musician, and helped to run, play violin and raise funds for the Brandon Hill Chamber Orchestra; it was therefore fitting that his memorial service was held at St George’s, Brandon Hill. His partner in the practice recalled that as a non-sportsman he was doubtless a disappointment when Richard was recruiting for the office cricket team; but he also noted with pleasure the way in which he could set words to his favourite Bob Dylan tunes to mock gently other members in the office, using his mouth organ and guitar. He was High Sheriff of Bristol in 2006–2007, and he has left a visual mark on Bristol in many ways, he nevertheless always found time for family and friends. He died after a short illness on 2 October 2015.

Eric Edward Living was born on 18 October 1921 in London, and was educated at The Coopers’ Company Grammar School, and Shoreditch Teachers’ Training College, London. After war service as an RAF photographic interpreter in India and teaching at a school in Essex, he came to Fitzwilliam in 1949 to read Economics and Geography. This he did while teaching at Sawston Village College, and sadly towards the end of his course his wife died. He graduated in 1952, and went to do a PGCE. He remarried and taught at the Cambridgeshire High School for Boys, where he eventually became Head of Handicraft, as well as Officer for the Army Cadets. Next he moved back to Essex as a peripatetic headmaster, eventually becoming Head of a large comprehensive school. He concluded his career as County Advisor for Geography in Essex. A guiding principle of his life was service of others; and although a very busy man in many ways, he nevertheless always found time for family and friends. He died after a short illness on 2 October 2015.

Alan Loosemore was born on 18 September 1927 in Swansea, and was educated at Dynevor Secondary School, Swansea and the University College of Swansea. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1949 as a member of Wesley House to read Theology, graduating in 1952. His first appointment was as Chaplain of Truro School. After some years he moved to become a Staff Inspector in Religious Education, and was based in Wakefield. He retired in 1992 and died on 24 April 2015.

Cedric McCarthy was born on 2 June 1923 in Clerkenwell, London and was educated at Acland Central School, Camden, and Dunstable School. He did war service in the Army 225 Parachute Field Ambulance, attached to the 6th Airborne Division in Normandy, the Ardennes, and Germany, and at the end of the war was in India. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1948 to read History, graduating in 1951. While at Fitzwilliam he rowed for the 1st VIII, and was a successful coach. In 1952 he secured a post as a History teacher at the King’s School, Peterborough, where he remained for nearly thirty years. He was secretary of the Lincolnshire History Forum for a time, an enthusiastic
Leslie McFall was born on 25 June 1944 in Belfast, and was educated at Queen’s University Belfast. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1965 as a member of Westminster College, originally intending to do Part III Theology; but on the advice of his teachers abandoned this attempt. He was more successful in securing a PhD in Philosophy and Theology at King’s College, London in 1969. Thereafter he left academic life and became a management trainee with Lever Brothers, followed by becoming a strategic planner for Lex Service Group in 1972. Barely a year later he was appointed Marketing Director of Volvo UK and CEO a year later. Over eight years he increased sales nearly eightfold and made the UK one of Volvo’s most important markets. In 1981 he joined Thorn EMI and became the Chairman and CEO of Thorn Home Electronics International, investing heavily in egalitarian forms of organisation, employee education and training. Ten years later he rescued another failing company, Laura Ashley Ltd, using the same methods leading to recovery in two years. But when the Ashley family as majority shareholders voted to cut internal investment to boost short term profit-taking, Maxmin resigned in a highly-publicised conflict. He had already been a non-executive director on many other companies, but in 1995 he founded Informate Associates, a consultancy, and Global Brand Developments, an investment company. In 2002 he and his wife, Shoshana, a Professor at Harvard Business School, wrote The Support Economy, to demonstrate why corporations were failing individuals; his advice was sought by the Blair and Brown governments. He became a Distinguished Scholar at MIT in 2010, and founded the Demeter Entrepreneurs Support Network in 2013 to support young entrepreneurs from developing countries. The family bought a farm in Nobleboro, Maine, where he died unexpectedly on 25 January 2016.

George McHugh was born on 16 June 1930 in Choppington, Northumberland, and was educated at King Edward VI Grammar School, Morpeth, The College of the Venerable Bede, Durham, and Carnegie College of Physical Education, Leeds. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1957 to read Geography, but to support himself he took a teaching post at Colderidge Secondary Modern School, Cambridge, which inevitably impeded his progress. However, he graduated with honours in 1960 and moved to a post at Culham College of Education, Abingdon. He took advantage of a year’s leave to study for a Diploma in the Psychology of Childhood at the University of Birmingham; and in 1967 moved to Portsmouth College of Education. Later he worked for the Open University and the Inner London Education Authority. He died peacefully on 18 March 2016 in Bedford.

Howard Marshall was born on 12 January 1934 in Carlisle, and was educated at Aberdeen Grammar School and the University of Aberdeen, where he gained first class honours in Classics. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1957 as a member of Wesley House, and gained first class honours, being awarded the Senior Scholefield Prize and the Carus Greek Testament Prize. His first appointment was as Tutor at Didsbury College, Bristol (1960–1962), circuit ministry in Darlington (1962–1964), and then appointment as Lecturer at the University of Aberdeen, where he progressed to the position of Professor by 1979, a post he held for twenty year. He was Dean of the Faculty of Divinity (1981–1984) and Head of Department (1996–1998), and after retirement Honorary Research Professor of New Testament (1999–2007) and thereafter Professor Emeritus. Author of 28 books and many articles, Marshall was probably the foremost evangelical New Testament scholar in the UK; but he still found time for walking, gardening and music. He died of pancreatic cancer on 12 December 2015.

Jim Maxmin was born on 26 September 1942 in the USA, and was educated at Grinnell College, Iowa, where he graduated in Philosophy. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1965 as a member of Westminster College, originally intending to do Part III Theology; but on the advice of his teachers abandoned this attempt. He was more successful in securing a PhD in Philosophy and Theology at King’s College, London in 1969. Thereafter he left academic life and became a management trainee with Lever Brothers, followed by becoming a strategic planner for Lex Service Group in 1972. Barely a year later he was appointed Marketing Director of Volvo UK and CEO a year later. Over eight years he increased sales nearly eightfold and made the UK one of Volvo’s most important markets. In 1981 he joined Thorn EMI and became the Chairman and CEO of Thorn Home Electronics International, investing heavily in egalitarian forms of organisation, employee education and training. Ten years later he rescued another failing company, Laura Ashley Ltd, using the same methods leading to recovery in two years. But when the Ashley family as majority shareholders voted to cut internal investment to boost short term profit-taking, Maxmin resigned in a highly-publicised conflict. He had already been a non-executive director on many other companies, but in 1995 he founded Informate Associates, a consultancy, and Global Brand Developments, an investment company. In 2002 he and his wife, Shoshana, a Professor at Harvard Business School, wrote The Support Economy, to demonstrate why corporations were failing individuals; his advice was sought by the Blair and Brown governments. He became a Distinguished Scholar at MIT in 2010, and founded the Demeter Entrepreneurs Support Network in 2013 to support young entrepreneurs from developing countries. The family bought a farm in Nobleboro, Maine, where he died unexpectedly on 25 January 2016.

Samuel Moffett was born in Pyongyang, Korea, on 7 April 1916, and was educated at the Pyongyang Foreign School, Korea, and Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Yale University. He was ordained as a minister in the Presbyterian Church, USA, in 1943; and he was a missionary in China from 1947 until arrest and expulsion by the Communist Government in 1951. After a period in Princeton he returned to the land of his birth as a missionary to Korea from 1955 to 1981. During this period he came to Fitzwilliam for two periods as a Visiting Scholar in 1970–1971 and 1976–1977, whilst occupying the same position at Westminster and Cheshunt Colleges. When he returned from Korea he became Henry Winters Luce Professor of Ecumenics and Mission at Princeton until 1986. On retiring from the Chair he was a Fellow at the Center for Theological Inquiry there. He remained active in a variety of ways, and continued to write on Christianity in the Far East, completing a two-volume History of Christianity in Asia (1996, 2005) at the age of 89. He died on 9 February 2015.

John Moroney was born on 16 May 1919 in Launceston, Tasmania, and was educated at Launceston Grammar School, and Ridley Theological College, Melbourne. During the war he served as a chaplain with the Australian Military Forces from 1941 to 1946. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1953 to read Theology, graduating in 1956. He was awarded a Clothworkers’ Exhibition and a Hirst-Player Bursary, and became Chaplain (1954–1956). After

ROGER JOHN MOWL
Roger Mowl was born on 14 November 1940 in Cambridge, and was educated at the Perse School for Boys, Cambridge. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1960 to read Classics, graduating in 1963; and then did a PGCE at Bristol University. While at College he played hockey, and enjoyed travel and archaeology. The College has no records of his subsequent career, although he seems to have moved back to the family home in Histon Road after his father’s death in 1987; he died on 20 April 2016, probably from Parkinson’s Disease.

JOHN BARRY NUTTALL
John Nuttall was born on 4 January 1933 in Manchester, and was educated at Oakham School, where he was Head of School. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1952 to read Medicine, graduating in 1955. His enthusiasm for Rugby, shown at school, carried through to his undergraduate years. Having qualified at Leeds Medical School, he became a GP in Northampton for over forty years, and was club doctor for Northampton Saints Rugby team; he was President of the club from 2003 to 2005. He was also President of the Northampton Medical Society in 1992. He died on 8 March 2016.

STUART JOHN ORFORD
Stuart Orford was born on 4 November 1957 in Sydenham, London, and was educated at Dulwich College, where he had a dazzling musical career as a pianist performing in Mozart’s Piano Concerto No 23 at the Royal Festival Hall, and took up the viola and took part in Saint-Saëns’ Carnival of the Animals. After a gap year working for an insurance broker in the city and as a waiter on Lake Constance, he came to Fitzwilliam in 1977 to read Music, and was awarded the Thatcher Prize in 1979, as well as taking a full part in the Music Society. He was a close friend of Martin Outram, one of the original members of the Fitzwilliam Quartet. After graduation in 1980 he was invited back to Dulwich as a peripatetic string teacher, and soon afterwards joined the staff, where he became a Boarding House tutor in 1982–1983. He started a junior string ensemble, and took charge of various chamber groups. In 1987–1988 he joined the music staff at King’s College School, Wimbledon but found the commuting across south London too wearing. He filled in as temporary Head of Music at Streatham Hill and Clapham High School for Girls in 1989, and then at Sydenham High School for Girls in 1990, a post which was made permanent in September. After three years he retired from teaching to become a house-husband, looking after his daughter. He became an expert in the use of the music-computer programme Sibelius 7, and worked as a free-lance music typesetter, including some notable premières. His keen interest in current affairs made him a shrewd political observer: he also enjoyed good food and wine, and was a fine cook. Notwithstanding his diagnosis of terminal cancer in June 2014, he retained his unique sense of humour to the end. He died peacefully on 30 October 2015.

FLIGHT LIEUTENANT ALEXANDRE JAY PARR
Alex Parr was born on 27 May 1976 in Newmarket, and was educated at Bottisham Village College and Hills Road Sixth form College, Cambridge. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1994 to read Engineering on an RAF Student Bursary. His activities in College included rowing, hockey and gliding. After graduating with a BA and an MEng, he joined the Royal Air Force, and went to Cranwell. On finishing at Cranwell, he was selected for the highly competitive Fast Jet course, and flew in combat planes in the Gulf War. On leaving the RAF he had a period as a pilot with a civilian airline and in 2009 became a Project Test Pilot for the Airbus 330, before joining the Empire Test Pilots School. He was killed in a light aircraft accident in Wiltshire on 8 July 2016.

JOHN MICHAEL PARRY, FRCO
John Parry was born on 16 September 1930 in Addiscombe, Croydon, and was educated at Faversham Grammar School and Odiham Grammar School. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1949 to read Music, changing to English in 1951, and graduating in 1952. During this time he was a very active secretary of the Music Society, and he had organ lessons with Boris Ord at King’s. He stayed on for a fourth year to do the MusB degree, but National Service with the RAF intervened and did not complete it until 1957. John then moved to teach at Northgate Grammar School, Ipswich, where between 1957 and 1986 he provided the basic education for many who made their careers in music. With his German-born wife, Beate, a refugee in 1939, whom he met in Great Shelford while doing organ duty at the parish church, he had four children, who were the great love of his life. For a time he was a lecturer at Colchester Institute, and then St Joseph’s College. In the latter years of that period he was also a music tutor for the Open University, influencing a wider audience who benefited from his wide knowledge, especially of the baroque period. His other pastimes were wide-ranging: book-binding, picture-framing, gardening, bee-keeping and a small boat, which he sailed off the north Norfolk coast. He was organist at St Margaret’s Church, Ipswich, and formed the Cantata Singers; he led rambles for the Ipswich Ramblers, built a harpsichord in his later years, and was a keen reader, even in his final illness. He died on 17 February 2016.

GODFREY PLATT
Godfrey Platt was born on 11 April 1932 in Epsom, and was educated at Epsom County Grammar School and the University of St Andrews, where he graduated in Chemistry. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1954 to do a PGCE in Education, which he completed successfully. He spent his career in education, and was latterly Head of Science at Watford Grammar School for Girls. He died on 29 May 2016.

CHRISTOPHER (FORMERLY CYRIL) WILLIAM PRESSNELL
Cyril Pressnell was born on 8 January 1931 in London, and was educated at Plaistow Grammar School, London and Cambridgeshire High School for Boys. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1951 after National Service in the Royal Navy to read Modern Languages, graduating in 1955. Having
Witold Sulimirski was born on 18 May 1933 at Lwow, and died there on 31 August 2014, after suffering for six years with Parkinson’s Disease. Deerside High School in Queens Ferry, North Wales, until his departure. On his return he became Headmaster of arch-conservative whites and the governing party ensured appealed to many young people at the time. An alliance of Minister split with his party in 1970 and a rift developed this, however, ran into trouble when the former Education accelerate the integration of the mostly-white school; as Principal of Queen’s College, Nassau, Bahamas. He after graduation in 1953. He then took a Master’s degree in Geography at the end of his first year and graduating in 1953. He then took a Master’s degree in Economics at the Collège de l’Europe Libre in Strasbourg. In 1957 he emigrated to New York and entered international banking, working for Irving Trust Company, with postings to Beirut, London, and Frankfurt. After 32 years, he retired in 1989 as senior executive vice president. He served as a staff sergeant in the US National Guard until 1963. Witold’s professional and charitable endeavours brought him to the attention of the governments of his homeland and of his adopted country. In recognition of his professional work and his philanthropic endeavours he was honoured by President Lech Walesa; was invited to the White House by Presidents Carter, Reagan and Bush; and was honoured by the Knights of Malta. He advised on the business development of banking systems in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa, and – eventually – Poland, including the financing of development in the Arabian Desert before the oil boom and presentations at many conferences, including those sponsored by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. His retirement coincided with the Solidarity Movement in Poland, and Witold spearheaded the coalition to create AmerBank, the first international bank in post-communist Poland. Subsequently, he served as executive director of USAID, an American investment initiative, which encouraged and facilitated US investment in Poland. Witold advised and assisted over a hundred companies on strategy and operations. He was a consultant for Polish and American companies and for Poland’s Ministry of Privatization and also served as a board director of various international banks. Finally, he served as a director of the National American-Arab Affairs Council, the Middle East Policy Council, and Bicentennial Publications, and as chairman of Polish Assistance, and of The Kosciuszko Foundation. Witold developed Alzheimer’s Disease in 2015 and died on 10 February 2016.

Malcolm John Radford
Malcolm Radford was born on 29 March 1946 in West Kirby, Cheshire, and was educated at Caldy Grange Grammar School. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1964 to read Geography, graduating in 1967. He then went on to do the Postgraduate Diploma course in Town and Country Planning at Nottingham University (1968–1970). He died suddenly at home on 1 October 2015.

The Revd Donald Shaw
Donald Shaw was born on 23 June 1926 in Middlesbrough, and was educated at Acklam Hall Secondary School and at Bede College, Durham University. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1951 to read Theology as a member of Wesley House, graduating in 1953. He died on 18 April 2016.

The Revd Professor Graydon Fisher Snyder
Graydon Snyder was born on 30 April 1930 in Indiana, USA, and was educated at Bethany Theological Seminary, Richmond, Indiana and Princeton Theological Seminary, where he did his graduate work. From 1959 until 1987 he taught at Bethany Theological Seminary (the official Seminary of the Church of the Brethren) as Professor of New Testament, and later Dean. During this time he came to Fitzwilliam for the academic year 1973–1974 as a Visiting Scholar at Westminster and Cheshunt Colleges. In 1987 he moved to become Dean of the Chicago Theological Seminary, until retirement in 1994. He specialised in Early Christian Art, and wrote extensively on the subject. He died on 26 May 2016.

The Revd Neville Stewart
Neville Stewart was born on 10 December 1927 in Swinton, Manchester, and educated at Moorside Grammar School, Eccles Grammar School, and Salford Royal Technical College. He came to Fitzwilliam as a member of Wesley House in 1951, having felt a call to ministry under the Revd Bill Gowland at the Albert Hall, Manchester. After graduation in 1953, he served in the Wallasey and Birkenhead circuits. In 1964 he accepted a call to serve as Principal of Queen’s College, Nassau, Bahamas. He had been asked by the Methodist Missionary Society to accelerate the integration of the mostly-white school; this, however, ran into trouble when the former Education Minister split with his party in 1970 and a rift developed in the Methodist Church there as well. The MMS recalled Stewart, even though his advocacy of social consciousness appealed to many young people at the time. An alliance of arch-conservative whites and the governing party ensured his departure. On his return he became Headmaster of Deerside High School in Queens Ferry, North Wales, until his retirement in 1992. He moved to Mold in North Wales, and died there on 31 August 2014, after suffering for six years with Parkinson’s Disease.

Witold Stanislaus Mary Sulimirski
Witold Sulimirski was born on 18 May 1933 at Lwow, Poland, and was educated at secondary schools in Poland, completing his education at the Oratory School, Woodcote after being smuggled out of Poland at the end of the war. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1950 to read Economics, changing to Geography at the end of his first year and graduating in 1953. He then took a Master’s degree in Economics at the Collège de l’Europe Libre in Strasbourg. In 1957 he emigrated to New York and entered international banking, working for Irving Trust Company, with postings to Beirut, London, and Frankfurt. After 32 years, he retired in 1989 as senior executive vice president. He served as a staff sergeant in the US National Guard until 1963. Witold’s professional and charitable endeavours brought him to the attention of the governments of his homeland and of his adopted country. In recognition of his professional work and his philanthropic endeavours he was honoured by President Lech Walesa; was invited to the White House by Presidents Carter, Reagan and Bush; and was honoured by the Knights of Malta. He advised on the business development of banking systems in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa, and – eventually – Poland, including the financing of development in the Arabian Desert before the oil boom and presentations at many conferences, including those sponsored by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. His retirement coincided with the Solidarity Movement in Poland, and Witold spearheaded the coalition to create AmerBank, the first international bank in post-communist Poland. Subsequently, he served as executive director of USAID, an American investment initiative, which encouraged and facilitated US investment in Poland. Witold advised and assisted over a hundred companies on strategy and operations. He was a consultant for Polish and American companies and for Poland’s Ministry of Privatization and also served as a board director of various international banks. Finally, he served as a director of the National American-Arab Affairs Council, the Middle East Policy Council, and Bicentennial Publications, and as chairman of Polish Assistance, and of The Kosciuszko Foundation. Witold developed Alzheimer’s Disease in 2015 and died on 10 February 2016.

Dr Peter Roland Swann
Peter Swann was born on 4 February 1935 at Williton, Somerset, and was educated at Dulwich College and the University of Wales, Swansea. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1957 to do research in Metallurgy at an ICI studentship. He moved into electron microscopy, and wrote his thesis on a study of deformed copper alloys, which was approved for the PhD in 1960. By then he had taken up a position with the United States Steel Corporation at their Edgar Bain Fundamental Research Center in Monroeville, Pennsylvania, where he was the Senior Scientist until 1966. He was the CEGB Professor of Materials Science at the University of London (1966–1978), and one of the founders and President of Gatan, Inc., the first company to design and manufacture accessories for electron microscopes (1978–1992). The pioneering work he did there made Gatan ‘the Cisco, Apple and Google of electron microscopy all in one’. Among the prizes he won were the 1975 Bellby Gold Medal and Prize of the Royal Chemical Society of the Royal Chemical Society and Institute of Metals, and the 1997 Distinguished Scientist Award from the Microscopy Society of America. He also served on a variety of editorial boards. In 1992 he moved to Jumby Bay in the West Indies, where he served as
Chairman of the Jumby Bay Club, and also as Chairman of the Board for Antigua’s Island Academy. He died on 14 July 2013 in Pittsburgh.

The Revd Geoffrey Sidney Todd
Geoffrey Todd was born on 10 April 1926 in Kidsgrove, Staffordshire, and was educated at William Hulme’s Grammar School, Manchester and the Victoria University of Manchester. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1950 to read Theology as a member of Wesley House, graduating in 1952. After ordination to the Methodist ministry, he served in circuits from Northumberland to Devon. He died on 27 August 2015.

The Revd William Malcolm Wainwright
Malcolm Wainwright was born on 12 February 1931 in Leeds, and was educated at Leeds Grammar School and Pembroke College, Oxford. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1954 as a student at Wesley House to read Theology, graduating in 1956. His first two appointments were in Nigeria, from 1957 to 1968. These were followed by one in Lincolnshire and Yorkshire respectively, and he came to the London Mission (North West) in 1979. Describing himself as ‘more of a GP than a specialist, he retired in 1996. After an active retirement, he died on 15 May 2016.

The Revd Canon Dr Arthur Keith Walker
Keith Walker was born on 4 July 1933 in Chipping Norton, and was educated at Heversham Grammar School and the University of Durham. He came to Fitzwilliam as a member of Wesley House in 1958 to read Theology, graduating in 1960. However he did not proceed to ordination in the Methodist Church, but continued his theological education at Lichfield Theological College, and was ordained into the Church of England. He retired in 2003. He has been described as ‘a liberal reformer who was impatient of the slow pace of change in both Church and society’, but the tolerant atmosphere of Winchester gave him an environment in which he flourished. He died on 8 August 2013.

Dr Phillipa Judith Welch
(formerly Philip Ian Welch)
Philip Welch was born in Blackburn on 12 February 1951, and was educated at Swayne School, Rayleigh, Essex and Millfield School. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1969 to read Natural Sciences, graduating in 1972 with a special prize in Metallography. After securing an MSc in Industrial Metallurgy and Management at Aston University, he returned to Fitzwilliam to undertake research in Metallurgy in 1973, and was approved for the PhD in 1977. After post-doctoral work in Cambridge, he moved to West Germany, and underwent gender reassignment in 1988. She died on 13 May 2016.

The Revd William Stanley Willis
Stanley Willis was born on 27 June 1935 in Ulceby, Lincolnshire, and was educated at Barton-on-Humber Grammar School. He came to Fitzwilliam to read Theology in 1958 as a member of Wesley House. After graduation he went as a missionary to Guyana, where he served for many years as Superintendent of the Susamachar circuit. On his return he served as Headmaster of Kettleshulme Primary School and was an active member of Buxton Methodist church. He died on 2 April 2016.

Robert John Wyatt
Robert Wyatt was born on 24 June 1926 in Chittering, Cambridgeshire, and was educated at Cambridgeshire High School for Boys and Northampton Engineering College. He came to Fitzwilliam in 1948 to read Architecture, graduating in 1951, and then went into practice as an architect; in 1974 he was appointed Deputy County Architect for Derbyshire County Council, serving as President of the Nottingham and Derby Society of Architects (1953–1984) and Chairman of the RIBA East Midlands Region in 1985. Robert became a Director of EM Property Services Ltd and Walbrook Enterprises Ltd in 1991, resigning in 2003. He died on 28 March 2016.
THE PRESIDENT OF THE FITZWILLIAM SOCIETY

RACHAEL WEBB

Rachael Webb (née Brooks) matriculated in 1979, being amongst the first intake of female undergraduates at the College. The previous year, her school in West Yorkshire had arranged with Emmanuel College to host a group of prospective applicants. When Emmanuel cancelled at short notice, the school arranged to visit Fitzwilliam instead. Here the party was jovially hosted by Dr Brian Johnson, who immediately calmed the northerners’ nerves, and Fitzwilliam became the first-choice college.

Rachael read Natural Sciences, but by her own admission was easily distracted by all the social opportunities; she met her future husband, Doug Webb (1979, Geography), in the College bar.

Harbouring an ambition to pursue forensic science in the police force, she was disappointed to be told there was a freeze on recruitment at that time. Rather than commit to further academic study or look for a temporary job, Rachael decided – for some reason that she now cannot remember – to join National Westminster Bank in London on their graduate trainee programme. As Assistant Manager in charge of lending to personal and small-business customers, she was famed for bouncing more cheques one Christmas Eve than she had done during the previous four weeks.

When Doug was offered a two-year tour in Toronto, Rachael was not too disheartened to wave goodbye to the bank, and when they returned to England, she joined a property-management company and became a client manager. That did not last too long because Doug was soon offered another opportunity, this time in Boston (USA, not Lincolnshire).

This time they were abroad for six years, and Rachael worked in freelance journalism and public relations. Her most memorable writing assignments included a newspaper article about whether the 1990s British foot-and-mouth crisis could hit America. She persuaded a Cumbrian newspaper to allow her to use their photograph of Prince Charles’ visit to a devastated farming community. Rachael’s American editor was in raptures! Her other favourite assignment was interviewing Bill Bryson and reporting on his visit to the recently-extended town library. He was as funny in person as he is in his books.

Upon their return to England in 2002, Rachael intended to re-establish her PR business, going as far as to take a Diploma in Copy Writing that allows her to add the letters ‘Dip C’ after her name. However, five days after they moved into their new home in a beautiful, tranquil, rural corner of North Buckinghamshire, Luton Airport announced that they wanted to re-route some of their flights over the hamlet. The PR business was put on hold, and an environmental activist was born.

Rachael went from True Blue to Mean Green overnight and formed, joined, and chaired several organisations to try and protect rural Britain from all forms of inappropriate development, not just flight paths. She is currently a member of the Executive Council of the Aviation Environment Federation (AEF), the principal UK NGO campaigning exclusively on the environmental impacts of aviation and promoting a sustainable future for the sector. She also represents Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes’ parish and town councils on Luton Airport’s Consultative Committee.

Regarding non-aviation issues, Rachael was a Parish Councillor for 12 years, a member of the steering committee of the Local Planning Authority’s Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment, and chaired a parishes’ planning consortium, representing them at several Public Examinations into district and regional strategic development frameworks.

Conscious that her knowledge of planning issues was patchy, she enrolled at the Open University for a Master’s Degree in Environmental Policy and Society, her dissertation for which was an examination of the impact of aircraft noise in rural areas.

When Rachael and Doug were looking to support Fitzwilliam financially, Rachael at first said she would prefer not to fund building work, having developed a nervous twitch around bricks and mortar. But when she heard about the aspiration to renovate the former library into an income-generating, multi-functional, eco-friendly space, without knocking down a tree or encroaching on any green space, she recognised this rare example of a truly sustainable development and gave the green light.

As a member of the Fitzwilliam Society Committee for several years, Rachael helped to launch the annual Careers Fair and the fledgling Grants Programme, and is now looking to attract younger alumni onto the Committee.

Rachael’s plethora of voluntary commitments does not prevent her from currently learning German with the OU, researching her family tree, singing in the community choir and, as at Fitzwilliam, enjoying an active social life with Doug.
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 33
- provide funds to support other student activities
- provide the Career Network and an annual Careers Fair – this page
- organise the annual College Reunion
- organise other reunions, including the annual London dinner and events in the UK and overseas.

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

The Society operates through a Committee, the current members of which are set out on page 86. 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 24 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.

Support for Student Activities

For the last two years, the Society has been making small grants to assist a variety of student activities. Brief details of the 2016 grants can be found in the reports by the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer in the Minutes of the 2016 AGM on pages 87-88.

Career Initiatives

You can help give careers guidance to current students by signing up to the online Career Network, or coming along to the 2017 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 2017 – 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 on 01223 332018. We would be delighted to hear from you.

The Fitzwilliam Society Careers Fair 2015

Over forty alumni shared their professional experiences with students at the hugely popular Fitzwilliam Society Careers Fair on Saturday 14 November.

Prior to the Fair itself, Colin Tweedie (Law, 1972) presented his engaging and much acclaimed talk Become a great networker in just 1 hour! Colin’s talk was both energetic and informative, giving students tips and confidence needed to become effective networkers. Afterwards, he said: I must say I was impressed by the enthusiasm and curiosity shown by the students, not only during the talk but throughout the Careers Fair. I am always slightly amazed how each new generation of students seems to embody the same Fitzwilliam spirit and values. It was great to see.

The College is very grateful to all the returning alumni for their help and support. The College’s careers initiative not only helps current students, it also plays an important part in Admissions, as future career prospects play an increasingly important part in the minds of would-be applicants.
The Master welcomed alumni to a reception and buffet in The Grove after the event.
The Careers Fair is co-organized by the Fitzwilliam Society and the Development Office. Particular thanks go to Kate Murray (History 1992) for running the CV Clinic during the event, to Colin Tweedie for his contribution and to Rachael Webb (Natural Sciences 1979) for compiling and funding the Careers Fair brochure, as well as funding the refreshments for the event.

### FITZWILLIAM SOCIETY COMMITTEE 2016–2017

**President**
- R. Webb (1979)

**Vice-Presidents**
- G. Harrison (1955)
- Professor B.F.G. Johnson FRS (*ex-officio*)
- Professor R.D. Lethbridge (*ex-officio*)
- The Reverend Professor D.M. Thompson
- J.V. Adams (1958)
- K.A. Olisa OBE (1971)
- N.M. Padfield
- Group Captain A. Silvester (1949)
- Dr J.R.A. Cleaver

**Secretary**
- P.M. Howard (1970)

**Editor of the Journal**
- Dr J.R.A. Cleaver

**Development Director (*ex officio*)**
- Dr N. Jones

**Treasurer**
- R.G. Bell (1965)

**Elected members**


**Co-opted members**
- R.A. Powell (Bursar)
- Dr J.F. Mueller (2009)
- C.C. Meewezen MBE (1994)
- D.W. King (2007)
- M. Bennison (2008)
- Dr H. Bettinson (1982)

**JCR Presidents (*ex officio*)**

**MCR Presidents (*ex officio*)**
Held in the Trust Room, Fitzwilliam College at 5.30pm on Saturday 24th September 2016


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Once again, a rich variety of events had been arranged for the Reunion weekend, and attendance was excellent. The Secretary observed that, according to the guest list on the College website, the number of names of alumni who matriculated 60 or more years ago and their guests was 72 this year, up from 63 last year and 57 in 2014. Thanks were due again to the Master and Fellows, to the Development Office team for their hard work in making the arrangements, and to the many students and College staff involved.

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London Dinner, and for his generous help in enabling the Society to return to Stationers’ Hall for the Dinner.

Ken Olisa added that the fact that the London Dinner had been a sell-out this year was a very suitable tribute to Professor Alan Cuthbert, who, when he had been President, had said that this was his ambition.

3 Treasurer’s Report and Accounts

The Treasurer summarized the highlights of his report, which had been made available to members before the meeting, mentioning that a few very minor amendments in the notes, not affecting the figures, were needed. The deficit was nearly 80% (and nearly £5,000) down on last year. The Careers Fair had not involved any Society expenditure, thanks to the Development Office and to the generosity of Doug and Rachael Webb. The Treasurer expressed his thanks to the Independent Examiner, Roger Smith for reviewing the accounts so promptly, and to the Bursar, Andrew Powell, the College Accountant, Valter Mondeiro, and to Carol Lamb for their help in providing information and explanations.

The Society’s contribution to the cost of the Journal had reduced from about £18,000 to about £13,000, and he was having discussions with the Bursar about the future. The Bursar reminded the meeting that the subscription income comes originally from the students, and by giving back something tangible helps to build relationships. Whether the £2,000 currently returned through grants would be seen by the students as sufficient is open to question, so it is right to talk about what will happen in the future.

4 Report on the Fitzwilliam Society Trust Fund

Copies of a short form of the report on the Trust Fund awards by the Senior Tutor, Dr Chirico, had been circulated before the meeting. In the absence of the Senior Tutor, the President mentioned that there had been 30 recipients of awards this year, including the Chapel Choir for its tour to Lichfield and St David’s Cathedrals, and it is clear that the Fund is financially very healthy. The Master added that the Deans of both Cathedrals had been most effusive in their thanks to the choir.

5 Election of President and other Officers

The Committee’s proposals that Rachael Webb be elected President for 2016–2017 and that Sir Peter Bazalgette be elected President for 2017–2018 were each agreed unanimously. The proposals put to the meeting to re-elect the Editor of the Journal, the Secretary and the Treasurer were each agreed unanimously.

7 Election of Committee Members

The Committee’s proposals put to the meeting were agreed unanimously, and Zoë Shaw, Andrew Garden and Judith Bunting were each re-elected to the Committee for a further 3 years.

8 Election of 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, Secretary, and approved and signed by Nigel Stapleton (2015–2016 President).
### Fitzwilliam Society Accounts

#### Income & Expenditure Account – Year Ended 31 July 2016

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#### Balance Sheet – At 31 July 2016

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#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS:

1. Subscriptions shown above are those received in the period from members currently at the College. Subscription levels were reviewed in 2014–15, with all students (JCR and MCR) now paying on an equivalent basis.
2. Donations are received from some members of the Society towards the cost of printing the Journal.
3. Income for the event totalled £17,490 (2015–£6,750) and, as in previous years, Graham Nutter generously donated the red wine served for the evening. The Society’s contribution is for JCR and MCR President guests.
4. The Society and the College now share the cost of printing/distributing the Fitzwilliam Journal to those members of the College who are members of the Society. It is envisaged that the College’s current 47% contribution will rise to 90% by 2025. In 2016 the Society’s contribution of £13,276 was 53% of the total cost.
5. The Society gave the Development Director a thank-you/farewell gift of two Bohemian cut-crystal bowls.
6. The Careers Fair 2016 was funded by the Development Office, and the printing by Doug & Rachael Webb.
7. For New Scientist, Economist and National Geographic titles in the Student Café.
8. Society grants of £2,028 to JCR (3 projects – £1,020) and MCR (digital arts project – £1,008).
9. 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.

#### HONORARY INDEPENDENT EXAMINER’S REPORT

I have examined the Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 July 2016 and the Balance Sheet at that date together with the records and vouchers of the Society, and confirm them to be in accordance therewith.

Robin G Bell, Honorary Treasurer
20th August 2016

Roger N Smith, Independent Examiner
6th September 2016
The year 2016 has been a time of celebration at Fitzwilliam, as it marks the 50th anniversary of attaining collegiate status in 1966. By that time, the vision of the architect Sir Denys Lasdun had become a reality, and the foundations of Fitzwilliam College were decisively set in concrete. The legacy this distinguished architect left to future visitors to Fitzwilliam, whether students, Fellows or conference guests, is the first phase of a series of truly amazing buildings on the site. The Lasdun buildings are now being renovated sympathetically in a rolling programme of major refurbishment. This represents a significant investment for the future of the College, for its students and visitors to this dynamic institution, and introduces a new modern look to the original 1960s architecture.

Fitzwilliam is rich in variety and choice, and there is a wide selection of conference and meeting rooms in the original Hall Building, in the later Wilson Court and most recently with the Auditorium. Where else would you be able to find a venue with a 250-seat Auditorium, an exhibition hall, a collection of syndicate rooms and an iconic Dining Hall with its prominent glass lantern?

When it comes to organising an event, the choice of venue is key. For this reason, in the autumn of 2015 Peter Cowley (Computer Sciences 1974) decided that the place to celebrate a personal milestone (which some of us would prefer to forget) had to be Fitzwilliam:

I decided to invite a group of long-term friends to help me commiserate reaching sixty. I have several groups of friends from different locations and interests over the years and many have connections with Cambridge, either due to the University or living locally, and as I had celebrated my 21st birthday with a ceilidh, I decided to do the same in 2015. Fitzwilliam was a clear choice, especially as I am still involved with squash and socialising at the College, and recently had given a lecture in the Reddaway Room. The whole process of booking (many months beforehand) and organising went very smoothly, and everything on the day went exceptionally well. Thank you, Fitz!

The different dining spaces at Fitzwilliam provide the right settings for some of the finest catering in Cambridge, whether daily fare or something more elaborate. Professor David Cardwell, Fellow and Head of the University Department of Engineering, is an ardent advocate and brings events continually through the year, from small private dinner parties to the stylish canapé receptions. He highlighted three occasions:

The Department of Engineering again held its annual Christmas party for all staff in the College Auditorium. The event was well attended by 200 people, who enjoyed canapés and pre-Christmas drinks on a fine December day. And in July 2016, the Department of Engineering again held its annual summer garden party for all staff on the Grove lawns, for over 150 people in the sunshine.

Over thirty people attended a special dinner on 27 May 2016 to celebrate Professor David Neuland’s 80th birthday. Those present included current and past Heads of the Department of Engineering (including David himself), Alec Broers, former Vice-Chancellor of the University and past-President of the Royal Academy of Engineering, and many former colleagues. The event was a great success and the guests were treated to an excellent dinner prepared and served by the Fitzwilliam catering staff.

David himself was clearly moved by the occasion.

Richard Hooley, Fellow and Director of Studies for LLM, and his invited guests have also received true Fitzwilliam hospitality with private dinners held in the relaxed atmosphere of the Parlour, for which pre-dinner and post-prandial drinks were in the Writing Room:

I have hosted two dinner parties here in the past twelve months: one was a Faculty-related event and the other a family celebration. Both were excellent. The food, wine and service were all superb, and the organisational support provided by the Catering & Events Department was first class.

There is a saying that business is built on people, and this is very evident when we see how fortunate we are to have Fellows who are always on the lookout for opportunities to bring a conference or a special event to the College. A number of Fellows have been staunch emissaries, continuing to bring national and international conferences to the College. These include Dr Bhaskar Vira, Graduate Tutor and Director of Studies in Geography; Professor Epaminondas Mastorakos, the Hopkinson/ICI Professor of Applied Thermodynamics at the Department of Engineering; Dr Kourosh Saeb-Parsy, Director of Studies in Clinical Medicine; and Dr Robert Abayasekara, Tutor and Director of Studies in Medicine and Veterinary Medicine.

The 30th annual conference of the British Association of South Asian Studies, hosted by the Centre of South Asian Studies in their 50th anniversary year, was held in April. Dr Vira was paramount in getting the BASAS Conference to the College, and attendees were well looked after by our dedicated hospitality team and enjoyed their stay at Fitzwilliam.

Closely following on from the BASAS Conference, Professor Mastorakos made a return visit to Fitzwilliam with the Joint Meeting of the British, Portuguese, and Spanish Sections of the Combustion Institute.

The Combustion Institute is the premier scientific organisation dealing with the science of combustion, which is a physical phenomenon that sits at the interface of chemistry and engineering and which must be successfully harnessed in modern energy and transport systems from the perspectives of fuel economy and urban and global pollution. The British Section is one of the oldest, and regularly organises scientific conferences jointly with other national sections. The meeting was attended by about 150 delegates, about 80 of them from the UK and the rest from Europe and the USA. The facilities were great, while the social events were very highly received. Fitzwilliam College was very much admired by our visitors, who also enjoyed our gardens. The Conference Office did a magnificent job before, during, and after the meeting and I am looking forward to working with the team again!

The inaugural meeting of the National Ex-Vivo Normothermic Perfusion Symposium was held in July 2015 at Fitzwilliam. Dr Kourosh Saeb-Parsy had been responsible for bringing the first Symposium to Fitzwilliam and was pleased that it returned a year later, in 2016; he was delighted with the positive feedback he received from the conference participants. Equally happy with his return to Fitzwilliam was Dr Robert Abayasekara, with the National Ovarian Workshop 2016 which took place on 19–20 September.

Both Kourosh and Robert agreed that Fitzwilliam was the ideal place to celebrate children’s birthdays, one
a traditional party for a six year old and the other, a sophisticated dinner party for a young lady celebrating her 18th birthday with friends. Robert’s daughter, Naomi wrote:

Thank you to all of you who helped me celebrate my 18th birthday party – I had a wonderful time! Special thanks go to Georgina, Jacqui, the catering staff, and the porters, both for ensuring stress-free planning before the event and also for helping to make sure everything ran smoothly on the night.

We are confident that the Catering and Events team will provide the same level of help and expertise for Nadia – when it is time for her 18th birthday celebration – as we did for Naomi.

Fitzwilliam College provides the perfect setting for any type of musical event – a concert, a recital, or a workshop. The stunning Auditorium, with exceptional acoustics, is best suited for a larger audience, whilst the Chapel sets the mood for a more intimate gathering. During summer 2016, the College hosted the first annual Cambridge Summer Course given by the celebrated violinist Akiko Ono, who also performed as part of the Cambridge Summer Music Festival. Members of the College were invited to a private dress rehearsal in the Chapel followed by a canapé reception on the Grove and Chapel Lawns. As Katharine Parton, Director of Music and Bye Fellow, explained:

Akiko’s connection with the College began when she was repeatedly selected by Lord Menuhin to participate in the Cambridge Symposium for the Young String Quartets held at Fitzwilliam College in the 1990s; Akiko Ono would later go on to debut with Lord Menuhin, to be awarded first prize in the Senior Menuhin Competition, and to be appointed a principal violin teacher at the Menuhin School. In association with the Menuhin Centenary Series, curated by Director of Music Katharine Parton, Akiko Ono was delighted to return to Fitzwilliam College with her own students, carrying on Lord Menuhin’s legacy of dedication to music and music education.

Every summer Fitzwilliam is a hive of activity when the College hosts summer schools covering a wide range of subjects. We extend a warm welcome to hundreds of students from around the world, many of whose courses have been returning for over 15 years. We are often told by overseas guests who pass through Fitzwilliam College in the summer that they find living in a Cambridge college an interesting and very fulfilling experience, and an opportunity not to be missed! The academic ambience motivates the students to work at their studies, whilst tasting life as a Cambridge student. It also gives them the opportunity to network with other visiting students.

Rory Wilkinson (1973) is Chairman of Bucksmore Education, which provides summer and Easter courses for international students throughout the UK. He has been responsible for bringing students from China to his old College for the past 15 years, initially with Cambridge Centre for English Studies and then from 2010 with Bucksmore Education, giving the students a taste of Cambridge academia. Rory looks back on his own experience as a student in the 1970s:

When I first went up to Fitzwilliam I was on B Staircase and a fence and trees separated A staircase from the Grove and its gardens. I remember standing in the doorway thinking this is a very small room! However, I came to love the room and Fitzwilliam, and that memory of standing in the doorway on B staircase with these specific thoughts faded as memories often do. At that time there was no reason at all to think that that the College would be in any way connected to my future life.

Since the 1980s I have been involved in language travel, and from 2001 have been filling bedrooms at Fitzwilliam and other colleges with International students in the summer period. As I stood once again in that same doorway of B Staircase, where the Chinese students are accommodated, I get a real feeling of déjà vu. It has been a wonderful experience returning to Fitzwilliam – not only because it is my old college and special to me, but also every year the rooms have got better and better. The development and refurbishment of the College has been wonderful to see since my time as a student, and consequently is often the college of choice for Chinese students. They like the campus feel to the college, the tranquil gardens with a variety of buildings. All the staff are magnificent with the students: they appreciate the catering staff, housekeepers and the Porters who look after them. But above all they love Fitzwilliam because it is modern! Old buildings don’t go down well at all with our Chinese clients: they much prefer modern buildings! At Fitzwilliam the students are comfortably accommodated and that is why we put two of our new four-week University student courses in Fitzwilliam this year – one on Nanotechnology and the other on Entrepreneurship.

But it is not only Chinese students my company have accommodated at Fitzwilliam during the summer. In previous years, it was more likely to be over 54 different nationalities as is the norm during the summer period and Fitzwilliam has always been one of our most important Cambridge centres for Bucksmore Education. It also means a lot of students since 2001, well over 5000 student-weeks!

Over the years Fitzwilliam College has built up an excellent reputation for providing first-class facilities, outstanding catering and a dedicated and enthusiastic team to ensure everything goes according to plan! Although not always as a direct recommendation, many people have been influenced to use the College for a number of purposes, including annual lectures and summer schools by the Fellows and staff at Fitzwilliam whom they know.

Although summer-school numbers can fluctuate influenced more often than not by current economic
trends and international politics, probably even more
so now due to Brexit, it is encouraging to know that
some summer programmes are expanding, and looking
for accommodation at other venues. Rebecca and Peter
Clarke, Directors of Cambridge Programmes Ltd, were
faced with this predicament. The Programme had grown
from 50 students from two schools in Hong Kong in
the first year to 250 students from ten top academic
schools in Australia, Hong Kong and Malaysia.

Rebecca Clarke explained:

The Programme has now established a very strong reputation
in Hong Kong where I came from. With potential for further growth,
we were delighted to be able to expand from Churchill College to
Fitzwilliam College to host some of our younger students. This move
was made possible as Peter and I have known both the Master and
the Bursar for nearly 20 years. Whilst I was a Conference Manager
at Sidney Sussex over 15 years ago, I worked on a committee with
Caroline Choat, and very much respect her professionalism.

This summer Fitzwilliam College was host to a total of 72
children aged 11–12 accompanied by eight teachers for two weeks
in July and August. A total of 12 Cambridge Undergraduates
and Graduates were engaged, and resided in College to mentor
and look after this group of children.

Why did we choose Fitzwilliam? We needed a warm welcoming
College with an understanding of young children, ideally close to
Churchill College. With our strong links with the Far East, we
appreciate the College’s famous alumnus Lee Kuan Yew. We are
most grateful to Fitzwilliam staff who were absolutely excellent
in providing us with first-class facilities and catering which leave
an especially memorable time for all our participants.

It is always a pleasure to welcome back alumni,
especially if they have not used Fitzwilliam for an event
in the past. We were delighted to host a special canapé
reception followed by a dinner for invited guests of
Professor Dr Christopher Chen (1979), following the
annual National University of Singapore – Cambridge
Symposium on 6 October 2016. Professor Chen explained
the special link which exists between Fitzwilliam College
and Singapore’s national history:

I was given the pleasant task of helping to plan the annual
National University of Singapore – Cambridge Symposium, held
on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus on October 6th 2016, on
the topic of ‘Old Brains: Pathways to neurodegeneration, not
forgetting the vessels’. It was opportune that Dr Helen Bettinson
was visiting Singapore and we had the opportunity to discuss
hosting a reception for Singaporean and Malaysian biomedical
students after the symposium. We agreed that this reception
and the dinner which followed was a splendid opportunity to get
together and discuss ways of improving collaborations as well as
career development.

Personally, it is always a pleasure to be able to visit Cambridge
University, and in particular Fitzwilliam College, which occupies
a very special place in Singapore’s national history and has many
students from the region. The College has been transformed since
I came up in 1979 and I envy the facilities available to present-day
students. I am also certain that the dining options in Hall have
changed from the culture shock I experienced when rice was offered
as a vegetable option!

My colleagues and I very much wish to thank the Master,
Mrs Padfield, for her warm welcome and for hosting the reception
which was so much enjoyed by faculty and students. We were also
very touched by the display of the gift to the College from former
Singaporean and Malaysian students including the late Mr Lee
Kuan Yew. It was a tangible memorial to long and deep bonds.

Finally, I wish to thank Caroline Choat for the very efficient
and professional organisation of the reception and dinner. All of us
thought that the quality of the food and drink was high and that
the level of service exceptional.

Another newcomer to arranging a special event at
Fitzwilliam was Jonathan Price (1967). He immediately
thought of his old College when looking for the right
venue to hold a special dinner. Jonathan came up to
Cambridge with his Masters sculling squad based at
Bewdley Rowing Club, Worcestershire to take part in
the Cambridge Autumn Head of the River Race on
Saturday 15 October, 2016. Although Jonathan was the only
Fitzwilliam alumnus in the party, he knew that ‘Fantastic
Fitz’ would treat them all as one big, happy family!

We are a squad of 70 year olds who scull three times each week
at Bewdley Rowing Club; we used to be known as Veteran Scullers
but British Rowing abandoned that name a few years ago and
replaced us as Master Scullers – an ambitious title, I think.

We entered as quad sculls and as there were eight of us we
put one quad in an early division and another in the following
division. The race is timed and our first quad managed to beat
our second quad by six seconds over the 2600 metre course from
Baitsbite Lock to Chesterton Foot Bridge. Modesty forbids me from
revealing which quad had me on board! We raced in near perfect
conditions on the River Cam and in glorious sunshine. Cambridge
looked an absolute treat.

We had also brought our wives and partners for support and
good company so we were a party of 16 people altogether.
We wanted a special dinner together for the Saturday evening and so
I enquired of Fitzwilliam College Catering & Events Office whether
a private dinner in College could be accommodated. How fortunate
that I did so, as we were not to be disappointed. We were allocated
the Old SCR and all arrangements were put in hand by the Catering
& Events Office with great efficiency and goodwill; so, the food
menu was chosen from the wide choices offered, College wines and
port were chosen and special menu cards were printed for us. We
were provided with pre-dinner bubbly drinks, and our superb meal
was served in our private dining room by cheerful and friendly hosts
for whom nothing was too much trouble. Our after-dinner speeches
drew our memorable evening to a hilarious close.

I was the only Fitz alumnus in our party and it was interesting
to see how all the guests were so grateful for the way in which all at
Fitz looked after us and even disbelieving that an evening such as this could possibly be arranged at all. So a tremendous thank-you to Caroline and Georgina from the Catering & Events Office and everyone else who contributed to our enjoyment. Any other Fitz alumni wishing to arrange a private party should take up the opportunity of doing so at College – it was Fitz Fantastic!

Special events at Fitzwilliam College have continued to go from strength to strength, with a wide variety of celebrations. We are finding that more Alumni wish to return to College to hold their nuptials, particularly when this signifies where they found true love. Although we cannot compete with the historic, traditional settings of colleges like Queens’ and King’s Colleges, Fitzwilliam still has a natural charm with its distinctive classic architecture and beautiful gardens making it the perfect backdrop for any special occasion. The College reputation for weddings is growing each year, and in the spring and summer of 2016 we had five weddings, four of which were for Fitz Alumni.

In the spring of 2016 the College hosted the wedding reception of Mark Cardwell and Sarah Bliss on Saturday 19 March. Mark is the son of Professor David Cardwell, who kindly put together this report.

Altogether around 120 guests joined the wedding party for the wedding breakfast in the recently-refurbished Upper Hall, following the official ceremony at St Hugh’s Church, Buckden. This provided the perfect setting for an outstanding meal, with the variable lighting setting the mood for the event perfectly.

The wedding party and guests then moved to the Auditorium for the evening celebrations, which was the ideal venue for dancing and singing, including the groom’s rendition of John Legend’s ‘All Of Me Loves All Of You’ (there wasn’t a dry eye in the place!). Fitz provided the inevitably popular bar and the hog roast in the marque outside the Auditorium went down particularly well. The guests were left with lasting memories of a hugely successful and happy event made entirely possible by the College and its remarkable staff, who went way beyond the call of duty.

As a postscript, David added his own personal thanks to everyone at Fitzwilliam:

I would like to offer my sincere thanks for making Mark and Sarah’s wedding such a success last Saturday. Every aspect of the day went well, and it was particularly clear that you all pulled out all the stops. The food was outstanding, the service impeccable and the organisation flawless. Of course Mark and Sarah were delighted. Personally, I was hugely proud of both of them and of the College.

More couples now want to hold their marriage ceremony in the College Chapel, with the College Chaplain, the Revd Helen Arnold officiating. Wedding guests have a breath-taking view of the Grove and Chapel Lawn, which are beautiful at this time of the year, having been lovingly tended by Steve Kidger, Head Gardener, and his team.

The different architectural styles are complemented by the gardens, shrubbery and herbaceous borders, providing the perfect location for a wedding.

In the summer, the first couple to tie the knot were Thomas Geh (2010) and Imogene Fletcher on Sunday 13 August. Imogene told how they split their big day between Christ’s College and Fitzwilliam:

Thomas and I got married on Sunday 13th July 2016. The ceremony was held at Christ’s College where I studied Natural Sciences and the reception was held at Fitzwilliam College, where Thomas studied Medicine. Cambridge was the obvious place for us to hold our wedding – it is where we met and still live today. Once we decided to have the wedding in Cambridge, it made perfect sense to split the day between our two colleges, which we are both very fond of and where we have many happy memories. Many of our university friends from both colleges were able to come to the wedding which was really fantastic!

At Fitzwilliam College, we had a delicious wedding breakfast which many of our guests really enjoyed – the chocolate brownie dessert was a favourite! We also had a drinks reception and a BBQ buffet in the evening just before the disco kicked in. Thomas and I ended the night at 00:30 by going straight to Heathrow airport. We caught an early morning flight to Barcelona where we then boarded a Mediterranean cruise. It really was an incredibly busy day and evening, but one which we thoroughly enjoyed and will certainly never forget!
variety of architecture to use as backdrops for photos, and we will always cherish the memories of the day. To top it all off, the kitchens excelled themselves in providing a dinner consisting of all our favourite foods, cooked to perfection. We wouldn’t have changed a thing.

The marriage of Alexandra Hirst (2005) and Rob Jamieson took place in the College Chapel, in front of a large gathering of family and friends. The couple were delighted by the way the planning and organisation of the wedding had gone both in the run up to and on the day itself.

Robert and I did not meet at Fitzwilliam but spent a considerable amount of time together there in the early days of our – now ten-year – relationship. It is a place full of happy memories and where we have both forged firm friendships both with our peers, College staff and Fellows. We were therefore delighted to have the opportunity to hold our wedding ceremony and reception at College, based around the Grove Lawn. In the run up to our wedding in August we met with the College Chaplain and the events team who helped us make the arrangements and discuss how we envisaged the day. It was so helpful that College was able to assist in almost every aspect of the arrangements; whether it be champagne, rooms for guests, speakers or canapés – we were even able to source the wonderful ceilidh band via the University.

When I arrived in College a few days prior to the wedding I had thoughtfully been allocated my fourth-year room. A home from home! It was very calming being back in the peaceful environs of College, and a nice base for family and friends who were assisting in preparations the day before. They gratefully sampled the offerings of the buttry breakfast and wandered in the ever-beautiful gardens.

Thanks to the efforts of all involved, the day ran perfectly (despite having been planned as an outdoor BBQ which was somewhat thwarted by gale-force winds and weather warnings). The organist played beautifully, the ceremony was charming and the Chapel wonderfully atmospheric. We had a champagne reception in the upper part of the auditorium – which provided welcome shelter from the rain. Thereafter the downstairs area was transformed with flowers and garlands for an indoor BBQ. Dancing ensued into the wee hours. Nicky Padfield kindly facilitated a group photo from The Grove, and we were very grateful for her kind wishes.

Everyone commented about how well looked after they had been. We cannot thank the staff of Fitzwilliam enough for their dedication and professionalism and we hope these individuals who were involved in the day know how very grateful we are and what a good impression the college they made to those who are not already familiar with the consistent warmth and camaraderie for which the College is rightly known.

We know that a wedding day is all about the bride and groom, but we also know it is also about the mother-of-the-bride. It is the day her daughter gets married, a major moment in any woman’s life. Just as the couple is filled with a range of emotions – everything from excitement, nerves and sheer joy – mothers are experiencing the same feelings. Mother-of-the-bride Dr Rosemary Rayner, writes about the arrangements Fitzwilliam put in place for her daughter, Rachel Rayner (2005) when she married David Hopkinson (2009) in the College Chapel on Saturday 27 August.

Rachel and David met at Fitzwilliam College in 2010 when Rachel was studying Veterinary Medicine and David was doing his PhD in Engineering. They now live in Bishop’s Stortford. They chose to have their wedding at Fitzwilliam because of the happy memories associated with the events they had attended together, and the large number of Cambridge friends who would be attending the wedding.

The arrangements for the wedding started with meetings with the College Chaplain and an application for a wedding licence from the Anglican Church. We had two meetings with the conference organiser and the catering department between December 2015 and July 2016. The rest of the organisation was largely done by email. Final numbers were not available until about two weeks before the wedding.

The bride, her father and the bridesmaids arrived in a horse-drawn carriage and they could be seen walking across the lawn to the Chapel, which was beautiful. The Chapel accommodated around 100 people, including a choir, and additionally we had 25 people in the crypt. The registers were signed in the crypt.

The setting of the Chapel lawn was beautiful for the photographs and we were able to throw confetti down the avenue of lime trees towards the horse drawn carriage, which took the bride and groom and flower girls for another ride on Stoney’s Way.

Canapés and drinks were served on the lawn. The reception was held in the dining room, which easily accommodated 120 people, including a choir, and additionally we had 25 people in the crypt with a video link from above. The registers were signed in the crypt.

The setting of the Chapel lawn was beautiful for the photographs and we were able to throw confetti down the avenue of lime trees towards the horse drawn carriage, which took the bride and groom and flower girls for another ride on Stoney’s Way.

Canapés and drinks were served on the lawn. The reception was held in the dining room, which easily accommodated 120 people for the meal and we invited a further 30 people in the evening, when there was a band.

It was a very happy occasion and it was wonderful to have the service and the reception at the same venue, where guests could also stay if they wished. The College staff were quietly efficient on the day and we had a contingency plan for bad weather, which fortunately was not needed. Cambridge was a wonderful place to visit for those who had travelled from overseas and a nostalgic setting for those who were alumni of the University. We just wish we could do it all again!

However, the bride and groom wanted the final comment on the most magical day of their life, which clearly shows why Alumni wish to return to Fitzwilliam to celebrate such an important event.

We couldn’t have had our wedding anywhere other than at Fitzwilliam. From the moment we met after an MCR concert in the Chapel in my fifth year of reading veterinary medicine, right through to David’s PhD graduation when our families first began to get to know each other, it has been a place of nothing but great
special occasion or a reception, a small meeting or a large residential conference. Our state-of-the-art conference facilities, the architectural splendour and peaceful setting of the College along with high standards of customer service from our experienced and enthusiastic staff, will always ensure your event will be memorable.

If you are planning an event, or have an idea for something in the future that you would like to discuss, please contact Caroline Choat, Conference & Events Office Manager, or a member of our dedicated Catering & Events team. We look forward to hearing from you.

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happiness for us. It is such a blessing to have had our special day there with all of our extended family and so many great friends, many of whom also enjoyed sharing many fond memories of their time at Fitz during the bank holiday weekend. College life gave us both so much of what makes us who we are today, and having our wedding there was a great symbol of that as well as of the continued connection we will always feel with the College and its community, both in Cambridge and further afield. We would like to say thank you once again to all the College staff who made the wedding possible and to all those who enriched our lives through education and friendship throughout our time there.

These are just a few examples of special events held at Fitzwilliam College. We do hope you have been impressed by the quality of testimonials we have received and that you will think of your old College when you are planning a

Lime Tree Avenue as a ceremonial approach to the College: the wedding of Rachel Rayner and David Hopkinson

Stephanie Hughes
THE FITZWILLIAM SOCIETY

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

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

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

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

- publish the Fitzwilliam Journal
- fund awards, scholarships, prizes and debates (p. 33)
- provide funds to support other student activities
- provide the Career Network and an annual Careers Fair (p. 85)
- organise the annual College Reunion
- organise other reunions, including the annual London dinner and events in the UK and overseas.

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

DINING IN COLLEGE

All graduates of Fitzwilliam are reminded that they have High Table Dining Rights of one free meal per term and are entitled to further meals at their own expense. As for Fellows, the cost of drinks before, during and after dinner is charged to the member. If you are in Cambridge and wish to take advantage of this privilege, please book in by telephone to the Steward’s Secretary on (01223) 332021, at least a day in advance. As there are several occasions throughout the year when dining is available for Fellows and invited guests only, it is advisable to check with the Steward’s secretary in good time if there is a particular date when you wish to dine.

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