
**Music Awards**


**Other Awards and Prizes**

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In addition, thirteen students received support from the E.D. Davies Fund for instrumental or singing lessons.

**Graduate-Student Awards and Support**

Graduate Research and Conference Grants
Graduate Students at Fitzwilliam, undertaking PhD or Masters studies, have access to a range of funds which support them in their research. In 2017–2018, a total of about £85 awards (worth almost £22,000 in total) were made, for conference attendance and field-work, from sources which included the Fitzwilliam Society Trust Fund Research Fund, the Student Opportunities Fund, the Graduate Tutors’ Fund and the Cuthbert-Edwards Fund.

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

The Totality of Graduate-Student Support
In 2017–2018, about 216 awards were made to graduate students. The total value of graduate-student scholarships and prizes, maintenance support, and support of academic and other activities was close to £255,900.
GENERAL ADMISSION 2018

On Saturday 30 June 2018, 120 graduands were admitted to their degrees in person. Of these, 118 received the degree of BA (of whom 28 on four-year courses received MEng, MMath or MSci in addition to the BA), whilst two received the degree of VetMB.
Dissertations Approved

The following dissertations were approved for the degree of PhD during the year 2017–2018.

S. Adler: Ludwig Zinzendorf’s political economy in the Habsburg Monarchy, 1750–1774

M. Ainte: NMR techniques for measuring transport phenomena in microporous materials

Y. Brody: Integrated quantum light sources for on-chip quantum information processing

C. J. Campbell: Time to quit? Non-genetic heterogeneity in cell fate propensity after DNA damage

K.X. Chan: Morphological and physiological studies of the carbon concentrating mechanism in Chlamydomonas reinhardtii

L.G. Chávez Díaz: Based on true stories: representing the self and the other in Latin American documentary narratives

J. Chu: Orbital angular momentum encoding/decoding of 2D images for scalable multiview colour displays

L.R. Cowton: Monitoring sub-surface storage of carbon dioxide

M.F. de Campos: Resistance to Jesus in the gospel of Mark

A.A. Esmail: Charge dynamics in superconducting double dots

S. Goff: Physical culture and the embodied Soviet subject, 1921–1939: surveillance, aesthetics, spectatorship

R. Hao: Investigation into the production of carbonates and oxides from synthetic brine through carbon sequestration

R.E. Hardisty: Methods to probe the function of modified bases in DNA

Y. Hirose: Technology venture emergence characterisation

J. L. Hobbs: MILD combustion of ethanol and n-heptane sprays

A.C. Hodgson: Microfluidic devices for the investigation of pluripotency in embryonic stem cells

N. Jones: Designing shock control bumps for transonic commercial aircraft

J.H. Kim: Rethinking Vivekananda through space and territorialised spirituality, c. 1880–1920

D. Lerup: Being-with-each-other-for-the-world: exposure and eco-immanence in Bataille, Deleuze, and Nancy

F. Lima: Photoredox C-C cross-coupling reactions using boronic acid derivatives

S. Liu: Hydrometallurgically generated nanostructured lead (II) oxide from depleted lead-acid batteries for potential reuse in next generation electrochemical systems

I. Mastoris: The life cycle management and intellectual capital factors that influence the integration of sustainability in organisational processes

C.S. Mostajeran: Invariant differential positivity — monotonicity on nonlinear spaces

J. Muenzner: Viral subversion of host cell membrane trafficking

R. Shakur: Modelling hypertrophic cardiomyopathy: implications for personalised medicine

S. Strong: The production of poverty: politics, place, and social abandonment in Blaenau Gwent, Wales

S. Theil: Towards the environmental minimum – an argument for environmental protection through human rights

D. Torrance: Christian kinship: relatedness in Christian practice and moral thought

D. Turban: Electronic structure modelling of singlet fission in organic photovoltaics

M.D. Vine: Between the event and the ordinary: climate crises and the ecologies of everyday life in the California Desert

P.W. Walsh: The legislature in immigration policy-making: a liberal constraint?

S. Wang: The development of automated zero-discharge fluid dynamic gauging for studying soft solid surface layers

W. Zhao: Improvement in the growth and superconducting properties of bulk Sm-Ba-Cu-O superconductors fabricated in air

Arrol Adam 2018 Poetry Prize

The contributions by Corinne Clark and by Lucy Wan were rated equal first.

Corinne Clark – Raspberries

I am raspberry picking.
No, pulling not picking,
The ticking of flies
And the clicking of stalks,
With the slicking of fingers
And the sweat that pools,
Down the chalk of my neck,
The unwritten board,
Of a bored summer’s day.

I am pulling the small cramped fruit,
Pursed and wrinkled
A baby-mouthed bud,
Sucking and clinging
To the hidden green prisms,
The risen clean schisms,
That grow between
The pulling of my fingers,
And the hugging, tugging
Raspberry.

Lucy Wan – Here lies the virginal strength of man

Here lies the virginal strength of man
Which no fall of heavy snow can drown;
The grave itself unmarked, and unremarkable
In the fallow-grey breath-beat of time.

They buried it the first sun-kissed chance they had,
Those early settlers with heaven to their name.
Bereft and alone, but alert, unimpaired;
The shovels chase the chaos to the ground.

Today’s soil shrieks with envy, fever dreams and desires
Small arm-shoots limber up to clutch at air
But the great gulf of living lives and engulfs
And buries once again what is there.
DAIICHI STUDENT EXCHANGE

The Tsuzuki Scholarship has for nineteen years enabled students from Fitzwilliam College and from St Anne’s College, Oxford to study Japanese and immerse themselves in a very different but rich culture. Every year, students take up places at the Daiichi Japan University of Economics (JUE) in Fukuoka, the largest city in the southern island of Kyushu – a coastal city which faces South Korea across the straits. The scholarship is entirely funded by the Tsuzuki Education Group (a Trust comprising some fifty institutions which supports 70,000 children and young people at all stages of education from kindergarten through to university) and includes return airfare, accommodation, all meals, and language-tuition fees.

For the academic year 2017–2018, five students from Fitzwilliam College were awarded the scholarship: Emily Clark, Ian Samir Yep Manzano, Gabriel Lei, Ellie Whitlock and Michal Tkocz (all 2014). Ian reported:

From Monday to Friday, we attended Japanese-language classes at the main university campus. We were taught by four highly experienced teachers, who all had their own very distinct styles and took us from zero to a decent level of competency over the course of ten months. Our lessons followed a couple of different textbooks but were always sprinkled with plenty of spontaneous conversation, jokes, and cultural experiences. Once a week, we also had a class on Japanese history, which in the last term was used as a Japanese-to-English translation seminar in which we covered a short story by the Nobel Prize winning author Oe Kenzaburo. The classes not only taught us a lot about their language and culture, but were always sprinkled with plenty of spontaneous conversation, jokes, and cultural experiences. Once a week, we also had a class on Japanese history, which in the last term was used as a Japanese-to-English translation seminar in which we covered a short story by the Nobel Prize winning author Oe Kenzaburo. The classes not only taught us a lot about their language and culture, but were always sprinkled with plenty of spontaneous conversation, jokes, and cultural experiences. Once a week, we also had a class on Japanese history, which in the last term was used as a Japanese-to-English translation seminar in which we covered a short story by the Nobel Prize winning author Oe Kenzaburo.

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For weekends and long holidays, we had many opportunities to participate in special events in the city and explore Kyushu and beyond. We were strongly encouraged to search for the hidden gems of each prefecture. Surrounded by beautiful nature, Kyushu enjoys a diverse range of unforgettable sceneries, even more so blessed by the distinct seasonality of the Japan Archipelago. Long histories of the land of Kyushu also developed amazing folk cultures and festivals. However, the most unforgettable aspect was the experience of Japanese hospitality and the interesting dialogues with Japanese locals when travelling around the country. Even with a language barrier, locals were curious of foreign cultures and happily shared their own stories in the land of the rising sun.

Central to the scholarship, teaching comprised most of our time in Fukuoka other than that occupied by Japanese lessons. As volunteers of the Linden Hall Elementary and High Schools, we enjoyed our time engaging with the students. Participating in various school activities such as sports day and mochi making deepened our relationship with the students. Initially breaking the ice was hard, but over time we were finally recognised as part of the bigger Linden Hall family. Nothing was more rewarding than seeing delighted faces from the students after a day of hard work.

As part of the aforementioned teaching engagement at the Linden Hall schools, some of the scholars had the opportunity to tutor at Linden Hall High School. This comprised two main responsibilities: firstly, we gave one-to-one reading sessions, usually going through a fiction or non-fiction work chosen by the student, either helping overcome the linguistic challenge posed by a given passage or diving deeper into actual analysis of the text, depending on the student’s language level. Secondly, we helped students approaching high-school graduation think about topics in their Theory of Knowledge (TOK) class and structure their thoughts in a way compatible with the requirements of this particular subject. We found students at Linden Hall to be on a very high level, both in terms of language and analytical ability and it was a pleasure to teach them. Furthermore, most of us found that we could have a greater contribution to the students’ skills in the Theory of Knowledge sessions, thanks to the concretely defined content of the course and some great engagement from the students. Both Linden Hall schools have a warm academic atmosphere and magnificent teachers so it was an honour to be engaged in these institutions.

The scholarship provided us with all the necessary amenities that we required to live comfortably in Japan for the year. This included accommodation spread across two dormitories, Oxford House and Cambridge House, alongside Wes Anderson-esque canteens in both, offering free breakfast, lunch and dinner throughout the week. The canteens were very accommodating to our personal dietary requirements (the vegetarian options were specially made and varied) and they even prepared themed foods for festival days. Whilst Cambridge House came equipped with its own karaoke room, accessible to all the students who lived at the dorm, Oxford House similarly had its own perks with an indoor and outdoor rock-lined onsen that many scholars enjoyed throughout the year. Furthermore, students in both houses were given sizeable rooms with desk spaces, walk-in wardrobes and en-suites. Though Cambridge House had access to a communal kitchen, each student in Oxford House had access to their own personal kitchenette. Additionally, both dormitories had easily accessible laundry rooms and numerous vending machines. On top of this, the scholarship even provided us with bikes to travel conveniently throughout our local areas and we were collected from the airport by the JUE mini-bus, which was particularly useful as we didn’t really have our bearings upon arrival. Overall, it was pretty cushy.

While some of us have now returned to the UK and others have chosen to continue life in Asia, we will all keep building on our newly-acquired language skills. The scholarship is a unique opportunity and although living abroad for any length of time presents its challenges, the experience is one which has given us lasting memories.

IAN SAMIR YEP MANZANO (2014)
THE JUNIOR COMBINATION ROOM

JCR Committee Members
President: Matt Hill
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Website Officer: Tom Benn
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Treasurer: Will Legood
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International Officer: Adnan Allawala
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Target and Access Officers: Finn Manders & Tom Walden
Entertainment Executive: Georgia Gridley
Entertainment Officers: Henry Sainsbury, Lydia Persico*
& Emily Insanally
Ethical Affairs Executive: Caitlin Walker
Charities Officer: Bill Anderson-Samways
Green Officer: Joe Everest
* in Lent and Easter 2018

A new year brings new opportunities for the JCR to improve the life of undergraduates at Fitzwilliam. A successful year all round for the JCR has built on the work of the previous committee. As President, I am proud and privileged to be able to represent the students at this fantastic college, but as well as this I am lucky to have such a well-driven and hard-working team in the form of the rest of the JCR Committee, to support all of the work we do. As ever, changes for the better have been made for the undergraduates here at Fitzwilliam and this is something that I am sure will continue well into the future. With new members to the JCR as well as some returning from the old crowd, the mix of experience and new ideas will go a long way to continuing the improvement of life at Fitzwilliam. This year, a full JCR Committee will help take Fitzwilliam to the next level.

This academic year welcomed a new set of Freshers to start their journeys at Fitzwilliam, with the work of the substantial Freshers Committee, former Ents’ Committee, and other members of the previous JCR Committee, the week was deemed as a great success – even with the stress levels that went with it. As is customary there were several nights out organised in Cambridge, along with the legendary bar/pub crawl. A sold-out Fitz Up Look Sharp event was probably the highlight of the week for most, but the fun was not solely limited to those with a preference for alcohol. New schemes and initiatives for non-drinkers were also available, with the staple board-games session, film night and ‘pub quiz’. Thanks to the hard work of a dedicated few, the opportunity for reduced punting sessions and a film night out were also available for the new arrivals. A successful Lent Term Fitz Up Look Sharp was undertaken with great care and attention by Ents’ Executive Georgia Gridley and the Ents’ Officers, Henry Sainsbury, Lydia Persico and Emily Insanally.

In terms of the Committee, the Vice-President Rachael Willson has been in the highest esteem. The changes to the housing ballot were well received and helped to clear up many of the niggling issues that have gone before. This changes were not made in solitude, however, and close work with the Website Officer (Tom Benn) was vital in this process. As well as College, JCR and CUSU meetings, the ‘V-P’ also organises the allocation of ‘parents’ to the incoming Freshers in October 2018.

Treasurer Will Legood campaigned upon getting a card payment system for the JCR for all its events and relevant activities. It was something he was proud to achieve during his tenure in the role. The card-reader system will allow a range of payments to be made and will allow the JCR to move forward technologically into the future.

The Secretary Ben Haigh has the important job of creating the agenda and collecting the Minutes for the bi-weekly JCR meetings, thus helping to keep the team informed with an up to date record of discussions. The Website Officer Tom Benn has been hard at work producing a new and more cost-effective JCR website for the future. To complete the Communications Sub-committee, Publications Officer Tom Knight has reintroduced the Goat Post (following a one-term hiatus)
along with creating a new Alternative Prospectus – one that should be up-to-date and relevant to prospective students for the next few years.

With the Fitzwilliam shadowing scheme now running into its third year, the hard work of the Target and Access Committee was welcomed. Around 16 sixth-form students attended and had a wonderful few days, getting to learn more about the ins and outs of Fitzwilliam life, and getting to know what it is like to be a student at this University. Yusuf Uddin and his Target and Access officers Finn Manders and Tom Walden, are continuing the hard work that has gone before them.

The Welfare Team in Zoe Cohen and Angus Williams have brought with them renewed energy and new initiatives to undergraduates. A dog therapy day was my personal highlight of the new initiatives. Along with the rest of the Sub-committee, the team has put in huge amounts of work to make sure everyone at Fitzwilliam is catered for.

The LGBT+ Officer Iona MacPherson was proud to be the first in that role to have had the privilege of the ‘rainbow’ flag flying from the flagpole in February 2018 for LGBT+ History Month.

The Women’s Officers Jordana Price and Ellie Brain have worked tirelessly in their role. Not only have they organised a FemSoc group in Fitzwilliam, but they have also procured sanitary products to be placed in the toilets around the College for those who need them, for free. A welcome and great change to improve the lives of many.

Finally, there have been regular drop-in sessions that have been run by Richard Sharman for those who may seek help and guidance for mental health and disabilities, a useful tool in addition to the regular welfare-executive drop-in sessions.

Looking further afield, International Officer Adnan Allawala has liaised with other colleges to organise a successful International Freshers’ Week, along with the everyday duties of helping to improve the experience of international students at Fitzwilliam.

The Ethical Affairs Committee, with Executive Caitlin Walker, have looked to make promising changes to environmental and ethical policy. The implementation of water taps in the Café and the Battenery have been well-received additions. Further to this, Green Officer Joe Everest has endeavoured to introduce a food-waste scheme to each corridor, one which will follow a similar method to our neighbours at Churchill. Charities Officer Bill Anderson-Samways has also maintained the good work from the previous committee. The Ethical Affairs team have worked tirelessly and well together this year.

While the large-scale changes and events are hard to miss, the entire JCR works hard on an everyday basis to support a large breadth of projects and activities inside and outside the academic calendar. This is highlighted, for example, by Formal Halls; the BME Formal (BME Officer Ramnik Uppal), the LGBT+ Formal, the Women’s Dinner – to name but a few.

It has been a pleasure to work for two years on the JCR Committee, both as an Ents’ Officer and President. This last year has been no stranger to controversy in Cambridge regarding drinking societies. It has been useful to have such an accessible and responsive set of College Committees, along with a dutiful JCR to help tackle the issues at hand. In accordance with the College motto, Fitzwilliam really is the best of the old and the new, and I truly believe it is the best place to be a student in Cambridge. Fitzwilliam is an open place for everyone – and long may that continue.

Matt Hill (2016), JCR President

THE MIDDLE COMBINATION ROOM

MCR Committee Members

President: Pavao Santak
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Secretary: Benjamin Shires
Treasurer: André Neto-Bradley
Technical Officer: Chaitanya Mangla
Academic Officer: Timothy Ford
Environmental Officer: Carolina Rosero
Welfare and Accommodation Officers: Winnie Yeung & Yashu Zhang
Social Secretaries: Zuzanna Stawicka, Vamsee Bheemireddy, Bluebell Drummond, Thomas Matthews Boehmner, Sara Segura Arnedo & Dominik Zajac

Organising and running events, as well as representing the Graduate Student body, is both interesting and exciting! Having benefited from some truly amazing work by previous MCR committees and from the friendliness of the College staff and the other graduate students, I am very happy to be given a chance to give something back to the College of which I feel very proud to be a part. What makes Fitzwilliam MCR unique is its friendliness, its inclusiveness, and the sense of community that permeates it. The current MCR Committee strives to build on work done by previous committees, working hard to provide best possible experience for our fellow students during their time here. As a result, we have organised many diverse social and academic events throughout last year. 

Matt Hill (2016), JCR President
with the intention of making every graduate student in Fitzwilliam feel happy and appreciated.

Our social calendar always has something for students who want to get creative and show their unique costumes and dance moves. Before the start of every term, our Committee organized a party to welcome the students back after term breaks. In the Lent term, the Committee organised a Back to School Party while in the Easter term we organised a Summer Fruits Party.

Our calendar also included theme parties such as the Masquerade Party during the Fresher’s week, the Halloween Party (unsurprisingly, happening on Halloween) and Valentine’s Day Party (surprisingly, not happening on Valentine’s Day). Finally, we have also organised several special Formal Halls, such as the Christmas Formal Hall. After these formals we have a BOP in the Reddaway Room. The BOPs are enriched by the presence of a live band or a DJ who comes from our own ranks.

In addition to good ol’ parties and BOPs, our calendar also included more relaxing events. We all know that the term time in Cambridge can sometimes be very stressful and we do our best to reduce the students’ stress levels. This is why our calendar has included events like Wine and Cheese Night, Board Game Night, Puppy Day, the famous Tea and Cake, and the MCR BBQ during which we have put to use our new barbeque set (bought using the funds from the generous grant from the Fitzwilliam Society).

Intercollegiate and intracollegiate collaboration is a big component of our work. During the past year, we have organised an intercollegiate pub crawl with the MCRs from Wolfson, Murray Edwards and Emmanuel, while we have organised swaps with Wolfson, St. Catherine’s, Churchill, St. John’s and Caius. We also have a swap with Kings scheduled for this summer. We have also helped with the organisation of the Graduate Tutors’ BBQ and Garden Party last July, preparing the food for the full-time graduate students who were joined by the MSt students in Applied Criminology and in Police Management, and by Fellows, Bye-Fellows and their families. Finally, we have co-organised the ceilidh during the Burns Night Formal Hall with the JCR.

Our academic calendar has also been full of excitement. As always, we held Graduate Conferences, during which our graduate students could present their research in a setting more relaxed and informal than in their research group or at a conference. Many
As ever, the Fitzwilliam History Society held a number of fascinating talks throughout the past academic year, and they were received with considerable interest by both the College and the University communities. The Society resolved to ensure that the talks held this year were accessible to as many individuals as possible, regardless of their subjects of study in Cambridge.

In Lent, we welcomed Dr Gary Gerstle, who spoke on the changes and continuities that have emerged between the presidencies of Presidents Obama and Trump. Following this success, the Society held a number of talks pertaining to contemporary political developments. Professor David Reynolds and Dr Kristina Spohr presented a highly-authoritative interpretation on the relationship that Vladimir Putin has constructed with Western Europe and the United States in an age of digital interruption and miscommunication. To round off the term, Dr Mathias Haeussler detailed the misunderstandings that have existed between Britain and Germany during the course of the European Communities and the contemporaneous European Union. He also began a fascinating discussion on the developments taking place during the negotiations between Britain and the European Union since Article 50 was triggered in March 2017. Such debate immersed both the historians and the members of the wider College community who were attending the talk.

However, my main aim as President this year was to promote a greater degree of familiarity amongst the undergraduates in College. During my first and second years in Fitzwilliam, my contemporaries and I felt that the tradition of hosting a single dinner in the Easter Term often proved too late for the cohorts to become well acquainted with one another. As a result, I ensured that there were two dinners this year: one that was held in Michaelmas, and the other in Easter following the examination period. As always, members were encouraged to invite friends and partners with them to the dinners – and both events were resounding successes.

PAVAO SANTAK (2016), MCR President 2018–2019

The 2018–2019 academic year has been very interesting for the Fitzwilliam Law Society.

At the start of the Michaelmas term, the seniors welcomed the first-year students and ensured that they were able to settle in and cope well with the pressures...
and novelty of being law students. We organised a brief meet-up session with the first years during the first day of term in order to introduce ourselves and provide general tips. A Google Doc was set up to enable access to the notes which were generously passed down from Second and Third Years. About half-way through the term, we organised a brunch in town to provide a get-together session – and a well-earned break for all law students. This proved to be very successful and enjoyable, and gave the law students across the years a chance to interact and get to know one another better. During the sixth week of term, Freshfields organised a networking dinner with Fitzwilliam undergraduates to enable more understanding of Freshfields.

The next two terms also proved to be quite exciting. We were able to liaise with Eversheds Sutherlands and with Herbert Smith Freehills, two firms of solicitors: to organise dinners with them, and to provide those interested with an excellent opportunity to network, to have their questions about the profession answered, and to get to know solicitors of various seniorities on an informal basis. That this was limited to Fitzwilliam ensured that our students were able to optimize these networking opportunities. In Lent, the Annual Fitzwilliam Moot was organised for the nervous First Year students – who had no choice, but were conscripted into this ever-daunting, intellectually-challenging competition. The first round was judged by Sandamini Ethakada, an experienced mooter who is a Fitzwilliam alumnus. The final round was judged by His Honour Judge Kenneth Macrae, who kindly provided insights into the practical aspects of law. This final round of the Moot was followed by the highlight of the year: the Triennial Fitzwilliam Law Society Dinner. Attendees included Dean Spielmann, former President of European Court of Human Rights and an Honorary Fellow of the College (who gave the keynote address), Sidharth Luthra, senior advocate at the Supreme Court of India, and other prominent Fitzwilliam alumni. Besides, working closely with our Director of Studies Dr Andreas Televantos, we were able to organise a lecture in the Gordon Cameron Lecture Theatre of the College on Constructive Trust and Proprietary Estoppel given by Amanda Tipples QC of Maitland Chambers, Chairman of the Chancery Bar Association.

STEPHANIE SINCLAIR (2015) & PHENG CHEW TAN (2015), Presidents

Enterprise Society

Fitz Enterprise is an intimate society which has the aim to inspire, educate and connect entrepreneurially-minded members of the College, and to nurture the network of past, present and future Fitzwilliam entrepreneurs. There has been a notable increase in membership this year and wider participation in our events.

Peter Cowley presented a very insightful talk at our event in the Michaelmas term. Peter was UK Business Angels Association Angel Investor of the Year for 2014–2015; he is a Fellow in Entrepreneurship at the Cambridge Judge Business School; he is the founder of 12 companies, has invested in over 50 start-ups, is a non-executive director or board observer of seven of these, and advises many others. Peter’s talk, entitled How to fund your start-up, was an agglomeration of lessons from his vast experience as an entrepreneur and an investor. The talk was followed by a lengthy session of questions from the audience.

In the Lent term, we organised a new event entitled Hill Colleges Start-up Evening – a networking event for students interested in start-ups and entrepreneurship. For this event, we invited students from our neighbouring colleges: Churchill, Murray Edwards, St Edmund’s and Lucy Cavendish. The event was organised in collaboration with Propel by Deloitte. Propel is a new service launched by Deloitte for start-ups and small-to-medium size enterprises. One of their clients, Jacob Wedderburn-Day – CEO of CityStasher – presented his story of starting the company, raising capital and managing its growth amid emerging competition. This was followed by a session on elevator pitches with plenty of audience participation.

CHAITANYA MANGLA (2016)

Geography Society

In 2017–2018, the Fitzwilliam Geography Society contained twenty-three undergraduates; Ben Platt was President, Mishbah Malik the Vice-President, and Matt Hill the Secretary. The year began with an informal gathering in the JCR on 5 October. This was a great opportunity for the incoming Geographers to mingle with the current second and third years and begin to shape the Fitzwilliam community. On 11 October, informal drinks were organized in Wilson Court, followed by a walk to the Tandoori Palace for a curry. This presented a brilliant opportunity for further inter-year mingling.

The annual geography weekend away took place on the penultimate weekend of the Michaelmas term. We spent the weekend in the Hunstanton YHA, at Hunstanton on the North Norfolk coast. On the first night we prepared our dinners – basic microwave cookery – and played icebreaker games and got an early night in preparation for our annual walk. On the Saturday, we set off for a wonderful walk in the beaming late November sunshine, up Hunstanton Beach, eventually arriving at the beautiful Holme Dunes National Nature Reserve where we enjoyed a competitive game of Frisbee and football. When we arrived back at the hostel we enjoyed a lovely dinner of burritos, salad and nachos, followed by games. The next day we took a short walk to go for a pub lunch, before returning to Cambridge.

In mid Lent term the Geography Annual Dinner was held, which was attended by an eclectic mix of Fitzwilliam Geography undergraduates, graduate students, and Fellows, together with alumni from the past five years. This was a brilliant chance to see old faces and get to know the academic staff in a more informal setting, outside the supervision office. Fitzwilliam’s own Professor Bhaskar Vira provided a wonderful after-dinner speech, reflecting on a challenging but ultimately very rewarding year for the 2017–2018 Geography cohort.

BEN PLATT (2015), President
congregating for Pimm's and snacks before the start of May Week.
We would like to thank our members for making these events so wonderful, and we wish the Society and the College all the best in future.


Natural Sciences Society

The Fitzwilliam College Natural Sciences Society organises events for the 110 Fitzwilliam undergraduates, postgraduates, and Fellows conducting their studies and research in the Natural Sciences. The Society aims to facilitate intellectual discussion and exchange of ideas between Fitzwilliam scientists through talks with lecturers and professors of the University, as well as through regular social events such as formal dinners with Natural Scientists from other colleges.
Our first speaker this year was Dr Harry Leitch, a former Fitzwilliam student and Bye-Fellow, and currently a group leader at the MRC Institute of Medical Sciences in London. Dr Leitch presented an overview of his research in stem-cell and reproductive biology and the current state of the field, with particular focus on the self-renewal capabilities of germline cells and pluripotent stem cells. As both a researcher and a clinician, he also provided an honest view of the differences between the two disciplines for students considering the two career paths. Dr Leitch’s talk was followed by a formal-hall swap with the Pembroke Natural Sciences Society at Pembroke College. There, many of the Society’s members spoke to Dr Leitch about his research and his career path.

During Michaelmas Term, the Society also held weekly screenings of Blue Planet II for members of the College. In Lent Term, the Society held a joint event with the Access and Outreach Office of the College. Dr Cora Uhlemann presented her work on the cosmic web, or the Skeleton of the Universe, to an audience consisting both of Fitzwilliam scientists and of students from a London school. This was followed by a formal dinner at Fitzwilliam, where Society members, the visiting students, and Dr Uhlemann discussed Cambridge life, the admissions process, and Dr Uhlemann’s research.

The Society will continue to be led by Camelia Hamdi-Cherif in the 2018–2019 academic year.

BRYCE LIM (2015) & CAMY HAMDI-CHERIF (2016), Co-Presidents

Debating Society

The Debating Society has had another successful year. We debated topics from Catalan Independence to the MeToo Movement, drawing in new members and giving attendees engaging, thoughtful argument. There have been a number of exceptional events over the course of the year. Our annual Oswald Elliott Debate with Stamford School (named after a pupil of the school who came to Fitzwilliam Hall in 1914 and was killed in the Great War) continues successfully to develop talent at the Sixth-Form level, and to give pupils a taste of the challenges at University-Level debating. They proved themselves more than up to it: the Fitzwilliam team was defeated this year in a close contest on Free Speech under judge Claire Fox.

The Brewster Debate was another success. Set against the winter crisis of the NHS, participants debated the efficacy of privatisation as a solution to the current problems of our health service. My congratulations go to the two talented debaters who took home the £100 Brewster prizes.

The 2018 Brewster Debate, on This house believes that the NHS needs privatisation. Speaking: Sarah Schneider (Homerton, PhD); others (L–R): Matthew Frey, Yusef Uddin, Harry Balden, Patrick Nutton (Chair), Sarah Elizabeth, Erik Tayar

Our next meeting, in Lent Term, featured Visiting Fellow Professor Gill Plain, from the University of St Andrews (English 1984). Gill spoke about ‘A Difficult Sort of World’: Remaking Men in the Postwar, drawing on her research into shifting ideas of masculinity after the Second World War. Her lecture drew on examples from both prose fiction and cinema to investigate the challenge of redefining notions of the masculine in the aftermath of a period of military engagement.

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Literary Society

The Fitzwilliam LitSoc held three speaker events in 2017–2018, featuring alumni who have gone on to pursue academic research in a variety of fields. All three meetings were well attended by audiences drawn from both inside and outside the College.

In November, Leah Sidi (English 2009) gave a talk entitled Postdramatic Tragedy? The Dramaturgy of Sarah Kane, in which she discussed her research into the relationship between the dramatic technique of Kane’s play, Cleansed, and the play’s concern with psychosis. Leah’s research emerges out of a larger PhD project, which she is currently pursuing at Birkbeck College London, examining Kane’s dramaturgy in relation to developments in psychiatry and psychoanalytic theory from the 1980s to the present.

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Debating Society

The Debating Society has had another successful year. We debated topics from Catalan Independence to the MeToo Movement, drawing in new members and giving attendees engaging, thoughtful argument. There have been a number of exceptional events over the course of the year. Our annual Oswald Elliott Debate with Stamford School (named after a pupil of the school who came to Fitzwilliam Hall in 1914 and was killed in the Great War) continues successfully to develop talent at the Sixth-Form level, and to give pupils a taste of the challenges at University-Level debating. They proved themselves more than up to it: the Fitzwilliam team was defeated this year in a close contest on Free Speech under judge Claire Fox.

The Brewster Debate was another success. Set against the winter crisis of the NHS, participants debated the efficacy of privatisation as a solution to the current problems of our health service. My congratulations go to the two talented debaters who took home the £100 Brewster prizes.

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In addition, we have taken the Debating Society in new directions. In an attempt to move beyond engaging in argument solely for the sake of winning, we launched workshops and seminar-style events aimed at developing both opinions and techniques. An excellent success of this direction was in John Myers’ session on solutions to the housing crisis, and is emblematic of debating societies as spaces in which we better our arguments and ourselves, rather than just defeat opponents.

I hope that the Society continues this trend, and I thank all the committee and the members for their attendance, their contributions, and their work in support of the Society.

PATRICK NUTTON (2016), President 2018

COLLEGE MUSIC AND ART

Music Society

This year has not gone quietly. With the arrival of our new Director of Music, Catherine Groom, at the beginning of the year came an avalanche of superb concerts, convivial gatherings, and all-round musical fun in 2017–2018.

Among many inventive additions, a staple of musical life at Fitzwilliam has been a series of informal student recitals, held every Monday evening of term in the Old SCR. Featuring diverse and appealing performances in a welcoming atmosphere, this weekly event gave many students their first opportunity at performance in College. The series drew a substantial and faithful following, bringing together students, Fellows, and friends for musical pleasure and engaging conversation.

A few more highlights show just how musically active Fitzwilliam students have been. Solo recitals, held in the Chapel and the Auditorium, gave Music Scholars

Catherine Groom introducing the recital for the 1869 Foundation

Singing for Josep Carreras, in the Chapel with Richard Bateman on percussion
opportunities to tackle demanding repertoire in a more traditional concert format, including two organ programmes by Anna Sozanska, and recitals by pianists Simon King and Pierre Riley. There was no shortage of ensemble playing, either. A student-led celebration of Bach in February presented instrumental and vocal works, and ended with the audience joining in with the performers for a choral at the end! The season of Lent was marked with an evening of contemplative arias in the Chapel, including Pergolesi’s Stabat Mater. In May, we were thrilled to host our Hill-College friends when the Orchestra on the Hill gave a concert of instrumental concertos; finally, one of our music finalists, Seb Blount, spearheaded an ambitious project in Easter term, Encounters with Persian Verse, Art, and Music, in which student composers premiered new vocal works on texts by the poet Rumi. This was accompanied by a lecture on Persian verse, by a performance of Iranian classical music, and even by thematically-appropriate foods.

An evening of wine, cheese and music, with Abigail Crook, Catherine Groom, and Adrian Horsewood; Pierre Riley at piano …

... continued with the Sirens
The Music Society aims to be an outgoing presence in College and has taken part enthusiastically in Fitzwilliam’s network of friends and alumni. To mark the Commemoration of Benefactors in April, the Director of Music composed a new setting of the College Grace, for string quartet and voices. The annual lunch of the 1869 Foundation was enlivened by a performance of Purcell’s celebratory ode *Come Ye Sons of Art*, featuring four music scholars as soloists, a hand-picked choir, and a chamber orchestra of College members. When Fitzwilliam welcomed its newest Honorary Fellow, the legendary tenor Josep Carreras, it was a thrill to present him with a celebration of Catalan music – from rousing fourteenth-century pilgrimage songs, to baroque fandango, to seductive piano miniatures; all of the College’s enthusiasm, energy, and charm were conspicuously on show!

The College can be proud of an exceptionally strong professional series, hosting eminent performers and ensembles for concerts and workshops throughout the year. Two visits by the Fitzwilliam String Quartet show that our relationship with this world-renowned group is as strong as ever. Pop-up Opera, an inventive and critically acclaimed troupe founded by alumna Clementine Lovell, returned with a charming production of Humperdinck’s *Hansel and Gretel*; we look forward to their *Carmen* in the autumn of 2018!

While nurturing old partnerships, we have fostered new ones. Anne Denholm, harpist to HRH the Prince of Wales, graced the stage of the auditorium only a few days after her appearance at the royal wedding, giving us a dazzling survey of the harp repertoire. As special guests in the celebration of Persian culture (see above), the duo Nasim e-Tarab brought proceedings to a spectacular finish with some bewitching Iranian classical music. We certainly hope to see these new friends again soon!

Of course, not all music happens in a concert. The Graduate Salons in the Senior Combination Room, bringing poetry, literature, and music into dialogue around a chosen theme, were the site for some memorable encounters. One such encounter was when Bye-Fellows Catherine Groom and Deepak Venkateshvaran improvised together on the harp and the tabla, creating a unique blend of Eastern and Western sounds.

Two seasonal celebrations were opportunities to enjoy music in a more relaxed setting. On a chilly December afternoon, we shared some holiday cheer with students, Fellows, and staff during the Winter Wonderland event, featuring beloved carols, classic tunes, and plenty of mince pies! Under blue skies at our May Week garden party, a host of student ensembles played for a jolly crowd on the lawn of The Grove, with the accompaniment of strawberries, Pimm’s, and plenty of sunshine!

Music-making in College has taken many forms, from student-led events to professional concerts, but all these manifestations share a common goal – that of bringing an engaging variety of musical activity for the Fitz community to share in.

PIERRE RILEY (Music PhD, 2016)

**Fitz Swing**

The 2018 year was successful for Fitz Swing, one of Cambridge University’s premier big bands, based at Fitzwilliam College. Starting the year with only five returning members looked challenging to the new committee, but after two full days of auditions all 18 places in the band were filled with a wonderful new line-up and rehearsals were able to begin. The band worked throughout Michaelmas term perfecting over an hour of big-band repertoire, working on favourites by Count Basie and Sammy Nestico as well as arrangements by past and present band members. Subsets of the band appeared all over Cambridge during Michaelmas, playing at disco nights in the College bar, at the Christmas Lights Switch On in Market Square, and at MCR events at Jesus and Peterhouse.

The start of Lent term saw the return of the annual Fitz Jazz concert. The band played to a sold-out crowd in the Fitzwilliam Auditorium and welcomed the Cambridge

The Swing Band in the Auditorium
Swing Dance group to the College. With the tireless help of the new Director of Music Performance at Fitzwilliam, Catherine Groom, the night went off without a hitch. The success of this event left the band excited for its next event, The Battle of the Cambridge Big Bands. Fitz Swing, Churchill Jazz Band and Selwyn Jazz Band all took to Clare Cellars to win the adoration of the sold-out crowd in another firm fixture of the Cambridge Jazz Calendar.

The end of Easter term saw the final few gigs of the 2018 iteration of Fitz Swing. The band returned to their usual slot at the Clare May Ball, opening the Ball and welcoming the crowd as the gates opened. The set was well-received and proved an excellent opportunity for our outgoing vocalists to exercise their compering skills. The band also played a garden party at Fitzwilliam College during May Week, and so were able to say thank you to the members of the College for their support over the year.

The band looks forward to another busy year!
You can keep up to date with Fitz Swing via Facebook or via the website http://cufsb.soc.srcf.net/

SAMUEL GLASS (Sidney Sussex), Fitz Swing Co-President 2017–2018

Sirens
The Sirens enjoyed a busy start to the year 2017–2018, juggling performances at the Union Michaelmas Ball, alongside auditioning to fill five spaces in the ensemble, and welcoming new members to the group: Amber Abrahams (Girton, 2016), Anna Cooper (Homerton, 2017) Ella Wolfenden (St John’s, 2015), Rebecca Ebner-Landy (Murray Edwards, 2017) and Sophie Metcalfe (Fitzwilliam, 2017). Under the management of Katie McCoshan (Fitzwilliam, 2015) and the guidance of our musical director Christie Lam (Robinson, 2015) we started to prepare for the year ahead.

During Lent, the group’s activities stepped up, and our hard work from the term before paid off as we returned to the Union and for Girton Spring Ball. The annual Sirens’ Cheese and Wine evening proved to be a highlight of the year, as we were joined by the wonderful Fitz Singers and Simon King. Performances at Fitzwilliam College Music Society Garden Party, and at the Trinity and the St John’s May Balls provided the perfect end to the academic year. As May Week drew to a close, we bid a fond farewell to our departing members, Christie, Ella, Katie and Lucia, wishing them the very best.

It only remains to thank Fitzwilliam and Catherine Groom for their continued support of the Sirens, as we seek to build on the success of this year under the leadership of Alice French (St. Catharine’s, 2015) who returns to take the reins. We can’t wait to see what the next year will bring as Cambridge’s oldest (and best!) female a cappella group.

EMILIA MORGAN (2015), President
**Fine Arts Society**

During the year the Society used the space in the art studio and the materials provided by the College to produce marvellous art work to decorate Fitz Café, to undertake external events, and to relax from the sometimes-intense study periods during term times. Highlight of the year was the Summer Exhibition of the Society where the external judge Mark Rose – an artist from London – decided on who would win this year’s cash prizes, sponsored by Fitzwilliam College. The results and the comments of the judge speak for themselves.

1st place: Thomas Phillips, Untitled (digital collage). As well as being the most professionally presented work in the exhibition, I was really interested in the way the collage was made. Unlike traditional methods of collage, Thomas used Google Image to piece together his vision of a space filled with light for an architectural design brief. This digital assemblage moved a traditional process into the modern realm with satisfying result.

2nd place: Theo Curtis, Collage Society, Untitled (collage). Theo’s surreal collages fused the mystic with the comedic to form themes of exploration and existence. I particularly liked his works which focused on time and space, and greatly appreciated the intricate effort that had gone into sourcing and collecting the images that had been painstakingly grafted into final form.
Collage by Thomas Phillips: An initial and reactionary visualisation of the space for a Delivery Bay and Cloakroom for the Hamilton Kerr Institute

Mark Rose, who judged the exhibition, and Theo Curtis – second-prize winner for his collages about time and space
3rd place: Milia K.K. Hau, Curiosity (bowl).
Milia’s ceramic work drew my attention from an exhibition which mainly focused on the two-dimensional. The use of glazing on her hand-crafted bowl was executed with beautiful effect. Her ceramic work stood out from the other entries she submitted, and with time and practice, she could well add much to the world of the hand-made.

An external award was handed to Oliver Vanderpoorten, President of the Fine Arts Society, for the second place in the EPSRC Twitter photographic competition in the UK. His microscopy image narrows the gap between Science and Art as two opposite areas, and should motivate scientists not to forget creativity in their research.

Finally, one needs to say that the College can be very proud of the young artists growing out of this Society and developing their skills. It is amazing how much appreciation they obtain from within and from outside the College. The Fitzwilliam Fine Arts Society is grateful for support and funding from Fitzwilliam College, without which neither this exhibition nor an environment in which to work would be possible.

OLIVER VANDERPOORTEN (2015), President

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Fluorescently labelled BAG neurons in C.Elegans – a simple model organism to study neurodegenerative disease – by Oliver Vanderpoorten and Tessa Sinnige

COLLEGE SPORT

Amalgamated Clubs
This year, Fitzwilliam College has strengthened its reputation for being Cambridge’s best sporting college, with success and sport becoming synonymous.

Picking up from last year, the Men’s Football Team had another incredibly impressive season. The First Team won Cuppers 6–1 and narrowly missed out on the League through goal difference. Meanwhile, the Second Team secured back-to-back promotions by winning Division 3; however, they could not repeat last year’s heroics in the Cup, losing in the semi-finals.

Fitzwilliam Men’s Cricket Team made it three consecutive Cuppers wins, to reiterate their dominance over the other colleges.

The Men’s Rugby Team secured promotion to Division 2, whilst in the Cup they reached the quarter-finals before being knocked out.

Fitzwilliam Squash Team enjoyed an invincible season – not losing a single League game – to win their division; they nearly completed the double, but lost a hard-fought final in the Cup. The Tennis Team were knocked out of the Cup in the second round after a tough draw against the second-seeded team.

The success story of the season has to be the Ladies Netball team, who have continued to go from strength to strength. Two seasons ago they were bottom of Division 3, but such has been their progress that they now sit within the top three of Division 1. Having never previously made it out of the group stages in the Cup competition, the Netball Team this season surpassed all expectations by reaching the semi-final phase.

The gym has undergone somewhat of a revelation, with mirrors finally being installed. Popularity has reached an all-time high. Such improvement is due to the help of our Gym Officers: Bea Goddard and Yaron Bernstein. A special mention is needed for our groundsman Dave Norman, whose hard work has kept Oxford Road pitches in immaculate condition – especially given the weather and the demand placed on them.

Such has been the level of performance this season that it may seem a tough act to follow – however, with such a strong reputation and with the quality of sportsperson at Fitzwilliam, I am confident next season will be just as successful.

JOE YOUNG (2017), President

Football
Men’s First Team
This season marked a period of transition for the Men’s Football Club. After the immense success of last year, the squad was left depleted by departures and in need of Fresher reinforcements. Luckily they arrived. Integrating so many new players around the core that remained was bound to be a struggle, but the new players found their feet quickly and over the first few pre-season friendlies the new team was formed. Another highly successful season followed, the club managing to repeat last year’s Cuppers success, cementing Fitzwilliam as the team to beat in University Football. It just missed the League Double by a highly controversial end to the season.

OLIVER VANDERPOORTEN (2015), President
The Cup campaign began with a stern test as we were drawn against Queens’ in the first round. After an enthralling and tightly-contested game that stretched into extra time, the two favourites for the Cuppers title had to be separated by a penalty shootout. The athleticism (and occasional mind games) of Adib Badri in goal and the composure of Fitzwilliam’s penalty takers culminated in Joe Gregory smashing the final penalty into the back of the net, vanquishing Queens’ and leading to triumphant celebrations on the pitch. Next up was Trinity Hall in a game defined more by the dramatic weather than the quality of play: in a scrappy game on a bitterly cold morning, Fitzwilliam managed to power through both the recurrent hail storms and our opponents, running out 4–1 winners. The semi-final against Sidney Sussex was another tight affair, the rough state of the pitch preventing our usually flowing style of play. However, we prevailed, by a margin of 3–1, and set up the return to the club’s spiritual home, Grange Road, and a meeting with Girton.

Spurred on by our energy and enthusiasm, Girton were swept aside in the opening 45 minutes and we returned to our dressing room 5–0 up at half-time. As the rain poured down and the pitch deteriorated, the pace of the first half could not be matched – but at 90 minutes the scoreboard read 6–1 and the Cuppers trophy had been retained.

The League campaign was similarly successful. Apart from a bizarre lapse in the local derby against Churchill, the Men’s Firsts won every other game and sat at the top of the First Division. Three points and with a two-better goal difference than our perennial rivals Queens’, it all came down to their final game against our Cuppers foes Girton. Unfortunately, and after repeated attempts, a time could not be found to play this climactic game; this led to a Girton forfeit and an automatic 3–0 for Queens, so they to leapfrogged Fitzwilliam to the top. After a brief constitutional inquest by the League officials a decision was made to deny Queens’ the points gained from a forfeit but for symmetry to discard our triumphant 5–1 result against Girton. This decision unfortunately yielded the same outcome, Queens’ pipping us on goal difference.

Despite this final disappointment, the season was certainly a great success and, hopefully, the transition towards a newly youthful side will ensure Fitzwilliam’s continued domination of University football.

ROSS HUNTER (2014), Captain

Women’s Team

Despite valiant efforts, Fitz-Corpus FC (an amalgamation that began last season) was unable to convert its increasing talent into match victories. The Freshers coming into the team have provided valuable contributions, newcomers Abigail Birch and Eve Smyth being the season’s top scorers. There have been some impressive scores fielded by Fitz-Corpus, such as the 11–3 win against Emmanuel in the first round of Cuppers. Being knocked out of the Plate quarter-finals was a severe blow, and knocked the confidence of the team. The resulting League matches finalised Fitz-Corpus’ relegation into Division 3 for next season – an unfortunate outcome.

The League competition was tough. Despite one win and one draw, Fitz-Corpus lost three of its games. A tough first game against the joint Christ’s-Churchill-Lucy Cavendish team saw Fitz-Corpus lose 2–0. However, the commitment of the players and a number of training sessions brought the team to a more promising Cuppers and Plate position. Unfortunately, issues of player and pitch availability meant that the team’s talent could not always be converted into victory on the pitch.

Fitz-Corpus hopes to utilise its potential next season and fight to return to its rightful place in the higher divisions.

ZOE COHEN (2016), Captain

Hockey

Women’s Team

After winning the League and reaching the Cuppers Final last year, Trinity–Fitzwilliam Women’s Hockey Team had high expectations on their shoulders. However, with several key players graduating, leaving for years abroad, or being promoted to the Blues (and therefore banned from playing College League – congratulations to Rhian Miller), and little to no enthusiasm from the Freshers, the team was quite depleted. We went from reliably fielding at least 11 last year, to maybe 8 or 9 each week if lucky. However, Trinity–Fitzwilliam still held its own in the League matches, putting in strong performances in the women’s top tier, which includes some good teams such as St Catharine’s, Queens’–Clare, and Murray Edwards.

Once again, we reached the Cuppers final comfortably. Our success last year meant we progressed straight through to the semi-finals round, where we proceeded to defeat Downing Women unceremoniously: 16–0, despite punctuated the season: Thomas Franks-Moore has found the net in every fixture; we boast the leaest defence in the League; and between them Thomas Young and Jamie Gawith have put in multiple man-of-the-match performances. Stepping into midfield towards the end of the season, Matt Hill has consistently shown his quality.

All-in-all, Fitzwilliam Seconds have shown the desire and commitment that I asked of them all season. They have played with love for the shirt and respected me as their Captain. I am extremely proud of them for what has been a magnificent effort this season, and I can reaffirm confidently that we are the best Seconds team in the University.
Women’s Hockey Cuppers Final. L–R, standing: Farzana Huysman (Trinity), Isabel Austin (T), Samantha Hajna (T), Catherine Xu (T), Helena Moore (T), Louise Marzano (T), Isla Phillips (Fitz), Hannah Kirk (T); kneeling: Rhianna Miller (F), Esther Counsell (T), Flora Charatan (T), Becky Shepherdson (T), Colette Russell (F); Goalie: Nina Vinther (T)

Mixed Hockey Cuppers Final. L–R, standing: Thomas Newton (Fitz), James Campkin (F), Demetris Stylianou (F), Christopher Bealey (Trinity), Joe Manley (T), Sam Brown (T), Andreas Kattamis (T), Dan Westoby (T); kneeling: Isabel Austin (T), Colette Russell (F), Catherine Xu (T), Flora Charatan (T), Esther Counsell (T), Rhianna Miller (F), Hannah Kirk (T), Becky Shepherdson (T); Goalie: Nina Vinther (T)
not fielding a full team. The Cuppers final, however, was a different story. It was held on the morning of Caesarean Sunday for the first time ever, and this turned out to be one of the hottest days of the year so far – not the best weather to play hockey. We were up against St Catharine’s for the second year in a row, and they also had made all three finals. Although this time we managed to field a full team including 6 University players, ultimately we succumbed to the strength of the St Catharine’s women’s team which boasted 10 University players, including 5 Blues; the final score was 6–1.

COLETTE RUSSELL (2016), Captain

Mixed and Men’s Teams
Michaelmas term for the Men’s Hockey team involved a lacklustre campaign, as we were seeking to be promoted out of League Three. Unfortunately, often due to commitment issues, we were unable to win all our matches and be promoted. The Cuppers matches began in Lent term. After last year’s accomplishments in reaching the Men’s, Women’s and Mixed finals, everyone was keen to repeat that success this year and so commitment to the Cuppers games was very good. However, in the semi-finals the Men’s Team met and narrowly lost to a determined Selwyn team.

The Mixed Team went from strength to strength; we dominated every game until the Cuppers semi-finals, where we were drawn against Downing College which had a range of university-level players and might have expected an easy win against our 10-player side. However, after a very tough game which ended 3–3 (with special mentions to Rhianna Miller, Colette Russell and Esther Counsell who helped carry the team to this result), it came down to penalty shuffles to decide the winner. Alex Kendall stepped up as our stand-in goalkeeper and managed to save one of Downing’s shuffles, to take us to victory.

The Cuppers finals all took place at the hallowed turf of Wilberforce Road on the morning of Caesarean Sunday. St Catharine’s College brought one of the strongest teams ever to the Mixed final, with every one of the players having represented the University at least at third-team level, and fielding a staggering nine Blues. Needless to say, we were definitely the underdogs heading into the match. However, we stood our ground, pulling out a very gutsy performance with Demetris Stylianou bringing out some of the largest aerials Cuppers hockey has ever seen. Eventually St Catharine’s only won 1–0, by a goal late in the first half; unfortunately we were unable to equalise.

JAMES CAMPKIN (2016), Captain

Rowing
In 2017–2018, Fitzwilliam College Boat Club consolidated and built on the successes of recent years. After a successful Reunion Row in September, a strong contingent of novices formed under the Club’s two new Novice Captains; they progressed quickly, with the three men’s crews and two women’s crews producing notable results. These included a finish in the top ten for NW2 at Queens’ Ergs and a victory at Winter Head for NW1. The novice men put in strong performances, with a member of NM1 posting the fastest time at Queens’ Ergs. These strong results were backed up with a victory from the M1 Coxless Four at the Winter Head and a seventh place finish for W1 Coxed Four at the Fairbairns.

In the Christmas vacation several members trained with University clubs for the Boat Races. Four trialled: Clare Pearson, Helen Fishwick, E.J. McCarthy, and Louise Brett. Special congratulations to Louise Brett who stroked the CUWBC Lightweight Spare Four at the Henley Races.

A reasonably strong retention of Novice rowers saw Fitzwilliam field two women’s Eights and three men’s Eights throughout Lent term. Pembroke Regatta saw some strong Fitzwilliam performances with W1 beating Murray Edwards by over 3 lengths ( hugely impressive, as Fitzwilliam started the term 13 places beneath them in the Lent Bumps standings). The men also put in a strong performance, with a mixed M1/M2 crew comfortably beating Homerton M1 before narrowly losing out to Emmanuel.

Despite all the preparations, W2 and M3 sadly missed places for the Bumps – although the rowers’ excellent progress should stand them in good stead. Lent Bumps
were disrupted by terrible weather, and many races and divisions were cancelled. W1 raced three times, putting in excellent performances: bumping Peterhouse on the first day and narrowly missing bumping Kings on the other days. This placed them second in Division 2 – in a strong position to achieve a place in the Women’s First Division next year. Unfortunately M1 and M2 had their racing cancelled on two days. M2 produced a strong performance, holding off and strongly distancing Kings M2 on the first day, and bumping Peterhouse M2 on the final day, so ending one place up. Despite the M1 crew joining the 100-strong crowd that turned up at 6am to shovel snow off the towpath on the Friday morning, injury and illness blight this crew on the two days it did race; with many substitutions and an unlucky position, they finished two down, being bumped by both Magdalene and Emmanuel, the former probably the quickest M1 crew on the river.

The Lent term finished on the Tideway for W1 in the Women’s Head of the River and M1 in the Men’s. Both performed strongly, W1 coming in 200th of 300, and M1 finishing 155th of 297 as the seventh-fastest Cambridge college.

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All five crews qualified to race in May Bumps, with varied results. M3 finished three places up, cheated out of blades on the first day when a 10-boat pile-up in the Men’s Fifth Division resulted in a technical row-over despite being close to an over-bump. The crew had rowed fantastically, and it was a great farewell for those of the crew who were graduating this summer, many having put in huge amounts of effort in support of FCBC. Despite making dramatic progress throughout the term, W2 ended the week four places down – not reflecting their efforts and one they had made significant overlap with Homerton position in Division 3.

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The men’s first crew did not fare much better. On day one they had made significant overlap with Homerton when rudder failure resulted in a crash and a technical bump against them. This allowed Trinity Hall and Hughes Hall crews to catch them on the second and third days, the latter agonisingly close to the finish. However, on the final day a spirited row-over in front of Corpus Christi left them in a position for possible return to Division 1 next year. W1 continued their excellent form of recent years; despite being bumped on day one after themselves coming agonisingly close to bumping, they brilliantly regained that place against Peterhouse on the third day, holding off an extremely strong Homerton crew that featured four current Blues. After a strong row-over on the final day, W1 finished their campaign at 13th, maintaining the highest position ever achieved by Fitzwilliam W1.

Easter Term also brought successes for Fitzwilliam University rowers. Louise Brett continued to row with CUWBC alongside her W1 commitments; she won the lightweight coxless pairs at BUCS regatta, reached the semi-finals of Women’s Henley in the lightweight coxless pairs, and made the A Final of the European Universities Rowing Championships, being placed fourth – all outstanding achievements. Joseph Everest and E.J. McCarthy also took part in the CUBC development squad alongside their M1 commitments, forming the bow pair of a Goldie coxed four that narrowly missed qualifying for the main draw of the Prince Albert Challenge Cup at Henley Royal Regatta.

The year culminated with the Billygoats’ Dinner at Leander on the Friday of Henley, attended by five of FCBC’s captains and triallists thanks to the generosity of the Billygoats – a fantastic end to a strong year.

As Captains this year, it has been an absolute pleasure to help FCBC flourish. Strong performances on the water by all our rowers, whether novices or those with more than ten years experience, were a pleasure to be involved with. We were delighted to see that the FCBC community got stronger and more diverse as the year progressed, leaving everyone with fond memories. We wish our successors the best of luck, and we look to continuing rowing for FCBC throughout the next season.

JOSEPH EVEREST (2016), ALISHA LEVERMORE (2016)
& ROBBIE SEWELL (2016), Boat Club Captains 2017–2018

Tennis
Fitzwilliam Tennis had a slow start to the year and missed the Michaelmas League due to administrative issues. However, with several additions to the team, we were ready for Cuppers. ‘The first match was against Queens’, who knocked us out last year – so we anticipated a tough match. With the Fitzwilliam players finding form, we managed to win the match 6–3, with special note to Jamie Gawith who was able to take revenge on his M3 opponent from last year’s match. Unfortunately, our next match was against second-seeded Christ’s, who proved to be too much to handle.

With new additions to the team coming in late Easter break, we will go into the 2018–2019 season with confidence.

RAN ZMIGROD (2015), Captain

Badminton
The departure of some graduating players from the previous year was unfortunate news for the Fitzwilliam Badminton team. However, we were extremely lucky to have some excellent new players who joined us this year, including David, Nipun, Adnan, Michael, and Pheng.

After a few practice sessions to get back into the hang of badminton, for the team the Michaelmas term quickly became an intense battle. There were many riveting games, with two of them being ill-fated losses of 5–4. Although we were not able to be promoted, the team did not lose spirit. Continuous trainings on Wednesdays evenings built up a much stronger team towards the end of the term.

Lent term was a highlight for the Fitzwilliam Badminton team, with an impressive 5:1 win/loss ratio. Nipun’s unbreakable defence, Daren’s pinpoint drop-shots, Danny’s mind-blowing trick shots, and many other players’ unique skills and talent were a huge contribution...
to this success. Special mention to the heavy smashing pair, Pheng and Michael, for winning the game-decisive match against St. Catharine’s first team, and securing the Fitzwilliam Badminton team’s promotion to Division 2 in Michaelmas 2018.

The team welcomes more players to join next year, and under the captaincy of David Horstmann, we are determined to continue our successes.

RYAN NG (2016), Men’s Captain; KAYATHRIE ATPUTHARAJAH (2015), Women’s Captain

**Squash**

Fitzwilliam Squash had a successful 2017–2018 season and welcomed several new players to bolster its membership. Both men’s teams were promoted last year and so faced tougher opponents than last year. The first team did incredibly well to remain unbeaten (five victories, one draw) and to top their division, and consequently will jump up two divisions for the 2018–2019 season. The second team had several tough matches and narrowly missed on being promoted to the next division.

Coming into Cuppers, the team was bolstered by Anira Perera (W1 captain), David Roper (M2), and Mark Wong (M3). After a fairly comfortable win against Darwin, Fitzwilliam battled a more experienced Homerton, eventually losing 3–2 in the final match.

RAN ZMIGROD (2015), Captain

**Basketball**

This year the Fitzwilliam College Basketball Club played regular games on Monday and Saturday mornings at the University Sports Centre at the West Cambridge Site. The Club brought together undergraduate and postgraduate students of all abilities, from beginners to advanced, who enjoy the game, and created a fun and friendly environment in which to play competitively, practice skills, and improve performance. At the start of this year the Club also purchased a new basketball hoop with funds generously provided by the College. This was set up on the tennis court at the College Playing Fields just off Oxford Road. The new hoop is open to all Fitzwilliam College students and has become an active hub with lots of different students – club members and non-members alike – arranging to meet and play there.

ALEXANDER TAYLOR (2014), President 2017–2018

**Netball**

Ladies

The Fitzwilliam Ladies’ Netball Team have enjoyed an immensely successful season. Last year under Stephanie Sinclair, we had developed a strong foundation, with many girls having played both College and University netball for a number of years; into this we welcomed many talented freshers this year, with notable performances from Emily Bertin, Clare Pearson, and Emily Baker-Thurston.

Our first term saw us enter into League 1 – having gone up from last year – a league in which we had a number of difficult colleges to face, of which many have coaches and multiple teams. Despite this difficulty, and starting ranked eighth out of eight, we gradually worked our way up over the course of the year and entered the Cuppers Tournament in fourth position overall, having defeated Sidney Sussex, Murray Edwards, Trinity and Queens’. In the morning, we managed to win our group of five teams so that we went straight into the finals in the afternoon, leaving us in the final eight. We played our best netball on that cold Sunday, despite our fatigue, and with many of our core players having played more than five matches by that point. We finished fourth overall after a challenging but rewarding afternoon of netball, our best result in Cuppers in living memory.

We were awarded Sports Team of the Year at Sports Dinner, an accolade which rarely goes to a female team, and of which we are extremely proud.

ELLIE PAINE (2016), Captain

Mixed

After being promoted to Division 1 of the League at the start of this year, the Fitzwilliam Mixed Netball team faced some tough opposition. We knew the standard was going to be high, and our first opposition Emma proved this as we lost a close fought game 10-6. But the team grew into the league, winning over half of our matches in Michaelmas to hold a solid position in the middle of the Division.
A highlight of the year was Cuppers in Easter term, where the team played some outstanding netball to qualify for the quarter-finals, winning every single group-stage game, before being knocked out by Jesus in what was a very competitive match. Such successes could not have been achieved without the dedication of both new and returning players from across the years. We were lucky to have a strong intake of talented freshers joining us this year; they bonded well with the existing team members as the season progressed – the success in Cuppers being testimony to this.

It has been a pleasure captaining such an enthusiastic and friendly team this year, who turned out in the very unfortunate weather conditions in Michaelmas to play in the rain, the snow and the cold, whilst also producing high-quality netball. We are confident that the team can build on their successes in the next academic year, and are looking forward to what will hopefully be another successful year for Fitzwilliam Mixed Netball.

EMMA MIDDLETON (2016) & JARED BUTTERS (2016), Captains

Water Polo

This is the first time for about five years that Fitzwilliam has had a Water Polo team – we have joined up with Robinson and Girton to make a mixed college team. In the Lent Tournament Fitzwilliam/Robinson/Girton made it through to the semi-finals, with several people getting the chance to try water polo for the first time.

HANNAH ROBB (2015), Captain

Pool

The Fitzwilliam first Pool team has had a wildly successful, well-fought season, topping Division 2A undefeated after six epic matches and earning a promotion to Division 1 next year, where we’ll face some real opposition (for once) – a particularly great outcome given that we narrowly missed out on promotion last year.

The team this year boasted a rotating squad of veteran second and third years, including famed University men’s B team captain and former Fitzwilliam captain Danny He (‘Doubles Danny’), as well as valuable contributions from regular fresher members Oliver ‘The Rocket’ Little and Connor Dwyer, who will be taking over the captaincy next year – I have every faith in him to lead the team to Division 1 success. Honourable mentions must also go to Jaspal Thandi, Daniel Fargie, George Neville, Bertie Broomfield, Ardi Imseis, Daniel Riches, and Carl Martin, who all fought the good fight and won at least one game for the team. Our highlights include an awe-inducing 8–1 victory over Wolfson’s first team on their own tables, and a tense 5–4 victory over Jesus 1, who we knew would be our toughest opponents. We also entered the Cuppers knockout competition during Lent term, but unfortunately the Trinity side proved slightly too strong and we were knocked out at 5–3, despite putting in some solid performances.

In other news, a second Fitzwilliam Pool team was set up for the first time in recorded history, starting off in Division 3 and captained by previously undiscovered talent Max Barysevich. Fitzwilliam 2 finished a very respectable third out of five teams, and consequently will be promoted to Division 2 next year for even greater challenges.

Finally, the annual Michaelmas and Lent singles and doubles tournaments were received with much enthusiasm, with the large majority of matches being played in good time. Congratulations go to George Neville for the Michaelmas singles title, and Joe Young and Ben Roberts for the Michaelmas doubles title – may this be the first of many successes in your blossoming Pool careers.

LUCY WAN (2016), Pool Captain
DEVELOPMENT

Development Office News

In the summer of 2018, we reached our target of £20 million for the 150th Anniversary Campaign. This is an amazing milestone for the College – we are extremely grateful to all of you who have supported us during the Campaign – and it is exciting to now look forward to 2019 and the planned celebrations. The most visible project for 2017–2018 was the effort to raise funds for the extension to the MCR. I am delighted, as I write at the end of Michaelmas 2018, that the build is now well under way and is due for completion in the spring.

As you will see from the pages which follow, this has been a busy year for the Development Office. Here at Fitzwilliam we value the best of the old and the new: traditional events have continued and some new ideas have been tried. Thank you to all of you who have participated! A particular highlight for me was the newly-conceived Young Alumni in the City event, where we played matchmaker between our recently-graduated alumni and some of their more experienced peers in shared sectors. We are looking to develop this type of career mentoring, and would be interested to hear your ideas for future events.

DR NICOLA JONES, Development Director
Events outside Cambridge

Our alumni community is spread across the globe, and the Master and the Development Director have enjoyed a number of trips this year. In January, the Development Director made her first visit to Boston, New York and Washington – undertaking individual meetings with alumni and hosting events in each location. In September, the Master and the Development Director travelled to Shanghai – the first ever College event in China! – followed by Hong Kong and Singapore.
Recent Graduate Career Mentoring

With the support of the Fitzwilliam Society, the College has been running a very successful Careers Fair in November each year, in which alumni volunteers return to Fitzwilliam to offer careers advice to our current undergraduate and graduate students (p.78, 80). Building on the success of that event, on Tuesday 12 June the first Recent Graduate Careers Event was held in London, with 18 alumni and more than 40 recent graduates meeting at The Yorkshire Grey, near Holborn. Our alumni were able to offer a wealth of experience to recent graduates (two or three years on from graduation) on how to develop and progress in their chosen careers, as well as providing guidance for those contemplating a change of direction.

This was a new event for the College, and the Development Office is extremely grateful to all alumni who so generously offered their time to act as mentors, and to the recent graduates who attended. We look forward to similar events in the future.

DONNA THOMAS-WATSON, Deputy Development Director

1869 Foundation Luncheon

It is always a pleasure to host our legators for lunch in May, and this year we welcomed back 48 members and their guests back to Fitzwilliam. As has become traditional, lunch was followed by short talks by two of our graduate students: Jessica Breakey, on the topic of the sociology of the Internet; and Matheus Nunes, who told us about the effects of climate change and the fragmentation of the remaining forests as a result of the expansion of oil-palm plantations in Malaysian Borneo. The day concluded with a fantastic performance of Purcell’s ‘Come, ye sons of art away’, featuring Fitzwilliam’s two countertenors in residence – a rare treat!

John Adams (1958) receives his 1869 Foundation certificate from the Master

Members of the 1869 Foundation in 2018

Jessica Breakey reporting her research

Matheus Nunes reporting his research
Golden Matriculants’ Reunion, 1968–2018

Once again, the Golden Matriculants’ Reunion was very well attended – this year by 51 alumni from 1968, who were welcomed back to Fitzwilliam along with their guests on Saturday 7 July. As the College basked in the middle of a heatwave, we were fortunate enough to enjoy the shade of two well-placed marquees on the Grove Lawn for afternoon tea while meeting with friends, old and new.

The event coincided with England’s quarter-final match against Sweden in the World Cup. Happily, room was found in the De Smith Room to screen the match, and England’s 2–0 victory and subsequent passage to the semi-finals added even more festive spirit to the occasion.

After Dinner, the Master’s speech was particularly memorable as her husband Christopher (Engineering, 1968) celebrated his own Golden Matriculation. She regaled all those present with tales of his undergraduate years, while commenting that in 1968 it certainly would not have crossed anyone’s mind that one day Christopher would be married to the Master!

As always, we were delighted to welcome alumni back to Fitzwilliam, not only from the far-flung corners of the United Kingdom, but also from around the world. This year the attendance list included residents of Italy and of the USA, and particular mention should be made of Hugh Craft (Theology & Religious Studies, 1968) who made the trip from Australia.

The Reunion for 1969 Matriculants will be held on Saturday 6 July 2019.

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The 2018 Golden Matriculants in the Auditorium

Back row: Ian Quickfall, Nigel Scott, Nicholas Scott-Barrett, Ian Smith, Robert Sparrow, Andrew Stachulski, Philip Swingler, Don Taylor, Michael Taylor, Jim Thomson, Peter Williams, John Wood

3rd row: John Harrison, Paul Heffer, Martin Hemming, Peter Hewlett, Roger Kirk, Nicholas Lancaster, David Maclean, David Mandle, Ian Middleton, Christopher Padfield, Roger Perkins, Peter Pugh


Front row: Graham Ashton, Nick Bainbridge, David Bates, Charles Bennion, John Bradshaw, Robert Briggs, Martin Butterworth, Michael Carrier, Paul Cockle, Laurrie Coupland