



Grey Matters

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ABOVE: Linda Johnson drew this image of Grey College in 1979, since then not much has changed other than the regimental growth of the trees, but with the first phase of the Jubilee Development Project due to be completed during 2012 the structural appearance of the Hollingside building will be significantly altered for the first time in 52 years.

A Letter from the New Association President

Dear Association Members,

Welcome to this edition of Grey Matters. It's all change at Grey at the moment, the election of myself as Association President possibly the most insignificant of them all. We have a new Master, Professor Tom Allen, we have the first phase of the Jubilee Development Project nearing completion and the JCR has now become a registered charity in order to secure a continued level of autonomy from the University centre. You'll find articles on each of these developments in the following pages.

For those of you who don't know me I want to start by introducing myself. My name is Thomas Cliff and I graduated from Grey in 2001 with a Chemistry Degree, since then I've had a successful career as a Management Consultant working in London and the North East, where I am now based. During this time I've also maintained a strong relationship with the College including being a College Mentor (formally College Tutor). Before my election as President I was secretary of the Association for nine years working with past Presidents to develop the Association and introduce initiatives such as the Business Angels Scheme and the London Reunion. During my Presidency I want to continue to develop the Association and work with the younger members of our alumnus to make our events more appealing to our new members whilst maintaining the elements that continue to make our Association one of the most active and engaging in the University.

During the last year we have continued to deliver a wide range of services and activities for both Alumni and current College members alike. For our Alumni we have held two highly successful reunions in Durham and London as well as extending our reach by developing our



ABOVE: *Thomas Cliff, Association President*

Facebook and Linked-in communities. In the College we have continued to support the three common rooms with a range of activities including: sponsored formals, extended the number of travel bursaries, continued delivery of the careers day for graduating students and we've continued to develop and expand our Business Angels scheme.

Of course none of this would be possible without the ongoing support of the College and the assistance of the Association's Executive Officers and to all of them I offer my thanks.

Finally I want to take this opportunity to ask you to join us to continue to make Grey College the best and most connected College with its Alumni in Durham, whether it is by attending a one of our reunions, becoming a Business Angel, contributing to the next edition of Grey Matters, holding your own smaller reunion or by making a donation to the next phase of the Jubilee Development Project, I'd welcome your support. Grey is a great place and I want everyone who wants to, have the opportunity to continue to make it so.

THOMAS CLIFF

Association President

First Impressions of Grey

PROFESSOR TOM ALLEN ON HIS FIRST TERM AS MASTER

My first official day was October 1: the same day that the Freshers arrived. I don't think I could have picked a better day to start. I've been at Durham for most of the last twenty years, but seeing the excitement of the freshers, the enthusiasm of the freshers' helpers, and the dedication of the staff was something special. As first impressions go, it was the best.

Things have been a bit quieter since then – but not that much quieter! The JCR, MCR and SCR have been running a steady programme of events, and new things are happening all the time. To take just a couple of examples, our JCR is starting an impressive outreach project called 'Grey in the Community', which will bring disabled children into the campus for a day of sports and other activities. The MCR have started a new series of research seminars given by Grey's own postgrad students. The SCR has run some very successful public lectures, including Max Ziff's talk on the EU financial crisis and another, for this term, from Martin Ward on the Ultimate Fate of the Universe (any relationship between the two is purely coincidental).

Looking forward, we need to ensure that Grey continues to thrive. This is a period of tremendous change in Higher Education. On the positive side, the University as a whole is in excellent shape. Durham is one of the very best universities in the UK, and it is developing a reputation as one of the best in the world. It is investing heavily in education, and that investment is having an effect: applications from UK students for undergraduate places are higher than ever, despite the rise in tuition fees. It is the same story with the international and postgraduate students: fees have also gone up, but it seems that demand to get into Durham is as strong as ever, if not stronger.



ABOVE: *Professor Tom Allen, Master*

Durham's success is down to many things, but the strength of the College system is one of the most important. Grey must continue to do what it has always done: give its members the chance to lead the richest lives possible, so that being at university becomes much more than being in the classroom.

The Alumni are central to this. Already, many of you have been very generous with your time in supporting the College. We have Alumni serving as Mentors, Business Angels, members of the JCR and the Grey Trust boards, and as members of the College and University Councils. Many of you have also donated generously to the Grey Trust. The Trust is tremendously important to Grey: we would not have our programme of visiting fellows, and many of our clubs and societies would not be as strong as they are.

Thanks to the Grey Trust, Phase I of the Jubilee Project - the extensions to the JCR and the Victor Watts Library - is nearly complete. Phase II will include several projects. One of them will focus on improvements to Fountains Hall. It gets plenty of use, but the years have taken their toll and it is not what it should be. We would like refurbish it, do some remodelling, and add a mezzanine floor. This will allow us to put in a decent gym and create some space for art exhibits and other activities. In the other part of Phase II, we will be adding space elsewhere in College to accommodate more fellows. Fellows add so much to College life: this year, we have

welcomed people like Professor Marius Roome and Dr Sandra Escher, who are experts in the treatment of auditory hallucinations. Professor Mik Bickis, of the University of Saskatchewan, joined us as our Alan Richards Fellow in Mathematics, and Ann Rachlin came back to Grey to launch her new book, *Edy was a Lady*. We are commissioning designs for Phase II at the moment, and I hope to be able to share them with you soon.

I am hoping that we can revive the chaplaincy, and give it a focus on outreach and leadership. Ideally, a Chaplain would link two important aims: first, to ensure that Grey College and its students become a force for change in the broader community; and secondly, to give the students an opportunity to develop their understanding of the role of faith and compassion in leadership. Whether this will be possible depends on our ability to raise funds, as University resources are limited.

The Trust is also working to ensure that financial worries do not distract our current students from their studies, or discourage

applications to Durham. The University has a good programme of financial support, but we need some flexibility in College to help the students that might slip between the cracks. We also want to support our student clubs and societies: for many students, joining one of the clubs and societies at Grey makes their life at University truly memorable. The Trust has helped out in the past, and hopes to continue doing so.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Henry Dyson, who was given the Dunelmensis award by the University on January 12th. The award is made to Alumni who have demonstrated a dedicated and prolonged service to the University. It is a very high honour: the University only makes one award each year, and as Martyn's oration shows, nobody deserved it more than Henry. It was also entirely fitting that it was presented by another Grey alumnus, our Vice-Chancellor Chris Higgins.

PROFESSOR TOM ALLEN

Master, Grey College

Reflecting on 8 Years at Grey

PROFESSOR MARTYN CHAMBERLAIN ON STEPPING DOWN AS MASTER OF GREY

As many of you will know 2011 was our last year at Grey College. I find it hard to believe that, almost eight years ago, a rather elderly removal van from Nelson's of Durham left our old house in Leeds and made its way slowly up the A1 to our new Home in Hollingside Lane. The arrival of the van coincided, amazingly, with the funeral service of Isobel Holgate, the widow of our first Master. This was just about to take place next door in the College Chapel in Fountains Hall. Whilst rushing around trying to find a suit somewhere amongst the unopened packing cases, so that I would take my place respectably on the back row of the Chapel, it occurred to me quite forcefully that I was about to join a community where the continuity of life was a distinctive feature,

providing a place where the past the present and the future overlapped in to one stream.

Eight years as Master out of fifty-two years history is not a long time; but sufficient, I think, to strengthen my impression that our College is indeed a community of scholars where, as Edmund Burke famously put it, there is a covenant between its former, present and future members. Furthermore there is the deeply-appreciated work done for all by all the College officers, staff and members of the three common rooms.



ABOVE: *Professor Martyn chamberlain and his wife Sarah in the garden at Fountains Cottage*

Another distinguishing feature of the spirit of Grey, that made a significant impact on me at an early stage, is the immense diversity of talent, backgrounds and accomplishments that its members, especially its junior members, possess. In recent years Grey men and women have increased the College's reputation in all of the areas in which they are involved; be it academic research, charitable work, music, drama and art. Long may this spirit of Grey continue.

Another hugely important factor in the life of the College has, of course, been the role that has been played by volunteers, which includes both members of the College and friends and visitors drawn from so many walks of life and parts of the world. I sometimes wonder if the University realises how important these good folks are, and how much they enrich the life of

our College in a way that simply does not happen at other UK institutions. Their commitment has helped us all achieve so much: a successful Business Angels scheme; a convivial High Table; a Senior Common Room that is the envy of other Durham Colleges; a well-funded Fellowships programme; improvements in the facilities of the College (such as the new JCR and Library extensions); generous grants made to junior members for self-development projects, and for equipment for clubs and societies; and an environment beautified for all by art and music. But so much more has to be done: ensuring that the College welcomes all who are qualified and gain a place, irrespective of financial background or home circumstances; that the plans for new capital works are carried through successfully to provide accommodation for visiting academics and improved student facilities in Fountains Hall. I sincerely hope that all of these aspirations can be realised in the future; and that Grey can flourish as the most friendly, successful, tolerant and enlightened College in Durham that genuinely equips its students for the future as well-rounded, generous and accomplished individuals

As we move on, Sarah and I will both remember, with gratitude: the time we spent at Grey College; the friendships we have forged; the extraordinary people we have met; and the new skills and talents we have discovered (or, perhaps, re-discovered) within ourselves. So, wherever your journeys may take you, I hope that you have gained something from your time at Grey and, to those who were at Grey between October 2003 and September 2011, I thank you for the privilege of working with you and hope that you will take away happy memories, just as we have.

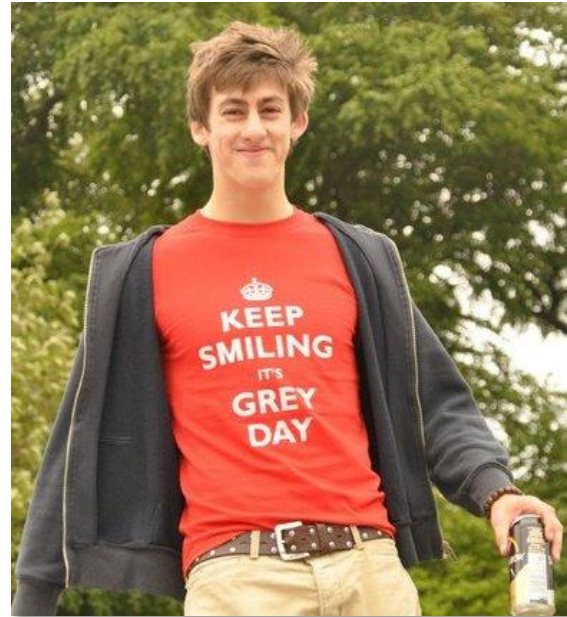
PROFESSOR MARTYN CHAMBERLAIN

Former Master, Grey College

Grey Junior Common Room - An Independent Charity

This is possibly the most exciting year in the Junior Common Room's history. In the summer of 2011, we registered as an independent charity following overwhelming support from students. This was certainly a bold move, with the University making its preference for a merger between the Common Room and the University clear. On one side lay the 'Durham Student Organisation' (DSO) framework – a new 'one size fits all' governance structure designed to bring the Colleges under a single model in the wake of changes to charity law in 2006. This option seemed to offer stability and continuity, but in actuality was deemed to threaten the JCR's financial and executive independence. The JCR and the University would effectively become one organisation, our Student Union status becoming increasingly unmanageable. On the other side lay the uncertain and untested option of becoming a charitable trust, with the risks and liabilities of such a move being taken on by the students themselves. After four years of deliberation and careful consideration, and with some truly excellent support from the Alumni of Grey College the charity option won out. Grey JCR had demonstrated a clear passion for autonomy and a governance model in which the student is the focus. The DSO framework was fundamentally unpopular for one reason – it seemed to present a large potential for a conflict of interest between the student-led concerns of the JCR and University policy. The charity route, by contrast, proved popular for the chief reason that it preserved the ability of Grey College students to thrive in challenging roles alongside their academic studies, taking responsibility for their student activities and the direction of their own JCR.

It's been nearly eight months since we received our charitable status, and I am delighted to report that the Common Room continues to go from strength to strength. From a new community scheme attracting visits from figures such as the Mayor of



ABOVE: Josh Turner - JCR President

Durham, to the opening of Jubilee Development Project buildings funded to the sum of £100,000 by the JCR - the Common Room has proven itself to be made of sturdy stuff. But more important than the recent developments is to establish exactly what is at stake for future generations of students at Grey. In the period leading up to registration with the Charity Commission, we were heavily criticised by other Colleges who saw the move as foolhardy. What we were in fact striving to do was to establish a unique culture at Grey, one in which current students of the College place their faith in their Alumni for guidance and support under the model of charitable trusteeship. The rewards of independence and charitable status for current members of the JCR depend upon on Grey students past and present – a continuing community of people who understand why this place means so much to those who pass through those doors. It is a truly inspirational model, and one which, for my part, I will endeavour to embed and strengthen in my brief time in this wonderful place.

JOSH TURNER

JCR President



ABOVE: *Grey College in the Snow, November 2010* by Natasha Coral (Natural Sciences Graduate, 2011)

Senior Common Room News

The SCR, in 2011, had perhaps its most lively year yet, with a wide variety of activities. The weekly Formal Dinners held on Wednesday evenings have continued to be very well attended and much enjoyed; they have generated a warm and friendly atmosphere. In June, a special SCR dinner was held to say goodbye to Martyn and Sarah Chamberlain. We were able to thank them for their exceptional service to Grey College, and to the SCR in particular. They both will be greatly missed. Indeed, Sarah served as a wonderful Secretary to the SCR. A role now filled by Dr Dave Clark. In October we welcomed the new Master of the College, Professor Tom Allen, and his family, and are already benefiting from their enthusiastic support of the SCR.

On three Sundays each term we continued to have illustrated talks of general interest, preceded by an SCR lunch. The talks have been given by real experts on each topic, and have been of an exceptionally high standard and extremely informative. The year started with a talk on 'Cartoons' by David Haldane, the well known cartoonist of *The Times*, followed by 'Iceland: Financial and Volcanic

eruptions' by Max Ziff, Head of Financial Advisory Services of Houlihan-Lokey. Then Matthew Jackson surprised us by a talk on the 'Hidden Wonders of Korea'. The first talk of the Easter term was entitled 'Durham City', given by Seif El Rashidi, who is the co-ordinator of the Durham World Heritage Site, and then Ann Rachlin enraptured us with 'Music - the Food of Life', and the term finished with a talk 'What has the human genome project done for us' by Sushma Grellscheid, who is very active in such research. Also during the term Iain Kerr again entertained us with an outstanding and unique piano cabaret, and Brian Whitton gave an expert talk on the 'Paintings of John Tunnard', so people could appreciate in depth the art exhibition of his works that was being held in the College. The Michaelmas term commenced with a very topical talk by Max Ziff on 'The Greek euro crisis'. About 180 SCR members and students attended this talk – Max has, as I write, through his firm, just been appointed to a pivotal official role in advising Greece how best to meet its financial targets. The next SCR talk was on 'Medieval Castles' given by Michael Prestwich, one of the

foremost experts on medieval history. The year finished with a talk on the 'Extrasolar planets and extraterrestrial life' by Chris Done, herself an expert on Black Holes, and a very enthusiastic speaker. We are doing our best to ensure that as many members as possible of the JCR and MCR participate in these general cultural events. The talks are open to the public and are advertised in the local press.

Throughout the year the SCR has benefited from the presence of several Visiting University Fellows who have stayed in the College for a term.

Members of the SCR have also arranged special events which have been well supported and enjoyed. Richard Hilton and John Coates again organised a croquet evening and buffet in the Master's garden on a very sunny summer evening. Stewart Clark held a Whisky Tasting evening just before Christmas and as usual amazed the participants with his knowledge of the malts. We are pleased to see that these are becoming annual events. Before the annual firework display, Henry Dyson together with

Tom Allen, the new Master, and his family, put on an extremely well-attended buffet for very young, and not so young, family members. The art exhibitions arranged in the College each term by Henry Dyson, which are open to all, are specially coordinated with SCR events and are very much appreciated by SCR members.

Many new members have joined the SCR in the past year, from Town, Gown and Alumni. They have benefited, and contributed to, the exceptionally friendly and homely atmosphere which pervades the College. Indeed, we welcome new

members from all walks of life who have an interest in, or may contribute to, collegiate activities. In particular, we wish to emphasize that Alumni from near, and far, who would like to join the SCR are especially welcome. More details about the SCR can be found at www.greyscr.co.uk and those wishing to join should contact Peter Swift at treasurer@greyscr.co.uk

ALAN MARTIN

President, Senior Common Room

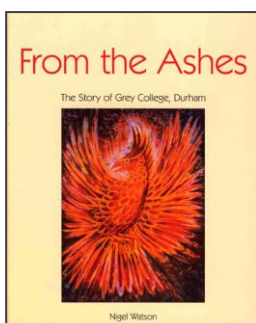


ABOVE: *The first SCR Dinner of the Epiphany Term 2012 attended by the majority of the executive committee of the SCR including the Master, Tom Allen, the SCR and JCR Presidents and Henry Dyson.*

Contributions

If you would like to contribute to Grey Matters, perhaps with memories of your time in Durham, or anything else that may be relevant to our Alumni, please contact the Editor, Foster Neville.

From the Ashes

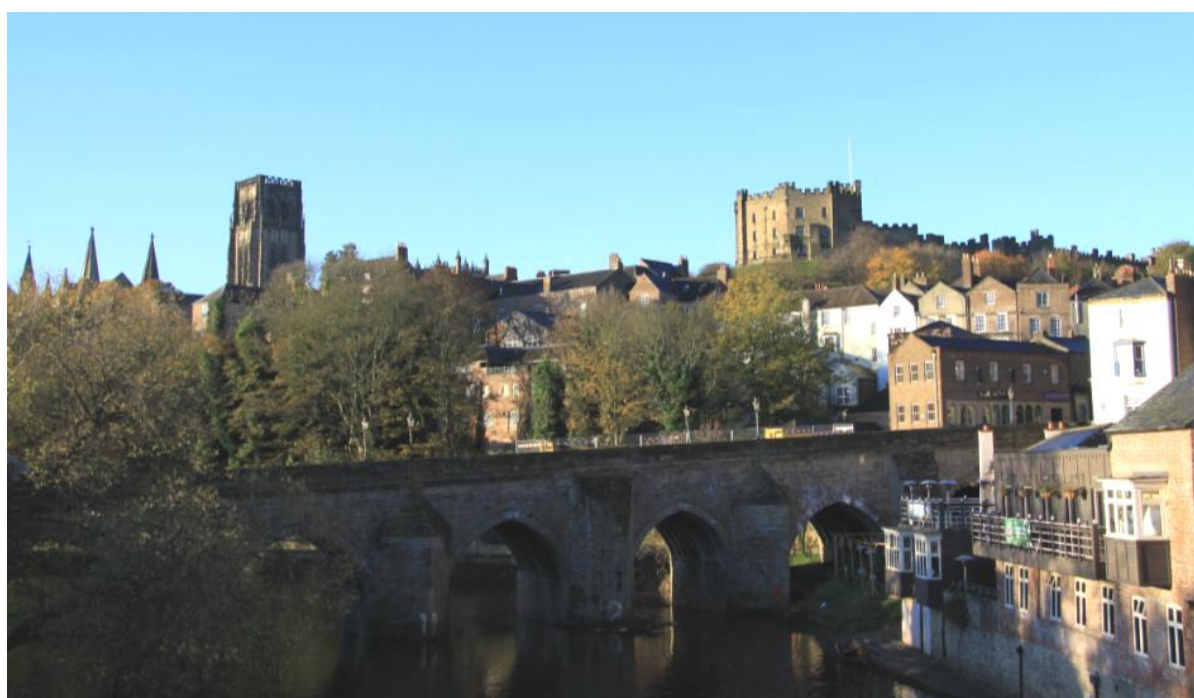


From the Ashes by Nigel Watson is the illustrated history of Grey College - its genesis, buildings, masters, dons, fellows and students and will be enjoyed and treasured by anyone associated with Grey College.

It is available from the College by completing the order form below or by emailing Kellie Stephenson, College Secretary, on k.l.stephenson@durham.ac.uk.

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ABOVE: Durham Castle and Cathedral, from Elvet by Natasha Coral (Natural Sciences Graduate 2011)

Refurbishments in Grey Bar

MATT BIRKET JCR BAR CHAIR ON THE RECENT IMPROVEMENTS...



A place of memories, perhaps for some, but Grey Bar has nonetheless awaited a bit of an update with that old, dishevelled carpet and lack of seating deterring the punters! Now with a brand new wood-effect floor, extensive fixed seating and all-new tables there is nothing to stop anyone from coming to make use of the refurbished bar we all love. There is also a new selection of beers available, and sports matches are regularly shown on the big screen. In November 2011, Grey Bar was also awarded "Best University Bar" at the Best Bar None awards ceremony, and this just reinforces what a fantastic drinking establishment it is. Welcoming students old and new, Grey Bar continues to provide a central hub for socializing whilst enjoying an extensive range of drinks.

MATT BIRKETT

JCR Bar Chair

BELOW & LEFT: *Images of the refurbished College bar, including the return of the infamous fixed seating in "The Corner"*



Association AGM

The AGM of Grey College Association will be held on Saturday 24th March 2012 in Grey College. Full details and the agenda are available from our Secretary, Steve Gregory or on the website www.greyassociation.com

Grey College Reunion 2012



The annual Grey College Reunion will take place on the weekend of 23rd to 25th March 2012 at Grey College. The Grand Reunion Dinner will be held on Saturday 24th March, attendance at the dinner is free for anyone who graduated in 2011.



Contact email/phone: _____

Dietary Requirements: _____

Accommodation (<i>all prices per room per night, including breakfast</i>)	23rd	24th	25th	
Single standard room	£30	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Single en-suite room	£40	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Twin standard room	£60	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grand Reunion Dinner (<i>excluding wine</i>)	£35		<input type="checkbox"/>	

Years you Studied at Grey College _____ to _____

Completed booking forms and cheques (made payable to "Grey College Association") should be sent to Julie Bushby at Grey College, South Road, Durham DH1 3LG; phone 0191 334 5591; or by email: j.e.bushby@durham.ac.uk

Grey College Trust

The Grey College Trust was set up for the benefit of Grey College in the 1980s and plays an important role in supporting Grey College, its students, its fabric and its development. Various appeals have been launched and developed under its auspices. Currently we have The Jubilee Development Appeal.

If you wish to give money to the College and you do so through the Trust then for every £100 you give we can claim an extra £20 in the Gift Aid scheme if you are a UK taxpayer. If you would like to leave something for the College in your will you may do so by a bequest to the Grey College Trust. You may specify how you would prefer the money to

benefit the College and be assured that the Trustees will do their very best to honour your memory and your wishes. You may also give something in your own lifetime, specifying how you wish the money to be spent. For further

details please contact the Master, Tom Allen: thomas.allen@durham.ac.uk.



Business Angels

The "Business Angels" scheme was launched in April 2005, with 45 Alumni who had volunteered (or been coerced) to offer practical careers advice to students at Grey. Almost 7 years later, the band of Angels has grown to just under 350, and advice is available for those considering postgraduate studies and work abroad, as well as 30 or so business areas/professions.

The break-down of our Angels is interesting, and it is particularly good to see how many of the most recent leavers are signing up to help, which seems to indicate that they feel the scheme is useful and worth supporting;

1960s leavers = 21
1970s leavers = 25
1980s leavers = 20
1990s leavers = 42
2000s leavers = 184
2010/11 leavers = 51

As well as posting a profile for students to read, and offering the opportunity for e-mail contact on specific queries, a number of Business Angels have written short articles on aspects of their own careers for the JCR

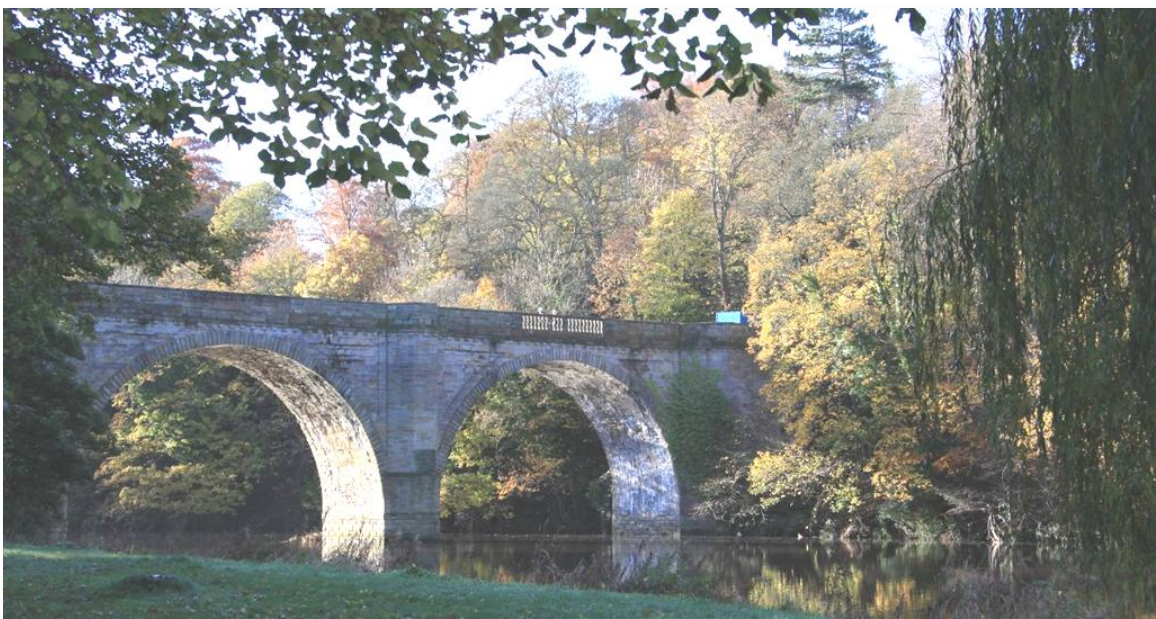
website, and we are keen to develop this aspect. We are also still looking for offers of internships or work experience placements. Without this kind of experience, today's students are finding their search for the right job for them is made even more difficult, so if you can help in this area (or know someone else who can), please get in touch.

The Association also runs a Job Application workshop in November each year, offering help with CVs, interview techniques and suchlike - Tom Cliff is always pleased to have volunteers to work on that. As always, one of the major problems is getting people to update the information which is posted on the Angels website; if you change company, get a new position, or have a new e-mail address, please let us know!

Oh, and please don't think that just because we have so many Angels, we don't want *you* to sign up. Remember the old Grey motto, and "get involved" - it really is a great way to put something back into a very special place

STEVE GREGORY

Association Secretary



ABOVE: Morning at Prebends Bridge, November 2010 by Natasha Coral (Natural Sciences Graduate 2011)

Grey after 50 years

1962 was a vintage year although we didn't know it at the time. September saw a gaggle of 14 ex-grammar school lads who just happened to sit together in the JCR be introduced to each other by Dr Pennington who's party trick was to greet everyone to Grey by their first name, a feat even then.

A common, in the nicest sense of the word, background, pulled us together in our new strange environment. Some on the fringe of the group didn't quite fit with the drink, work (a bit), drink ethos and fell by the wayside. However, the group developed despite varied extra-curricular interests and academic interruptions we really settled in and started to enjoy our time at Grey, although this did on occasions, result in one or more of us being summoned by the scary hand of the legendary Master, Dr Syd Holgate, to discuss our mis-demeanours



in his study and be issued with sage advice and the odd fine.

I recall that everything was sixpence in the university café in town and a supper license at the New Inn supplemented our formal meals in College. In that Michealmas term we travelled to the Hoppings at our university cousins in Newcastle, but no one remembers what we did after the fair, or how we got home.

As the time passed we enjoyed the social highlights of Grey Day and the Raft Race and in the second and third years some of us

developed relationships that meant they were "forced" to live amongst girls at Mary's. At first they locked the doors at 11pm, but when this didn't work they decided to pop-rivet the windows shut at ground level to prevent us from getting in.

Yet despite all these distractions we thrived and some even came away with Firsts and 2:1s. And then after the quickest three years I can remember we all went our separate ways, but not before signing up, for 10 shillings I think, to the Grey College Association (at the time the Greymens' Association). Over the first few years we returned to College on a

regular basis, although our group began to shrink as some seemed reluctant to rekindle old memories and never returned. Then suddenly and unexpectedly we suffered the tragic loss of one of our core, but that brought the

ABOVE: Members of the Darlington Mob captured in this photograph taken outside Elvet c.1962. From left to right:

Back row: Alan Crozier, John Sparks, Alan Jones, Mike Rose, Roger Leaver

Middle row: David M Lee, J Roger Hobson, Chris Browitt, Geoff Tate

Front row: Ken Smith, David Greenhalgh, D Brian Chambers, A Joe Honeyman, Alan Bell

rest even closer together. Marriages, then kids, developing careers saw us

eventually bring our families into the circle and we had our own group anniversaries with Dr and Mrs Holgate who remembered the Darlington Mob's past antics in College with, I feel, some affection.

As the years have gone by our links with our extended group of College contemporaries have faded, so we decided to continue to hold our own yearly celebrations in comfortable surroundings and we now travel the UK in search of good food and wine.

We are now mainly six in number, plus wives, yes we are mainly with the same ones, and we meet up every year, there is always a little reminiscing and we certainly put the world to rights. It does take us a little longer and a little bit more drink to conjure up the old Grey bar songs, but we inevitably get there and relive our times at Grey. Needless to say

when ever and where ever we meet we look back on our three years at College as being one of the happiest periods in our lives and we make sure we raise our glasses to Grey College.

J ROGER HOBSON

ALAN BELL

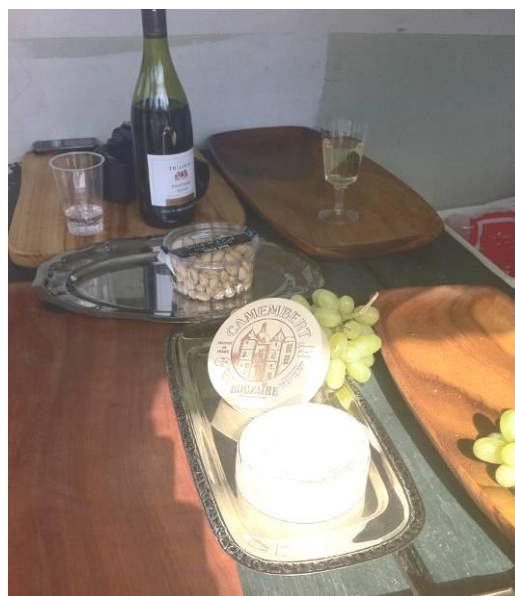
Grey College 1962-1965

The "Mature" Cheese Society - Camembert Sur La Mer

Grey College's Cheese Society is one of the most popular societies the College has ever had. As a result it was inevitable that a Mature Cheese Society would be formed and with it a collection of global sub branches, Steve Baker (1996-2001) and Paul Killigrew (1996-2000) report on the success of the Sydney branch...

"It was a cracking day and I think everyone had a great time. I got a bit cheesed off when I saw someone nosing the Gruyere but I soon set them straight and apart from that the event went off without a hitch."

After the success of the Grey College Mature Cheese Society's Winter Wonderland of Cheese in 2010 for our next event the Executive Committee (Paul Killigrew, Grande Fromage and Steve Baker, Social Fromage) decided to aim even higher and during September 2011 we held the most hotly anticipated cheese event in the southern hemisphere's spring social calendar - Camembert sur la mer.



The beautiful beachside resort of Bronte was chosen to host the event and a select number of Grey College's cheesiest Sydneysiders were handpicked to savour the most sumptuous assortment of cheeses ever to be showcased on the eastern seaboard.

The Executive Committee already have their thinking caps on for next year's event so watch this space - as ever the event will be big, bold and cheesy and if you live near Sydney you'd be crackers to miss it!

Guests brought cheeses from around world and a beverage to match and this great bounty was shared among all who attended. As ever this was a premium cheese event with no supermarket fare allowed within a cooe (think D'Affinois not Dairylea, Brie not Bega!) A marvelous time was had by all and it was late into the evening when the final piece of Pecorino was polished off. A satisfied Grande Fromage had this to say about the event:

PAUL KILLIGREW

STEVE BAKER

Grande Fromage

Social Fromage

Grey in the Community

This year saw the Junior Common Room launch 'Grey in the Community' (GITC), a society bridging the College with the local community through volunteering and service projects. The brainchild of JCR President, Josh Turner and Hannah Langton, a second year Modern Languages student, the group was instantly popular among the student body drawing interest from experienced volunteers and newcomers alike.

Despite its recent inception, the group has already started visiting St Michaels Primary School, engaging with the children through creative activities, as well as beginning prison visits to Holme House Prison near Queen's Campus in Stockton. Plans are to roll out several new projects over this epiphany term, including Grey Cheerleaders leading a project in local schools and a tea party for elderly residents at Hallgarth Care Centre. Last, but by no means least an eager group of 15 Grey students have been busy working in collaboration with Experience Durham and Durham County Council to organise the inaugural 'Grey in the Community Sports Day'



with 36 young disabled adults. The day will include a morning of curling, zumba, tag rugby, virtual biking and rowing at Maiden Castle, lunch in College, an afternoon of live music, 'chillout' and crafts in Fountains Hall, and finally an awards ceremony with a local celebrity to top off the day.

Grey in the Community are eager to expand, so if you know of any opportunities, or think you could point us in the right direction, please get in touch with Chris Blois-Brooke at c.j.blois-brooke@durham.ac.uk

KATIE DOUGAL

Grey in the Community

Durham University Confers Award on Henry Dyson



ABOVE: Henry Dyson

In January 2012 Henry Dyson (Arts Combined, Grey College 1974-77), Former Association President was conferred Durham Universities third Dunelmensis Award, 'Dunelmensis' being Latin for 'of, belonging to, or from Durham'. Awarded by the University Senate, once each year, it is the University's most prestigious award for volunteer service, given to acknowledge the personal, exemplary and sustained contributions of an alumnus or alumna in facilitating the progress of Durham

University. The following text is the nomination presented by Martyn Chamberlain:

"Henry Dyson graduated from Durham University in 1978, having read for a Combined Arts Degree at Grey College. This nomination is based on his service to Grey since 2000, when he returned at the invitation of the then Master, Mr Victor Watts, to help drive forward fundraising and to develop the College's Art Collection.

Since 2000, Henry has performed meritorious and exceptional service in support of the University, as evidenced by: his leadership of

the Grey College Alumni Association (of which he was President for seven years); his strong support of the College Trust, of which he is a nominated member; his service to Grey College Council; his work as a College Tutor; and his enhancement of the wider reputation of the College and University through development of Grey's artistic and intellectual activities.

During the period of his Presidency, the Grey College Alumni Association has grown in size and strength, with excellent reunion events held both at Grey and in London that have been personally organised by Henry. His energy and enthusiasm for all things Grey has ensured that new Association initiatives, for example the Business Angels Scheme, could flourish; and that the travel and self-development aspirations of junior members of the College could be satisfied, through the annual Awards made by the Association. Working with other volunteer members, Henry has also been responsible for producing annual editions of the *Alumnus Magazine*, *Grey Matters*, that are eagerly awaited and are now available in electronic form from the College website.

Henry has been a loyal and highly effective member of the Grey College Trust for many years. In that capacity he worked tirelessly to ensure that the plans of the College could be realised to improve its facilities and to increase opportunities for the benefit of new generations of students. To that end he personally raised significant funds for many aspects of the Trust's work, including the continuation and enlargement of the College Visiting Fellowship programme, the provision of student bursaries and for the development of capital projects, including the JCR and Library Extensions. He has himself visited and entertained many potential donors, always acting as an excellent ambassador and advocate for Grey to all manner of persons in the UK and beyond.

As a member of the Council, Henry has assiduously attended all meetings as the

Association Representative, providing good counsel and sound advice in many delicate and important matters. Throughout, he has offered opinions that are challenging and occasionally unorthodox, but which are invariably imbued with common sense and foresight. Henry has also been a diligent, hospitable and thoroughly competent College Tutor for many years, providing our students with guidance, good conversation and a helpful and reassuring presence at all times.

Finally, Henry's contribution to the aesthetic and intellectual life of the College must be mentioned in this nomination. His Termly Art Exhibitions are a well-known feature of Grey College life that has led, over the years, to the Trust assembling a considerable portfolio of excellent artworks. He has also assisted the College to bring an important exhibition to Durham from the Reform Club in London; this was very well reviewed in the regional and national press and has strengthened the links between Grey and the influential membership of the Reform Club. His wide connections in the spheres of business and the arts has also ensured that Durham's institutional advancement activities have been furthered and that these have led to the enhancing the University's reputation nationally and internationally.

On these grounds, Mr Chancellor and Mr Vice-Chancellor, we wish to nominate Mr Henry Dyson for the Dunelmensis Award."

PROFESSOR MARTYN CHAMBERLAIN

Former Master, Grey College



ABOVE: Henry Dyson received the Dunelmensis Award from Vice-Chancellor Chris Higgins

Chapel News

THE SEARCH FOR A NEW CHAPLAIN

It was with great sadness that the College Chaplain, Simon Airey, said goodbye to the college last summer to take up a new post as vicar in Shropshire. Simon was a tremendous asset to the college and was especially loved by the students. We wish him and his wife Faith well in their new ministry.

Naturally, this has left the chapel under some strain. The Chapel Committee has managed to keep a regular pattern of services going, but of course this is only a small part of the role of a chaplain, and the committee has been unable to provide pastoral support, student engagement and outreach that a dedicated chaplain would.

The college has begun the process of finding funds to support the work of a chaplain, a role with particular emphasis on working with student outreach and community engagement, alongside the regular activities

such as leading services, providing pastoral support, and maintaining a spiritual presence in the college. If you know of any funding sources or donors who may be able to assist in this mission, or would like to make a financial contribution yourself, please contact the Master. Your input would be most welcome.

We look forward to welcoming you to a chapel service next time you are in Durham.

THE CHAPEL COMMITTEE

Peter Swift, David Clark, and Richard Hilton



ABOVE: Durham Cathedral from Prebends Bridge, by Natasha Coral (Natural Sciences Graduate 2011)

Grey College Accessories

These items are available from the University Robers, Gray & Son Robemakers (Durham) Ltd, 4 Neville Street, Durham DH1 4EY, telephone 0191 386 4168.

They can also be purchased from the College contact reception on 0191 334 5900. All merchandise bought includes a small donation to the Grey College Trust.



Scarf	£18.00
Tie (Polyester)	£10.00
Tie (Silk)	£21.00
Boat Club Tie (Polyester)	£10.00
Bow Tie (Silk)	£26.00
Cufflinks	£19.00
Shield	£29.00
Pewter Tankard	£24.00
Lapel Pin	£10.00

Prices shown exclude Postage & Packing

Announcements

It has been brought to our attention by Simon J Gleaden (1982-85) that his contemporary Brigadier Richard Nugee, who is the Army's Head of Manning was awarded a C.B.E. in the

2012 New Year's Honours. All at Grey would like to offer our heartiest congratulations to Richard for a well deserved award

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Extensions to the Library and the JCR



ABOVE: The extension to the Victor Watts Library in Holgate House



ABOVE: JCR President Josh Turner, stands proudly on the new Balcony



ABOVE: A view of the extension to the JCR

The first phase of the Jubilee Development project is taking shape, with two major building projects underway. The extension of the Victor Watts Library in Holgate House is due to be completed during February 2012 and includes: a large addition to the study area providing space for up to 20 additional students to study at any one time, an office for the College Librarian and rolling shelves which will quadruple the number of books that the library is able to hold. At the front of College the extension to the JCR is also taking shape and this too is due to be completed during the Epiphany Term with a grand opening during March. The extension will provide much needed additional rooms for the JCR, including an office, a dedicated welfare room and a shop. In addition the extension will provide a balcony for the dining room with amazing views out over the Cathedral. Grey College Association is proud to have supported this project and by working with the University, the College and the JCR we continue to contribute to the development of Grey College and ensure that it will be one of the University's stand out Colleges for decades to come.

BELOW: A view of the JCR extension taken from the far side of the croquet lawn.



BELOW: An internal view of the JCR, with the three archways through the new offices and meeting rooms.

