



St Cuthbert's Society

June 12th 2018

Dear Fellow Council Member

I am writing to you in advance of our June meeting to give you early warning of some changes at Cuth's and indeed all the Durham Colleges.

As some of you may know the University has been considering the role of College Councils for several years – I think throughout most of my time on Council! This should not surprise us since we have occasionally questioned our own remit and thought that a review of some sort was overdue. The University has now made the decision to abolish College Councils as we know them and to replace them with a new body whose job will be rather different from ours. Elizabeth and I will say more about this at our June Meeting.

In the meantime, I wanted you to know that the next meeting, which was always to be *my* last, is now going to be *our* last. No doubt the University has its own plans to write and thank you all for the service you have provided, some of you for many years, but because College Councils all happen at different times it may be a while before the letters go out.

I would like to thank each of you for your wisdom, loyalty and good humour. We have had some interesting times together. I have had reason to be grateful to you all for your support on many occasions. Elizabeth will no doubt join me in saying that you have contributed much to the life of the College and its students.

At the end of the next Meeting we thought we might gather together and share some celebratory cake to mark the end of a job well done. I do hope you can stay for a short time.

All good wishes

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