



DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT 10:30 A.M. ON SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2016
AT THE SOCIETY, 12, SOUTH BAILEY, DURHAM

MINUTES TO BE APPROVED AT 2017 AGM

Present

Richard Peralta (Chairman) (RP)
Danni Collingridge Moore (Secretary) (DCM)
Elizabeth Archibald (Principal) (EA)
Sharon Richardson (Vice-Principal) (SR)
Mark Rowland (MR), Megan Croll (MC), Greg Collingridge Moore (GCM), Jill Chapman (JC), Keith Reed (KR), Harry Lewendon-Evans, Colin Colclough, John Hamilton, Patrick Kiely, Matthew Partridge, Peter Reid, John Craythorne, Andy Keen, Douglas Matthews, Peter Sibley, Barry Fildes,

Item 1: Apologies for absences

Matthew Glover, Derrick Phillips, Alex Baulf, Ed Fetherston-Dilke, Victoria Silcock, Simon Stanley, Nick Wright, Bernard Robertson, Albert Hodgson, Keith Jones

Item 2: Welcome and introductions

Introductions were given by Elizabeth Archibald and Richard Peralta

Item 3: Minutes of the last AGM

Two items from the 2015 AGM were corrected covering the terms of the elected positions. With these amendments, the 2015 minutes were passed.

- The Chair, Richard Peralta, and new Secretary, Danni Collingridge Moore, were elected in the 2015 AGM for three years as per constitution, as opposed to one year as previously minuted
- The Treasurer, Victoria Silcock, would continue into the second year of her term in 2015-16, as opposed to being elected for one year as previously minuted

Item 4: Matters Arising

RP talked through the table of matters arising included in the appendix, covering all Open items and the Closed item relating to financial administration (AGM-2015-16). Two actions were closed in the meeting (AGM-2015-07 – photos) and (AGM-2015-09 – postgraduate awards).

See appendix for further details.



Item 5: Chair's Report

RP highlighted key points from the report, including putting in place a long term plan, refreshing the constitution, and the list of events. In particular, he thanked Danni Collingridge Moore and Dan Moynihan for their help on the constitution, memorandum of understanding, and data protection policy, as well as Derrick Phillips for curating a fantastic collection of articles for the website.

EA agreed with the approach of having location representatives to mobilise alumni in different locations around the world. **Action:** HLE to spend time on refreshing location map, and target local and regional events.

In relation to the industry events, SR raised how the Cuths Angels scheme can also be used to provide support for current students.

See appendix for written report.

Item 6: Treasurer's Report

MR gave an overview of the report and the accounts. In particular he called out that the Association is due to receive back the deposit paid to the venue for the Founders' Dinner.

The Virgin Money bank account saga is being resolved and the account closed. We could not withdraw cash, didn't have a cheque book, and could not update the signatories as the trustees and signatories have both moved (one of whom moved abroad). This is nearing completion. Funds will be moved to our HSBC business account.

Assets stand at just over £17,000, £13,000 of which is unallocated to particular projects. We have very little interest on our current accounts.

See appendix for written report and accounts.

Item 7: Update from the Principal

EA added some extra detail to the topics included in the written report.

She highlighted the likely move of the Stockton Colleges to Durham city, and the members discussed the positive and negative impacts of this. This included the potential for increased 'town vs. gown' friction having c. 2,000 extra students to the 17,000 already here. The University is trying to increase student numbers but are still committed to colleges as the central pillar to student experience.



After leaving Cuth's, past Principal Graham Towl became Dean of Colleges and has just stepped down. A new Dean has just been appointed from Royal School of Artillery.

The SCR and JCR are both extremely active, and the JCR have established an Arabic society. The Military scholarships scheme that started life as a Cuth's initiative has been made into a university wide campaign aiming to get ex-service people into university. There has been some difficulty finding suitable candidates.

See appendix for written update.

Item 8: Update from the JCR President

MC gave credit to past President, Rich Root, for all of his hard work.

The JCR continues to function independently, and has changed its charitable status. This involves having recruited trustees who are no longer financially and legally liable. There are four external trustees who cover legal, financial, charitable, and education backgrounds, and four 4 student trustees.

See appendix for written update.

Item 9: Constitution

RP explained that there has been excellent progress drafting a new constitution that is fit for purpose and up-to-date. However, there are ongoing discussions with the University as to the approach to all alumni associations, so we have not proposed the fully redrafted constitution at this meeting.

The committee prepared a list of "core constitutional changes" to be discussed and implemented to allow us to continue the proper administration of the Alumni Association in the interim time before an EGM or the next AGM.

These covered an update of the Association's aims, the number and type of committee roles, and signatories to the bank account. There was a particularly active debate of the aims, the wording of which were amended and passed. The other changes were passed without amendment.

The changes are included in the appendices to these minutes with the relevant updates. The constitution will be updated accordingly.

It was agreed that the constitution should undergo more regular review to stop it falling out of date in future.



See appendix for documented changes.

Item 10: Election of Association Officers

- Events Manager
 - One nomination: Matthew Glover
 - Proposed by: GCM
 - Seconded by: MR
 - Matt Glover was duly elected as Events Manager for a term of three years
- Newsletter Editor
 - This position was removed as part of the core constitutional changes, and replaced with Events Manager
- Additional Committee Members
 - Two nominations: Cressida Peever and Mervyn Drage
 - Cressida proposed by: DCM
 - Cressida seconded by: EA
 - Mervyn proposed by: JC
 - Mervyn seconded by: KR
 - Cressida Peever and Mervyn Drage were duly elected as Committee Members for a term of three years

Item 11: Motions

None

Item 12: Any Other Business

- RP has been invited to sit on Society Council by Chair, Fiona Ellis
- EA raised the possibility of holding the AGM in London to open it up to a new (and hopefully larger) audience. This was discussed by the attendees, with the following emerging themes:
 - The AGM could be in London on alternate years
 - The AGM could be accompanied by a meal, e.g. the Founders' Dinner in October or St. Cuthbert's Day lunch in March
 - The reunion weekend should remain in Durham, and could take place in early July where it has the potential for more students/recent alumni to attend, and for staff to still be in place
- MR comments on excellent progress in last year and thanked RP and the committee

The Chairman closed the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

APPENDICES TO THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT 10:30 A.M. ON SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2016
APPENDICES AMENDED AFTER THE MEETING TO REFLECT ACTIONS

Item 4: Matters Arising

2015 actions				2016 update	
Action Ref.	Section	Details	Owner	Status	Comments
AGM-2015-13	Relationship between Association and Society	Create a plan on how the Association should work more efficiently and effectively with the Society	Association Committee	Open	<p>This is continual work in progress. We have made excellent progress with the Development Officer (incl. open communications, a fortnightly catch up between the Chair and Dev Officer, and co-signing emails to alumni). There is a termly meeting with Chair, Secretary, Principal, Vice Principal and Dev Officer. There is still room for improvement re. two-way communication.</p> <p>With regard to formalising the relationship, the constitutional review has been forwarded to the University legal team for their opinion on the risk posed by bodies such as Associations. There has also been discussion of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Association and Society which has been put on a back burner until we have more clarity of the University's position</p>
AGM-2015-04	Chairman's update	Consider inclusion of the names of the World War One Cuthbert's fallen on the memorial plaque in the garden	Association Committee, Simon Stanley	Open	<p>To be reviewed with Elizabeth and Development Officer closer to the time of publication.</p> <p>EA asked for an update on expecting timing. This is dependent on Simon Stanley, but the aim is to complete in line with the anniversary of WWI. MR will continue to work with Simon Stanley to proof read</p>
AGM-2015-05	Chairman's update	Consult Michael Aris' family re. naming the proposed lecture series after him	Mark Rowland	Open	<p>Lecture was put on hold in order to concentrate on creating an ongoing annual events calendar and create the long term plan</p> <p>MR and EA discussed contact details for Michael Aris' family. MR to update in due course. The offer from Michael Izza to use Accountants Hall is still open.</p>



2015 actions				2016 update	
Action Ref.	Section	Details	Owner	Status	Comments
AGM-2015-06	Chairman's update	Proofread Bernard's Robertson's History of the Society, including identifying sections which may benefit from photos etc. from the archives	Mark Rowland	Open	MR is reviewing the material received so far. He has received a CD of photographs from the library and from the Development Officer. The text is edited and he is in process of getting quotes from printers. The format is similar to Tudor's history
AGM-2015-17	AOB	Consider paying someone to work on the Society's extensive archives	Development Officer, Secretary	Open	Decision was postponed until agreeing ongoing funding model. This is now back on the agenda for discussion. SR updated the meeting that SCS have received archiving help from the library which was organised by the archive department. A potential next step would be to digitise the materials.
AGM-2015-07	Chairman's update	Source potential photos from the archives for Bernard's Robertson's History of the Society	Development Officer	Closed	Photos sent to MR
AGM-2015-09	Principal's update	Publicise appeal for funds for postgraduates to attend conferences etc. and for the renovation of the Bailey bar	Development Officer	Closed	There are awards for up to six postgraduates for various causes. Any further awards have been folded into the Student Opportunities Fund rather than keeping this exclusively for postgraduates. There is also a specific award for the performing arts – the SCR Award
AGM-2015-16	AOB	Consider ongoing funding of the Association	Treasurer, Association Committee	Closed	This was discussed at length and three options proposed: i) subscription charge for membership. Ruled out because it limits the involvement of the maximum number of alumni ii) benefits package for reduced ticket price and physical copy of magazine. An appealing option because it creates recurring income and allows people to book for multiple events at once. Ruled out because it was seen to create a "two tier" membership iii) additional margin on event tickets plus fundraising. The chosen option as it gives the most benefit to those who are regularly involved, without penalising occasional participants. The additional margin on tickets would be waived for those who have graduated in the last five years [e.g. £50 for Founders' Dinner, or £45 for recent grads]

2015 actions				2016 update	
Action Ref.	Section	Details	Owner	Status	Comments
AGM-2015-01	Minutes of the last AGM	Substitute the word "family" for "parents" in line 4 of paragraph 3 in relation to the tragic death of Luke Pearce in 2014	Secretary	Closed	Amended and uploaded to cuths.org
AGM-2015-02	Chairman's update	Advise status of the WWI memoir	Simon Stanley	Closed	The WWI memoir is progressing and Simon has circulated a number of sections for proof reading. The next update should relate to publication
AGM-2015-03	Chairman's update	Consider Association funding for the WWI memoir re. underwriting publication, depending on costings	Treasurer	Closed	The committee has provisionally agreed to underwrite publication but have not yet received costings as the memoirs are still in draft for
AGM-2015-08	Chairman's update	Coordinate Association articles for the <i>Cuthbert's Chronicle</i>	Association Committee	Closed	Articles are now regularly contributed by the Association
AGM-2015-10	Principal's update	Consider ways funds could be raised for the Military Scholarships	Association Committee	Closed	This campaign has been subsumed into University fundraising and scholars do not necessarily join Cuth's
AGM-2015-11	Principal's update	Consider feedback provided by the alumni survey	Association Committee	Closed	Folded into constitutional review, update of aims, and long term plan
AGM-2015-12	Treasurer's report	Liaise with Bernard Robertson's son re. bank account signatories	Treasurer	Closed	This related to changing Virgin Money signatories to access its funds. This has now been successfully moved to HSBC account
AGM-2015-14	Association's Constitution	Review constitution for circulation and discussion in June 2016	Secretary	Closed	This was not ready to be circulated in June but is an important item on the today's agenda
AGM-2015-15	AOB	Advertise remaining 125th Anniversary CDs	Development Officer, Association Committee	Closed	A few further CDs sold, rest are available for purchase and can be produced on demand
AGM-2015-18	Other	Review, amend (if necessary) and approve 2015 AGM minutes	Secretary	Closed	Complete



Item 5: Chair's Report

Executive Summary

The Alumni Association has been particularly active over the last year, with particular highlights being putting in place a plan to deliver our aims, continuing with the update of our constitution and other documentation, and pursuing a wider range of events with an annual calendar.

Our level of engagement with alumni is growing – we have had over 150 attendees at Association events this year, and we regularly feed updates, articles and publicity into the *Cuthbert's Chronicle*, Durham Newswire, and ad hoc emails to alumni. There is room for improvement: see the item below concerning future plans.

We must also continue to ensure we understand our *raison d'être*, which has been reviewed as part of the constitutional refresh, and focus on delivering on our aims. This is an ongoing discussion with both the Society and the University.

Achievements, events and noteworthy updates

Delivering our aims

We have identified a list of key initiatives which help it reach the formal aims stated in the constitution. We track these on an ongoing basis and welcome comments, suggestions and assistance to help with any of the initiatives. This has been published on our website at cuths.org and we have invited alumni to get involved in any or as many ways as they can.

Aim summary	Aim	Example activities
Connect	Help alumni keep in touch with friends they made while at St Cuthbert's;	Organising events, connecting people via our social media accounts
Entertain	Organise reunion events, dinners, sports and a varied social calendar for alumni;	Holding events for special occasions, by location or by year group
Inform	Keep alumni up to date with St Cuthbert's Society and University of Durham news;	Publishing news on cuths.org , social media, and via the <i>Cuthbert's Chronicle</i> and Durham Newswire
Support	Provide help and assistance to alumni whenever possible;	Running industry networking events (to recommence in 2016)
Fundraise	Fundraise and provide financial support to the Junior Common Room and members of St. Cuthbert's Society	Funding a new 'Ranald Michie Award' for outstanding contribution to the Society by a fresher, and supporting the military scholarship scheme
Uphold	Act as guardian of St Cuthbert's	Publishing research into WWI fallen, an updated



	Society, ensuring its heritage is respected and its future protected	Society History, and producing the 125th anniversary CD of memories
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Constitution refresh

In order to ensure the Alumni Association as effective as possible, we have redrafted our constitution and associated documents. This includes refreshing the list of aims stated above and ensuring that all activities help us achieve these new aims. Elizabeth, Sharon, Harriet, and Fiona Ellis (Chair of Society Council) have been involved in this process and given feedback on many of the sections.

This has been a huge effort from all involved and I'd particularly like to thank Danni Collingridge Moore for taking the lead on this. Thanks are also due to Dan Moynihan, an alumnus with legal expertise, and the whole Committee for continued and lengthy discussions over a number of months.

We are also documenting a data protection policy and a volunteer agreement to enshrine the Association's governance and policies. We have been discussing a memorandum of understanding between the Association and the Society.

Events

The Alumni Association published an annual calendar with a wider range of activities than we have had for the last 10-15 years. This includes a number of "standing events" for the year – those we plan to run every year – which will be complemented by other bonus events in various locations around the world.

In the year to date (AGM to AGM), we have had over 150 attendees at Association events. This includes the first ever Founders' Dinner, #CuthsChristmas, a new St. Cuthbert's Day lunch, Graduation Anniversary drinks, and this AGM. This does not even include facilitating a group of 2011 grads who organised an ad hoc trip to Durham via the Association (c. 15 attendees) or helping to organise a dinner for grads of the 2000s in London (c. 35 attendees).

The Development Officer separately facilitated events for grads of the 1990s (Durham) and a reunion from 1985 (Durham).

We look to expand the type and reach of events this coming year (see table below).

2016 and future events:

Event	Location	Date	Cost
St. Cuthbert's Day lunch	London	Sat 19 Mar 2016	£37.50
Cuths Day	Durham	Sat 18 Jun 2016	Set by JCR
Graduation anniversary drinks	Global	Sat 2 Jul 2016	Cash bar
Alumni weekend	Durham	Fri 2 - Sun 4 Sep 2016	Depending on package
Founders' Dinner	London	Oct 2016	£50
#CuthsChristmas drinks	Global	Dec 2016	Cash bar
Location drinks	UK: Cambridge,	To be confirmed	To be confirmed

(in addition to London and Durham)	York, Cheltenham Americas: Vancouver, New York Rest of world: Dubai, Hong Kong, Singapore		
Flagship academic lecture	Accountants Hall, London	To be confirmed	c. £10
Industry networking events	Various	Various	Free

Bank account

An achievement deserving of more than these few lines, but Mark Rowland has successfully bombarded Virgin Money enough times to withdraw the balance we held in our account there. This was held dormant after trustees moved house and correspondence was unanswered.

This money is now deposited in our HSBC account. A new account with full online access and dual authorisations will be opened with Barclays in the immediate future.

Pearls of Wisdom

Derrick Phillips has curated a set of new and unpublished articles written and submitted by Cuth's alumni. This collection, called "Pearls of Wisdom", has been published on the Association website at <http://cuths.org/article/pearls-of-wisdom-collection-launched>

Online payments

The Association can now take online payments for events. Booking for the Founders' Dinner 2016 is now live at <http://cuths.org/events/founders-dinner-2016>

Future plans

- A partial success in 2015-16, a cornerstone of our plan to scale up the activity of the Association is to put in year group and location reps for our alumni population. An email from a contemporary, targeted at your year group, is much more likely to garner sign-ups than emails from myself, Elizabeth or the Development Officer. National and international events have the best chance of succeeding with committed location reps anywhere we have a critical mass of alumni. Cressida produced a very interesting location analysis document which has been plotted on a map at <http://cuths.org/locations>. Get in touch if you think your details are out of date
- The mooted flagship lecture will be progressed in 2016-17. This has been held in planning phases whilst other initiatives have been delivered

St. Cuthbert's Alumni Association

The alumni association of St. Cuthbert's Society, Durham University

- Two important publications are being progressed with the editorial and/or financial help of the Association. Bernard Robertson's updated history of the Society, and Simon Stanley's study of Cuths WWI fallen, are both in progress
- Industry networking events are in the pipeline with a couple of interested organisers. We will work with the Development Officer to roll this out

Richard Peralta
September 2016

Item 6: Treasurer's Report

- With no subscription money coming in, the Association remains very careful about depleting its capital
- Funds are available for cash flow funding of future events and activities, for which the Association aims to at least break even. The approach for events this year has been to make a small margin on ticket sales to contribute towards running costs and particular causes e.g. Ranald Michie Prize and Gemma Collis
- About half of the Association's excess of expenditure over income of £1934 is being offset against significant income for the Founders' Dinner in October 2016
- Website design and management and other IT-related provision accounted for most of the remaining deficit

Victoria Silcock, Mark Rowland
01.09.16



ST. CUTHBERT'S ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Financial Statement Year to August 31st 2016

<i>Income</i>	£
Subscriptions	Nil
Miscellaneous income ²	25
Total	<u>25</u>
<i>Expenditure</i>	
Website, domain and mailing services/ Thread of the Web & others	614
Search & Rescue/donation re Luke Pearce	100
Deposit for Founders' Dinner 2016 ³	875
Subsidy on previous events ⁴	55
Hire charge for July 2016 drinks	50
Ranald Michie Prize	150
Durham University Library/ Photographs for book ⁵	36
Miscellaneous admin expenses	79
Total expenditure	1959
Total income	(25)
Deficit on year	(1934)

St. Cuthbert's Alumni Association



The alumni association of St. Cuthbert's Society, Durham University

Assets

		£ (August 2016)	£ (August 2015)
Virgin Money ⁶	Nil		12,948
HSBC Current a/c		17,370	6,357
HSBC Business a/c ¹	67		66
Total		17,437	19,371

Notes to the accounts

1. No interest has been credited to the HSBC current a/c during the year. The separate HSBC business account has had £1 credited which has been included in the total deposit
2. Miscellaneous income. Late payments from individuals re past events
3. The £875 paid to Boulevard Brasserie is a deposit for the Founders dinner in October 2016. Dinner payments will be set against this as income
4. £55 was subsidised for prior years' events
5. The £36 paid to Durham University Library is for photographs for the Robertson history
6. The Virgin Money account was eventually closed in early August 2016 following extensive efforts to co-ordinate the responses of the trustees. It is estimated that interest accrued over the two years since the Association was last vouchsafed the information was £188



Future expenditure

Liabilities/provisions for 2016-17

Robertson history: design and production provision ⁷	3,000
*Website development Provision	500
Ranald Michie Prize ⁸	150
Total (at 31/8/16)	3,650
Total assets (31/8/16)	17, 437
Uncommitted assets	13,283

7. The Association is committed by Committee resolution to set aside £3,000 for the production work on the Robertson history. However, eventual book sales will be credited to the Association, at least until breakeven point
8. The Association is committed by Committee resolution to support the Ranald Michie Prize, currently for £150 a year, until further notice



Item 7: Update from the Principal

College Review

We had a college review in Dec 2015, the first for nearly ten years. We have not yet received the reviewers' full comments and recommendations, but in their initial summary they were very complimentary about the strong sense of identity at Cuth's; the friendly, welcoming, caring and inclusive community (JCR, SCR and staff); and the significant progress since the last review in 2007. They were very impressed with what they heard about Induction Week, about Formals, and about scholarly activities, among other things. There is certainly much at Cuth's to feel very proud about!

Vice-Chancellor's Visit

The new Vice-Chancellor has been very well received. He came to a Christmas Formal, where he was impressed by the community spirit, and visited us for an hour in May to talk about his vision for the future of the university. The event was open to all staff; about twenty came, plus the JCR President and President Elect.

Scholarly Activities

The programme of research fora, lectures and talks this year has been varied and fascinating; topics have included newspapers today, archaeology, 'History, Democracy and Politics', northerners on the Grand Tour, and the antiquity of fairytales. The energetic Postgraduate Committee organized an excellent day workshop on Hearing, in keeping with our long-running Senses theme, which included a wide range of speakers both from departments and our own SCR. They also ran a Reading Group on the Investigatory Powers Bill, with a speaker from the Durham Police; a Research Forum on writing a thesis; and a mini-conference for PGs and UG finalists to practise giving papers and get feedback. The Committee has been very active and very efficient this year, and I am very grateful to them for all their enterprising work, especially Sarah Sheehy and Lara Ehrenfried.

Formals

Formals have continued to be very popular. Highlights recently have included the annual Dining in the Dark Formal, where the chef challenges our taste buds and we try not to make too much mess; the Intercollegiate Postgraduate Formal with a murder mystery theme (the two policewomen at High Table picked the wrong murderer!); the St Patrick and St Cuthbert Formal, where Prof Stephen Regan made a witty speech and read a moving Irish poem; the Shakespeare Formal, which saw three Lady Macbeths at High Table and included a speech by the University Librarian about the loss and recovery of Durham's First Folio; the Sports and Societies Formal, which showcased the remarkable energy and enterprise of our students; and the Arts and Culture Formal, the central point of Arts Week, alumnus and Fellow Christopher Somerville delivered another of his rhyming accounts of the adventures of St Cuthbert.

Visitors in Residence

Prof Ted Gup, a distinguished and award-winning American journalist, was our IAS Fellow this year and contributed enormously to college life – he was a perfect fit for Cuth's, playing pool with the Pool Team and practising his guitar in the garden. We are delighted that next year he will return as Writer in Residence from January to June 2017.

The next IAS Fellow, in Michaelmas Term 2016, will be Prof Massimo Leone of the University of Turin. He is Professor of Semiotics, Cultural Semiotics, and Visual Semiotics and Director of the MA Program in Communication Studies. His work deals with visual embodiments of religion and law. We hope that both he and Ted Gup may contribute to a pilot version of the core UG course on logical thinking that the VC hopes to develop at Durham.



We much enjoyed the lively presence of this year's Artist in Residence, Alan O'Cain, and his equally artistic wife Juliet, who have been involved in numerous college activities, particularly in Arts Week with the opening of his installation 'The Bikini Line' at the Botanic Gardens, a joint venture with Josephine Butler.

We hope to have a musician in residence in 2018.

JCR

The JCR have had a busy year under the excellent leadership of Rich Root, whose crowning achievement is the recent appointment of new trustees and the submission of an application to the Charities Commission to change the charitable status of the JCR (to be confirmed very shortly, we hope). His Exec has been energetic and resourceful, and as usual have organized a wide range of popular events, aimed at catering for many different interests, including a very mellow Cuth's Day. I look forward to working next year with the President Elect, Megan Croll, and her Exec.

The presentation of Colours after the Sports and Societies Formal this month highlighted what a remarkable number of students are heavily involved in college activities – some in two or three different sports and societies. New societies continue to be created every year; particularly notable this year is the Arabic Society, created by a first year student, and the very popular BodyCon. The Choir have been very busy; they have sung at a lot of Formals, have put on several impressive concerts at St Margaret's, and are soon to go on a tour to Paris. The Drama Society's presentation of *Abigail's Party* was terrific, and members also performed a short comic scene from *William Shakespeare's Star Wars* at the Shakespeare Formal. Cuth's actors and musicians were involved in the wonderful Shakespeare evening at the Cathedral and took part in many other events in the University's summer Arts Festival.

SCR

We are enormously grateful to SCR President Dr Mark Miller for all his work this year, from organizing talks and dinners to putting together a cricket team. We are making progress on making the SCR better known to students, both as an institution and as a group of individuals.

New Building

We now have plans for a one-storey multi-purpose building at Parson's Field, but are waiting to submit the business case for approval till the University's masterplan for the estate is decided in the next few months. This includes the move from Stockton, the building of new colleges, and the development of new teaching buildings.

Military Scholarships

This is now a university-wide campaign, and is progressing well. A fundraising event at the Cavalry Club in May was attended by the Vice-Chancellor; the speakers included Tom Wilde (Cuth's), the first Military Scholar who graduated in 2014, and Stephanie Atkinson, a foundation year Cuth's Scholar, wife of an ex-soldier. The challenge now is not so much to raise money as to find suitable applicants.

Staff

As always, all the college staff have worked enormously hard this year to make everything run smoothly at Cuth's. We are very grateful to Katherine Fone, the Bar Steward, and Harriet Rawet, the Development Officer, who both completed their terms this summer, and wish them well in their future careers. The new Development Officer is Harry Lewendon-Evans, who is completing a PhD in Philosophy, and was for two years the Postgraduate Rep. The new Bar Steward is Joe Brinn.



Item 8: Update from the JCR President

Charitable status

The main change that the JCR has undergone this year is one that is fundamental in the successful running of the JCR, despite not being the most obvious change to the day to day life of our students. We have finally completed the process to change our charitable status. In 2013 we chose to remain an independent charity but to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The main reason for this change was to be able to recruit a full board of trustees, as previously trustees were financially and legally liable if the JCR were to make a mistake, which understandably deterred prospective trustees.

We then began to recruit external trustees. A document was sent out via the Alumni mailing list advertising the positions and we were very pleased with the level of response. Interviews were conducted and from that four external trustees were selected. Between the successful applicants, they have backgrounds from the legal, financial, charitable, and education sectors. The first meeting with this board will be in the very near future, and I am very much looking forward to working with the trustees to ensure the successful running of Cuth's JCR.

Events

The major JCR events continue to be highlights of the calendar, with The Michaelmas Ball, The Feast of St Cuthbert, and Cuth's Day tickets all selling out this year. Each event was planned by our brilliant social committee, meaning the events this year were the best I can remember. Cuth's Day in particular continues to attract many alumni, who rejoin us for a fantastic day of entertainment and music, much of which provided by musicians from within the JCR.

Sports and Societies

We also continue to have fantastic engagement and success with our Sports and Societies. We continue to increase the number of societies we offer, with the addition of two new societies this year, both set up by first year students. We have introduced new awards to celebrate our most successful sports and societies, and have just introduced roles of JCR Sports and Societies Reporters to increase publicity whilst also providing journalistic experience for our students.



Item 9: Constitution

Core constitutional amendments

03/09/2016

Due to the ongoing discussion regarding the constitution with the Society, we have not proposed the fully redrafted constitution at this meeting. The following changes are proposed to be implemented to allow us to continue the proper administration of the Alumni Association in the interim time before an EGM or the next AGM.

Section	Current constitution	New proposed wording [changes in bold]
Aims	<p>1.</p> <p>a. To provide a focus for the former members of St Cuthbert's JCR and enable links with the College to be maintained.</p> <p>b. To support the academic and social development of the current students of St. Cuthbert's Society</p> <p>c. To arrange, encourage and promote national, regional and local events in pursuit of the above</p> <p>d. To raise funds in pursuit of the above</p>	<p>1.</p> <p>a) providing a focus for the alumni of St Cuthbert's Society Junior Common Room ("JCR") and enabling links with St Cuthbert's Society and other alumni to be maintained¹;</p> <p>b) supporting the activities and development of the current students of St Cuthbert's Society;</p> <p>c) keeping alumni up to date with St Cuthbert's Society and University of Durham news in collaboration with the Development Officer²;</p> <p>d) arranging, encouraging and promoting international, national, regional and local events in collaboration with the Development Officer;</p> <p>e) supporting and maintaining good relationships with the St Cuthbert's Society community³;</p>

¹ The definition of "current students" includes, but is not limited to, all undergraduate and postgraduate students, graduates and non-graduates, students on full- or part-time courses, and students on short-term courses including Erasmus. The definition of "alumni" refers to all students who are no longer students under the "all students" definition.

² "Development Officer" – St. Cuthbert's Society Development Officer, a sabbatical member of University staff.

³ "The St Cuthbert's Society community" – All of the constituent parts of St. Cuthbert's Society, including JCR, SCR, Alumni Association, Fellows and staff

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		f) providing support to St Cuthbert's Society in maintaining the traditions and ethos of St Cuthbert's Society; and g) raising funds in pursuit of the above
Committee: Elected Officers	Chair Secretary Treasurer Website / newsletter editor	Chair Secretary Treasurer Events Manager
Events Manager responsibilities	n/a	a) The Events Manager shall be responsible for: i. co-ordinating, proposing and promoting regional, national and international meetings and events; ii. liaising with the rest of the Committee and Development Officer to develop a social calendar for St Cuthbert's Society alumni; and iii. seeking financial advice from the Treasurer where necessary.
Committee: (Elected) Ordinary Members	Three elected members	Five elected members
Committee: Co-opted Members	Four co-opted members	Four co-opted members
Committee: Ex officio Members	Principal, President and Development Officer [the latter passed at 2014 AGM, included here for clarity]	Principal, President and Development Officer
Signatories	12. Signatories to the Association's bank or other accounts shall be any two of the	8 g) The list of authorised signatories to the Association's bank and/or building society accounts shall be made up

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	<p>following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Committee members b) The Principal of St Cuthbert's Society c) An agreed member of St. Cuthbert's Council 	<p>exclusively from members of the Committee. There should be at least three authorised signatories at any one time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> h) There must be two (2) signatories/authorisers of any payment, one of whom must be an Elected Officer. i) In the event of the temporary or long term incapacity of one of the signatories, the remaining signatory in consultation with the Association Chair and the remaining Committee members shall be empowered to make any necessary practical arrangements to facilitate financial business until the next Committee meeting or AGM.