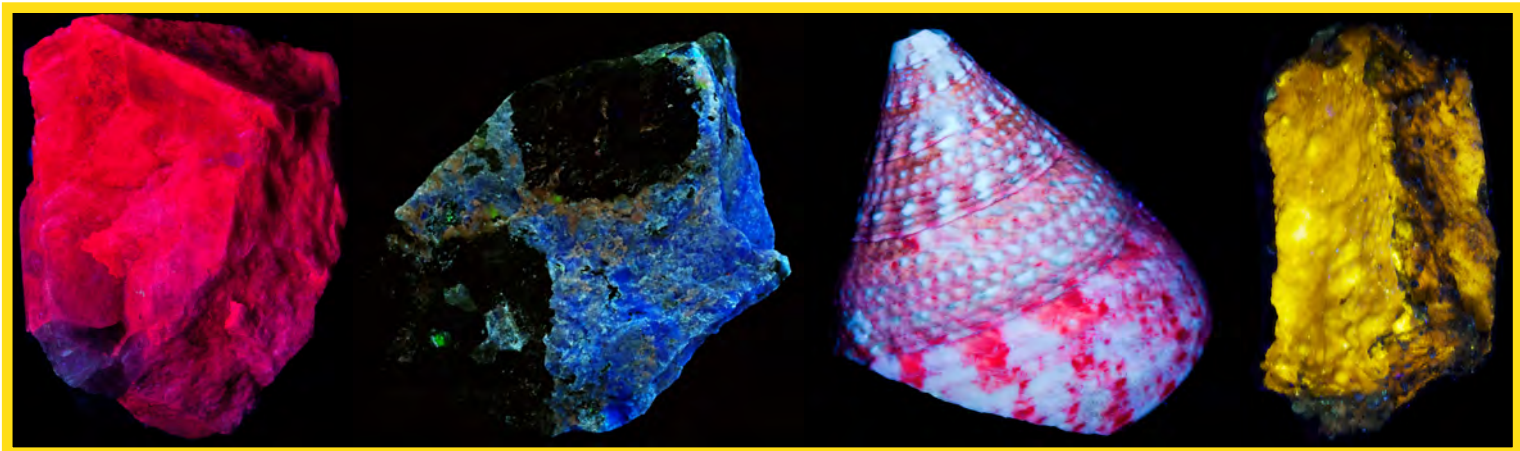


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The^Bob: Butler's astronomer guest

This Michaelmas Term Butler has hosted the internationally acclaimed astro-physicist Dr Robert Fosbury. Bob, as he is known to us, and "The^Bob" on his flickr site, is emeritus astronomer at the European Southern Observatory (ESO), an intergovernmental organisation based in Munich. ESO builds and operates major (as in, to quote Bob "we had to blow the top off the mountain to build it") observatories in Chile.

Bob has been in Durham as a Fellow of the Institute of Advanced Study, <https://www.dur.ac.uk/ias/about/>, a University ideas-driven institute which brings together leaders in their fields from universities around the world. Through an annual thematic programme, this year is "Light", fellows in a range of disciplines converge on Durham to share knowledge, and address topics of major academic or public interest.

For almost three decades Bob has been associated with the Hubble Space Telescope project and, until the end of 2010, led the European team based at ESO that worked with NASA and Hubble in Baltimore. In 2010 he co-organised a major conference and exhibition in Venice that celebrated the achievements of the observatory and the astronauts that had been a vital part of its evolution into a scientific legend. Whilst with us Bob has very generously shared a wealth of conversation, information, images and footage about Hubble, NASA and his photography (see above).

Bob has also become a dear friend to Butler and many of the students. He has had his own mentor group and so frequently been found in the bar on mentor nights conversing not just about Hubble, NASA, deep space and expanding universes, but also about photography, spectrometry, simply beautiful skies ... and why the sky is blue. Bob has shared fully in the life and family of Butler College this term, he has delivered and come to our Scholars Suppers, brought this term's biggest audience for an IAS public lecture into Howlands and got half the SCR into 3D specs to share the skills and secrets of his three dimensional photography. Bob has also written an article for our student led journal – well worth a read ... if you dare look into the future!

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Welcome from the Acting Principal

- Dr Jill Tidmarsh



Welcome to the winter edition of our newsletter. In it you will find articles from our students, our staff and our common room presidents which will keep you up to date with what has been happening in and out of Butler. We have had a Reliant Robin parked on site and all lit up inside, we have launched a boat and burned a boat, installed a green gym and set up a delivery scheme with Durham Markets and can pretty well hold our own on Hubble now. Read all about it here.

Contrary to the view of various Butler pub sports teams (what am I saying, they have been courtesy incarnate) I have been a witch only three times this term ... there we have it. Well done Soc Com, you had me channeling my Morticia ... again. Witches or not, we've achieved loads through working together, which is what makes Butler the place to be. And to illustrate this, here's one of my favourite pictures of the term (see below): Jethro, in the foreground is our newest recruit as student support worker, Toby, also of the four legged variety, wouldn't stay still enough for a picture here, but if you look hard enough you can find him at The^Bob on flickr. This is Wear Your Christmas Jumper Friday in the bar in Butler and you can guess who's idea it was!

As I write this I am forgoing cake made by one of our porters – it is now official, you read it here first; Dave Aylesbury is the new domestic god(dess). If you feel like a bit of domestic god or goddessing yourself, try this experiment from Bob Fosbury: put an egg cup full of water and an egg cup full of ice (very well frozen) into a microwave. Blitz for 20 seconds and see what happens ... do try this at home. Warmest best wishes for 2014.

From the JCR President...

It is widely agreed, if not scientifically proven, that each Durham term is better than the last. In that vein, here is just a small sample of what Butlerites can look forward to in Epiphany Term:

- Refreshers' Week in January will give students a chance to relive their Freshers' Week before the hard work of term starts. Plenty of opportunities to go along to tasters and join new sports, societies.
- Five Formals, more than ever before. The Chinese New Year Formal will be a "super-formal", with extraordinary entertainment. Others are Burns, Valentines Swapping, Societies, and Sports.
- The Fashion Show. An undoubted highlight of Epiphany, watch Butlerites strut their stuff to raise money for Grace House.
- One World Week will be a celebration of Butler as an international college, with food, music and cinema from around the globe.
- And much much more: Butler Live, the Alumni Weekend, Butler's Got Talent, Fairtrade Fortnight, LGBTea and Biscuits, socials, Societies Week, Jazz & Cocktails, SHAG Week, and of course plenty of Open Mic Nights.



Butler leads the way with new Durham Market's initiative!

At Butler we are pioneering a scheme with Durham Indoor Markets to get locally grown produce delivered straight to our doorstep. Students can now order meal packs and boxes of fruit and vegetables online earlier in the week for delivery on Fridays. The meal packs include ingredients and recipes for meals ranging from venison sausages with roasted vegetables to Thai-style king prawns, and cost £15 for six people. The range of meal packs offered includes a variety of fish, meat and vegetarian options so as to appeal to everyone.

This scheme encourages students to adopt sustainable, environmentally friendly practices such as cooking one-pot dishes together as a flat and opting for local produce wherever possible. The service also includes the delivery of fruit and vegetable boxes; students can choose from an extensive list of seasonal produce. The green delivery scheme promotes the virtues of choosing local, sustainable produce and supporting local businesses. Previously, students who wanted to support local businesses and do their shopping at the Market were deterred by the long walk up the hill laden with their purchases, but now fresh ingredients are delivered straight to our doorstep! The scheme also presents our students with the opportunity to chat with the people who provide their food, and learn more about where it comes from and get tips for preparing it. As the scheme takes off, we will be able to increase the number of deliveries run per week and extend the choice of meal packs offered.

- Siri Minsaas

JB Lecture Series

We were delighted when Adam Ockelford from the University of Roehampton agreed to give our Michaelmas term lecture. However, not for a moment did we anticipate quite how breathtaking and inspiring it would be! Speaking about his experience of working with young people with autism, Adam identified the role of music in a child's development but also, discussed their natural musical gift and perfect pitch! Thank you Adam for a wonderful lecture!



During Epiphany term we have two lectures taking place. The Butler Lecture will be given by Dr Wilf Wilde, formerly the Director of Ofgem, on 12th March. Wilf will be speaking about energy and politics. The second lecture will be given by Prof. Richard Davies on 'Fracked or Fiction - the role of academic research' and will be a joint event with Van Mildert College on 24th February. More details can be found on the College website or the Student Experience Programme.

Memories of Lumiere



Many of our alumni made the trip back to the North East to see Lumiere and Butler. Durham played host to a range of light exhibitions across the city including miners climbing Studio, a giant moving elephant on Elvet Bridge and even a stained glass Robin Reliant on the Butler driveway! As well as enjoying the festival our alumni shared valuable careers advice with current students at the Butler Angels event and enjoyed some of Butler's musical talent at Butler Live. If you're ever planning a visit to Durham the doors are always open at Butler, so feel free to come and say hello.

Over thirty people attended the London Reunion at Masala Zone in Covent Garden at the beginning of December. They enjoyed some fine Indian food, a rousing speech from Acting Principal Jill Tidmarsh and one alumnus in a questionable Christmas jumper. More Butlerites joined at a lively bar afterwards to share old memories and make new before heading their separate ways again. It was great to see fellow Butlerites and hear what they have all been doing since graduating, however long ago that may be.

Coming up on February 14th 2014 we have the Durham Reunion where there are already plans of a formal dinner and a musical performance from "Sail Pattern," who are Butler alumni themselves! If there is anything you would like to do whilst back at Butler please let us know and we can help to make it happen.

To find out more, don't hesitate to get in contact at w.m.garrison@durham.ac.uk or 0191 3347264.

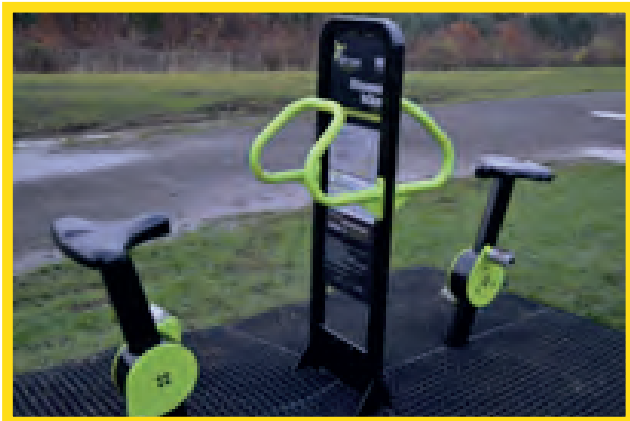
- Will Garrison

Butler Sport - a round up from Maria Eracleous and Tom Clarke

So much has happened this term. Team JB has started the season with a bang. Our teams have done us proud with incredible appearances, amazing wins and some really tough matches. As of the end of term, our men's Football B team is top of the Men's Football Division 2. With the enthusiasm of the captain, and the coaching of the Team Durham Resident Coach, the women's football team have ended their season undefeated, only having conceded 2 goals and being crowned champions of Division 1. Our table tennis teams are also dominating both Leagues with the A team top of the Premiership and the C team top of Division 1. The men's basketball team has ended their losing streak with a 31-20 win against Snow. This was the team's first win after 2 and a half years.



However, these are just a few of our teams' great achievements. All Butler Teams have been doing an amazing job and I wish I could praise each and every one. The club presidents and captains are doing a fantastic job in organising matches, and engaging more and more people in sports, as well as keeping the clubs running. As of the end of this term, we are in 11th position in the College Points Table with 450 points, only 15 points away from St. Aidan's in 10th and 29 points from 9th placed Trevelyan College. Butler was also invited down to York for a Varsity weekend, competing against Langwith College in a number of sports. Hopefully, we will be able to return the favour and their hospitality later on in the academic year.



The MUGA now has two floodlights, which have doubled the time our teams can use the facility. Over the summer, a Green Outdoor Gym was installed on three sites around the college. The equipment is jointly owned by both Josephine Butler and Ustinov College. Hopefully, they will be popular over the summer months and a chance for all students to exercise for free, as well as act as an attraction for other college teams. Finally, more equipment has been ordered for the gym which should hopefully arrive at the start of next term. I hope next term is as exciting and eventful.



Butler welcomes Usain Boat

At the start of the academic year we had another great intake of freshers with 28 currently in the Learn 2 Row program. In addition, BCBC has enjoyed a competitive Head season with strong results at most races we have attended. Of special mention are the women's crew winning at White Rose Head (for most of whom it was their first Head Race) and both the women crews in Senate Cup where the double won their category and the Women's IV coming a very close 3rd.

However, this term was also hugely exciting because the new Janousek VIII arrived in Durham in November. The boat was christened and named at a Boat Burning Ceremony, which ended with the burning of the old boat as it reached the end of its journey. The event took place at DARC and was a very enjoyable evening. We are very grateful to Mark, Simon and Kate for helping with the organisation and to all who made this purchase possible. The naming of the boat was put up to a whole college vote and the winner was 'Usain Boat'. Hopefully it'll live up to its namesake. This is the first time the club have had a brand new boat, and we could not be happier.

College Rowing has now, for the first time, been included in the college league table, meaning BCBC's successes can be added to our total of college points, which stands at around 500 points. This is fantastic news for Butler and we are excited about the possibilities for the coming year!