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The Hatfielder

ONCE A HATFIELDER....





**PROF. ANN MACLARNON
WITH A NEW HATFIELD
GRADUATE**

Another Hatfield year has flown by – the Freshers that arrived at the beginning of Michaelmas Term are now fully embedded as loyal Hatfielders, practised singers of the College song, determined stormers of the Castle on Hatfield Day, and properly married as College parents in preparation for next year's arrivals. Those departing have experienced through their final rite of passage through the Cathedral in disbelief that they have reached the moment of transition from graduand to graduate and student to alumnus/a so quickly.

From the Master's Desk

With the sun shining and Durham at its very best, hopefully many good memories of this week's celebrations have been formed, and new graduates will soon return. Meanwhile the big world beckons, where we have every confidence that all they have learnt outside the classroom as well as in while resident with College has prepared them well to weather the many storms presently gathered.

Wishing everyone a very good summer,

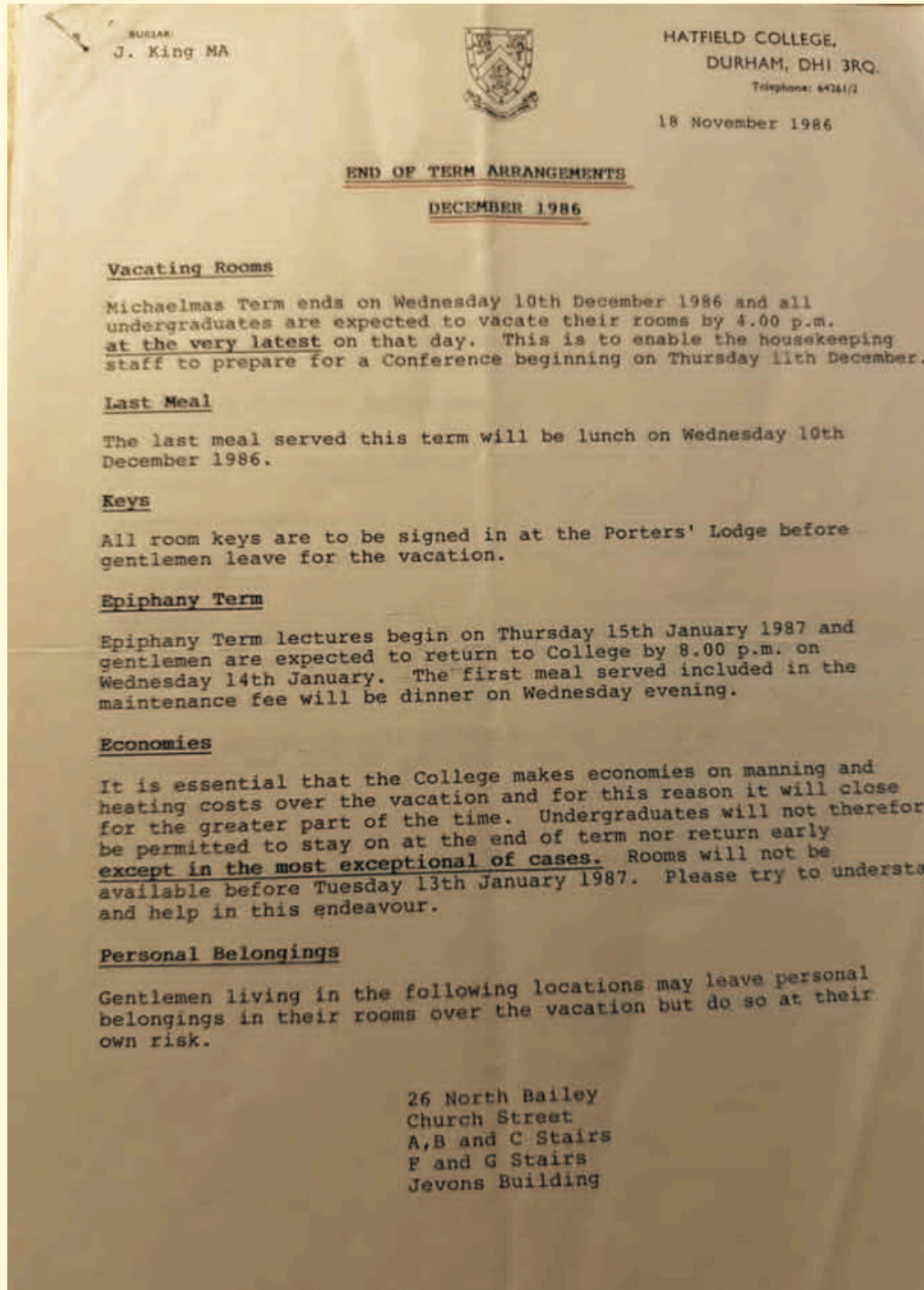
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Hatfield Through the Ages



Hatfield College Vacation Notice 1986

**HATFIELD COLLEGE 1986
COURTESY: ANDREW GILLILAND**

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ONCE A HATFIELDER.... (SINCE 1969)

Hatfield's sporty alumni from 1969-73 had their Annual reunion lunch recently and have provided us a picture!



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: HOWARD VEARY (HOCKEY), DES MCSWEENEY (RUGBY), CHRIS OWEN (HOCKEY), BRIAN ROCHE (TENNIS), TOM CROSTON (FOOTBALL AND DARTS), DAVID SMITH (RUGBY), LAURENCE SWARBRICK (RUGBY), GORDON WOOD (RUGBY AND ATHLETICS)

Timba's News

LION IN WINTER BALL 2026

The Lion in Winter Ball 2026 took place on 27 February 2026 at Hatfield College, Durham University, during the Epiphany term. As always, the event was hosted across the Dining Hall and a marquee on the college tennis court, making full use of the college's spaces to create a cohesive evening programme.

The night began with pre-dinner drinks in the Dining Hall, providing an opportunity for attendees to gather and socialise before the formal proceedings. Dinner was served after the Drinks reception.

Following dinner, the evening moved to the Entertainment programme. The marquee hosted a varied programme of live music and performances throughout the night. Proceedings opened with a set from Kinky Jeff and the Swingers, followed by Carnival Rouges. Later in the evening, Hatfield College Operations Manager Will Green performed a live DJ set under his alias DJ Health & Safety. Michael and the Band, HaYK and the Quays entertained guests in the Dining Hall. Alongside the main stage acts, a silent disco ran continuously from 3am, offering multiple music channels and an alternative experience for attendees.

The event continued into the early hours, maintaining a lively atmosphere throughout the night. At dawn, guests made their way back to the main college building, where the traditional Survivors Breakfast was served in the Dining Hall to end the event.



**STUDENTS AT LION IN
WINTER BALL 2026**

HATFIELD-CASTLE DAY 2026

Hatfield–Castle Day this year was celebrated on 2 May 2026, with the festivities getting off to a lively start the evening before at our Eve of Hatfield–Castle Day event on 1 May.

Saturday itself saw a fantastic lineup of sporting competitions across a range of disciplines, with Hatfield and Castle going head-to-head throughout the day. From the very first matches, there was a brilliant sense of energy and camaraderie, with strong participation and enthusiastic support on all sides. It was wonderful to see so many people getting involved, whether competing or cheering from the sidelines.

The day concluded in style with a shared Formal at Castle in the evening, offering a chance for everyone to come together, reflect on the day's efforts, and enjoy the long-standing traditions that make this occasion so special. The atmosphere was warm, celebratory, and full of college pride.

Unfortunately, Castle ultimately took the overall head-to-head win this year, Hatfield certainly held its own with some standout performances. A particular highlight was our very own Master claiming victory in the Staff Croquet on the Fellows' Garden.

It was a memorable and thoroughly enjoyable Hatfield–Castle Day, and we're already looking forward to next year.



**THE HATFIELD
CHEERLEADING TEAM
PERFORM**



**STUDENTS AWAITING
REFRESHMENTS**

HATFIELD DAY 2026

Hatfield Day 2026 was on 17 June 2026.

The College was decked in bright sunshine as the weather stayed beautiful through the day.

Hatfield Day 2026 was Medieval themed, complete with an exhibition from the Hanfu Society helping students try on special Chinese garments, live bands, Axe-Throwing, a bouncy castle, some life-size board games and multiple live music and entertainment.

And yes, the Castle was stormed!



LIFE-SIZE BOARD GAMES



**AXE THROWING ON
RECTORY**



HANFU SOCIETY EXHIBIT



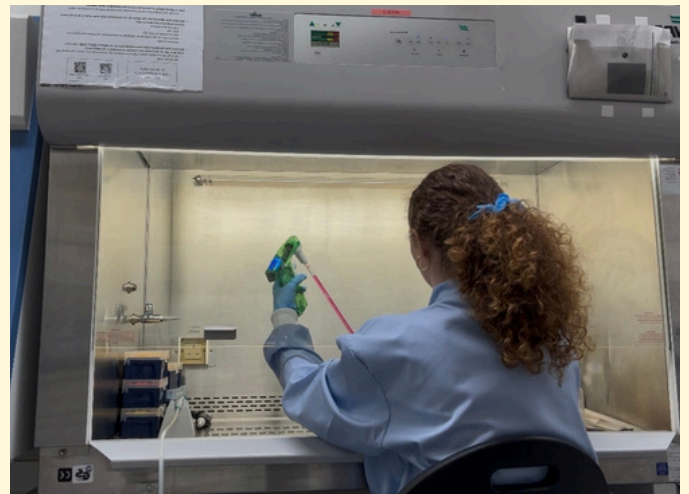
STORMING THE CASTLE!

College Spotlight...

UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIPS

RESEARCH INTERNSHIPS

The Hatfield Trust funds a number of undergraduate students each year to work for 4-6 weeks under the supervision of a Durham University researcher on an existing research project, gaining insight and experience of the research world. This year we funded 8, including 1 supported by our SCR and 2 through the Timpson Participation Fund for students from low income households.



CHARITY INTERNSHIPS

We also initiated Charity Internships this year, funded through the Timpson Participation Fund for students from low income households, supporting 2 students to undertake an internship at a local charity. This is a developmental activity, supporting students to gather real-world work experience in a developmental setting, so enhancing their employability.

**WE WELCOME ANY CONTRIBUTIONS OR HELP TO EXPAND
OUR INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME**

***IMAGES ARE REPRESENTATIVE**

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College Spotlight...

LIONESS SCHOLARSHIP

The aim of the Hatfield Lioness Scholarship is to enable a female student from a developing country where access to tertiary education is limited to benefit from undertaking postgraduate study at the Durham University. The scholarship was launched as part of the celebration of 30 years of women students at Hatfield College, Durham University in 2018, and is funded by alumni, friends of the College and other sources supportive of the scholarship's aims.



**TASHI PEMA FROM BHUTAN
SPEAKS AT THE HATFIELD
INTERNATIONAL FORMAL**

Over the years, we've supported scholars from Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nigeria and Sudan. This year, our 7th Lioness Scholar is Tashi Pema from Bhutan. Tashi is pursuing a Masters degree in Renewable Energy from the Engineering Department at Durham. Tashi spoke at our International Formal and she contributed also with the recipe for a Bhutanese dish 'Emadashi' for the evening.

Although we would be excited to keep this Scholarship running, we are short of funds for the next year and are currently in the process of raising money for the next generation of Lioness Scholars.

If you are interested in contributing to the Lioness Scholarship, please do get in touch with the College or support us through the portal on the University website by following the QR code on this page.



**MASTER ANN MACLARNON
WITH 1ST LIONESS SCHOLAR
NAHIYA MAHMOOD**



Alumni stories

LONDON ALUMNI AFTER WORK DRINKS

The Hatfield Association organised an after work Drinks event in London on May 12, 2026 at the Samuel Pepys in the city. The event was attended by nearly 100 Hatfielders across generations attending. The oldest from having graduated in 1965 and the youngest in 2025! Here's to many more such gatherings!



SOME PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE EVENING

Alumni stories

NEWS

- 2 Hatfielders were awarded Kings Honours in June: Jonathan David Lutwyche (Mathematics, Hatfield College, 1986–1989): OBE for services to Sustainable Chemicals Management, Economic Growth, International Trade, and Advancing Opportunities for Women and Young People and Laurence James Taylor (Natural Sciences, Hatfield College, 1991–1994): King's Police Medal
- Dr Christopher Burn (Hatfield, 1978–81) was awarded the Hugh French Award in September 2025 at GeoManitoba in Winnipeg for his incredible decades of service to both the Canadian and international permafrost communities.
- Brett Schneider has published his new novel *WorldWind* which is available for purchase now.
- Aslıgül Armağan (Hatfield, 2012–2015) was a finalist Awardee recognized by the British Council US for Culture, Creativity and Sport as part of the Study UK Alumni Awards 2026

DEATHS

- Thomas Gatenby, Hatfield 1950, passed away 10 June after a short illness. Thomas Gatenby 'retained an active interest in Geology until his demise'.

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Announcements

EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

- Hatfield Association Reunion Weekend 2026, 11-13 September 2026. Book your tickets [here](#)

JOIN THE 1846 CLUB



The 1846 Club was launched so that Hatfielders can continue to make an impact on the life of the college through regular giving to the Hatfield Trust. By pledging to give £18.46 annually, quarterly, or monthly, you will ensure that Hatfield can provide extra opportunities and experiences for our students, enabling them to gain the most out of their time at university, and to prepare them to make a meaningful difference in the world long after they graduate.

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