

Fall 2016 Harlaxton
College Newsletter



Harlaxton Manor

A monthly news bulletin for the Harlaxton
College Community.

Campus News



Welcome Fall 2016!

The Fall 2016 semester is off to a brilliant start with students settled in, immersed in various activities, and quickly adjusting to their new roles as responsible global citizens. You can visit [The Lion's Roar](#) blog to learn more about the Fall 2015 students.

House Competitions

[The House system](#) is an integral part of life at Harlaxton College and aims to provide a sense of community and identity within each house that goes beyond students' home campuses. As of now, Gregory remains in the lead with a total of 19 points after competitions in handball, jeopardy, a pub quiz and event participation. At the end of the semester, the

winning house will be presented with a golden key to the manor while the team in last place earns a wooden spoon. Wishing luck to all houses!

Academics

British Studies Faculty News

We would like to say farewell to Dr. Bianca Leggett and welcome Dr. Diletta De Cristofaro who was brought on as the new Harlaxton College British Studies professor at the beginning of August. Diletta was awarded her PhD in American Studies in September 2015 from the University of Nottingham and holds an undergraduate and a master's degree by research in Philosophy from Università degli Studi di Milano (Italy). She spent an Erasmus year at Université Paris IV Sorbonne (France), and a period of research at the Centre for the Humanities of Utrecht University (the Netherlands).

Diletta's primary specialism is in late twentieth-century and twenty-first-century North American and British fiction, and her research takes place at the intersection of literary studies and philosophy to interrogate the way in which contemporary narratives play a key role in our construction of time and history. Her PhD thesis, which was funded by a European Research Excellence Scholarship and which she is now turning into a book, examines a selected corpus of American, Canadian, and British contemporary post-apocalyptic fictions, focussing on the relationship between the conception of time featured in these novels and that of postmodern theories. Her other research specialisms include narrative theory, utopian studies, critical and literary theory, postmodernism.

Dr. De Cristofaro's publications include:

- "'Borrowed time and borrowed world': Anti-Apocalyptic Chronotopes in *The Road*." *Carrying the Fire: Cormac McCarthy's The Road and The Apocalyptic Tradition*. Ed. Rick Wallach. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2016. (In Press).
- "What Now for UK Academia? Twelve Academics on Brexit." *Women Are Boring* 27 June 2016.
- "The Representational Impasse of Post-Apocalyptic Fiction: *The Pesthouse* by Jim Crace." *Altre Modernità* 9 (2013): 66-80.



Dr. David Green

Harlaxton British Studies Professor Dr. David Green has co-edited a collection of essays that were published over this past summer titled *The Plantagenet Empire, 1259-1453* (Shaun Tyas, 2016).

Green also was recently interviewed in a podcast titled 'A People's History of the Hundred Years War' which can be found at: <http://historicallythinking.org/episode66/>

College Nurse Swims Serpentine Lake

Harlaxton College nurse Lesley Selby participated in a huge physical challenge by swimming around the Serpentine Lake located in Hyde Park. Check out more about Lesley's

swim: [Lesley Serpentine Swim article.](#)



Travel

London

The first college-organized travel weekend was a three day trip to the world class city of London. The students enjoyed seeing many famous landmarks including The British Museum, Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square, the National Portrait Gallery and National Gallery, No. 10 Downing Street, Westminster Abbey, Parliament, Big Ben, the Thames River, the London Eye, Buckingham Palace, Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, the Tower of London and many more.

Cambridge

Students and faculty ventured to the home of one of the storied names of university education, Cambridge University, after stopping at the American Cemetery -- the only WWII American Military Cemetery in Great Britain. They were able to tour the city at their own pace, enjoying tours of the colleges and "punting" on the river.

Northumberland

One of the newest college-organized travel destinations was to Northumberland, the northernmost county of England which borders Cumbria to the west, Durham to the south and Scotland to the north. The county is noted for its wild landscape of high moorland, now largely protected as the Northumberland National Park, and is the most sparsely populated county in England. The students explored multiple castles including Alnwick Castle which has been a filming location for Harry Potter and Downton Abbey, and made a final stop at Whitby Abbey which was the inspiration for Bram Stoker's "Dracula."



Ireland and Scotland

(Scotland)

On the Scotland Trip, students had the chance to adventure around Edinburgh and see sites along the Royal Mile, hike up to King Arthur's Seat and take ghost tours in the evenings. On the scheduled days, the group went out to the Scottish Highlands and Loch Ness (unfortunately, students did not have the luck of seeing Nessie with their own eyes). The following day, students went to the Kingdom of Fife with a few stops along the way to St. Andrews.

(Ireland)

After arriving at the Dublin airport, students made their way to Abraham's Hostel in the heart of the city. From there, students had access to many of the biggest historical sites and attractions. Being only a five minute walk from O'Connell Street and the iconic GPO, the hostel's central location allowed a free day to be filled with sight-seeing around Dublin. The following day, students set off as a group on the first of their two Paddywagon tours. Heading up through Northern Ireland, many took a stroll on the Giant's Causeway, crossed over the Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge, and took some time to briefly explore Belfast. On Saturday, the second tour let students walk along the edge of the idyllic Cliffs of Moher and look out over miles of open ocean. On Sunday, Harlaxton said their goodbyes to Dublin and the Republic of Ireland as they departed for the Dublin airport.

Local Travel

The Student Development Office has organized subsidized [local excursions](#) that are integrated with course work. In the past, field trips have been booked for a limited number of students that reserve a spot well in advance. By offering more spots on each local excursion, professors can correspond with students and each other to create a more assimilated and experiential learning experience.

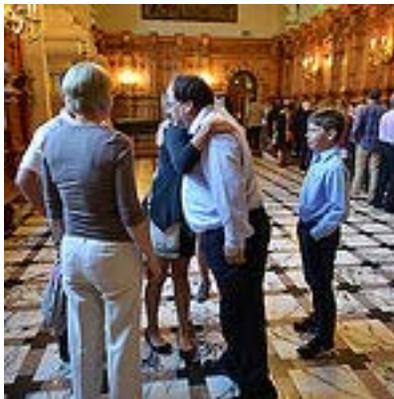
The Manor

A display cabinet has been relocated from the Schroeder Lounge to the end of the Computer Lab corridor which has interchanging displays relating to the history of the Manor, showcasing items from the archives. We currently have an exhibition relating to the life of Violet Van der Elst,

eccentric Manor owner from 1937 until 1948. Thanks goes to Sue Howard, Volunteer Archivist, who helped put the display together.



The Community



Meet-a-Family

We are pleased that approximately 95% of students that applied for the [Meet-a-Family](#) program were matched with families within the local area.

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Further Reading

Enjoyed this month's *Missive*? There's more where that came from. Here's what's hot in the *Missive* community right

now:

[The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes](#)

by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

[Ulysses](#)

by James Joyce

[A Princess of Mars](#)

by Edgar Rice Burroughs

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