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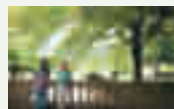
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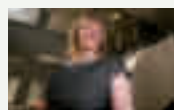
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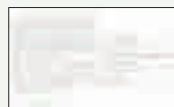
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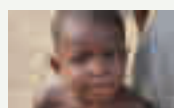
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Welcome to the Autumn 2010 issue of Alumni Exchange, your magazine bringing you news of the University and fellow alumni.

The University of Nottingham has reached some impressive milestones in 2010. This summer, the 200,000th graduate of the University had their degree conferred. And we've chalked up a diamond anniversary – it's 60 years since the first Malaysian students arrived at Nottingham.

Not only that, but it's 20 years since the establishment of our Malaysian Graduates Association and it's the 10th anniversary of the opening of the Malaysia Campus.

We love the fact that alumni want to share their recent news and achievements with us and this issue spotlights alumni doing extraordinary and interesting things. We have a law graduate turned soprano, the country's first ever female Professor of Orthopaedics, a Bafta winner and five graduates from 1980 fulfil a fast-car dream they've had since their University days.

But, we want to hear more. New to this issue is the 'Your letters' page. It's your opportunity to contribute to the alumni magazine. If there is something you would like to share with other alumni please write to us using the details on the back of the magazine.

Don't forget to check the events diary on Pages 16 & 17. You can book for all events either online, via email or by telephone. If you don't do anything else this year, come back for 'Mayfest' on the 7 May. We hope to welcome several hundred alumni back on campus. There will be opportunities to visit your old School or Department, enjoy all that University Park has to offer and celebrate the achievements of alumni and students at the Alumni Laureate Awards glitzy dinner in the evening. In fact, why don't you nominate a deserving alumnus for an award?

I'm looking forward to meeting many of you over the coming months and hearing from you with news of life after Nottingham.

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## Making our mark on the world

**Vice-Chancellor Professor David Greenaway looks back on the last 12 months in office and forward to the challenges ahead.**

As the chief financial officers of your own households you already know that we are living through a period of remarkable turbulence triggered by the global financial crisis and sustained by its aftershocks.

As a University we also face major challenges ahead. The global recession will impact on higher education funding, government spending on student support and employment opportunities for our graduates. But I remain optimistic about our future. Our new five-year strategic plan for the University sets out the ways in which we will address these challenges and overcome them. We have set ourselves ambitious but achievable targets for the next phase of our development.

We are an asset rich university with a talented and committed workforce, a unique global footprint, extraordinary campuses, talented students and an enormous and supportive alumni community. These are essential ingredients of the Nottingham Experience, making this a special place to live, study and work. Furthermore, we are financially stable. Our challenge in this period of great uncertainty is to build an even stronger, more competitive and distinctive institution.

Our alumni community is fundamentally important to our success and our ability to meet these challenges. In the year ahead I look forward to telling you more specifically about the ways in which together, you and I can enhance this great University of ours.

We want to see a University which is the first choice for students who want a top quality, international education, researchers who want the best opportunity to make a significant global impact and businesses that want innovative partners who give them an edge on their competition. Our vision is to be recognised around the world for our signature contributions, which include global food security, energy sustainability and health.

I want you to know that I take a great pride in reading about your news and your achievements through this magazine. It makes me even more proud to know that this summer we graduated our 200,000th member of the Nottingham alumni community – a remarkable achievement and one of which our greatest benefactor, Jesse Boot, would have been justly proud.

A Nottingham degree carries a mark of quality worldwide and I am confident, even in these difficult times that the Class of 2010, with a Nottingham education behind them and alongside those alumni that have gone before them, will succeed in making their mark on the world. I wish you all well.



Professor David Greenaway





## Grand designs on campus

The University has announced a major new building programme, which will further transform and enhance the campus landscape and set new standards for university teaching and learning facilities in the 21st century.

Halfway through a five-year, £90m investment in teaching and learning facilities, this commitment will see three new state-of-the-art, environmentally sustainable buildings on University Park, and a fourth on the Sutton Bonington campus. The building programme is the biggest of its kind on University Park in around 40 years and comes in the wake of the recent award-winning £30m additions to the Jubilee Campus on the site of Nottingham's old Raleigh factory.

University Park is to get a new Mathematics Building, an Engineering and Science Learning Centre and a Humanities Building.

At the same time, a new Biosciences/School of Veterinary Medicine & Science building will go up near the existing Vet School at Sutton Bonington. Budgeting for the new buildings has been carefully planned over several years and comes from the Higher Education Funding Council for England's Capital Investment Fund, and University funds including income proactively generated from the University's fundraising activities.

Work has already begun on construction of a multi-million pound research facility for bioenergy and biofuels, brewing technology and food and drink processing at Sutton Bonington. The Bioenergy Centre, the first of its kind in the country, is being funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), leading global brewer SABMiller and the University. It will house a Sustainable Bioenergy Centre research programme; a Centre for Brewing Technology and

Innovation; and the Food and Biofuel Innovation Centre.

It will cost £6.5m to build but will provide nearly £20m of research expertise, laboratories and pilot facilities equipped with the very latest testing, demonstration and incubation facilities. The £2m brewing research facility is being built and operated by SABMiller and the 1,000 litre plant will be one of the largest micro-breweries at any university in the world. The burial of a time capsule marked the start of construction and work should be complete March 2011.

To see the latest developments on campus log on to [www.nottingham.ac.uk/estate/developments.htm](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/estate/developments.htm)

If you would like to know more about the research activities or how you can support these initiatives please contact the Development Office.

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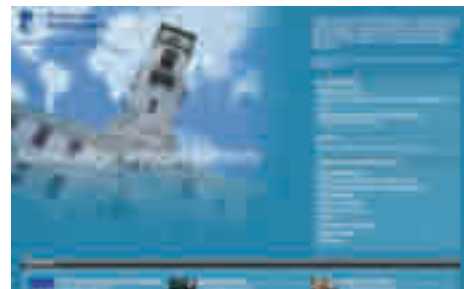
## Knowledge without borders

You can now take The University of Nottingham with you, wherever you go in the world. The University has officially launched its site on iTunes U, a dedicated area of the iTunes Store that offers free audio and video content from leading academic institutions.

The University of Nottingham on iTunes U enables you to download free interviews,

seminars and lectures to play on your iPod, iPhone, iPad, Mac or PC. Amongst the quality content available is Brady Haran's award-winning science videos; Test Tube, Periodic Table of Videos and Sixty Symbols as well as the new project BibleDex, which features a video for each book of the Bible. The Periodic Table website alone has received more than nine million hits.

[www.itunes.co.uk](http://www.itunes.co.uk)





## Senior appointments in China and Malaysia

New Provost and CEO Professor Nick Miles is now leading The University of Nottingham Ningbo, China (UNNC).

Professor Miles is spearheading the University's award-winning initiative in international higher education into its next phase of development. This will see a significant expansion in student numbers, an increase in postgraduate opportunities and ambitious research projects that draw on the University's established areas of expertise.

The new Provost succeeds Professor Roger Woods, who is stepping down after three highly successful years working at and for UNNC. Professor Miles, formerly Dean of Engineering at UNNC and Head of the Department of Chemical and Environmental Engineering at Nottingham, has extensive experience of senior academic management.

The University has a dynamic internationalisation strategy and has taken a pioneering role in China, as the first overseas academic institution granted permission to set up inside the People's Republic.

Since opening in 2005, UNNC has grown to more than 4,000 students and has received numerous awards and accolades.

Three new Vice-Provosts have also been appointed at the campuses in Malaysia and China. To support the growth at Malaysia (UNMC), Professor Stephen Doughty will work alongside Professor Sayed Azam-Ali on research whilst at UNNC, Professor Nabil Gindy has been appointed to lead the University's developing research agenda and to promote closer co-operation with government and business.

Professor Andrew Marton will take on the role of Vice-Provost with responsibility for teaching and learning at UNNC.



Professor Christine Ennew, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Internationalisation, said: "Both UNMC and UNNC have ambitious future development plans and these new appointments will provide the enhanced academic leadership that is needed to deliver the University's longer-term strategy."

## Vet School students get a buzz

Nottingham vet school students are learning about the role they can play in promoting and maintaining the health of our precious but declining honey bee population.

The National Audit Office has valued the services of honey bees at around £200m a year and warns that large-scale honey bee losses could adversely affect the pollination of strawberries, apples, pears and other crops.

The University's School of Veterinary Science and Medicine has established five bee hives at its Sutton Bonington site so its year five students gain a working knowledge of bee husbandry and learn how to protect and improve bee health – including the importance of notifiable diseases of honey bees.

For news from the Vet School please visit [www.nottingham.ac.uk/Vet/index.aspx](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/Vet/index.aspx)



## Nottingham research on the world stage

A global audience is currently witnessing the University's world changing research at the Shanghai Exposition 2010.

The event, which ran from May to October, has given visitors the opportunity to explore – through words, pictures and video – the University's research based on the theme of Zero carbon, Zero Waste. The event has been a collaborative exhibition in partnership with ZedFactory, a sustainable architectural company, based in London. By the end of October a total of 17 events will have been held at the University's exhibition space at the London ZedPavilion and attended by a mix of business and industry leaders, students, alumni and academics.

As part of the exhibition top researchers from the University's campuses in the UK, China and Malaysia, hosted more than a dozen thought-provoking workshops, lectures and conferences spanning Nottingham's extensive

research into sustainability. The Pavilion itself has attracted around 5,000 daily visitors and each of the events has been jointly hosted with Chinese universities and institutes.

The University of Nottingham's Expo lead Professor Chris Rudd, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Knowledge Transfer and Business Engagement, said: "Being at Shanghai Expo has reminded us that resource management, population health and climate change are problems that respect no national boundaries.

"Every new visitor to our Pavilion left with a clear sense of these messages – but also alive to the knowledge that some of the most creative and dedicated scientists are improving lives, driving economic growth and helping our cities to eat, drink and breathe."

For further details see  
[www.nottingham.ac.uk/shanghaiexpo2010](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/shanghaiexpo2010)



## Bug-busting Glo-Yo spreads the word and not the germs

It could be the next sell-out toy in the shops one Christmas and it could also stop thousands of children falling ill with tummy bugs and other infectious diseases. That's the hope of a team of University scientists who have launched their new invention... the Glo-Yo, a yo-yo with an ultra-violet light to teach youngsters to wash their hands properly.

The Glo-Yo works by dispensing a non-toxic UV-iridescent lotion onto a child's hands. A screen on the Glo-Yo then shows the child how to wash their hands properly. The child can then push a button to shine a UV light onto their hands to see if there is any lotion left on their skin.

The idea is the brainchild of Dr Kim Hardie, Associate Professor of Molecular Microbiology in the School of Molecular Medical Sciences, whose team is now working to secure a manufacturing contract. This will enable further trials on the product with an eventual goal of putting the Glo-Yo into production commercially.



## SIFE success for China students

Students from The University of Nottingham Ningbo, China have scooped second place at the SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) World Cup In Los Angeles.

Thirty one students from the 114 strong team were in Los Angeles to pit their entrepreneurial skills against some of the world's brightest young business minds. They were beaten into second place by French University in Egypt (UFE), whose victory saw them become SIFE world champions for the second year running. Professor Chris O'Brien, who acted as the team's mentor, said: "This is quite a remarkable achievement when you consider that well over one thousand teams have taken part worldwide – our students have been marvellous ambassadors for The University of Nottingham Ningbo, China."



More information about their work and the projects they have established can be found at: [www.sifeunnc.org](http://www.sifeunnc.org) or [www.sife.org](http://www.sife.org)



## Campus green gown acclaim

The University has celebrated a record eighth Green Flag Award – the benchmark national standard for parks and green spaces in England and Wales – with a garden party for grounds staff and community supporters.

The first university to win a Green Flag for its parks and gardens, even eight years later Nottingham remains the only one to achieve this. University Park once again impressed judges from the Green Flag Plus Partnership, which includes Keep Britain Tidy, BTCV, and GreenSpace. It was judged to be welcoming, healthy, safe and secure, clean and well maintained, sustainably managed, demonstrating conservation and heritage,

engaging with the community, and having good management and marketing strategies.

Meanwhile the University's natural meadows, diverse wildlife, secret gardens and a transformed industrial site all contributed to a second award with the University being highly commended in the 2010 Green Gown Awards for sustainability in UK higher education. This commendation recognises continuous improvement in a specific area: Nottingham's strategy and a decade of hard work to make its wealth of green spaces more sustainable, enjoyable places for its students, staff and local communities.

For information on the Friends of University Park see: [www.nottingham.ac.uk/estate/friends.htm](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/estate/friends.htm)

## NEWS

### IN BRIEF

- ▶▶ **The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor David Greenaway**, is to advise the UK Government on how to boost trade with Asia. He has been invited to join the Asia Task Force, a high-level body helping to boost UK exports and investment in Asian countries. The Task Force brings together experts from industry, education and government and is co-chaired by Vince Cable, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills.
- ▶▶ **PhD students at Nottingham are among the most successful in the country**, according to data released by the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) showing that 88 per cent of full-time Home and EU doctoral students at the University qualified within seven years. Nottingham is ranked joint second in England on a measure of PhD completion rates. [www.hefce.ac.uk/pubs/hefce/2010/10\\_21/](http://www.hefce.ac.uk/pubs/hefce/2010/10_21/)
- ▶▶ **The new Chinese Ambassador to the UK, His Excellency Mr Liu Xiaoming**, visited the University to meet staff and students and hear about the University's latest research on energy and sustainability. He spoke later on the subject of China's Role in the World Economy. His visit came after the signing of an agreement between the University and the Chinese Embassy in London, which is providing a number of scholarships annually to Nottingham students and graduates to study in China.
- ▶▶ **The University is one of the top ten international places to work** in academia for life sciences, according to *The Scientist* magazine. Each year the magazine polls its readers, asking them to assess their working environment on a number of criteria. [www.the-scientist.com/bptw](http://www.the-scientist.com/bptw)





# Malaysia celebrations





Triple anniversary celebrations took place this month celebrating the unique and special relationship between The University of Nottingham and Malaysia. It's 60 years since the first Malaysian students arrived in Nottingham, 20 years since the establishment of our Malaysian Graduates Association and it's the 10th anniversary of the opening of the Malaysia Campus. Time indeed, to celebrate.

Nottingham's alumni played a fundamental role in the pioneering move to make The University of Nottingham the first British university to open a campus overseas. The University's relationship with Malaysia was already strong. Future kings, judges and ministers in high office had been students at Nottingham since the late 1940s. But it was in 1989 that the then Vice-Chancellor, Sir Colin Campbell, travelled to Malaysia for the first time as HRH Sultan Azlan Shah (Law 1953) was elected King. Many further links were then formed with Nottingham's Malaysian alumni community over the next few years.

"I came to know a group of people who were very wise, very accomplished and who all had this link to Nottingham," said Sir Colin. "The idea that our vision of an international campus for the University should be realised in Malaysia grew out of these relationships. Malaysia was one of the most friendly and most loyal countries to the University. There was already great affection for the institution."

That affinity remains as strong today as it was then and the Malaysian Graduates Association is now a highly organised and well established network which promotes the interests of Nottingham graduates in Malaysia and maintains a close working relationship with the University. The Association holds extremely well attended events such as family days, gala dinners and charity bazaars as well as regular committee and AGM meetings.

It's President for 10 years was alumnus, Honorary Graduate and Special Professor Prasad Abraham (Law 1974), who was recently invited on to the Bench of the High Court in Malaysia. The University and the Association took similar pride in 2009 when Dato Seri Najib Tun Razak (Industrial Economics 1974) became the new Prime Minister of Malaysia.

"We have a close affinity with the University because we take pride at the number of distinguished personalities in Malaysia who have graduated from The University of Nottingham and the continuous affirmation



from the employment market which recognises the quality of Nottingham graduates," said the Association's current President Goh Hoon Huar.

"I am thankful to the University for the excellent education I received. More importantly, I treasured the experience which, in my formative years, has moulded my beliefs, values and thinking today."

In early October 2010 the Association held a prestigious evening to mark both its 20th anniversary and the 10th birthday of the campus. Friends old and new attended the celebration including a distinguished list of attendees and Nottingham alumni from throughout Malaysian society. A special anniversary dinner was also arranged at the National Liberal Club in London on the 27th October to mark the occasion in the UK.

Although the idea had been mooted long before, it was not until September 2000 that the Malaysia campus, then located in downtown Kuala Lumpur, admitted its first wave of students. Five years later and the University moved 35km south to the 125-acre, purpose-built garden campus at Semenyih.

Since opening its doors to around 90 students in 2000 the student population has now grown to be a truly international community with the campus home to some 3,600 students from more than 70 countries. It has been a very busy anniversary year for the campus with the visit in May this year of HRH Prince Andrew, the Duke of York, (pictured above) in his role as the UK's Special Representative for International Trade and Investment. The Duke met with staff and students to find out more about Nottingham's pioneering internationalisation strategy and its links with one of Asia's most dynamic emerging economies. The following month, the campus was the setting for the Tri-Campus Games 2010 as 60 student athletes from each of

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## Got a minute?

You can't boil an egg in 60 seconds, but political experts at the University are proving you can define a political concept.

A popular new video series 'Politics in 60 Seconds' challenges experts from the School of Politics and International Relations to share their knowledge and expertise in less than a minute. Subjects covered range from war, utopia and the UK's relationship with the US; to social democracy and disaster politics. Taking up a challenge like this is not without its pitfalls and the videos feature bloopers and out-takes.

The videos follow on from the tremendous success of the School's election 2010 blog which reached over 40 million people through the media over the election period. The series, which is also available on YouTube EDU, will see new videos added weekly. 'Politics in 60 Seconds' also features music from Swound, a group made up of four University graduates, all brothers.

If you'd like to challenge the academics to take on a definition of your choosing email [@ andrew.burden@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:andrew.burden@nottingham.ac.uk)

📱 Politics in 60 Seconds is available on iTunes U and at YouTube EDU or visit Swound at [www.myspace.com/swound](http://www.myspace.com/swound)

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Nottingham's three national campuses – in the UK, Malaysia and China – came together for a week-long celebration of sporting excellence.

Yet another landmark achievement came in June when The University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus was granted the power to approve and accredit its own degree programmes, rather than having to apply for approval from the country's higher education ministry, thereby recognising it as part of the country's higher education elite.

Professor Ian Pashby, Vice-President of UNMC, said: "Achieving self-accreditation is a significant step forward in the development of the campus, and represents an acknowledgement from the government of Malaysia that we are delivering degrees of the highest quality."

Professor Christine Ennew, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Internationalisation, said: "We are immensely proud of the hard work and achievements of our talented staff and student body over the last 10 years, who have helped to make The University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus one of higher education's biggest international success stories. We are delighted to be able to celebrate with them – and with friends, guests and alumni of the University – to mark this special anniversary."

For information please see:

📱 [www.nottingham.ac.uk/malaysia10/index.aspx](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/malaysia10/index.aspx)

📱 [www.nottingham.edu.my/AboutUs/MalaysiaCampus/Alumni/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.nottingham.edu.my/AboutUs/MalaysiaCampus/Alumni/Pages/default.aspx)

## Technopolis celebrates its 50th birthday

It was called Technopolis, and the state-of-the-art building designed to house the rising numbers of chemistry students at the University was considered its flagship. Though the former name for the Science Park has long since fallen into disuse, the Chemistry Building is still going strong – and the School of Chemistry celebrated the anniversary event with displays of photographs and equipment from the past 50 years. Designed by Basil Spence, one of the most important figures in British architecture in the post-war period, the building was the first in Europe to feature specially-made glass pipes and drains so that blockages and chemical disposal could be monitored.



## UNIVERSITY RESEARCH IN THE NEWS

University of Nottingham research regularly makes world headlines. You can read more detailed reports about these stories and other cutting-edge research at <http://communications.nottingham.ac.uk>



### Blood test for early detection of cancer

University spin-out company, Oncimmune Ltd, has developed a ground breaking blood test which will aid the detection of cancer as much as five years earlier than current testing methods such as mammography and CT scans. Physicians will know the result of a patient's test within one week of sending in a blood sample to Oncimmune.

📄 [www.oncimmune.co.uk](http://www.oncimmune.co.uk)

### Winning formula for mega events

The FIFA World Cup, the Olympic Games, and Shanghai Expo 2010 are 'mega events' potentially worth millions to their host nations. But they don't always live up to expectations. Backed by a research grant from VISA, Nottingham University Business School's DeHaan Institute has been asked to use its expertise to construct a new web portal to share winning formulae for tourism 'mega events'.

📄 [www.nottingham.ac.uk/ttri](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/ttri)

### New clinical trials unit opened

Olympic swimmer and television personality Sharron Davies MBE (pictured right) opened a new £1.6m clinical trials unit that will take new treatments for respiratory illnesses such as asthma from laboratory bench to bedside. The Nottingham Respiratory BRU Clinical Trials Unit will bridge the gap between treatment and research by offering clinical services to NHS patients with respiratory disease, while recruiting volunteers for studies into developing new drugs and therapies to help people to manage their illness.



### Vaccine hope for skin cancer sufferers

Nottingham scientists have been given the green light to test a vaccine that their earlier studies suggest could reverse, and even cure malignant melanoma, the most deadly type of skin cancer. The new vaccine would target tumour cells without damaging healthy tissue.

### Some statins warrant closer monitoring

The type and dosage of statin drugs given to patients to treat heart disease should be proactively monitored as they can have unintended adverse effects, concludes a new Nottingham study. Researchers found that some statins can lead to an increased risk of liver dysfunction, acute kidney failure, muscle disease and cataracts in patients.

### Britain's beer drinkers can serve as role models for the nation

The country's real ale fans represent the perfect example of how greater consumer awareness can revitalise a struggling industry. Equally, the ever-growing number of micro-breweries satisfying their demanding palates offers hope for the UK's small businesses. Experts at the prestigious Nottingham University Business School came up with the findings after examining the history of brewing in England. They believe the industry's rebirth in the wake of the Campaign for Real Ale's founding in 1971 has implications for much of the UK economy.

Meanwhile, the Nottingham beer, Harvest Pale, brewed by Castle Rock, was named Best Beer in Britain 2010 at the Great British Beer Festival.





## Politicians take up positions

Nottingham's alumni MPs took up senior positions in the new Conservative/Liberal Democrat coalition government following the general election in May.

Honorary Graduate Ken Clarke, became the new Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice whilst on the Liberal Democrat side, former Students' Union President and Impact editor Jeremy Browne (Politics 1992) became a Minister of State at the Foreign Office. Conservative MP and former Chairman of the University Conservative Association John Hayes (Archaeology and Geography 1990) also became a Minister of State at the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.

The General Secretary of the European Trade Union Congress, John Monks (Economics and Social History 1967, Hon LLD 1995) became a Labour peer after being named in the dissolution honours list. There were mixed fortunes for the University's other alumni MPs but this is a current list of sitting alumni MPs:

### Conservative

- Ken Clarke (Hon LLD 1989), Rushcliffe
- John Hayes (Politics 1981), South Holland and the Deepings
- Charlie Elphicke (Law 1993), Dover and Deal
- Neil Carmichael (Politics 1982), Stroud
- Andrew Bridgen (Biology 1986), North West Leicestershire
- Stephen Mosley (Chemistry 1993), Chester

### Liberal Democrats

- Jeremy Browne (Politics 1992), Taunton
- John Pugh (MPhil Theology 1983), Southport

### Labour

- Kelvin Hopkins (Politics 1969), Luton North
- Tony Lloyd (Mathematics 1972), Manchester Central
- Meg Munn (Social Work 1986), Sheffield Heeley
- Angela Smith (English 1990), Penistone and Stocksbridge
- Jim Hood (Politics, Industrial Relations and Economics WEA) Lanark and Hamilton East
- Michael Dugher (Politics 1997) Barnsley East



## Pain relief pioneer launches new arthritis centre

Distinguished scientist Dr Stewart Adams, the man who discovered the non-steroidal anti-inflammatory that came to be known as ibuprofen, returned to the University to launch the new national Arthritis Research UK Pain Centre.

Dr Adams, who graduated from the University with a BPharm degree in 1945, spent years trying to find a cure for rheumatoid arthritis. His ibuprofen discovery became one of the world's best-known over-the-counter remedies. The new Centre aims to achieve a greater understanding of pain and to come up with more effective ways of dealing with it.

## University proud to graduate its 200,000th student

Renai Emma Showler has become the 200,000th graduate of The University of Nottingham.

Renai received her first class BSc Hons Mathematics with Engineering during the graduation ceremony in July presided over by Vice-Chancellor Professor David Greenaway.

Renai chose to study at The University of Nottingham after visiting her sister, who also took her degree here. She enjoyed the campus aspect of University life, as well as the social benefits of living in a city like Nottingham.

"I chose maths and engineering as they were subjects I liked in school. The staff were really supportive and I really enjoyed it. I'm looking forward to being part of University history." Renai will be starting a placement with KPMG in October, working in audit and accounting.

Professor Greenaway, said: "Renai is joining a community of alumni that stretch right back to the institution's beginnings as University College Nottingham. I'm looking forward to welcoming the next 200,000!"





## Surgeon breaks the mould

Nottingham alumna and staff member Brigitte Scammell (Clinical Education 2008), pictured above, has become a role model for women across the country after becoming the UK's first female Professor of Orthopaedics.

She is now Head of the Division of Orthopaedic and Accident Surgery in the School of Clinical Sciences, based at the Queen's Medical Centre in Nottingham, after being among the 20 new professors in the research and teaching promotions for 2010.

## Ironmen of Nottingham

They swam, they rode, they ran – six members of the University's Alumni Athletics Club completed the gruelling Ironman triathlon in Nice, France and raised £1,975 for Mediciens Sans Frontiers and the African development charity Onechild Ghana. The Ironman team, who call themselves 14AC or 14 Athletics Club – named after the 14 University campus bars – completed a 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike ride and a marathon. Their interest in endurance events was sparked whilst they were studying at Nottingham and all of them have completed marathons and endurance events since. The team was made up of: Steve Woonton (Electronic and Computer Engineering 2005); Andy Greenleaf (Mathematics 2005); Martin Gaunt (Geography 2004); Leon Foster (English 2005); Matt Kilpin (Engineering 2006) and Richard Davies (Economics 2004). You can support 14AC with their fundraising by donating online at:

For more information on the Ironmen please visit

 [www.justgiving.com/nicetri](http://www.justgiving.com/nicetri)

 [www.justgiving.com/ironmanforscholarships](http://www.justgiving.com/ironmanforscholarships)



# Alex wins a Bafta

Persuading zoos to give him their dead animals, dissecting a whale on a beach and finding a freezer big enough to take a dead giraffe – this is what Zoology graduate Alex Tate does.

And he does it so well he's won a BAFTA for his part in the fascinating Channel Four documentary series *Inside Nature's Giants*. The programme literally gets inside some of the largest animals on the planet to explore their anatomy and show how they really work.

"My University background in Zoology is essential for a producer of scientific documentaries," said Alex. "When I'm talking to the scientists they realise I know what I'm talking about and they know they can trust me – I've got Nottingham to thank for that. Studying Zoology at Nottingham opened all the right doors for me."





Alex went travelling after his degree in 2003 but managed to get a work experience placement at the BBC's Natural History Unit in Bristol on the series Planet Earth, when he returned. A Masters Degree in Science Media Production gave him the grounding to make his own documentaries until he joined Windfall Films in London where he has been for three years now. He started out as a researcher on various National Geographic shows before going back to his Zoology roots on *Inside Nature's Giants* and producing the whale, great white shark and big cats episodes.

"It's slightly risqué cutting up dead animals on television but we were working with scientists who do it all the time. We're trying to interest the public in the natural world in a completely different way."

[www.windfallfilms.com/person/424/Alex+Tate.aspx](http://www.windfallfilms.com/person/424/Alex+Tate.aspx)



## Alumni Laureate Awards

The Prime Minister of Malaysia and Nottingham alumnus Dato Seri Najib Tun Razak (Industrial Economics 1974) has received a lifetime achievement award at the 2010 Alumni Laureate Awards.



Najib (left) became Prime Minister in April 2009, a week after being declared president of the United Malays National Organisation party (UMNO), becoming the nation's sixth Prime Minister since Malaysia gained

independence from Britain 51 years ago. The Prime Minister has been active in Malaysian political life for more than 30 years.

He was one of two recipients of the lifetime achievement award – the other being former Sherwood MP Paddy Tipping, a lifelong supporter of the County of Nottinghamshire. Mr Tipping (Philosophy 1972) stood down at

the last election after recent ill health but has given more than 30 years dedicated service to public life in the county both as a highly respected MP and Notts County Councillor.

The two men were among eight alumni from all walks of life who had their considerable achievements recognised at the glittering awards night, which was compered by broadcaster and journalist Matthew Bannister (Law 1978) and held this year at the East Midlands Conference Centre in September.

Special Excellence Awards were given to the television producer, screenwriter and director Ted Childs OBE (Industrial Economics 1957); International Tennis Federation Wheelchair Tennis Manager Mark Bullock (Economics 1989), and Dr Kristan Bromley (Mechanical Design, Materials and Manufacture 1994), the former European, World Cup and World Championship bob skeleton slider.

Awards for achievement by recent alumni went to Christopher Skilton (Finance, Accounting and Management 2008), a former President of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) Nottingham; Sally Walters (Civil Engineering 2002), who was recently named Young Woman Engineer of the Year, and international opera star Kishani Jayasinghe (International Commercial Law 2002), who also performed at the event.

You can view the inspirational films about this year's winners on the University's YouTube Channel at [www.youtube.com/nottmuniversity](http://www.youtube.com/nottmuniversity)

## Alumni band are 'top notch skanking funky Britpop'

'Popes of Chillitown' are a six piece BritSka Indie band, now from London, who've just spent the summer on their first UK tour after having self released their Buy One Get One Free EP.

The band – Austen Cruickshank (Modern Languages 2006), Matthew Conner (French and Hispanic 2006), Ewan Cant (French and Latin 2006), Arvin Bancel, Liz Mitchell and Jack Ashley – were formed whilst at the University using the old practice rooms near the Trent building and played Open Mics and gigs at venues like Bag Of Nails, The Maze, Rock City and The Happy Return.

The band are preparing to release their debut album at the end of this year. In the meantime you can catch them at their

forthcoming Autumn/Winter gigs, details of which can be found on their website.

[www.myspace.com/popsofchillitown](http://www.myspace.com/popsofchillitown)





## "Pitbull" becomes an honorary graduate

England rugby legend Brian Moore (Law 1984) was among a handful of alumni to receive honorary degrees from the University this summer. The others were:

- Thomas Angear (Industrial Economics 1961) who for 25 years ran his own mergers and acquisitions company M&A International
- Andrew Witty (Economics/ Agricultural Economics 1985) Chief Executive of GlaxoSmithKline
- Roger Lewis (Music 1976) now Group Chief Executive of the Welsh Rugby Union and the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff and former Managing Director at EMI Records, Worldwide President of the Decca Record Company, Managing Director and Programme Controller of Classic FM and Managing Director of ITV Wales.

There were also honorary degrees for Nottingham-based international businessman Nat Puri; Professor Sebsebe Demissew, Professor of Plant Taxonomy and Biodiversity at the University of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; John Peace, Chairman of Experian; Dr John E Warnock, Co-chairman of the Board of Directors of Adobe Systems, Inc; Nottingham businessman Mich Stevenson; Ian Shott, founder, majority owner and CEO of Excelsyn; Professor Martin Daunton, a leading historian of modern Britain and Dame Jinty Nelson, who taught history for 38 years at King's College London, specialising in earlier medieval Europe.



Left: Lewis Hamilton photographed by alumnus Alan Whittingham



## F1 five reunite *in the fast lane*

A high-speed reunion at the Monaco Grand Prix saw five Nottingham architecture students get together at the Monaco Grand Prix almost 30 years after graduating.

"We were all mad about Formula 1 back at University when we were in Beeston Flats," said Alan Whittingham.

"One of our group, Martin, won the Global Cup in the year we first graduated in 1980 with Johnny Herbert finishing second in the juniors section of the same event. Later that year Martin finished ninth in the World

Championships in which Ayrton Senna was second.

"We were all into motor racing then and now, it's just that only one of us could actually do it rather than spectate. We would happily have done it in 1980, but for the extortionate cost – even now we had five 50 year old blokes sharing one hotel room!"

In the main photo: Simon Bee, Andrew Cheesbrough, Paul Wilkinson, Martin Smart and Alan.

## Another award for READ as Rob moves on

Head of READ International charity, Rob Wilson (Politics 2006) has announced that he is standing down as Director of the award-winning organisation. The news comes as READ scooped another award, 'Best International Aid and Development Charity' at the Charity Awards 2010. Rob says he has decided the time is right for a new director to take on the day to day management of READ, which collects old textbooks and distributes them to schools throughout East Africa.

"This decision has not been an easy one to make but on the back of a phenomenal few

months and another hugely successful year for READ I can't see a more appropriate time to move aside," said Rob. "My hope when I started way back in 2004 was that we'd create a charitable organisation that not only has a big vision, but one that actually achieves great things and is truly sustainable.

Six years later and we have now sent over 850,000 books to East Africa, we have a great staff team, we have a network of thousands of volunteers and alumni, we have a solid financial foundation, we have ongoing relationships with funders, we have strong corporate partnerships, and we've been winning awards left, right and centre."

 [www.readinternational.org.uk](http://www.readinternational.org.uk)



## RECENT EVENTS ROUND-UP



**1 and 9:** Zoology/Botany 1960 reunion attendees. **2, 10 and 11:** Guests including the Vice-Chancellor, KK Chung, Mrs Janice Choi, Dominic and Maria Chan and Giles Croft, Artistic Director of the Nottingham Playhouse, attended a performance of *On the Waterfront* at the Hong Kong Arts Festival. **3, 4 and 7:** Guests and student helpers enjoy the get together at the Talent Roadshow held at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. **5:** Hubble bubble... Chemistry Department staff cook up something interesting for the 2010 Supporters' Day. **6:** Supporters' Day friends and alumni at the presentation by the Vice-Chancellor. **8:** Student group Musicality perform at the 2010 Supporters' Day. **12:** Miss Coventry 2010 Kirstie Logan, who suffers from rheumatoid arthritis, at the launch of the Arthritis Research UK Pain Centre.



# 16 Future events 2010/2011

**15 November \***  
**MONDAY**

## Nottingham University Business School *Business Leader Series*

**Speaker:** Andy Hornby, Group Chief Executive, Alliance Boots  
**Venue:** Room B3, The Sir Colin Campbell Building, Jubilee Campus, Triumph Road, Nottingham  
**Time:** 5.30pm–9pm  
**Price:** FREE

This event is one in a series that brings high profile speakers to the Business School. Please see the separate panel for further details on the series.

For details:

📍 [www.alumni.nottingham.ac.uk/Netcommunity/calendarofevents](http://www.alumni.nottingham.ac.uk/Netcommunity/calendarofevents)

To book:

📧 [kerry.millward@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:kerry.millward@nottingham.ac.uk)

**16 November**  
**TUESDAY**

## London Business Leader Series Event

**Venue:** Michael Page International, Victoria House, Southampton Row, London, WC1B 4JB  
**Time:** 6.30pm–9pm  
**Price:** FREE

If you have an interest in doing better business in a global environment come along to this, the second of our London Business Series events. This is **the** opportunity for Nottingham graduates living and working in London to network with like-minded professionals and make contacts across many areas of business such as finance, law, recruitment, media, public relations, industrial relations and many more.

Further details please contact Jennifer Newton on:

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**18 November**  
**THURSDAY**

## Pharmacy Showcase

**Venue:** School of Pharmacy, University Park  
**Time:** 6.30pm–9pm  
**Price:** FREE

The School of Pharmacy was judged the top School of Pharmacy in the UK in the 2010 University Guide published by the Independent. Come and see why by joining the Head of School, Kevin Shakesheff, Professor of Advanced Drug Delivery and Tissue Engineering (BPharm 1991, PhD 1996) at the Pharmacy Showcase.

The event will start with a drinks reception followed by presentations in the nearby lecture theatre. There will also be an opportunity to network with other Nottingham Pharmacy alumni and supporters over drinks and canapés.

A tour of the School is also available at 5.00pm prior to the Showcase.

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**25 November**  
**THURSDAY**

## Talent Roadshow – Liverpool

**Venue:** Liverpool Town Hall, High Street, Liverpool, L2 3SW  
**Time:** 6.30pm–9pm  
**Price:** FREE

Hosted by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor David Greenaway and featuring two leading academics, this event brings the University of Nottingham to Liverpool. It is part of the Talent Roadshow Series, which will be visiting Nottingham, London, Liverpool, Bristol and Sheffield in 2010/11.

Professor Lorraine Young, Professor of Molecular Embryology, Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences, presents 'What is Nottingham doing with Stem Cells?' and Professor Marion Walker, Professor of Stroke Rehabilitation, School of Community Health Sciences, presents 'The importance of research into rehabilitation following stroke.'

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**27 November**  
**SATURDAY**

## Concert – University Choir & Philharmonia with sopranos Kishani Jayasinghe (International Commercial Law, 2002) and Jane Harrington

**Venue:** Albert Hall, Nottingham  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Price:** £8 per ticket (Special discounted rate for alumni)

The performance will comprise of Shostakovich Symphony No.5 and Mozart 'Great' Mass in C minor.

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**November 2010  
– January 2011**

## Mother Goose – "A Crackin' Panto"

**Venue:** Nottingham Playhouse, Nottingham, NG1 5AF  
**Time:** Friday 26 November 2010 – Saturday 22 January 2011  
**Price:** Special discounted price for University of Nottingham Alumni. 20% discount on full-priced tickets.

Terms & Conditions apply: Maximum of 8 tickets per person. Discount is valid until 26th November and is not available online. This discount cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer.

To book: Call the Box Office on

📞 +44 (0)115 941 9419 and quote "Business Partners Offer".

**8 December \***  
**WEDNESDAY**

## Nottingham University Business School *Business Leader Series*

**Speaker:** Sander van't Noordende, Group Chief Executive, Accenture's Resources Operating Group  
**Venue:** Room A24, Business School South Building, Jubilee Campus, Triumph Road, Nottingham  
**Time:** 5.30pm–9pm

**Price:** FREE

This event is one in a series that brings high profile speakers to the Business School. Please see the separate panel for further details on the series.

**20 January**  
THURSDAY

**Gallery Talk & Tour  
Revolution Paper: Mexican  
Prints 1910-1960**

Venue: Djanogly Art Gallery  
Time: 7–9pm  
Price: FREE

Between 1910 and 1920 Mexico was convulsed by a socialist revolution that aimed to topple the elite ruling class and improve conditions. Mark Millington (Professor of Latin American Studies) will present a talk and tour of this exhibition.

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@susan.daley@nottingham.ac.uk  
www.alumni.nottingham.ac.uk/  
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**1 February**  
TUESDAY

**Talent Roadshow –  
Nottingham**

Venue: Trent Building  
Time: 6.30pm–8.30pm  
Price: FREE

Hosted by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor David Greenaway and featuring two leading academics, this event is part of the Talent Roadshow Series, which will be visiting Nottingham, London, Liverpool, Bristol and Sheffield in 2010/11.

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**8 February**  
TUESDAY

**San Francisco  
Alumni Reception**

Venue: Dolby Laboratories Inc.  
100 Potrero Avenue,  
San Francisco, CA 94103-4813  
Time: 6.30pm–9pm  
Price: FREE

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor David Greenaway will be visiting California in February 2011. To mark his visit, Honorary Graduate Ioan Allen is hosting a special alumni event at Dolby Laboratories in San Francisco and all alumni are invited to attend. Also presenting will be Dr Gianluca Sergi, Associate Professor of Film Studies in the Department of Culture, Film and Media. The Vice-Chancellor will be presenting in Dolby's award winning 'Screening Room'.

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**17 February**  
THURSDAY

**The Annual Dearing Higher  
Education Conference**

Venue: East Midlands Conference  
Centre, University Park  
Price: FREE

A day of presentations from Higher Education decision-makers from the UK, USA and Mainland Europe. Keynote Speakers: Rt Hon David Willets MP, Minister of State for Universities and Science (UK), Sir Alan Langlands, Chief Executive, Higher Education Funding Council for England, UK.

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**Careers  
Masterclasses**



**17 February**  
THURSDAY



**17 March**  
THURSDAY

Venue: B03, Sir Colin  
Campbell Building, Jubilee  
Campus, Nottingham  
Time: 6pm–8.30pm  
Price: £5.00 refundable#

This year's series of Careers Masterclasses enables graduates to develop their career prospects with high quality workshops delivered by professionals. Following on from the success of the previous two years Careers Masterclasses, we are again offering four Masterclasses in Nottingham and four in London.

Dates and themes will be published on our website and Calendar of Events. Alumni will also receive details via the e-bulletin. Classes will be held in February, March, April and May 2011.

Please visit the alumni calendar of events for further information (contact details below).

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# In the past we have provided these workshops for free. We would like to continue to do so, but ask for a small fee to secure your place. This amount is refundable after you have attended, or if you prefer we can donate the £5 in your name to the Alumni Fund, which helps current students engage in extra-curricular activities that develop themselves and help the community around them.



**Nottingham University  
Business School  
Business Leader Series**

The 2010–2011 *Business Leader Series* brings together high profile speakers to the School so that you can keep up to date with the latest thinking. This exclusive series of talks offers you an opportunity to gain unique and inspiring insights into the careers and experiences of leaders in their fields and to meet people from the business and University communities.

All events are 5.30pm for a 6pm start and are followed by a networking drinks and buffet reception and an opportunity to meet the speaker.

These events are open to students, alumni and staff of the Business School and the University, and our business associates. Feel free to bring colleagues.

You must confirm your attendance by email to Kerry Millward on  
@kerry.millward@nottingham.ac.uk

Series dates are:

**Monday 15 November** – Andy Hornby, Group Chief Executive, Alliance Boots

**Wednesday 8 December** – Sander van't Noordende, Group Chief Executive, Accenture's Resources Operating Group

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The Centre for  
Career Development,  
see page 28 or email  
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nottingham.ac.uk



## Special event marks medical milestone

Despite challenging and humble beginnings, The University of Nottingham Medical School celebrates its 40th anniversary this month boasting an international reputation for excellence.

First mooted in the years after World War Two, the idea for a Medical School in the city raised its head several times in the following decades but it was not until a grant was awarded in 1964 that the University was given the authority to establish the first new Medical School in England in the 20th Century.

The first cohort of 48 students arrived in 1970 but a delay in acquiring the site led to temporary accommodation at the University and the need to use alternative facilities for teaching in the early years. Nevertheless, under the inspirational leadership of the late Professor David Greenfield (Hon LLD, 1997) and a team of enthusiastic, talented and committed foundation professors, the University created an innovative medical

curriculum which was, clinically and academically, an international success. The course was pioneering from the offset with students exposed to patients from the first week of training in a fully integrated course.

The raw recruits were based in the new Queen's Medical Centre which was opened by HM The Queen in 1977. Among the early intakes was Professor David Walker (Medicine, 1975), now Professor of Paediatric Oncology and Chair of the Pickering Association, which was set up to foster cultural, professional and intellectual links between the University and former and current medical students and past and present academic staff.

"In the early days we were housed in the Pharmacy Department. The number of students and staff was small so we all knew each other very well," said Professor Walker. "The University was keen for feedback on the degree and we met regularly with staff to talk about it. With the high degree of clinical training there was a feeling we were on a revolutionary degree. Among medical graduates there has always been this strong collegiate link with the School and the University. Our alumni are leading healthcare institutions and practice across the East Midlands and today's medical students are highly qualified, high performers and exceptionally able."

To mark the anniversary the Medical School staged a day-long series of guest lectures on 15th October. Current Dean Professor Ian Hall, introduced a distinguished list of speakers, many of whom have a long association with the School. They included the current Chair of the General Medical Council and former Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at Nottingham, Professor Peter Rubin, who gave a talk, entitled "Doctors aren't what they used to be". Dr Peter Toghil charted the history of Nottingham's Medical Schools old and new while Olympic Canoeing medallist and Nottingham alumnus laureate, Dr Tim Brabants (Medicine, 1999) described his life juggling extracurricular activities with medical studies. The keynote presentation was given by the Head of the College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine, Professor Sir John Savill who discussed "The Future of Academic Medicine".

By using the Pickering Chapter via [www.alumni.nottingham.ac.uk](http://www.alumni.nottingham.ac.uk) you can contact past and present friends and colleagues, and organise social events.

For more information contact:

@ [Wayne.Carter@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:Wayne.Carter@nottingham.ac.uk).





# Farewell to 'Shakers'



After almost a century of adult education the University has said farewell to Shakespeare Street.

Thousands of Nottingham alumni of all ages have fond memories of the Adult Education Centre, which is now joining the University's School of Education on the multi-award winning Jubilee campus. The provision and flexibility of courses will be maintained and further brand new community 'Workshops @ Jubilee' have started this autumn.

A special public exhibition, *Celebrating a century of Adult Education*, was held in July to celebrate the huge contribution to life-long learning of thousands of students from across the East Midlands and beyond. Acquired by University College, as the University was called then, in 1922, the Palladian-style premises were transformed and extended over the years so that by 1952 the Centre was managing a regional programme of extra-mural courses for a wide range of mature students.

Over half a century later, The School of Education, which administers the Centre now, offers a range of courses all leading to a formal qualification. These include part-time undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in Humanities, Creative and Professional Writing, Fine Art and Counselling Practice and Local and Regional History as well as teacher training. The programmes are unique in the University in that they are specifically designed to meet the need for tailor-made, part-time provision for local people.

Vice-Chancellor Professor David Greenaway said: "The University is extremely proud of its long and pioneering contribution to adult education in the county and the whole of the East Midlands.

The move to the Jubilee campus is an opportunity to update and expand our provision, which we could not have achieved within the confines of the Grade 2 listed building on Shakespeare Street. The relocation will mean our part-time students will feel much more integrated into the wider University life."

Past and present mature student Brian Hodgkinson from Arnold has been studying with the University's Adult Education Centre for 15 years. He started out as an undergraduate and is now working on a PhD. "Anybody who has had connections with 'Shakers' will remember the remarkable tutors, the great camaraderie and the sheer joy of learning that epitomises the University's Adult Education courses," he said.

Meanwhile the School of Education has one more mystery to solve. When Angelo Terrace on Shakespeare Street was refurbished circa 1950 to become the University's Adult Education Centre, a large statue of Michelangelo (or was it Shakespeare?) was removed from the facade. The statue doesn't have to be returned but staff would love to know where it ended up.

Anyone with any clues can email  
**@ MichelAngelo@nottingham.ac.uk**

For details of adult education courses go to  
**www.nottingham.ac.uk/education/prospective**



*"I will miss Shakespeare Street enormously. In its heyday it was brimming with students loving the process of learning for its own sake; a social centre, a place where learning felt holistic and inspirational, and where I made lifelong friends. And, of course, a beautiful building. We shall not see its like again."*

*"The Centre is where I realised my passion for learning and gave me the opportunity to move onto doing two degrees. I feel passionately about people having access to this type of learning."*

*"All the tutors, staff and students from Shakespeare street were friendly and lively. Everyone was willing to work, share knowledge and personal experiences. It was a great place to learn - full of history and memories."*

If you have fond memories of Shakers then add them at:

**www.nottingham.ac.uk/education/about/shakespearestreet/index.aspx**

## Where are they now?

## 1950s

**Brian Malcolm McKie – Politics 1954**

After graduating I completed two years National Service in the Royal Navy, then had a short period of employment with Babcock and Wilcox, power station boiler builders. I then returned to Nottingham for a PGCE. Two years teaching in a boys' Secondary School led into Further Education as a lecturer in Business Studies and later as lecturer in Liberal Studies. From 1974 to 1993 I was a Head of Department and Assistant Principal at Peterborough Regional College. In my spare time I was Chair of Governors of a School for Special Needs children, of a local secondary school and a parish councillor for 37 years. I retired in 1993. My wife Ruth and I celebrated our Golden Wedding in 2008. We have a son whom I help in his grounds maintenance business and a daughter with two splendid children whom we love visiting in her home in New Zealand.

## 1960s

**Josephine Gillian Winfield – Botany 1963**

I retired in 2007, having spent 30 years in a series of senior technical management posts in the dairy industry, followed by 10 years as an Environmental Health Inspector, among other employment! Aggravatingly, a month after I retired I was told I have Parkinsons, which put paid to my hobbies (walking, line dancing and racquet sports among others). My interests now include carriage driving with Riding for the Disabled, church architecture/history, and family history. I'd love to hear from anyone who remembers me, especially anyone in or near Poole, Dorset.

**Don't forget Golden Reunion 2011 will take place as part of the combined May Fest celebrations at the University on 7th and 8th May. It promises to be the best ever celebration of the 60s. To find out more or book your place contact: +44 (0)115 951 3722 or email [events@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:events@nottingham.ac.uk)**

## 1970s

**Beverley Jean Philpott – Botany/ Zoology 1972**

Despite the fact that he didn't mention me in his notes, Ian & I have been married for 38 years and have two grown daughters. I taught Biology for 6 years in Slough and then took the mommy track for several years. After moving to the USA in 1982, I went to college and trained as a Medical Assistant. Having worked as a Certified Medical Assistant for five years I am now teaching Medical Assisting at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Spare time activities are reading, playing with my cat and pottering in the garden. Would love to hear from anyone who remembers me.

**Mark David Vandersluis – Mathematics 1979**

Most of my career has been spent in software development. Now working in IT Management. Married for 30+ years, Shirley (French, 1981) and I occupied C15/16 in Willoughby for two years – I think we were the first married undergraduate students to live in Hall. Went back to Nottingham Uni to do a part-time MSc in IT 1986-89 with Paul Bowden, who I've kept in touch with. Late starters on the parenthood bit, we've caught up and now have three great boys aged 11, 15 and 17. Now living back in Sandhurst, Berks after 20 years in Nottingham, and still missing the Uni.

**Ian Charles Anderson – Mathematics/Chemistry 1972**

currently living in Luzern Switzerland.



Let us know where you are now by simply updating the class notes section of Your Profile when you log onto [www.alumni.nottingham.ac.uk](http://www.alumni.nottingham.ac.uk)

## 1980s

**Robert John Young – Biology 1989**

After graduating from Nottingham I went to do a PhD in animal behaviour at the University of Edinburgh. I was awarded the PhD in 1993, and then after a series of short term lecturing and post-doc contracts I took up the position of research co-ordinator at the Edinburgh Zoo in 1994. After more than 10 years in Edinburgh I moved to De Montfort University in 1998 to be a senior lecturer in animal behaviour and animal welfare. In 2001 I married my Brazilian wife – Teresa (who is also a biologist) – and permanently emigrated to Brazil. We now live in Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais where I am Professor of Animal Behaviour at a local university. I split my time between studying animals in the wild (you name it I study it!) and studying animals in the local zoo. Despite my youth failures to learn another language I am now a fluent Portuguese speaker. On 4th May 2005 our first child, William Thomas Young, came into this world and changed our lives for the better and for ever. And in a continuation of this story our second child Rebecca arrived on 14th September 2008.

**James Edward Harold Bright – Psychology 1989**

I now live in Sydney, Australia. I run my own Career Management Company and write books such as *Brilliant CV*, *Should I stay or should I go*, etc. I am also Professor of Career Education and Development at ACU National and do quite a bit of TV, radio and newspaper media work.

## 1990s

**Barry Stephen Moses – Archaeology/Classics 1993**

Graduated 1993. Went to Sheffield to do an MA – didn't finish but met my future wife. Went back to the northeast, since moved to Northants due to work relocation. Married, 2 daughters (6 and 4). Would love to hear from old friends.

**Khan G Jadoon – Mineral Resource Engineering and Management 1995**

After graduating, I resumed my teaching duties at NWFP University of Engineering and Technology, Peshawar, Pakistan. I worked in NWFP UET as a Professor and Head of the Mining Engineering till April 2010. Presently, working as Director COMSATS Institute of Information Technology, Abbottabad. The last fifteen years has passed quickly and still I can recall the memories of the days spent in Nottingham. My present job is quite challenging and I have to manage a body of 400 faculty members and more than 4000 students. The experience and confidence I gained at Nottingham is of much help to me in my current position. I always consider Nottingham as my second home.

## 2000s

**Md Monzur Qader Chowdhury – Environmental Management 2001**

I was in Nottingham Uni from Sept 2000 to Sept 2001. Now I am working in Bangladesh, engaged in road construction. You can contact me by email: monzurchowdhury@yahoo.co.uk.

**Reem Saleh – Critical Theory and Cultural Studies 2003**

I am currently working at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris. I would love to meet University of Nottingham alumni living in Paris. I miss my days at Nottingham – the great campus life, the beautiful landscape of University Park, the cultural scene, and the dazzling city with one of the best nightlife I've ever experienced.

**Swee Hoon Chuah-Hoffmann – Business Administration 2003**

I am still at Nottingham University, pursuing my PhD!

**Sreeram Thiagarajan – Modular, 2000 – Singapore**

Have moved to India after graduation. Looking forward to hearing from my MBA friends.

**Peiyong Chen – Social Policy and Administration 2004**

I got my MA in Social Policy in 2004 in the University of Nottingham and I got my PhD last year. Currently, I am working as a director in Beijing. These years, I am in charge of reviewing and revising laws and regulations of labour and social security. The valuable outcomes are the Employment Contract Law, the Employment Improvement Law, the Social Insurance Law etc. I did appreciate University Park filled with flowers and trees. Maybe the most attractive place is the lake where we could find many different birds.



# Your letters

"After a career in adult education during which I moved from Nottinghamshire to the edge of the Lincolnshire Wolds, where I still live, I retired about twelve years ago. For several years I continued as a part-time tutor but was also lucky enough to have two books published on literary topics.

I originated and contributed to a third, a festschrift for David Robinson OBE (Geography 1952) on the occasion of his 80th birthday. I have been married to Mary for 42 years. We have one son, Jonathan, who is in the FCO, and two grandchildren.

I much enjoyed the Golden Reunion on campus in October 2009 and am already looking forward to the 2012 event.

I would love to hear from old friends and colleagues from the English Department and Hugh Stewart Hall. My email address is [erogernorburn@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:erogernorburn@tiscali.co.uk)"

**Roger Norburn – English 1962, Lincolnshire**



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"I attended Matlock College of Education from 1974-78, the last year being a degree in History and Sociology from The University of Nottingham. I gained my teaching certificate in 1977 and pursued a teaching career of 29 years until April 2007 when I found I'd got degenerative bone disease and breast cancer - a return to teaching was not possible. For the first time in my life I had time! I decided to write the books I'd always promised myself I would . . . and have.

The Golden Acorn is a tale of magic, mystery and legend, which was published in August 2009 and a sequel Glasruhen Gate is out soon. I also write adult fiction under the name Meredith Thorne and there are about 10 plays gathering dust in my loft, which I wrote during my teaching career. If you want to find out more please visit [www.pengridion.co.uk](http://www.pengridion.co.uk)"

**Catherine Cooper – Education 1978, Shropshire**



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"I left Nottingham in 1980 washed out, totally at sea. Things did not improve: redundancy from a graduate job in Industrial Relations weeks after it started. Three years spent recovering: a secretarial qualification provided work and life in London but nothing satisfactory. One Nottingham friend, about to leave London for Sydney asked where were my dreams? I'd always wanted to farm but no farm to inherit. I decided I'd go to agricultural college and do a Farm Administration Course. I came to Cornwall for work experience prior to starting a year course to learn 'skills I could use'.

Combining a practical skill set with my analytical skills gained as a History graduate was a winner - memories of Nottingham improved. 25 years ago I married the farmer: happy decade followed, producing 1 million litres of milk a year and three sons on an idyllic 650 acre farm. My husband was going blind. We had to sell up. A bleak struggle and battle with ill health followed. We enabled change and developed one of Cornwall's most successful artisan food businesses. Despite the blindness my husband makes 15K jars a year which I market and sell, listing the National Trust and Rick Stein among our 100 customers. In high summer I can do deliveries in a wet suit heading for the surf: a simple but beautiful life. Two years ago I won an award for 'Success in Adversity' from Cornwall College Business: 30 years on I feel I can finally 'have it all'.

Deborah Richards (née Pearce) - History 1980,  
Cornwall

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At the Alumni Hub we receive lots of letters from former students telling us what they're up to, asking us questions about the University, appealing for long-lost friends and generally feeding back on what they hear and see of the modern-day University of Nottingham. We've decided to publish some of these letters in our new feature. So, if you've got news and views you'd like others to read please send your letters in now and we'll be delighted to see them.

As always, space is limited so please keep your messages down to around 100 words and we'll do our best to publish as many as possible.

Send them to: Your Letters at [alumni-enquiries@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:alumni-enquiries@nottingham.ac.uk) or write to The Alumni Hub, Portland Building, The University of Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD, England.

# Sport's greatest supporters

Colin Herridge captained the University rugby team 50 years ago and is a committed supporter of our University sporting talent. Dan Tilley is the University's new Director of Sport and Physical Recreation with a blueprint for greater sports participation and success at Nottingham. *Alumni Exchange* thought it was about time they met for the first time and where better than the brand new Vaughan Parry Williams Pavilion at Highfields.

**CH:** "When I first walked through the doors of the old pavilion for a rugby trial in 1959, the floors were wooden, it was dirty and the lighting was poor and when I came back years later it was exactly the same and I thought 'nothing changes'. So I nagged and nagged the former Vice-Chancellor to build something new and now I've seen this I suppose I'll have to keep quiet."

Colin Herridge and Dan Tilley are standing on the balcony of the new Vaughan Parry Williams Pavilion, a state-of-the-art facility on two floors with six premier team changing rooms, a first aid room, referee's changing room, community changing room, coaching room and a large tea room with balconies looking out from both sides of the elliptical building onto the vast expanse of pitches at Highfields.

**CH:** "What do you think you'll do with the old pavilion?"

**DT:** "We're not certain. We could follow the Harry Redknapp school of football coaching example and put all the away teams in there..."

**CH:** "This is a very impressive facility. I think what Vaughan Williams did well as the previous director was not only to urge everyone to play sport but he also recognised that to encourage top class athletes you have to support them financially. The two of us met, we set up the bursary scheme and so for the last 10 years I feel I've been able to do my bit to help."\*

**DT:** "You have. Bursaries are essential in helping our young athletes achieve a balance between their sporting and academic endeavours. I've known many people who don't get that support and either drop out of university to pursue their sport or vice-versa so I know it helps them enormously."

**CH:** "Over the years it's given me a great deal of satisfaction knowing that when someone like Tim Brabants (Medicine 1999) won his Olympic medals in 2008 I played a small but significant part in that achievement, it's a bit of reflected glory."

**DT:** "You should watch out for our next rising young star, he's a guy called Nick Catlin, a young member of England's hockey squad. He was the University's Sportsperson of the Year and looks like he's got a great future ahead of him. Nick also won Young Male Performance Player of the Year for England Hockey and has also recently received a Vice-Chancellor's Achievement Award."

**CH:** "Vaughans legacy was impressive and I'm not sure that the thousands of students who've played sport here over the last 40 years quite understand what he did in developing a structure which encouraged them. But how do you intend to take things on from here?"

**DT:** "There are three things really. I want to increase participation right across the University in all sports. There are capacity issues here of course. For example, the University currently has 65 11-a-side intramural football teams as well as the five University representative sides. Secondly, I think we rely too much on students coaching themselves so I'd like to introduce coaching for all University teams

to make participation a meaningful experience. Then I'd like to be more proactive in attracting elite athletes to the University and have some development staff, and not just operational people, in the department so that we can manage the performance of the new coaches."

**CH:** "I really like the idea of bringing in dedicated professional coaches for each sport. Good coaches attract more people wanting to play. You could bring rugby coaches in from the professional local sides and you could coach hockey yourself Dan. It's a challenge to fund this type of coaching structure so I know it's going to be difficult, but I'd like to think that our large community of sports alumni could help us with a project like this. It's the type of ambition which could potentially transform sport at the University and take it to a new level."

**DT:** "We're currently seventh in the BUCS (formerly BUSA) league table..."

**CH:** "That's an amazing achievement in itself!"

**DT:** "It is, and the University has an ambition to be fifth in the table but some of our rivals, especially those with specialist sports courses and facilities, are one step ahead of us in terms of a more advanced coaching structure and the use of full time coaches/directors of sport for individual sports."

**CH:** "It is a big challenge but I think Vaughan has left us with a great platform on which to build."

**DT:** "We are being proactive. We've put in a bid for the new Sport England fund which is specifically earmarked for university sport and we're the only university with a disability sports officer so I also want us to try to attract Paralympic athletes who have a growing profile in this country at the moment."

**CH:** "These are exciting times then. I think the idea of establishing a centre of sporting excellence here would be wonderful. I wish you every success with it in the future... and I'll be back soon to see how you're getting on!"





\*The Colin Herridge Fund supports The University of Nottingham Sports Bursary Scheme, which gives financial help to talented sportsmen and women to help them maintain their involvement in performance sport. Since the scheme was established, the University has had 10 Olympians, three world champions, five Commonwealth representatives and countless national team representatives.

## Their sporting CVs

**Colin Herridge:** Played for English Universities and the UAU as well as county rugby for Notts, Lincs and Derbys and club rugby for Rosslyn Park. He's a life member of Surrey RFU, former chairman of selectors at Harlequin and an RFU committee member from 1986–1997.

**Dan Tilley:** Joined the University in April 2010 from the University of Portsmouth where he had been Director of Sport for five years. He was AU president at the University of York and has played a key role in national student sport ever since, chairing the BUCS Hockey Sports Management Group, managing the England Senior Indoor Ladies hockey team, playing National League Hockey and coaching at English University and National League level.

**Vaughan Parry Williams:** Joined the University in 1976 and led the Department of Physical Recreation and Sport for over half of his 33 years there. Under his leadership, University team performances were consistently ranked within the top 10 per cent of British universities. Elite performers such as England and Lions rugby player, Brian Moore, and Olympic Gold medal-winning canoeist, Tim Brabants, received coaching and support from Vaughan during their student years. Yet, for Vaughan, sport at Nottingham was also about the participation of as many people as possible – exemplified by his ethos of 'sport for all'. Vaughan himself won several Rugby Union caps for the Bahamas Islands and, during his time at the University, contributed to University sport at the highest level through his involvement in a wide range of national bodies, including Students' Representative on the English RFU Council.

Pictured below: Vaughan Parry Williams



# In memoriam

The University extends its sincere condolences to the friends and families of those below, who passed away recently.

## Brian Case 1947-2010



The founder of a pioneering course in biological imaging at the University has died aged 62. Acclaimed botanical photographer Professor Brian Case set up the Biological Photography and Imaging Course 21 years ago as a module for Biology undergraduates. It then grew into a Masters Degree in Biological Photography and Imaging which now offers a small number of hotly contested places attracting students from all over the world. Brian was educated at Fareham School in Clifton, Nottingham, and started his working life as a photographer's apprentice before becoming, in 1970, a photographic technician at the University, where he remained for the rest of his working life. His students have travelled the world capturing dramatic images and many return to mentor current students. Professor Case died of pneumonia after suffering progressive leukemia, and he is survived by his wife Sandra, a son and a daughter. Edward Cocking, Emeritus Professor of Botany at Nottingham, said: "I was initially impressed by his professionalism, his devotion to every aspect of photography and ability to keep up with all the techniques. He was very much the master photographer and well able to cope with the demands of researchers who always want everything to be perfect straight away."

These skills led to Brian being awarded a coveted fellowship of the Master Photographers Association in 1977.

## Ken Coates (Sociology/ Politics, 1959)

Politician, writer, peace activist, and social justice campaigner Ken Coates has died aged 79. Ken gained a first class honours degree as a mature student and went on to become a Special Professor in the School of Continuing Education from 1990 to 2004. He was leader and chairman of the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation and a founder of European Nuclear Disarmament. Friends and colleagues called him "one of the most perceptive minds and eloquent voices of the radical Left". Mr Coates will be remembered by thousands of students who took his adult education classes and for his remarkable study of life in St Ann's, undertaken in the 1960s, called *Poverty: The Forgotten Englishman*. It revealed an underclass of people who endured ragged poverty, in a period of growing national prosperity. Mr Coates is survived by Tamara, his wife of more than 40 years, three daughters and three sons.

## Sir Charles Mackerras (Hon DMus, 1991)

The internationally-acclaimed conductor Sir Charles Mackerras died, aged 84, in July this year. One of the highlights of the University's Golden Jubilee anniversary celebrations in 1999 was a concert by the University Philharmonia and Choir under the direction of Sir Charles. In a long and distinguished career he conducted some of the world's leading orchestras and was the former Director of Music at English National Opera. In 1994 Jonathon Tilbrook was named as the University's first Sir Charles Mackerras Conducting Fellow.

## John Newson (Psychology, 1957)



Distinguished developmental psychologist John Newson has died aged 84. His work on social understanding in babies spanned several decades and resulted in seminal papers in the field as well as a series of books that were extremely popular with parents. One of the leading psychologists of his generation, Professor Newson, along with his wife, Elizabeth, conducted the most detailed and discussed British ethnographic study of childhood through parents' eyes, which spanned more than 20 years. John secured an assistant lectureship in psychology at Nottingham before being promoted to a chair in 1975. He was the first chair of the developmental psychology section of the British Psychological Society in 1974. In retirement, John dedicated more time to his passions for carpentry and sailing, until Parkinson's disease made these difficult. He is survived by Elizabeth, their son Roger and daughters Carey and Jo.

## Michael Wojas (Chemistry, 1977)

Michael Wojas, who ran one of London's most notorious private clubs, has died of cancer aged 53. For more than 21 years he had been barman and later proprietor of the Colony Room Club, a drinking establishment in the heart of London's Soho during its seedy heyday. From 1948 until its closure in 2008, the one-room members only bar at 41 Dean Street, attracted artists, philosophers and dandies and the likes of Tracey Emin, Francis Bacon and Lucian Freud.

**1947**

Thomas Heyes (Chemistry), October 2009

**1949**

Raymond Clarke (Applied Social Science),  
March 2010

Margaret Hodgson (née White), (French)

**1950**

Geoffrey Walmsley (Electrical Engineering),  
February 2010

Dr Geoffrey Yarlott (Grouped Subjects),  
November 2009

Dr James Baker (Chemistry), May 2010

**1951**

John Hagyard (Social Administration),  
June 2010

John Chrysostom Kiwanuka, (Grouped  
Subjects), June 2010

Ronald Slater (History/Economics),  
December 2009

Austin Straw (Chemistry), February 2010

**1952**

Brian Clark (Social Administration),  
January 2010

Peter Holland (Agriculture/Horticulture),  
August 2009

Dr Keith Neill (Chemistry), May 2010

**1953**

Phyllis Broome (née Totten), (English),  
January 2010

Laurence Draper, (Physics), June 2010

**1954**

Peter Godwin-Wolf (French/Spanish),  
March 2010

John Lister (Physics/Mathematics),  
February 2009

Richard Nisbet (Civil Engineering),  
March 2010

**1955**

Lionel Lambourne OBE (English  
and Philosophy), February 2010

**1956**

Peggie Andrews (History)

Malcolm Warwick, (Russian and Slavonic  
Studies), January 2010

**1957**

Dr Barry Smith (Chemistry), November 2009

**1959**

Kenneth Coates (Sociology and Politics),  
June 2010

**1960**

David Marston (Agriculture/Horticulture)

Roger McCallister (Geology/Geography)

Christopher Metcalfe (Geography)

Dr Michael Shenton (Civil Engineering),  
February 2010

**1963**

Stanley Clements (Electrical Engineering),  
September 2009

Ronald Hawkins (History)

**1964**

Brian Tipper (Agriculture/Horticulture),  
April 2010

**1965**

Graham Butler, (Electrical Engineering),  
August 2009

**1968**

Margaret Hayter (née Swallow), (Chemistry),  
January 2010

**1969**

Peter Freeman (Chemistry), May 2010

Kevin Jones (Slavonic Studies)

Professor Martin Plant (Sociology), March 2010

**1973**

Michael Read (Chemical Engineering),  
November 2009

Dr David Walker (Medicine)

**1976**

Glynis Davies (Education)

Ngi King Law (Production Engineering)

**1980**

Richard Haig (French and German)

Catherine Moores (English Studies), March 2010

David Morris (History), April 2010

**1981**

Peter Cook (Agriculture/Horticulture),  
March 2010

Phillipa Cowdrey (Industrial Economics),  
September 2009

**1982**

Graham Hollows (Psychology), November 2009

Michael Sokolowski (Agriculture/Horticulture),  
January 2010

**1990**

Peter Douglas (Education), April 2010

Mark McCartney (Medicine)

Damian O'Malley (Spanish)

**1991**

Dr Patrick Smith (Philosophy), December 2009

**1992**

Leslie Weeks (Counselling Studies)

**1995**

Dr Kate Fielding (Combined Studies), July 2009

Derek Oliver (Highway Engineering)

**1996**

Justin Beard, (Agriculture and Food Sciences),  
May 2010

Sir Michael Richardson, (Honorary Degree), 2010

**1997**

Roy Paulson (Local and Regional History)

**1998**

Dr Ennis Bosworth (Public Health),  
December 2009

**2001**

Janet Faulkner (English Studies), June 2010

Lady Susana Walton (Honorary Degree),  
March 2010



## Your career plan

The University of Nottingham's Centre for Career Development wants to support you to make the most of your career potential. In 2009 the Centre won the Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services (AGCAS) Employability Award for Excellence and it is now ranked as a world top 20 choice for employers. So whenever you graduated the Centre can help you achieve your career ambitions.


### Where a Nottingham degree really counts

Across Britain, more than one in ten students who left university last summer failed to find work after six months – the highest unemployment rate for ten years.

As the scale of planned spending cuts is slowly revealed, national media headlines have made grim reading for new graduates amidst fears that graduate unemployment could rise to record levels. But the figures released by the Higher Education Statistics Agency suggest that the picture is mixed.

"Things may look bleak," said Jan Perrett, Deputy Director of the University's Centre for Career Development, "but that's not the picture right across the board. Job opportunities in the NHS, local government, the Civil Service and retail are suffering but a proportion of large corporations and sectors within IT and Finance are recruiting. Don't despair, there are jobs out there. Part of what we're doing is to advise graduates to adjust their applications and to think, perhaps, about new areas of interest. Alumni may just find it takes them a bit longer to reach their desired work destination. There's always a plan B and by talking to a careers advisor you can stay connected with us and explore what options are open to you. Graduates from Nottingham can use us for as long as they need to after they've left Nottingham and can contact us by email or speak to a careers adviser by phone. All our vacancies, nationwide careers fairs and latest news can be found on our website, and don't forget, there's always the option of further study as well."

If you would like access to the careers online system to search for vacancies or to book an appointment to see someone visit:

 [www.nottingham.ac.uk/careers/graduates](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/careers/graduates)



## Share your career experience to give students a vital insight

Alumni are often asked to give details of their career whether for an event, prospectus or academic school publication. However, the audience is rarely aimed at current students who are investing more of their time in gaining a greater insight into job functions, in order to enhance their employment chances. This has inspired the Centre for Career Development to introduce a new career profile tool enabling students to access the career pathways of experienced alumni professionals giving them the chance to broaden their career options and enhance the value of their university degree.

Career profiles will be available through our online careers system (CASSINI) to current students as an anonymous information resource and comprise of 4 sections:

- Personal Information
- Employment Information – details of current role, career history and hint & tips to students
- Education – details of higher education qualification/s and/or professional qualifications
- Additional Information – details of co-curricular activities undertaken whilst at Nottingham.


If you would be willing to share your career path experiences and would like to register a career profile, please contact Roxana Cimpeanu, Alumni Officer at the Centre for Career Development who would be happy to give you more information on how to register.

The career profile registration tool is also used as part of the careers focussed e-mentoring scheme that gives students the opportunity of being matched with experienced alumni professionals who will support them whilst considering their career planning.

The scheme is also aimed at alumni mentors looking to enhance their personal development and contribute to the development of services offered to alumni by the Centre for Career Development.

If you are interested in finding out more about this scheme, guidelines and training materials are available on registering your career profile. Alternatively you can contact: Roxana Cimpeanu at the Centre for Career Development.

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# Alumni networks and contacts

Keep in touch with the University and each other

**Nottingham alumni groups are important points of contact for alumni living and working around the world. They also play a key role in building the University's global community. Here are contact details for active Nottingham networks:**

**NUBS Alumni** All former Nottingham University Business School students are automatically members of the NUBS alumni network. NUBS alumni have a dedicated website, magazine and events plus a dedicated alumni manager. Contact Hilary Vaughan-Thomas [hilary.vaughan-thomas@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:hilary.vaughan-thomas@nottingham.ac.uk)

## Old Kingstonian Association (OKA)

The old students association for both Sutton Bonington campus and the halls of residence on the campus. OKA produces a publication known as Agrimag annually and organises a reunion weekend on the third weekend in November every year for recently graduated students and events during the year for other class groups. Contact Julian or Sue [julian.wiseman@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:julian.wiseman@nottingham.ac.uk) or [susan.golds@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:susan.golds@nottingham.ac.uk)

## Bacon Boat Club (NUBC – BBC)

Nottingham University Boat Club (NUBC) has relaunched its alumni rowing club; Bacon Boat Club (BBC). The club is open to all ex-NUBC rowers and organises social events, rowing, and fundraising. Contact James [james.shrager@gmail.com](mailto:james.shrager@gmail.com) or check it out on Facebook.

## Pickering: The Alumni Association of University of Nottingham Medical School

Pickering is the alumni association for graduates of the School with associate membership for staff. Through its database the Association can facilitate reunions, support existing students and graduates and arrange social and academic functions. Contact Dr Wayne Carter: [wayne.carter@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:wayne.carter@nottingham.ac.uk) [www.nottingham.ac.uk/alumni-relations/pickering](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/alumni-relations/pickering)

## INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS

### China: Nottingham Alumni Association in Beijing (NAAB)

Set up in 2006 for alumni living and working in Beijing and its surrounding areas. Contact Zhan Bo Wang [nottinghamalumni@yahoo.cn](mailto:nottinghamalumni@yahoo.cn)

### China: Nottingham Alumni Association in Shanghai (NAAS)

Officially launched in 2007 for alumni living and working in Shanghai and its surrounding areas. Contact Li Shen (Victor) [NAAS-UK@hotmail.com](mailto:NAAS-UK@hotmail.com)

### Friends of The University of Nottingham: Hong Kong (FUN: Hong Kong)

Led by an executive committee, who co-ordinate and arrange social functions for all graduates from the University of Nottingham. Contact Candy Chui [candy@freecom.com](mailto:candy@freecom.com) or visit [www.ss.com.hk/fun](http://www.ss.com.hk/fun)

### Nottingham Alumni: Egypt

Dr Maha Maroud is leading an initiative to activate an Alumni Group in Egypt, based in Cairo. Contact Dr Maroud [mahamourad@hotmail.com](mailto:mahamourad@hotmail.com)

### Nottingham Alumni: India

Launched in January 2009 and based in Mumbai, NAI are very enthusiastic about expanding the alumni network in India. Contact Sonal Jalan, Rahul Modi or Jehangir Damkevala on [indialumni@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:indialumni@nottingham.ac.uk)

### Malaysia: Nottingham Graduates Association

Set up in 1990 the group regularly schedules activities for members to meet. Contact Goh Hoon Huar on [hoonhuar.goh@nottingham.org.my](mailto:hoonhuar.goh@nottingham.org.my) or [hoonhuar.goh@hhgoh.com.my](mailto:hoonhuar.goh@hhgoh.com.my) or visit [www.nottingham.org.my](http://www.nottingham.org.my)

### Friends of The University of Nottingham: Nigeria (FUN: Nigeria)

Run by MBA graduate Dayo Akande, the group in Nigeria provide invaluable support for the University's international student recruitment activities and meet with visiting academics. Contact Dayo Akande [abidayo2002@yahoo.com](mailto:abidayo2002@yahoo.com)

### Nottingham Alumni: Singapore (NAS)

Nottingham graduates in Singapore are keen to develop plans to re-establish a formal Alumni Association in Singapore. If you're interested contact Chris Lee: [leekayswee@yahoo.com](mailto:leekayswee@yahoo.com)

## HALL ASSOCIATIONS

**Ancaster Hall** Warden Dr Svenja Adolphs would love to hear from any former Ancaster residents who would like to help resurrect and run an Ancaster Hall group. Contact Sara.Dowzell@nottingham.ac.uk

**Cripps Hall** George Gubas, President of the Cripps Hall Association, would love to hear from any former Cripps residents who would like to get involved with the Hall Association. Contact [george.gubas@cadacademy.co.uk](mailto:george.gubas@cadacademy.co.uk)

**Hugh Stewart Hall** Warden Stacy Johnson would love to hear from any former Hu Stu residents who would like help with alumni events and activities. Contact [stacy.johnson@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:stacy.johnson@nottingham.ac.uk) or the President of the Hall Association [hughstewarthallassociation@gmail.com](mailto:hughstewarthallassociation@gmail.com).

### Lenton and Wortley Hall Association

Professor Glenn McDowell encourages all former residents of Lenton & Wortley to join the Hall Association. [www.lentonandwortley.com](http://www.lentonandwortley.com)

**Lincoln Hall Association** Re-formed in July 1996 after many years of inactivity the Lincoln Hall Association is still going strong. Contact the Chairman, Ben Scott [ben.scott@alumni.nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:ben.scott@alumni.nottingham.ac.uk). or the Secretary, Dr Mark Goodman [mark.goodman@alumni.nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:mark.goodman@alumni.nottingham.ac.uk)

**Sherwood Hall** Sherwood Hall is currently trying to launch a Hall Association. The Warden, Dr Antonino La Rocca, would love to hear from former residents! [antonino.larocca@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:antonino.larocca@nottingham.ac.uk)



## NEWS FROM OUR CHINA ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS

University Alumni staff met with representatives of our Chinese Alumni Associations this year at the University of Nottingham, Ningbo. This first meeting of the China Alumni Working Group was attended by representatives from Beijing, Hong Kong, Ningbo and Shanghai. Lots of ideas were talked about and five new dedicated alumni Chapters have resulted from the meeting so Chinese alumni can stay in touch with each other and the University more easily. Chapters for the groups based in Ningbo, Beijing, Hong Kong and Shanghai are now live in addition to an overall China Chapter. Chapters are micro-sites within the main alumni website. Depending on your hall of residence, what subject you studied at Nottingham or where you currently live, we may already have a Chapter for you. If not and you'd like one, let us know by emailing [alumni-enquiries@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:alumni-enquiries@nottingham.ac.uk). To access your Chapter visit [www.alumni.nottingham.ac.uk](http://www.alumni.nottingham.ac.uk) and register on the website, we'll do the rest.

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## All credit to Chris

An innovative micro-credit project offering small business loans to some of the poorest communities in rural Ghana has been set up by a group of enterprising students at the University.

The groundbreaking new initiative is already helping hundreds of people in Ghana to capitalise on their business potential and expand their profit margin – giving them a stable financial income and enabling them to work themselves out of poverty.

The scheme has benefitted from a £17,500 grant from the University's Annual Fund – £7,500 covered the cost of the trip to Ghana, while the students will use the remaining £10,000 to develop business ventures in the UK and Ghana. These businesses will allow CEDIS to expand its capital base and become more sustainable over time.

Dubbed CEDIS – which is Ghana's national currency – the scheme is the brainchild of Chris Skilton (Finance, Accounting and Management 2008), a graduate of Nottingham University Business School and 2010 Alumni Laureate Awards winner. He visited Ghana back in 2008 as president of the University's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team, and discovered that, while successful in their own right, local business people were being held back from further expansion by a lack of capital funding and limited access to financial support. The CEDIS scheme encourages Ghanaian entrepreneurs to draw up a business plan and uses capital from charitable fundraising to offer them loans of just two per cent per month over a six month period. Since its launch in October last year it has already helped more than 250 individuals and currently boasts a 100 per cent repayment rate.

## New projects you've supported

Chris Skilton's Ghanaian project is just one example of Annual Fund projects which are genuinely transforming lives around the globe.

With more than 110 projects receiving more than £1 million since the Fund began, philanthropic support from our alumni has ensured that academic, student and alumni-run projects have had a long-lasting impact for the students and the people they help.

The most recent awards include the following:

- £2,500 to help the University's Department of Physical Recreation and Sport and the Athletic Union run a disability awareness sporting event called Any-Body Month. Apart from providing new sports experiences for all students, the project also educates clubs on how to develop their sports to be more inclusive.
- £25,000 to provide two weeks of intensive training for the team members of the 16 main league sports played at the University before the British Universities Colleges Sport season begins in October, in an attempt to increase sports success rates.
- £7,500 for the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Physiotherapy so that six of the University's student midwives experienced the health care system in the United Republic of Tanzania as part of their third-year elective placement.
- £11,380 to help 13 members of Department of Archaeology staff travel to Bulgaria where, along with 27 Nottingham students, they will take part in the Transition from Antiquity programme, one of Europe's largest archaeological projects, providing a level of archaeological training unparalleled on any other international project.

The Annual Fund Grants Panel, which includes alumni representatives, are pleased to receive and consider requests for funding from staff and students. On behalf of all the recipients, thank you for your generous support.

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## New admissions to the College of Benefactors

Two close friends of the University – Journalist and broadcaster Jeff Randall and Chinese entrepreneur Dr Chen Tseng Tao OBE – have been admitted to the College of Benefactors in recognition of their commitment and support.

Membership of the College is offered to all those who have demonstrated their commitment to the objectives of the University by making substantial gifts to support the future development of the institution.

Award-winning broadcaster Jeff Randall is an extraordinary alumnus and a passionate ambassador for the University who is motivated by a desire to extend the legacy of his own start in life, given to him by the University, to others so that he can help encourage and enable high achievers and those from disadvantaged backgrounds to reach their potential.

Jeff decided to put his words into action and, as well as attending and speaking at University events and funding bursaries in the School of Economics, he has recently spearheaded the initiative to establish a new Chair in Jewish Studies, raising more than £1m in just under a year.

Meanwhile at a special ceremony at The University of Nottingham, Ningbo, China, Hong Kong-born entrepreneur, property developer and philanthropist Dr Chen Tseng Tao OBE was admitted.

Dr Chen has given much to the economic success of Hong Kong and is a generous supporter of research, development and higher education. He has contributed both financially and personally to the advancement of academic facilities at the Chinese University and its United College, as well as UNNC.

He and his wife, Mrs Chen Hsu Ching Ming, established the Si Yuan Foundation in 1997 to focus on the development of education and medical research in Hong Kong and China, and have supported a significant number of scholarships at UNNC.

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## In memory of Katie-May



At the time this photo was taken Katie May, aged four, was happily sitting on the swing of a brand new playground in her village of Belton in Leicestershire. Katie-May even helped blow up all the balloons, which were attached to the new play equipment.

Local fund raisers, the Belton Community Action Group (BCAG), including her mum Debbie, raised £65,000 to give the children of the village vastly improved play facilities.

Sadly, six weeks after the grand opening of the playground in 2009, Katie-May was diagnosed with a brain tumour.

Despite a regime of powerful drugs, radiotherapy and chemotherapy over the next six months at the Queen's Medical Centre in Nottingham, Katie-May died on 1st March 2010. And now BCAG have retargeted their fundraising and have just raised £6,700 for the Children's Brain Tumour Research Centre (CBTRC) at The University of Nottingham.

"Debbie played a big part in the form filling for the grants we needed for the new playground so we were happy to raise money for the family to make use of during this gruelling time," said Bev Wilson, BCAG Chairperson and family friend.

"Unfortunately, Katie-May's short and very aggressive illness, along with the absence of a medical cure for her condition, meant that we were powerless to help financially. So Katie-May's parents, Simon and Debbie, would like the funds donated specifically to help Professor David Walker continue his much-needed and extremely valuable research into childhood brain tumours."

A total of 450 children like Katie-May are diagnosed with brain tumours every year in the UK. We lose more children over the age of one to cancer than any other disease. Researchers at the CBTRC are developing new methods of research to help find a cure whilst minimising the risk of disability.

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Celebrity chef Phil Vickery turned out for his local footy side Holmer Green FC in Buckinghamshire to help raise £1,000 for the Children's Brain Tumour Research Centre.

Phil and his wife Fern Britton live locally and the chef agreed to play for The Holmer Green Dads as they took on an Old Boys team from their professional League Two rivals Wycombe Wanderers, watched by more than 300 people. The club very kindly chose the University's CBTRC after a six-year-old daughter of one of their coaches died last year from a brain tumour. Wycombe won the match but all enjoyed an afternoon out despite the wet weather.

## The University of Nottingham Credit Card

Using your University of Nottingham Credit Card is another great way to support the University's fundraising efforts. Nottingham receives a contribution every time a new account is activated and further contributions when purchases are made.

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## Wolfson and the ET building

The Wolfson Foundation has pledged £1m to support the creation of an Energy Technologies Building (ETB) to partner the University in addressing the global energy challenge.

The new £6.5m research centre will bring together world-class experts in energy research, an area in which the University has internationally-recognised teams working at the forefront of bioenergy, hydrogen fuels, carbon capture and storage, sustainable architecture, biomass and many other areas.

Over the last 30 years the University has enjoyed a long-standing relationship with the Wolfson Foundation, which is also a

member of the College of Benefactors.

The ETB underlines Nottingham's leading role in global energy research, and its commitment to developing low-carbon technologies with the potential to touch every aspect of 21st Century life. The building itself will have excellent environmental credentials, with designers aiming to make it one of the lowest-carbon buildings in the country. It will be built on the University's Innovation Park, adjacent to the Jubilee Campus and alongside the recently-opened Nottingham Geospatial Building, a focus for research into global positioning systems. The building is due for completion by Autumn 2011.

## When the going gets tough...



Helen Foster (Social and Cultural Studies 1994) and Eleanor Duthie (Classics 1989/ PhD 1995) have walked across the country to raise almost £3,500 for the University's research into Multiple Sclerosis. They completed the 200-mile coast-to-coast in a fortnight with only one wet day and not a blister in sight.

"There were times when it was tough, both physically and mentally, and that was when the sponsorship and support of so many friends, colleagues and well-wishers got us through," said Eleanor.

"The route is all beautiful – the Lakes, the Yorkshire Dales and the Yorkshire Moors – and the people we met were all really friendly. At Robin Hood's Bay, lots of other coast-to-coasters were there to celebrate with others finishing – and everyone got a big cheer. We would recommend it to anyone. It was well worth every bit of effort."

You can help boost the total by visiting their JustGiving page at:

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Monica Healthcare Ltd demonstrate their innovative foetal monitor technology

## Spin-out showcase success

A number of groundbreaking inventions born from the intellectual endeavour of researchers at the University have featured in the very first Nottingham Innovation Expo 2010. The event celebrated academic enterprise and showcased cutting-edge technologies arising from the University's world-changing research. There were more than 50 working exhibits and the event was attended by more than 200 people. It also incorporated working prototypes of some of the latest University inventions on display in the University of Nottingham Technology Demonstrator exhibit, which is used to present technologies to potential licensees, investors, funders and members of the public.

As alumni and supporters of the University you too can get involved at the early stages of such ventures. The University of Nottingham Enterprise Fund is a ring-fenced equity investment fund open to alumni, which provides the opportunity to invest in, and offer expert advice on, opportunities with significant commercial prospects arising from outstanding Nottingham research. If you want to find out more, contact Dr Susan Huxtable, Director, Technology Transfer.

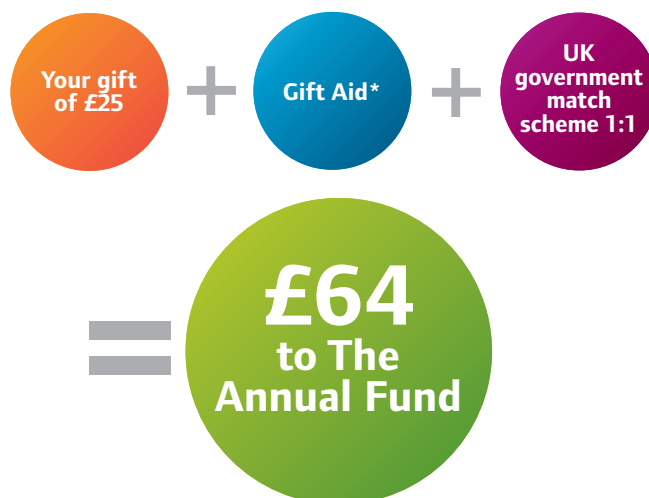
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## Matching you pound for pound

Former students of the University donated over £170,000 pounds after talking to our student callers during the previous autumn and spring telephone campaigns. That includes, over a six week period at the end of 2009, approximately one in five alumni approached through the Annual Fund's autumn campaign giving something back to the University. Thank you! Over the past 18 months, many more alumni have embraced philanthropy, resulting in a rise in donor numbers by over 20 per cent. This is a fantastic endorsement from our alumni community with more than 2,500 of you now giving back to your University. With every gift now having double the impact, there has never been a better time for you to support the Annual Fund, which provides crucial resources that enhance the student experience on campus and funds vital programmes that enrich lives across the world. For alternative ways to give back to Nottingham or for more information about the Annual Fund, please contact Ashley or Scott in the Development Office.

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## A special day to say thank you

Songs from a Broadway musical, exploding helium balloons and medics working out with an exercise routine, set the scene for a highly entertaining day in May for more than 130 supporters, alumni and friends of the University.

They all converged on the Trent Building to hear some of the unique ways in which their support had been put to good use and see displays, stands and live performances from some of the many groups and organisations who have received financial support over the last year.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor David Greenaway, welcomed guests and thanked the audience for their support that he said had been, and would continue to be, critical to the progress of the University.

He introduced a showcase of projects, which had benefited from the philanthropy of our friends and alumni. Among the many projects and people involved, highlights included The Students' Union award-winning Musicality Society performance of a medley of songs from their production of *The Pyjama Game*, an overview of the Q-Active Scheme to keep healthcare workers throughout Nottingham Medical School fit and healthy, by Dr Holly Blake, and a taste of the award-winning Periodic Table of Videos website with live experiments performed by University academics Dr Sam Tang and Dr Pete Licence.

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Next year's event for donors will take place on 7 May 2011 as part of the Mayfest event on University Park.

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# MayFest

7/8 May 2011

## The University's Open Weekend for its Alumni and Friends

Join the Vice-Chancellor Professor David Greenaway as the University throws open its doors and welcomes alumni and friends on to campus. Meet with staff and current students and re-discover the University and celebrate in its success.

Come with Nottingham friends and your family for an alumni weekend with a difference. There is so much to do, you'll be spoilt for choice.

If you can't make it back to Nottingham, why not choose this weekend to get together with Nottingham friends wherever you are? Let us know how your event went and send your pictures to [alumni-enquiries@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:alumni-enquiries@nottingham.ac.uk)

For more information about MayFest 2011, where to stay and how to book please visit the website [www.nottingham.ac.uk](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk) and follow the links to Alumni Events.

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