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First Words

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

In the 12 months since I was appointed to lead The University of Nottingham, it has been a joy and a pleasure to meet so many of our greatest supporters, our alumni.

Our highly successful Talent on Tour road shows have taken me across the length and breadth of the UK and abroad, to meet our former students in person and to outline our plans for the future of the University.

In superb venues in London, Manchester, Leeds, Cardiff and Edinburgh, New York, Washington, Singapore, Malaysia, China and Nottingham itself, I have been greatly encouraged and uplifted by your positive feedback, your pride in the Nottingham name, your memories, your excitement at meeting current students and at being ‘reconnected’ with the University. Many events had waiting lists but I’m delighted that more are planned for next year.

I said last year that it was a great honour to be appointed to lead the University and so it has proved. Accolades have continued to come our way. *The Sunday Times Good University Guide* once again ranked us among British higher education’s most outstanding teaching and research universities with 33 of our academic schools and departments rated ‘excellent’ – an achievement matched by only two other universities. Our graduates command some of the highest available starting salaries when they begin their careers.

Above all though, Nottingham was praised for its two most distinctive features, with which I think you will be more than familiar – an outstanding campus environment and first class facilities, and its profile as a truly global University, with opportunities to study for high quality degrees on cosmopolitan campuses in the United Kingdom, Malaysia and The People’s Republic of China.

I was extremely proud too of the results of the Research Assessment Exercise 2008 which confirmed the University

as a world-class institution carrying out research of international quality. This was a tremendous achievement for us and the results were a tribute to the talent and dedication of our academic community and the continued excellence of their work.

We were also named ‘Entrepreneurial University of the Year’ at the prestigious *Times Higher Education Awards* 2008 where judges praised the ‘breadth and depth’ of our entrepreneurial activity and said the University was ‘committed to nurturing the most enterprising and globally-minded graduates in British higher education’.

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It was a pleasure and a great honour to welcome His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester to officially open the newly-expanded Jubilee Campus, a project with which I’ve been closely associated during my years at Nottingham. His visit continued a long family tradition of opening buildings at the University – his grandparents opened the Trent Building in the 1920s, and his wife opened the East Midlands Conference Centre in 1985.

My first year has, however, also been tinged with sadness at the passing of close friends and former colleagues who played their own unique role in the success of this institution. Ron Dearing was a wonderful Chancellor of our University. His insight and judgement

were genuinely intuitive and he had a unique capacity to put all around him at ease. His influence on our University will be long-lasting and fondly remembered.

Nobel Prize winner Clive Granger was a towering intellect, irrepressibly curious, and a great simplifier and communicator. These traits, blended with his openness and complete lack of pretension, ensured he always had a positive impact on those around him. His contribution to Nottingham was enormous, a legacy to be proud of. It was a privilege to know him.

One of the reasons Nottingham has a place among the sporting university elite was Vaughan Williams. Many high achieving performers received coaching and support from him during their student years. Vaughan will be remembered for his huge contribution to University life and will be sadly missed by his many friends and colleagues. He exemplified what was best in University sport and life.

Finally, I could not let this opportunity pass without briefly mentioning the challenging times in which we find ourselves. In the last year we have gone through the kind of economic upheaval that happens perhaps once every 100 years. Part of how we react to this will be about individuals taking the initiative by being entrepreneurial. These are exciting times at Nottingham but they are also extremely challenging economic times across the world and we are taking measures to ensure that we emerge from the recession as one of the strongest universities in the UK.

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Thank you for your support. As I said last year, our community of alumni and close friends is fundamentally important to me and I would like the University to be important to you. With you at our side we have achieved much this year but I am confident that we will need your continued support to see us through these times and beyond so that we can achieve our aim of providing the finest possible environment for teaching, learning and research.

I look forward to meeting up with you soon.

David Greenaway





Welcome to Nottingham!

Kate Robertson is the new Director of Development at The University of Nottingham. She took up the role in June 2009.

She was formerly Director of Development at the University of Liverpool, establishing the University's first in-house Development and Alumni Relations Office in 2004. Before joining the Higher Education sector, Kate's fundraising career was spent in the arts in the UK, including positions with English National Opera, Tate Liverpool, Arts and Business (North West), the Royal Academy of Arts and Somerset House.

"When I first came to Nottingham the sense of energy, leadership and ambition was tangible and I am absolutely delighted to be a part of that," said Kate.

"My first day here was our new Supporters' Day and so very quickly I was able to see the University and the campus through the eyes of our alumni and our friends and supporters. I enjoyed meeting them and sharing not only their experiences of the University, but their hopes and aspirations for the institution going forward.

"I am very much looking forward to meeting up with many more alumni, friends and supporters in the coming months."

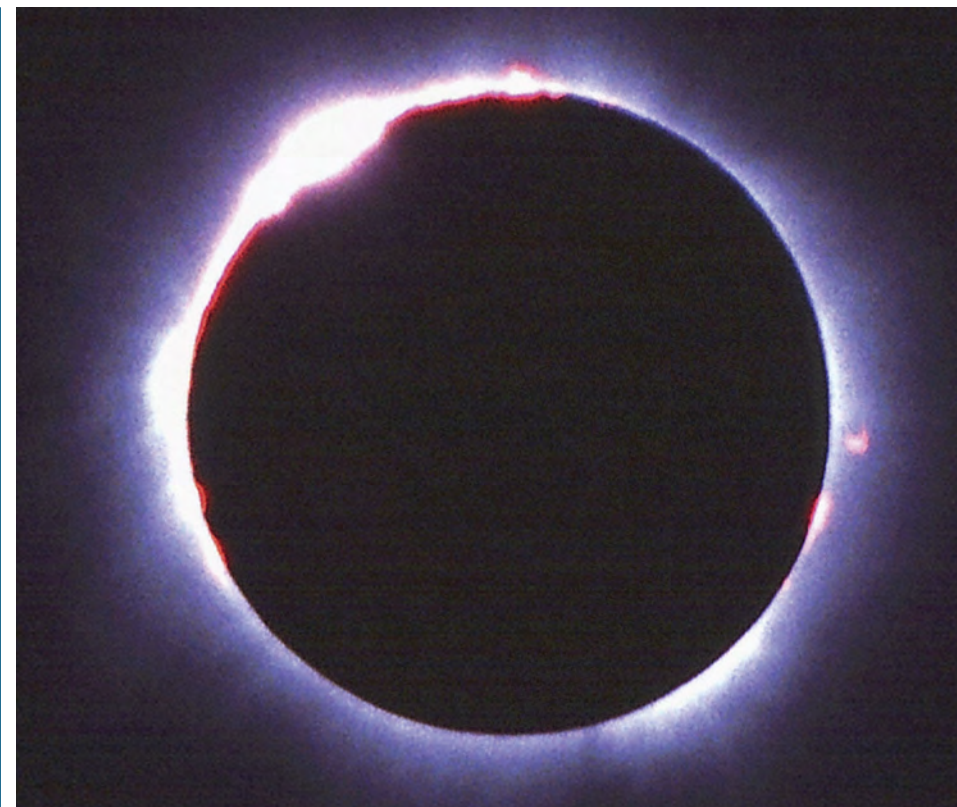
Smart new brewing facility

A £2 million state-of-the-art micro-brewery is to be built at the Sutton Bonington Campus and will be operated by SABMiller, one of the world's largest brewing companies.

It will be used to research new technologies for the brewing industry. The 1,000 litre plant will be one of the largest micro-breweries at any university in the world and is due to open its doors in 2011.

Unravelling the secret language of science

An innovative new video project translating the mysteries of equations like $E=mc^2$, and symbols like Lambda (λ), the Hubble Constant (H), the speed of light (c), imaginary numbers (j) and propulsion efficiency (η) into plain English, is harnessing the passion of scientists at the University. 'Sixty Symbols' www.sixtysymbols.com videos have been created by filmmaker and former BBC videojournalist Brady Haran.



Solar eclipse seen over China campus

Truly breathtaking – fabulous – spectacular. These were just some of the words used by students and members of staff who got an exclusive view of the longest solar eclipse of the century from an English university. Bad weather and thick cloud obscuring the skies over The University of Nottingham Ningbo, China cleared just in time for

them to see one of the world's greatest astronomical events – giving students at an English university the unique opportunity to watch an eclipse in China. The event is captured on some remarkable footage with the stunning Centre for Sustainable Energy Technologies building for a backdrop. <http://bit.ly/AzGq7>



Continued improvements in National Student Survey

The results of the 2009 National Student Survey reveal an 87 per cent satisfaction score among students at the University – its highest ever score. They recognise Nottingham is responding to their feedback, actively addresses their concerns and continues to build on the steady improvements reported in the last two National Student Surveys in 2007 and 2008.



Royal opening for Jubilee

His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester KG GCVO officially opened the newly-expanded Jubilee Campus – a £30m development that has transformed a former brownfield site with three landmark new buildings and 'Aspire', the tallest free-standing sculpture in the UK.

The opening of Jubilee Phase II was the culmination of a significant project to expand the campus, adding architecturally stunning new buildings that broaden the range of activity at the site and build on the University's commitment to modern, sustainable design.

Double accolade for Ningbo, China

A stunning new landmark building at the University has won international recognition for sustainable design. The Centre for Sustainable Energy Technologies (CSET), at The University of Nottingham Ningbo, China took first prize to win the 'Green Buildings' category at MIPIM, the world's premier property convention. The building was also named as the 'Best Environmental Design' in the 2009 Space Awards, a competition rewarding the very best in innovative, eco-friendly design in the People's Republic.



Entrepreneurial accolade

The University has been named 'Midlands Entprising University of the Year'. Judges in the Midlands Business Awards 2009 praised its 'outstanding performance' in the promotion of entrepreneurship among students, and a commitment to entrepreneurial activity that has made the University a pioneer within UK higher education.

Honour for former VC

The former Vice-Chancellor of The University of Nottingham has received the highly prestigious Federal Award for his contribution to education in Malaysia. The award was bestowed on Sir Colin Campbell, who was VC for 20 years before his retirement in September 2008, by the King of Malaysia and was presented by His Excellency the High Commissioner of Malaysia, at a special ceremony at the University.

Royal Centenary for the OTC

Officer cadets from across the East Midlands joined His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester KG GCVO in March to celebrate 100 years since the foundation of the then University College Nottingham Officer Training Corps (OTC) – now the East Midlands Universities' OTC.

More than 70 officer cadets took part in a parade and service of commemoration in the Trent Building quadrangle.

His Royal Highness then unveiled a plaque to mark the centenary of the OTC and the contribution made by its members to the nation's armed forces over the last century.

The East Midlands branch dates back to April 1909 and hundreds of students have joined the unit in the years since, including many who served in the First and Second World Wars. See also story on page 17.

Some examples of recent University of Nottingham research which made headlines worldwide.
Find more detailed reports at www.communications.nottingham.ac.uk

Research going bananas



University scientists are looking at ways to use the waste from the 2 million tonnes of bananas grown each year in Rwanda.

PhD student Joel Chaney in the Faculty of Engineering has developed a method of producing banana briquettes from the skin leaves and stems, using minimal tools and technology – a technique which could be used in communities all over Africa. The briquettes can be burnt for cooking and heating.

What to eat before exercise

A low GI breakfast before exercise could help with weight loss. A study led by Dr Emma Stevenson in the School of Biomedical Sciences and published in the *Journal of Nutrition*, concluded that consuming a low GI breakfast – muesli, milk, tinned peaches and apple juice – increases fat oxidation both at rest and during subsequent exercise.

Untangling the genetic web...

Despite their fearsome reputation spiders such as tarantulas – and even the tiny money spider – are now helping researchers at the University carry out a range of studies in the field of genetics and evolution.



Lice can be nice to us

Parasite infestations might have a good side. Wild mice from a Nottinghamshire forest have given experts at the University clues as to the importance of some parasites, such as lice, for the conditioning of a “natural” immune system. The authors say some parasites may exert a moderating effect on the function of a key component of the immune system, which could help reduce overall immune reactivity and the risk of developing immune dysfunctions.

Asthma breakthrough

Scientists at the University have made a breakthrough in identifying gene variations that appear to increase a person’s risk of asthma. The scientists, led by Professor Ian Hall at University Hospital Nottingham, have discovered three specific gene variations that are indicators for an increased susceptibility to asthma. The findings could lead to better diagnosis and treatment of asthma.

‘Taste dialects’ defined for the first time

Where we are born not only determines how we speak but also how we taste our food and drink. The taste preferences of the UK’s major regions have been analysed by Professor Andy Taylor, an expert in flavour technology and Greg Tucker a leading food psychologist. The Flavour Research Group discovered the Scots are the slowest eaters, the Midlands is the Balti centre of the UK and coffee is the earliest recalled taste memory for under 18s.

Fruit preserving



The world’s most famous cooking apple has been cloned using modern biotechnology methods at the University. Now 12 of the cloned trees are thriving in the Millennium Garden on University Park guaranteeing future generations access to the original form of the ‘Bramley’s seedling’ and the unique flavour of the original apple.

Classified information

From its dubious beginnings four centuries ago the personal column has become big business and an acceptable way of finding that perfect partner. Dr Harry Cocks in the School of History, has published *Classified – The Secret History of the Personal Column* unearthing the hidden history of the modern personal ad and the internet profile.

Digging for US treasures

Archaeologists are hoping to give American World War Two paratroopers a glimpse of some of the personal belongings their regiment left behind when billeted in Wollaton Park in March 1944. It is said that members of 508 Parachute Infantry Regiment (PIR) buried their most treasured and personal possessions in empty ammunition boxes in the ground under their tents before leaving to go to war. Archaeologists and students from Trent and Peak Archaeology at the University, together with volunteers from the local area have begun excavations to find out if the stories of buried artefacts are true.

Life savers in the sky



Every day she saves lives, Lead Clinician for London’s Air Ambulance Dr Anne Weaver (Medicine, 1995) puts her University education to good use. Here she tells fellow alumna and former Head of Media at Barts and The London NHS Trust, Marie Mangan (Spanish and American Studies, 1990) why Nottingham holds a special place in her heart.

Dr Anne Weaver regularly sees Lucy, 14, at fundraising events for London’s Air Ambulance. What is remarkable is that seven years ago Lucy was dying from massive multiple injuries having been hit by a jeep when she ran across the road to go to the park. She had head and facial injuries so severe that blood was pumping into her airway and had stopped her breathing.

At the time, Dr Weaver was a Registrar with the air ambulance – also known as the Helicopter Emergency Medical Service or HEMS. “We were on scene in nine minutes” said Anne. “I remember there was a doctor desperately trying to manage Lucy’s airway along with the ambulance crew but there was so much blood it was impossible to control. She wasn’t breathing.

“We gave her an emergency anaesthetic, released the pressure in her collapsed and bruised lungs with surgical holes in the chest cavity, packed her face and then flew her back to The Royal London Hospital.”

There, she had almost twelve hours of surgery to reconstruct her face followed by three months in intensive care.

“This was the moment that totally made clear to me why we do this job. I now see a girl who is enjoying being a teenager but I know that she was snatched from death by the quick work of the doctor in the park and then our critical interventions at scene and in hospital.”

Dr Weaver has been Lead Clinician for London’s Air Ambulance since 2007 and a Consultant Emergency and Pre-hospital Care Physician at Barts and The London NHS Trust since 2004. The service, now in its 20th year, pioneered the concept of trauma trained doctors and paramedics treating critically injured patients at scene and taking them to a hospital that specialises in trauma.

“There are so many things you have to consider. I remember thinking I was never going to manage it all. You are the only doctor there and making the right decisions rests on your shoulders.”





“It was so surreal at the time. I was in a meeting with 16 past and present HEMS doctors, something we do once a month on our clinical governance day. The Chief Pilot must somehow have been aware of something awry and said that we should all get our flight suits on. It seemed ridiculous at the time for 16 of us to get ready when normally one doctor is on duty but minutes later a major incident was declared.”

The helicopter and the service’s rapid response cars ferried the medical teams to the four locations – Aldgate, King’s Cross, Edgware Road and Tavistock Square.

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“I thought I was going to get a call to say that a doctor or paramedic had been killed if another device had detonated. I knew that if I hadn’t done the organisation at the start we wouldn’t have people in the right places. But it was a relief to then go to King’s Cross myself and do what I felt I was meant to do in this situation, be a doctor. Later that day, the chief executive gathered 400 staff from the hospital and HEMS together to de-brief. It was an amazing feeling of camaraderie.

Everyone had pulled together and we felt very emotional about the events. We knew we had provided a good service for patients that day.”

Anne’s interest in medicine was sparked in sixth form when she attended a course at the Queen’s Medical Centre in Nottingham.

“We took part in scenarios where you had to act as the A&E team. We also stayed on campus and visited the Student Union. I fell in love with the campus. I had applied to Cambridge but I put a star by Nottingham on my UCCA form as I knew it was where I wanted to be.

“The medical school was an integral part of the hospital and had a really clinical feel. Unlike other medical schools where you spend your first two years in lectures, from week one you were allowed to see patients. Being in a medical environment, surrounded by doctors who were constantly inspiring you, you were reminded of why you were doing so many exams!

“I remember my first day at Nottingham so clearly. I spent my first two years in Sherwood Hall. I really enjoyed meeting people from different courses. On my floor we had art history, theology, philosophy and engineering students. We became like a little family. When I was revising for medical exams, they made me tea at three in the morning.

“I joined the university’s canoe polo team. We won the University championships one year. I was also their social secretary. I still have my t-shirt! I loved the student social life. Every Wednesday and Thursday night was spent at The Irish Centre.

“So many of my tutors inspired me. Dr Andy Sparrow (anatomy) was an absolute legend. Professor Mayhew (human morphology) was always very supportive, a lovely man. Seeing Dr Demas Esberger (accident and emergency) in action just weeks after starting at Nottingham was a landmark moment. It was the 5th of November 1990 and I was in A&E at QMC.

Two boys, both very badly injured in a car accident, were brought in. I was shaking and thinking I was so glad I was not qualified, as I would have had no idea where to start.

“I was in awe of Dr Esberger and the team and from that moment, I wanted to be able to do what they did. You only did two weeks in A&E as a medical student and I think I spent every waking moment in there. They couldn’t get rid of me! Later in my training I made sure I chose placements that would enable me to help these patients.”

Jobs followed as a House Officer at Derby Royal Infirmary and Nottingham City Hospital, then as a Senior House Officer and A&E Registrar in Liverpool’s hospitals. During her Registrar training she spent six months with London’s Air Ambulance, sowing the seeds of her future career. Anne juggles her air ambulance responsibilities with being an A&E Consultant. She also finds time to be a trustee of the air ambulance’s charity. The service is part-funded by the NHS and corporate sponsors but still has to find £1.2 million a year from charitable donations.

“We are feeling the impact of the recession. We now have to have contingencies to reduce the service when what we really want to do is increase it. It’s frustrating.”

Current challenges aside, Anne does not take her achievements for granted.

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Taking Wales to the World

Roger Lewis's time at Nottingham in the early 70s was spent indulging his passions of music and sport. Forty years later and little has changed but he's harnessed those loves to carve out a highly successful career as the head of Radio 1, MD of EMI, Classic FM, Worldwide President of Decca and now Group Chief Executive of the Welsh Rugby Union and Millennium Stadium. So which does he prefer? – a Mozart symphony or a last-minute try under the posts by a red shirt bearing the Prince of Wales's feathers? Simon Harvey found out.

"When I was at Nottingham I threw myself into music with absolute gusto filling hours of every day, playing, conducting, singing, performing and of course I played rugby as well although I did neither to any great standard. My two passions in life have been music and rugby. I left Nottingham 33 years ago and I've managed to survive on a diet of music and sport.

"Watching the Second Test in South Africa recently I thought what an extraordinary rugby match it was, so compelling and engaging it transcended rugby, it transcended sport, partly because I knew the individuals involved and I knew their commitment, passion and desire. But then coming off the back of a series defeat and winning the Third Test was an experience as great as any intellectual music experience I've ever had because it was a mixture of the technical and the tactical as well as the emotional.

"I've had some great live musical experiences – Simon Rattle's debut with the Vienna Philharmonic at the Musikverein, with Mahler's Ninth Symphony – that was extraordinary. Or when I was at Nottingham in the early 70s going to London to see The

Ring Cycle at The Coliseum and then returning to see Gergiev do The Ring Cycle – that was truly intense. But I think the rugby has the edge because it is so unpredictable, so much uncertainty. It is of the now. There is a certain amount of uncertainty in a live music performance but it is much more refined and subtle. Classical music is abstract and you can return to it. If I concentrate right now I can hear Mozart – Symphony no 29 in A Major – pom pom, pa pa pa pa da pa pa pa da, pom pom – it's just there.

But a rugby match is so physical now and that's what makes it so different. That said, I think I could live without rugby for the rest of my life but I don't think I could live without music."



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Have you been back to the University campus at all?

"Yes, my son Tom has done two years at the Medical School. The campus environment at Nottingham is unique. My trips back in the last couple of years have been incredibly evocative and emotional. What's wonderful is that the magic of the campus I remembered has been retained. I think it is a truly magical space. I do owe Nottingham a great debt and it's taken me a long time to contextualise it. I think the debt I owe to the University and to my then lecturers and tutors is this wonderful sense of freedom I felt then which I've only come to recognise over recent years, particularly when returning to the campus."

As head of the WRU you've delivered record turnover, record investment and a Grand Slam. Does that make you Welsh royalty?

"I'm really pleased at where we are as an organisation in terms of the WRU in the professional and amateur games and the Millennium Stadium. What I have learned over the years is that to lead a great organisation like this you need great people around you and I managed to assemble a great team of people who have delivered. My key role is to work with that team of people continually sharpening all our performances and continuing to remind ourselves that we can all always improve. But I always recognize and acknowledge that it is the team of people around me who have delivered the success. My job is to make sure we have the right team in place.

"My headline would most probably be something I learned from a very distinguished sportsman – it's not how good you are, it's

how much you want it. I was not a particularly great musician or rugby player but I was passionate about them both and I certainly really wanted it and that desire, backed up by the huge support of my family and friends, which I've been very lucky with, enabled me to go forward. The other thing I'm comfortable with is taking risks so I've taken huge risks in my life and my career and luckily, three times out of five, its paid off."

Are the skills between the two disciplines transferable?

"Yes they are. My career has been about working with people who can identify, nurture and develop talent and then can work with a range of stakeholders to ensure that the talent potential is fulfilled. In each of my jobs I've worked with commercial audiences, which could be listeners, record buyers, rugby fans, spectators and I've worked with media, as distributors or sponsors. But our success here has been based on some basic principles which have at their heart key values and beliefs."

What are these beliefs?

"Success is one, although one of the paradoxes of sport is that it requires uncertainty and for every winner there has to be a loser whilst in business one is always looking for certainty. The pursuit of excellence is another key value as well as integrity, honesty and family. The same dynamics are at play in an orchestra as in a rugby team. The other value we've added is humour because if you don't smile at it now and again you almost certainly go mad. Our vision here is quite simple – we are about taking Wales to the world and welcoming the world to Wales and playing a part in defining Wales as a nation so it is ultimately about nation building."

It sounds more like a vision for the country?

"That's right. I do passionately believe that to get you out of bed in the morning there has to be something more important than just earning enough money to put food on the table, there has to be something bigger than that because one spends so much of



Roger with HRH Prince William in 2007 when the Prince officially became Vice Royal Patron of the Welsh Rugby Union.

one's time at work. I passionately believed, and still do, that the vision at Classic FM was to change people's perceptions of the surrounding world for the greater good via the medium of classical music. I really believe that. It was also about being a commercial classical music station and here I believe the vision is greater than just the sport. But to achieve that overarching vision you have to deliver on the pitch and off the pitch as well."

Has turning your passions into your work spoiled the enjoyment of them?

"That's a good question. My career has been fundamentally music and that's what I trained as, and there were moments in it where I thought 'hang on, am I going to get fed up with something so important to me?' But I had to remember that I was in the best concert halls in the world listening to the finest musicians in the world and was lost in the music. Likewise, when I'm at a rugby match, and I've watched rugby all over the world, I sit there and I'm enthralled. There are tough bits around the music business and the sporting world but you mustn't get cynical or arrogant, you mustn't take it for granted and you've got to be hugely respectful. The magic is sitting in the performance and understanding and being truly touched by the performance whether it be a great test match or a great classical performance."



Being injured is Pants

Anne Panter is one of the happiest graduates around this summer. Beset by a variety of injuries over the years the Great Britain hockey star has finally finished her Maths and Economics degree. But whatever her ills she will always know that she's one of the luckiest women alive.

"Someone was looking out for me that day. Whatever made my car go under the BMW I'll never know but that's what saved me. It sounds dramatic and I hate saying it, but I did think... this is it. I was lucky and if I ever get down about my sports injuries now I remind myself that I was an exceptionally lucky person that day."

It was a massive pile up on the M4 and the car Anne Panter was driving to the National Sports Centre at Bisham Abbey, ended up shunted under a BMW after eight cars concertinaed into each other. Paramedics were amazed she stepped out of the wreckage alive.

At that time the lifelong hockey player had started her degree at Birmingham University then postponed it to concentrate full-time on hockey. She'd broken into both the England and Great Britain set up and things were looking good. Two operations on legs and ankles and 18 months later she managed to pick up and enjoy her sporting career.

Then the failure of the national squad to reach the Athens Olympics in

2004 gave her the opportunity to re-start her degree and she chose Nottingham over Loughborough to begin her education again as she continued with club hockey. But the sports injuries kept coming and a freak training accident caused her to tear her post cruciate knee ligament a year later.

"I tried to play again in January 2006 but couldn't and I missed out on major European and World competitions. There were points when I wondered if my knee would ever get better. I was putting in hours and hours of rehab and getting nowhere. But then I managed to play for my club team Leicester later that year and made my international comeback in 2007."

Accommodating Nottingham tutors allowed Pants, as she's known, to do her final year over three years in order to accommodate the Beijing Olympics. The Games were a triumph for the back-line player who scored

once and had another disallowed as the GB squad finished sixth. Now she's delighted to have graduated but she's injury stricken again.

"My patella tendon was not good before Beijing and earlier this year it flared up again so I had to stop playing again. Now my tendon's got better but my other knee, which has not been reconstructed, flared up following an injection for the tendon. In technical terms... it messed everything up and the top knee surgeons in the country don't really now why. All this happened in the lead up to my finals.

"I've really enjoyed my time at Nottingham. I'm sad that I didn't get to play in a Varsity game or BUCS competition but I'm 25 now and it's about time I was no longer a student. It's a massive weight off my mind to have graduated. Now I can concentrate on getting fit, playing hockey again and aiming for 2012. Not many people manage to compete in an Olympics let alone one taking place in their home country. We came sixth in Beijing and we have a real chance of a medal in London."

But she hasn't picked up a stick since February. After intensive rehab she's making tentative steps towards the next recovery.

"I'm making sure I do every bit of rehab to the best of my ability. If I get the privilege of playing again for England and GB it will make it all the sweeter.

It probably sounds a bit sad but... there's lots of things I love in life but nothing makes me feel the same as being out there playing in a big game for my club or country."

And finally, what about that nickname Pants – does she object to it?

"No. The only time I really don't like it is when I'm getting introduced to new people as Pants. But I've got an older sister and at school she got called Big Pants and I was Little Pants so I think I got the better deal."

Anne Panter during the Women's Pool WB Match against Argentina at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing.

Agatha Sangma taking her place among the elite of India's MPs

Just two years since completing her MA in Environmental Management at the University, Agatha Sangma has become the youngest minister in the Indian Government.

Agatha, 28, took her place as the first session of the 15th Lok Sabha (the Lower House of the Parliament of India) was convened and she was immediately given the role of Minister responsible for Rural Development.

After leaving Nottingham Agatha worked for the New Delhi-based legal firm, Foxmandal Little. She had originally taken her LL.B degree from the University of Pune and then joined the Bar in the Delhi High Court. Her plunge into politics came only last year with the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) nominating her as the party candidate for the by-election to the Tura Lok Sabha seat in Garo Hills in Meghalaya, a small state in north eastern India.

"My father, (PA Sangma, founder and General Secretary of the NCP) is a politician and I have watched him work and been inspired by him throughout my years of growing up," she said.

"I always knew that I would take the same path when the time would seem fit. I am extremely excited to be here but also take it as a great responsibility that I have to shoulder and realise that it involves a lot of hard work, commitment, compassion and patience. And I only hope to learn and perform better in times to come.

"sixty five percent of India's population lives in rural India and my ministry primarily deals with enhancing the quality of life of these people so that they do not feel the need to migrate to urban areas.

"In order to have an inclusive growth it is important that rural India is sustainably developed and this is the main aim of this ministry.



"My time in Nottingham happens to be one of those golden periods of my life. I look back to the memories and friends with great fondness and nostalgia.

"I think the best part of going there was not knowing anyone and starting from scratch and at the end making some of the best friends in life. Some things that stay with me are walks by the lake side, losing myself for hours in the library, cinemas at Broadway and cooking dinners with friends (Garima, Bibi, Enrique, Anisha, Neha, Rita, Zosh, Tracy, Cathy).

"If you glance through Nottingham it feels like any other city, but once you start living there its spirit gets to you. The bars, the cafes, the sidewalks, bumping into friends, quiet gardens, noisy gardens they all become integral. I cannot remember having a single boring day, it always felt like something amazing was waiting for me at the next bend. And it was."

So does she think she may one day be a leader of her country?

"I have not planned every step for my life but for the coming 5 years I do intend to work hard so that I can live up to the expectations of the people who have put their faith in me and also the standards that I have set for myself. I'm very happy with the pace at which I am going and this feeling of contentment at the end of the day is all I hope for in times to come."



We need to talk about Kevin.

Pharmacy (1991) alumnus Professor Kevin Shakesheff is the new Head of the School of Pharmacy. Graduate Trainee, Samantha Kingston (French and Philosophy, 2008), discovers that alumni relations is top of his agenda.

It's no wonder Kevin Shakesheff is a popular choice for heading up the School of Pharmacy.

As Director of the University's internationally – renowned Centre for Biomolecular Sciences and the initiator of two spin-off companies, RegenTec Ltd and Critical Pharmaceuticals Ltd, as well as the recipient of many awards, including Pharmaceutical Sciences Research Achievement Award, the Hanson Award and MIT Technology Review List of the World's 100 Top Young Innovators, he is the ideal candidate. And it's a position he looks upon with relish.

"Pharmacy education is going through quite a big change, so in the future there will be big opportunities to shape how we teach our students. Also, with the School doing so well on the research side, there are lots of fun things to get involved with."

Being a Pharmacy alumnus the attachment to the School goes further than professional dedication: "I've been here 21 years on and off and it's changed massively over that time. Being part of continued change is something to look forward to."

Leading a School with such a reputation would be a daunting task for most people, but Kevin acknowledges the pressures whilst taking it all in his stride. He is following on from his former PhD

supervisor, Professor Saul Tendler, but he is a man with a clear idea of what his School should be and how it needs to move forward to meet the challenges of the future.

"If you fall behind it is difficult to get back to being competitive so there's a lot of pressure to keep doing well. I think if you don't have a good reputation the job's difficult, so I'd rather have that reputation and build on it. I think it's definitely a good time to be considered the very best School of Pharmacy."

One aspect of School administration that he is keen to tackle is alumni relations. He realises the strong ties that people have with the School because he shares them. Having left for a year to work at MIT, he was brought back by both an attachment to the School and a recognition of the high standard of research.

"I knew people at Nottingham that I'd enjoyed working with and the University was the best place for the research that I was looking to work in. I think there's a joy in keeping in touch with former students. It's fun. It's lovely to see people that you trained over the years or people you trained with yourself. Undergraduate study is an important part in anyone's life. It's nice for people to feel they're welcome to come back and see how things are developing. I really look forward to reconnecting with alumni in my time as Head of School."

Kevin also recognises that there's an opportunity for alumni to share expertise with current students whilst accessing for themselves the latest research in the School.

"With the changes in undergraduate teaching there will be more pharmacists teaching pharmacists. We want to engage our former students to do that. We produce really good undergraduates and hope alumni are in prominent positions and looking for the best people to employ. If our alumni have a closer relationship with us they'll get to know our students better and hopefully will discover good future employees from our pool of students. I think people genuinely want to contribute to the education of the next generation."

Over 5000 alumni, 10 countries, at least 60 events and 365 days. A busy and exciting year! Here are some of the highlights...

September 2008 | China Over 50 alumni met up in Ningbo and more than 80 gathered in Shanghai for two highly successful networking events.

October 2008 | A Golden event More than 60 graduates of 1958 came back to Nottingham to enjoy a day of nostalgia, sharing memories, meeting with old friends and catching up on news about the University.

November 2008 | The BIG Nottingham Reunion Hundreds of former Nottingham students enjoyed "an amazing night" at the legendary Scala, King's Cross.

January 2009 | India & Cairo 50 alumni gathered in Mumbai for an informal get together and to meet with University staff. The alumni were very enthusiastic about expanding the alumni network in India.

At the same time another enthusiastic group of 30 former Nottingham students were meeting up at the Fish Market restaurant in Nile Corniche, Cairo.

February 2009 | Singapore Alumni, ranging from graduates from the early 1970s to the present day, met with the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and other senior University staff. The event provided an opportunity to discuss plans for re-establishing an Alumni Association in Singapore.

February 2009 | Undeterred by arctic weather 170 graduates, staff and guests of Russian and Slavonic Studies met up on University Park to enjoy a superb reunion. The event celebrated the launch of Emeritus Professor Malcolm Jones's book on the history of the department from 1915 to 2000.

March 2009 | Sell-out events in Nottingham & London Attracting over 150 alumni and supporters from all over the East Midlands region the Nottingham event showcased the landmark buildings on the recently completed phase II of Jubilee Campus.

In London more than 140 alumni and guests were welcomed to an event at Bonhams auction house, New Bond Street by alumnus Matthew Bradbury (Art History 1996), Bonhams' Director of 20th Century British Art.

March 2009 | Hong Kong With almost 100 people attending The Friends of The University of Nottingham Hong Kong achieved their highest turnout ever at a reunion!

April 2009 | Roadshow goes west The University's Talent Roadshow received a very warm welcome from enthusiastic audiences in the USA.

May 2009 | Talent tour arrives in Manchester Set against the backdrop of a world-class art collection at The Manchester Art Gallery in Mosley Street, the Talent Roadshow attracted 60 alumni and friends.

May – July 2009 | Positive response to new initiative Demand for our careers master classes has been very high. Over 100 people attended the first session on 'Networking'.

June 2009 | Thank you! A special event to thank the University's friends, supporters and alumni for their unstinting support over the years was attended by over 100 people.

June 2009 | For those who didn't attend the Take That concert Around 50 alumni enjoyed the most recent Talent Roadshow as the University landed in Cardiff on the same night as Take That!

June 2009 | Cripps-fest a fantastic success 200 alumni converged on the University to enjoy a three-day fest of all things Cripps. It was 50 years since the University's Cripps Hall was opened for students. Alumni from South Africa, Barbados, USA and Canada and the length and breadth of Great Britain, attended the event.

July 2009 | 25:40 Reunion Students from 1969 and 1984 shared memories of the landmark years over strawberries and cream; and listening to jazz on a balmy summer evening.



October

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WEDNESDAY

Career master-class series London

Wellcome Collection, 183 Euston Road, London NW1 2BE
7 – 10pm

We are sorry the event in London has reached full capacity, please email alumni-enquiries@nottingham.ac.uk if you would like your name to be added to the waiting list.

10.10.09

SATURDAY

1959 Golden Reunion

Trent Building, University Park
10.30am – 8pm

Graduates from 1959 are invited to attend this year’s Golden Reunion, an event held specifically to celebrate your time at Nottingham. Meet up with old friends, make new acquaintances, visit old haunts and see how your University has changed over the last 50 years.

Tickets: £30 per person for the daytime event only (*excluding evening buffet*). £50 per person for the whole event (*including evening buffet*).

For further information please contact Charlotte Flint: **0115 951 3722** or email events@nottingham.ac.uk

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THURSDAY

Gallery talk and tour

Djanogly Art Gallery, Nottingham
7 – 9pm

Join Anna Douglas, curator of “Life Less Ordinary” for a talk and tour of the exhibition which considers the idea of race, nationhood, religion and other issues by contemporary South African artists.

For further information please contact Sue Daley on **0115 846 6940** or email susan.daley@nottingham.ac.uk

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SATURDAY

Medics 25 year reunion dinner

Belton Woods Hotel, Grantham
8pm – late

Calling all Medics from 1984 – Andrea and Jane are organising a 25 year reunion! Option to stay Friday & Saturday night; reduced rates available. Golf, go-karts, quad bikes, a great pool; plus squash, tennis, archery, a gym, spa treatments, a football ground and a marvellous National Trust house nearby with playground. Black tie dinner on Saturday night.

Tickets: £38 per head. If you are interested in attending or would like further information please contact Jane Maloney by email janemaloney@aol.com

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WEDNESDAY

Career master-class series Nottingham

Sir Colin Campbell Building Jubilee Campus
6 – 8.30pm

Alumnus Roger Lewis will speak about his career in the media and music (including Classic FM) and his most recent career as CEO of the Welsh Rugby Union. Plus Prospero Partners will discuss ‘What makes a good leader?’.

For further information please contact Sue Daley on **0115 846 6940** or email susan.daley@nottingham.ac.uk

November

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WEDNESDAY

Career master-class series London

Wellcome Collection, 183 Euston Road, London NW1 2BE
7 – 10pm

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THURSDAY

The BIG Nottingham Reunion, Tiger Tiger, Haymarket London
5 – 10pm

Tickets £5 – complimentary drink on arrival. The annual reunion for Nottingham recent graduates. Being held this year at Tiger Tiger in Haymarket, London. Catch up with old friends before the madness of the Christmas party season takes over.

For further information please contact Daisy Ayre on **0115 843 2406** or email daisy.ayre@nottingham.ac.uk

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WEDNESDAY

Career master-class series Nottingham

Sir Colin Campbell Building, Jubilee Campus
6 – 8.30pm

The power of first impressions Tessa Hood from Changing Gear Ltd, will present on visual and non-verbal communication with a light-hearted look at dressing to impress.

For further information please contact Sue Daley on **0115 846 6940** or email susan.daley@nottingham.ac.uk

December

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WEDNESDAY

Jubilee Campus 10 Year Anniversary Event

7pm – midnight

All former residents of Newark, Melton and Southwell halls are invited to a celebration including hot buffet, music and fireworks. Ticket prices to be confirmed.

For further information please contact Sue Daley on **0115 846 6940** or email susan.daley@nottingham.ac.uk

Upcoming 2010

Following the success of the University of Nottingham Talent Roadshows in 2009 the Vice-Chancellor is planning to travel around the globe again in 2010, and would be delighted if alumni and supporters could join him at events in the following UK cities.

Nottingham: February

London: April

Birmingham: May

Newcastle: September

Liverpool: November

Professor Greenaway also plans to host events in China, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Singapore, India and the USA.

Dates and venues are yet to be confirmed. For further information check the alumni website: www.alumni.nottingham.ac.uk

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Alumni networks and activities

Networks are groups or communities of people who share interests and activities or who are interested in exploring the interests and activities of others. Networks can be ‘real’ or ‘virtual’. 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 the 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 their own dedicated website and a dedicated alumni manager, their own magazine and events. Contact Hilary Vaughan-Thomas 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 or 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 has 3 main activities; social events, rowing, and fundraising. Contact James or Dale james.shrager@gmail.com or check it out on Facebook.

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

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) victor-l.shen@cn.ey.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@freecomm.com or visit 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

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

Malaysia: Nottingham Graduates Association Set up in 1990 the group regularly schedules activities for members to meet. Contact Goh Hoon Huar hoonhuar.goh@nottingham.org.my or visit 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

Nottingham Alumni: Singapore (NAS) Nottingham graduates from the early 1970s to the present day met with the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor in February 2009. They were encouraged to develop plans for re-establishing a formal Alumni Association in Singapore. Contact Chris Lee 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 svenja.adolphs@nottingham.ac.uk

Cripps Hall George Gubas, President of the Cripps Hall Association, and Dr Gethin Roberts, the warden, 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

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

Lenton and Wortley Hall Association Professor Glenn McDowell encourages all former residents of Lenton & Wortley to join the Hall Association. www.lentonandwortley.com

Lincoln Hall Association Reformed in July 1996 after many years of inactivity the Lincoln Hall Association is still going strong. Contact the Chairman, Ben Scott bscott@alumni.nottingham.ac.uk or the Secretary, Dr Mark Goodman 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! Contact antonino.larocca@nottingham.ac.uk



David Mercer Veteran of the courts

Tennis commentator David Mercer attended his 36th Wimbledon this year as an umpire and radio and television broadcaster. One thing is for sure, sharing a microphone with John McEnroe is a lot easier than umpiring the former bad boy of the court.

Most Welsh people wanting to read Law did so at Aberystwyth but I made a conscious decision to get away – I wanted to see what the English were really like! I put Nottingham down as second choice to Oxford. But when Oxford wanted me to stay on an extra term and Nottingham made me a favourable offer I thought ‘bugger this for a bunch of soldiers I’ll go there’.

“I loved the campus and I liked the collegiate feel of the halls and the sports facilities. It was just such a friendly place. I made some great friends, many of whom I’m still in touch with. We came back on our 25th anniversary and we’re starting to think about coming back for our 40th next year since we may not make our 50th. I also learned to row at Nottingham and thoroughly enjoyed rowing in the winter and playing tennis in the summer. I had my first and third years in Lenton Hall and remember Ian Hooker, later warden of Lenton and my personal tutor in the Law Department.”

David qualified as a solicitor in 1973 and practised in Swansea for nine years but in 1979 he began working as a sports reporter for BBC Wales at weekends.

He joined BBC Radio Sport in London from 1984-92 at which time ‘the voice of tennis’, Dan Maskell, retired and BBC TV asked David to join the commentary team. He has worked in a freelance capacity for Eurosport and the BBC for the last 17 years.

“When I realised I wasn’t going to make it as a player I became an umpire and did 11 years at Wimbledon from 1973 to 1984,” says David Mercer (Law 1970). “I was lucky enough to umpire the men’s single final in 1984 between McEnroe and Connors but in those days there were no full time umpires – it was merely a hobby and there was no Hawk-Eye to help or to show up your mistakes.”

So did Supremac ever give him any problems?

“Yes on occasion. Not so much when he was playing against the better players though. I have a theory that when he was playing lesser players who he was expected to beat comfortably he found it difficult to get the adrenaline going and he would pick a fight with the officials simply to get himself pumped up. He was certainly a player who could use the adrenaline of a dispute to improve his tennis.”

Former Welsh Junior Doubles Champion in 1968, David captained the University team in his second year and went on to play tournament tennis for a summer before deciding that he wasn’t good enough to make playing the sport his career.

“I’ve got very happy memories of my time at Nottingham – I had three super years there both on the course and away from it.

David was also heavily involved in politics and fought two general elections for the Conservatives in Swansea East (“where they don’t count the Labour votes, they just weigh them”). In 1979 he stood as the candidate in Swansea west and lost by 401 votes.

Wimbledon remains though the pinnacle of his broadcasting career.

“I just have a passion for sport and a sports anorak’s knowledge of sport. I’ve loved tennis since I first picked up a racket as a child and to be involved in the greatest events in the sport is just fabulous.”

1984 Wimbledon Championships, men’s singles final between McEnroe and Connors



Stay focused and be flexible in your career plan

With so much media coverage of the economic downturn, the University's newest alumni may feel concerned about the impact on their job prospects. Staff at the Centre for Career Development are monitoring the situation and talking directly to employers about their intentions. They are also developing services to ensure current students and alumni receive every opportunity to be successful in a difficult labour market.



Did you know that as alumni of the University you are still entitled to attend our careers events?

During the autumn and spring terms we offer you a large and diverse programme of careers events to support your career development even after graduation. We're featuring three distinct programme areas – Skills Workshops, Careers In and Employer/Recruitment Events – all designed to help you reach your career goal.

Graduates from the University are increasingly discovering that competition for that graduate job is tough. Attending events such as these is a brilliant way to network with employers and ensure you develop key competencies that graduate recruiters will tell you themselves they are looking for.

The events programme will be available online from the start of the autumn term so remember to check the site regularly.

www.nottingham.ac.uk/careers/students/events

A quarter of second-year students at Nottingham are changing their career plans because of the current economic climate, according to a new survey by the University.

Mindful of a restricting job market and some cuts in recruitment targets, students are re-thinking their futures.

But the Director of The University of Nottingham's Centre for Career Development says positive and realistic planning will pay dividends as long as students make full use of the guidance and support available.

"These are difficult times for current students and alumni looking for a career change. It's clear that students are going into a reducing labour market", said Stephen McAuliffe. "But the statistics don't tell the whole story. For instance some areas of investment banking may be in decline but retail banking has seen increases in recruitment and some other sectors or sub-sectors are also expanding, so there are opportunities.

"It's more important than ever before to think about what students want to achieve, ask themselves if it's realistic and then map out how they're going to get there. They will need to stay focused and be flexible and have a strategy in order to secure the type of job they want.

"They shouldn't just apply for anything; instead think about which jobs now could help put them in a strong position when the labour market rebounds, which it inevitably will. They should try and take advantage of the current situation by improving their skill set even if it does mean accepting a lower salary in the short term.

"There is as yet no concrete evidence that starting salaries have decreased. Whilst salaries for graduates have increased year-on-year for the past six years its likely that they will hold at a similar level this year.

"Our students and our alumni will always fare better than most because top employers want top students and, as a leading Russell Group university our students are in demand."

For specific advice about how to ride out the recession visit: www.nottingham.ac.uk/careers/students/jobs/ridingthe-recession/index.php

For details of careers events, vacancies, job hunting strategies and help and support visit: www.nottingham.ac.uk/careers/graduates/index.php

New for 2009/2010

A new alumni post has been created in the University's Centre for Career Development to help further strengthen ties with the Alumni Relations Team and support joint initiatives to identify the current career needs of the alumni community.

One of those initiatives will be a mentoring system in which former students can enhance their own professional development by volunteering to mentor current students. Anyone interested in mentoring should contact Jenny Patchitt at jenny.patchitt@nottingham.ac.uk or call +44 (0) 115 951 3681.

Alumni news

You can read extended versions of some of these alumni news stories and many more, refreshed on a daily basis, on the news section of Nottingham Online website: www.alumni.nottingham.ac.uk



New 'C' is one of ours

Sir John Sawers has been appointed the new chief of MI6. He will head up the overseas Secret Intelligence Service from November, replacing outgoing chief Sir John Scarlett.

Currently one of the country's top diplomats as the British Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York, Sir John's appointment as 'C' of MI6 follows a distinguished career spanning more than 30 years.

He graduated from the University in 1976 with a degree in Physics and Philosophy, before taking up a career with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, working in Yemen and Syria early in his career followed by a posting to South Africa from 1988-91, during the first part of the transition from apartheid.

After a spell with the British Embassy in Washington he was Foreign Affairs Adviser to the then Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Tolbert's UN mission

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has appointed David Tolbert of the United States as the Registrar of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon.

Tolbert, who completed a Master of Laws in International Law from The University of Nottingham in 1990, will bring with him a wealth of experience in the work of international criminal tribunals and he has published extensively in the field of international criminal law.

Alumnus is Malaysia's PM

University of Nottingham alumnus Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has become the new Prime Minister of Malaysia. Najib was sworn in after being declared president of the United Malays National Organisation party (UMNO). He becomes the nation's sixth Prime Minister since Malaysia gained independence from Britain 51 years ago. Najib (Industrial Economics, 1974) has been active in Malaysian political life for more than 30 years. As Prime Minister of Malaysia, the 55-year-old follows in the footsteps of his father, Tun Abdul Razak, and uncle, Tun Hussein Onn.

Vicky's gift

When Nottingham Law graduate Vicky Johnson died after being struck by a car near her home in London, her parents David and Jenny, also Nottingham graduates, knew exactly what to do.

The family had discussed organ donation only weeks before and so when Vicky's life support was switched off her organs were used in a series of successful transplant operations which helped save seven lives including a critically-ill one-year-old girl who was suffering acute liver failure and had just days to live. Vicky's gift of life attracted national media headlines.

"We had 23 brilliant years of Vicky but we had to come to terms with the fact that her death was immovable and irrefutable," said her father David (Economics) who met Vicky's mother (Physics and Chemistry) whilst at the University.

"We thought about the parents of that baby and because of what Vicky had chosen to do we were able to make something out of absolute purgatory. But for something like this to happen there needs to be a conversation between the donor and their family so that people on all sides know what to do.

"The decision was still a very difficult one to make but what we did was to deliver Vicky's final wish which was a comfort and one of the few positive things we could do for her at that time."

After leaving Nottingham Vicky earned a place as a trainee barrister at Gray's Inn, London, where she was working when she died. Vicky's personal tutor in the School of Law, Dr Sandra Frisby said: "Nobody in the Law School will need reminding of who Vicky Johnson was: Vicky was, quite simply, memorable in the best possible way. You could not help but like Vicky, genuinely like her and enjoy her company. She was lively, funny, kind and (the academic in me could not help but notice!) fiercely intelligent. I honestly can't remember a time when Vicky wasn't on the verge of a smile, and when that smile, on emerging, didn't reach her eyes.

There is a desperate need for more donors in the UK. If you want to find out more about organ donation please visit: www.organdonation.nhs.uk/ukt



Hello Hollywood

Three Nottingham students got a taste of Hollywood this summer after taking up prestigious internships at the studios responsible for Oscar hit *Slumdog Millionaire*.

Film Studies students Annika Sell, Katie Sexton and Anne Facompre spent two months in LA working at Fox Searchlight, the 'indie' arm of Fox movies.

Each experienced different areas of work including everything from working on sets, getting involved in script and project development to preparing campaigns for upcoming films and co-ordinating releases and campaigns in foreign markets. The internships were set up by Gianluca Sergi, Associate Professor for Film Studies in the Institute for Film and TV Studies, after the

department was contacted by alumnus Peter Rice – then President of Fox Searchlight. “Peter graduated from the School of American and Canadian Studies in 1989 and had fond memories of his time here,” said Dr Sergi.

“He wanted to know if there was anything he could do for us and offered places on the Fox Searchlight internship programme. This is a very rare opportunity. Peter started out as an intern at Fox Searchlight himself and has recently taken up the role of Chairman of Entertainment for Fox Broadcasting.”

The internships will become an annual feature in the institute, with the three places open to all students, undergraduate and postgraduate, from the second year of their studies onwards.

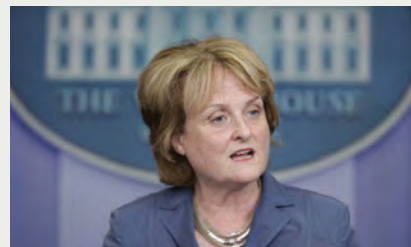
Dr Tim goes to the Palace

Nottingham alumnus and Olympic gold and bronze medallist Tim Brabants has received his MBE from Her Majesty The Queen at Buckingham Palace.

Tim who graduated with a degree in Medicine in 2003, became Britain's first ever Olympic gold medallist in flat water canoeing when he won the K1 1000m in Beijing last summer. He followed this up with a bronze in the K1 500m two days later.



Obama gives key role to alumna



President Obama has appointed Judith McHale (Politics, 1969) to spearhead his government's public outreach to global audiences. The US Senate confirmed McHale as the new Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs in May. A significant part of her job will be to guide the government in informing global audiences and helping them understand US policies. Former international media executive McHale says the US needs to engage the people of the world in new and innovative ways.

McHale was the President and Chief Executive Officer of Discovery Communications for two decades and was a leader in building the global media company, which is the parent company of the Discovery Channel and other properties, into an enterprise with 1.4 billion subscribers in 170 countries and 35 languages.

Old boys football Nottingham and London

This year the annual Old Boys Football reunion which pitches former University footballers against the current first team raised £1,550 for Balls to Poverty. After the matches almost 100 players attended a dinner, raffle and auction.

Meanwhile Nottsborough FC, the London-based club made up of former Nottingham and Loughborough University footballers, has now established itself as one of the most respected amateur clubs in the capital. To find out more about the club and its season ahead visit www.nottsborough.com

Cardiac screening campaign

A new national campaign aimed at reducing the number of undiagnosed heart conditions in apparently fit and healthy young people arrived at the University in memory of Nottingham law student, Neil Desai.

Neil was an aspiring barrister and world ranked squash player who died suddenly and unexpectedly on his 22nd birthday in September 2008, whilst on holiday in Spain.

A post-mortem examination showed he died of natural causes and the conclusion by three different pathologists was Sudden Adult Death Syndrome. Neil, from New Malden in Surrey, was voted sports personality of the year by his peers at the University and was part of the Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS).

Current students were offered the free heart tests as part of the CRY Philips Test My Heart Tour 09 – run by CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young), the health and well-being company Philips, and the fundraising efforts of families such as the Neil Desai Foundation and the Gwyneth Forrester Trust.

Neil's mother Urmi, said: “In the UK we do not have a cardiac screening policy, and young people are dying unnecessarily – without a test it is practically impossible to tell whether a child has a heart condition. I very much hope we will soon implement a nationwide testing policy, especially as we encourage youngsters to train for the 2012 Olympics.”

The Foundation has now teamed up with TASS and CRY to campaign for all sportsmen and women to be tested by their clubs for heart problems.



Love and war

For devoted couple and Nottingham alumni Dave and Claire Godfrey, love really is a battlefield – at least this year anyway. The couple, from Bristol, celebrated their first anniversary whilst serving in war-torn Afghanistan. They met during army training while studying at Nottingham when both

joined the East Midlands University Officer Training Corps. Both are currently based in the notorious Helmand Province and instead of champagne and a posh dinner their celebrations consisted of pizza and a Coke. Dave and Claire are set to return home from active duty in October.



Mark brings wheelchair world championships to Nottingham

Mark Bullock, now Wheelchair Tennis Manager for the International Tennis Federation, found himself back on home turf this summer overseeing the British Wheelchair Tennis Championships.

After graduating from Nottingham Mark (Economics, 1989) started work as a tennis development officer at the Nottingham Tennis Centre, which was the venue for this summer's event.

With the 20th British Open completed, 187 of the world's top wheelchair tennis players then stayed on at the Nottingham centre to take part in the 25th Invacare World Team Cup, the Davis and Fed Cups of wheelchair tennis involving players from 33 nations. The NEC Wheelchair Tennis Tour originated in 1992 with 11 international tournaments. It has grown into a tour comprising of 150 events in approximately 30 countries around the world.

New Bishop on board

The new Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham took to the streets in a double decker bus to introduce himself to his new congregation. The Right Reverend Paul Butler, who graduated with a combined English and History degree in 1977, will take up his post after Christmas. He has strong Nottingham connections having stayed on in the city for three years after graduating as a social work assistant. He traces his call to ordination back to his years in Nottingham, when he attended Christ Church, Chilwell. Bishop Paul said: “I am returning to a county I grew to love in my previous years living here.”

In memoriam

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



Lord Ron Dearing Tribute to a wonderful Chancellor

Former Chancellor of The University of Nottingham, Lord Ron Dearing, died earlier this year, aged 78.

Lord Dearing became the fifth Chancellor of the University when he was elected to office in May 1993 and he served until 2000 making a major contribution to the institution – and to UK higher education as a whole.

During his term of office he saw a major expansion of the University's student numbers, the opening of the Jubilee Campus and the establishment of The University of Nottingham in Malaysia. He also presided over events to mark the University's Golden Jubilee year.

Since 1999 the University has run the Lord Dearing Awards for Teaching and Learning, which celebrate the achievements of staff in enhancing the student learning experience. The Dearing Building, which is home to the School of Education on the Jubilee Campus, was named in his honour in 2001.

Professor David Greenaway, Vice-Chancellor of the University, said: "Ron Dearing was a wonderful Chancellor. His insight and judgement were genuinely intuitive and he had a unique capacity to put all around him at ease. Whether people knew him well or not, they trusted him, which is pretty unusual. It was a privilege to work with him – his influence on our University will be long-lasting and fondly remembered."



Clive Granger Death of 'a towering intellect'

Academics at The University of Nottingham have paid tribute to world-renowned economist and Nobel Prize winner, Professor Sir Clive Granger, who died at the age of 74.

Sir Clive, (Mathematics and Economics, 1955) who was awarded the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences in 2003, had a profound influence in the field of Time Series Analysis over almost half a century, becoming one of the most prominent econometricians in the world. He leaves a legacy of research and analysis that will continue to be important for years to come.

Sir Clive spent more than 22 years at The University of Nottingham as an undergraduate, lecturer, reader and ultimately as a professor. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for his development of the concept of cointegration, a scheme for recognizing and understanding stable relationships in the midst of an otherwise constantly changing economic environment.

Kathleen Collard A lady of great determination

Former senior lecturer in the School of Mathematics, Kathleen Collard, has died aged 93.

She was well known at the University as warden of Cavendish Hall for 13 years and was deeply committed to helping students with disabilities and the disadvantaged in life.

Kathleen was instrumental in setting up and formalising arrangements for disabled students long before such issues were raised on the national stage. When the National Bureau for Students with Disabilities was introduced it was Kathleen who chaired the relevant University committee until her retirement in 1978.

Before she came to Nottingham Kathleen had taught at Somerville College Oxford, and then been head of Mathematics and Dean of the Faculty of Arts at Ibadan, Nigeria. After retirement she continued to travel – developing countries being another passion of hers – and spent some time teaching at a university in Papua New Guinea before returning to Nottingham. A memorial service was held at the University's Staff Club.



Vaughan Williams A man of true integrity

Vaughan Williams, The University of Nottingham's Director of Physical Recreation and Sport, has died at the age of 63 after a short illness. Vaughan joined the University in 1976 and led the Department of Physical Recreation and Sport for almost 33 years. Under his leadership, University team performance has been 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'.

During his time at Nottingham, Vaughan contributed to University sport at the highest level through his involvement in a wide range of national bodies: as Vice-President of the British Universities Sports Association (BUSA) and as Manager of the English Universities Rugby Union Team. Vaughan Chaired the BUSA Rugby Union Management Group and, for the last 10 years, had been the Students' representative on the English RFU Council.



Keith Atherton Our lifelong friend

Keith Atherton, a lifelong friend of The University of Nottingham, has died aged 72.

From the moment he graduated with a degree in Mining Engineering in 1960, Keith stayed involved with the University fulfilling a number of alumni-related roles and working tirelessly for the social welfare of students.

He was a former member of University Court, honorary President of the Students' Union, former Chair of the University Association and a key figure in both Lenton and Wortley and Southwell Halls of Residence. At the first ever Alumni Laureate Awards in 2007 Keith was given a special Lifetime Commitment and Contribution Award for his services over almost 50 years. His son Richard said his father felt he owed a huge debt of gratitude to Nottingham.

"He felt that the University broadened his horizons so that he was able to lead a different life than he would have done and I think his involvement, which was particularly heavy over the last 20 years, was because he wanted other people to experience the kind of University experience he had had."

Stanley Middleton A distinguished and prolific author

Although less-well celebrated than his predecessor D.H. Lawrence or his younger contemporary Alan Sillitoe, Stanley Middleton, who has died at the age of 89, was one of the most distinguished of Nottingham novelists. Over a period of fifty years he published novels at the rate of almost one each year, for many of those years writing in the time left to him from his duties as Head of English at his old school, High Pavement, Nottingham. His first novel, *A Short Answer* was published in 1958 as part of the splendid Hutchinson initiative, New Authors Ltd, while his final novel, his forty-fifth, is in the press with Hutchinson, Stanley's publishers throughout his career.

Born in Bulwell in 1919, the son of a railwayman, he lived his whole life in Nottingham. After High Pavement he moved on to University College, Nottingham, where because of the war he completed his degree in English Literature in two years, graduating in 1940. After war service, most of it spent in the Army Education Corps, he returned to High Pavement, where he remained until his retirement in 1981.

His novels always received admiring, respectful, even brilliant reviews, and he earned the respect of such diverse contemporaries as Margaret Drabble, Melyvn Bragg and A.S. Byatt, but Stanley came most prominently into the public eye in 1975, when his novel *Holiday* was joint winner of the then Booker Prize for Fiction.

- 1938**
John Tearle, Physics, June 2009
- 1948**
Dr Donald Litherland, Chemistry, July 2009
- 1949**
Timothy Potts, Engineering, March 2009
- 1950**
Dr Peter Stevens, English, May 2009;
Leonard Sutton, Chemistry, March 2009
- 1951**
Gwendolen Dale (nee Heselton),
Physics/Mathematics, January 2009
- 1953**
David Hare, Law, January 2009
- 1959**
Dr Constance Byrom, Social Administration,
January 2009; His Honour Judge David Croft
QC, Law; John Golby, History, February 2009;
Dr Cecil Parnell, Physics, February 2009
- 1961**
Ronald Davies Zoology, February 2009;
Hazel Law (nee Turk), Social Administration,
July 2009
- 1964**
Professor Peter Widdowson English,
June 2009
- 1966**
Professor Robert Boucher CBE, Mechanical
Engineering, March 2009; Douglas Brooks
Botany, July 2009
- 1981**
Maurice Delaney, Politics, January 2009
- 1985**
Wendy Gilley (nee Gill), Mathematics,
May 2009
- 1986**
James Wilkie, Spanish/Hispanic Studies,
February 2009
- 1995**
Dr Royston Bailey, Criminology, February
2009; Tony Nutting, History, April 2009
- 1997** Christine Frost (nee Middlehurst),
Education, March 2009

Where are they now?

Here is a selection of brief updates from alumni. For more information on these and other alumni please look at the Where are they now? section on www.alumni.nottingham.ac.uk



1950s

George W Reed – 1954 Mining Engineering

I graduated whilst working for the National Coal Board, but left shortly after for the copper mines of Northern Rhodesia. Next, I worked for the Government of Tanganyika, initially as an Inspector of Mines, then Chief Mines Engineer and finally Commissioner for Mines. This involved a great deal of travel (safari mode), often camping out in the wilds while visiting various mining activities – from salt pans to a large diamond mine. Finally to Northern Canada where I was in charge of the sinking of a 6,000 ft deep, 20ft diameter shaft; also designed and brought to a successful completion a large underground ore blast of 3,500,000 tons – at that time the largest underground blast in a working mine in the world. For recreation my wife and I travelled to some most interesting and exotic places such as travelling down the Nile by barge en route from Khartoum, as well as Ethiopia, Lebanon, Iran, Afghanistan and Mexico. At age 77 I climbed Mont Blanc solo and was informed that I was the oldest person ever to do so! Now I live a sedentary life with my wife surrounded by 11 grandchildren and, so far, 11 great-grandchildren.

1960s

Jean Apperley (nee Hawtin) – 1969 Music

Married Dennis Apperley (Law 1967) in August 1969. Following his local government career have lived in Cheshire, Lancashire, Northumberland and North Yorkshire. Post Nottingham took PGCE and taught secondary music. Daughter, Hazel, born 1981. Dennis retired 1996. Should love to hear what became of my contemporaries in the Music Department, especially Jane Shillito. Would also love to hear news of Sue Hunt (Pharmacy 1969).

Malcolm G Green – 1968 Mathematics

I keep contact with a small group of Sherwood residents from my class year, and would be interested in establishing some further links.

Malcolm V Jones – 1962 Russian

After graduating in 1962, and obtaining a PhD in Russian Studies in 1966, my first post was as Assistant Lecturer in Russian at the University of Sussex (1965-7). In 1963 I married Jenny Durrant (Theology 1962) and we have two children (Alexander, 1967 and Helen, 1968). Helen now has two children as well. Returned to Nottingham in 1967 where, in 1980, I was appointed to the Chair of Slavonic Studies. I took early retirement in 1997, having in the meantime served, among other things, as Dean of the Arts Faculty (1982-5) and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (1987-91). From 1992-7 I also had the privilege of serving as Honorary President of Convocation and retain a personal interest in Alumni affairs, especially Slavonic Studies alumni, the subject of my most recent book 'Slavianskii mir, the story of Slavonic Studies at The University of Nottingham in the Twentieth Century', Bramcote Press, Ilkeston, 2009.

Stephen Pownall – 1969 Electrical and Electronic Engineering

Married to Jill (who I met at a University dance in 1966); 2 children and 4 (almost 5) grandchildren. After graduating moved in to Information Technology and am currently CIO of the NSG Group based in Tokyo.

David Pybus – 1969 Chemistry

MD of Scents of Time Ltd (Dragon's Den Company). Nottingham... those were the days! £365 a year grant, fur coats from Trent Fur Company, sneaking through the back window for metallurgy at 9am on a Saturday, Britannia Boat Club, Hendrix, Bonzo Dog, Floyd ... Fantasti!

Gerard M Shaw – 1961 Geology/Zoology

An active member of Friends of University Park. Regularly conduct geological tours around University Park Campus.

Bill Smith – 1968-1969 JYA Politics/Economics

Graduated from Tulane in 1970 and then moved to San Francisco, California. Graduated from Law School at the University of California in 1973. Now reside in the San Francisco area and am senior partner in a law firm specialising in major personal injury and wrongful death matters. Hello to all the Wortley Hall boys – especially those who lived in the East Lodge. I can be reached at WBSAS@aol.com

1970s

Rod Burris – 1970 Agriculture

Married, 1 adult son, semi retired, but very busy! Try my website for contact: www.rodburris.co.uk. A few of us still meet up – Paul Margereson, John Stephenson and Mark Bruce – Do join in!

Philip Mason – 1971 French/German

Married, one child. Living and working in France for 14 years.

Mary Parish (nee Castro) – 1970 English with Biblical Studies

Married Peter (Electrical Engineering 1970); 2 sons & 2 grandchildren. Overseas missionaries for 14 years – Seychelles and Pakistan. Peter worked for Marconi in Chelmsford and then as a Christian broadcaster for FEBA Radio. Mary is now a priest in the Church of England working as associate vicar in a growing south coast church.

Keith Rogerson – 1979 Chemistry

Karl Durig – WO BIST DU ?? Mark Croft where are you now? Cyril Geach – is he still in Australia? Have now landed in a Project Management role. It's a long way from the Nottingham Chemistry labs! Still hoping to get some afternoons off and pop back into a Science lab to keep my hand in every so often. Even managed to become a Member of the Royal Society of Chemistry after all these years.

1980s

Roderic A Chapman – 1981 Law

Attended the Cripps 50th anniversary reunion weekend 19-21 June 2009. What a fantastic event. Thought I might meet some old friends but instead made lots of new ones. There don't appear to be many 1981 graduates registered on Nottingham Online, let alone lawyers, but if anyone should see this and want to renew acquaintances, by all means get in touch. Email me at rod.chapman@cps.gsi.gov.uk.

Prakash Chauhan – 1987 Modern Electronics

Have lived and worked in the south west for around 20 years. In the electricity industry, with the last role working as a Consultant for a City firm in London. On the lookout for something new.

Zena J Cumberpatch – 1980 Industrial Economics

Hoping to start a new company in Feb 09 after being self employed for five years. Before that was a senior lecturer in Organisational Psychology and Strategic Management for 13 years.

Jonathan J Gibson – 1984 Agricultural Economics/Economics

I am working for Habitat for Humanity International, a Christian NGO committed to eliminating poverty housing worldwide as the Area Office Finance/Admin Director. Now based in Bratislava, Slovakia.

Glen F Kinch – 1980 Philosophy

Just turned 50 and haven't had a proper job since 1982 – still a silly actor. Thank you DramSoc.

Wendy Maltby (nee Draper) – 1987 German

Happily married for 14 years with two lovely boys and living in the beautiful North East. Worked as an interpreter for the international company AL-KO Kober.

Loads of fond memories of Nottingham; tea and tears in Cavendish, 3-legged hitchhike to Amsterdam, 'strictly in the ballroom' baguettes and philly in Spain...where did you all end up? Hello to Kelly, Debbie, Alison, Susan and everyone else.

Sally J Phillips – 1987 French

I married my partner of 12 years, Guy, on 14/8/2008 in Southampton and am now Sally Phillips. Our daughter, Milly, now just eight, was bridesmaid. I am currently not working but am home educating Milly. I also run local mind/body/spirit groups and events and am training in alternative healing therapies with a view to starting a new part-time business soon.

Sarah Wood (nee Kellaway) – 1987 Geography

Have lived in Australia since 1997 with my husband Gavin. Now have two children – Patrick (1999) and Lauren (2002). Completed a PG Diploma in Human Resources Management in 1990 and have worked in HR since. Hi or 'G'day' to anyone who remembers me!

1990s

Mark Z Daniels – 1995 Russian/Serbo-Croat

Have just launched my new business, Odista, a company providing Serbian-English-Serbian translation services (www.odista.com), mostly to corporate clients. Actually, it's just the logical progression of what I have been doing ever since I graduated – trying to meet increasing demand for quality English-Serbian translation.

Heather M Swainston – 1993 Geography

Currently the director of Cheshire Development Education Centre which I set up in 1997. I have been married to Colum Wilde for 10 years and in November 2008 had a baby daughter – Rachel.

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Lost friends

If you know where any of these people are please email the Alumni Relations Team and we will forward your message: alumni-enquiries@nottingham.ac.uk

Looking for Brian Shergold

Geoffrey Grassi is looking to contact Brian Shergold. If anyone knows Brian or can get a message to him please contact Geoffrey on Tel: +44 (0)1202 693045

Wes – where are you?

Ian Boulton (Chemistry, 1969) has been trying to find a fellow Lenton friend who graduated in Geology in 1969. He's Roman (Wes) Wesolinski, and he came from Bradford. If anyone knows of his whereabouts Ian would be very grateful to hear from you. Please email him at: ian.b@boulton.co.uk.

Calling Derek Eales – where are you?

Jane Molden and her friend are trying to contact someone they have not heard of since they all graduated in 1966 – Derek Eales (English). If anyone knows his whereabouts please email Jane at: janehope2@btinternet.com.

Where are all the Russians?

David Langridge (Russian, 1961) is looking to contact Geoff Simmonds and Paul Atkins (both Russian graduates in 1961). If anyone knows them could they ask them to contact David at the following email address: brendalangridge@somerby.fsbusiness.co.uk

Looking for Richard Haycock

Jon Blackburn (German and Linguistics 1993) is looking for Richard Haycock (Geography). Lenton Hall 1989; Lenton 1990-92 and originally from Faversham, Kent. Jon's email address is: jblackburn@hotmail.com

Looking for Marianne Dowson

Duncan White is looking for Marianne Dowson who graduated in Chemistry in 62/63. Duncan's phone number is +44 (0)1642 297439.

Trying to contact an old girlfriend...

Gordon Berry (German, 1956) asked us to put a shout out for an old girlfriend of his Sally Jones (Spanish, 1958). Does anyone know where she is?

Celebrating success at summer Graduation

The University of Nottingham's Class of 2009 celebrated their academic achievements with acclaimed figures from the worlds of literature, science, law and sport at this year's summer graduation ceremonies. Thousands of students from the UK and abroad were presented with their awards at the ceremonies in July. Among them were alumni who've made their names in their chosen fields and were awarded with Honorary Degrees.

John Harvey (American Studies, 1979) is a Nottingham-based writer and novelist who has around 100 published books to his name. He is principally known as a crime writer, with the first of his Charlie Resnick novels, *Lonely Hearts*, being named by *The Times* as one of the 100 most notable crime novels of the last century.

Andrew Holroyd CBE, (Law, 1969) is managing partner of Jackson & Canter Solicitors in Liverpool and an immigration practitioner by specialism with a wide range of personal client work serving those most disadvantaged in the community. Chairman of the Standards Board of the Law Society of England & Wales from 2002-2005, and President of the Law Society 2007-08.

Lady Jay CBE (Social Administration, 1969) is Vice-Chairman of L'Oréal UK and Chairman of the Pilgrim Trust, the Prison Reform Trust, and the Entente Cordiale Scholarships Scheme. Lady Jay was awarded a CBE for services to the UK food

industry in 2005 and made a Chevalier of the French Legion d'Honneur in 2008.

Dr Tim Brabants MBE (Medicine, 2003) is Great Britain's most successful sprint kayak athlete having won an Olympic Gold medal in Beijing 2008. Tim has won many international medals including four European titles and is the current World, European and Olympic Champion.

Professor Julian Davies (Chemistry, 1953, 1956) is an expert in the field of antibiotics biology. After post-doctoral stints in the USA, he accepted a lectureship in Chemistry at UMIST (Manchester), followed by additional post-doctoral training in Bacteriology and Immunology at Harvard Medical School. As Professor of Biochemistry at the University of Wisconsin, his research focused on antibiotics – their mode of action and the origins and mechanisms of resistance. In 1992 he moved to his present post in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at UBC.

Professor Sir Keith O'Nions (Geology, 1966) leads the newly formed Institute for Security Science and Technology at Imperial College London. Most recently he was Director General, Science and Innovation, in the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills. He received a Knighthood for services to Earth Sciences in the 1999 Queen's Birthday Honours.

Alumni Merchandise



Items from 50p to £50.

For more information or to place an order visit <http://merchandise.nottingham.ac.uk>

More alumni are

giving something back

Philanthropy at the University has seen a 126% rise on last year with a total of £13,799,967 received from all donors, including many of Nottingham's alumni.

The University is very grateful for every single donation and to all donors for their support, with individual gifts from the alumni community ranging from £1 to £431,000. These have supported projects and activities across all our campuses, including the student experience, research, capital projects, staffing and research posts, as well as outreach and voluntary endeavours.

Alumni have grasped the challenge of the government match scheme and have contributed in ever increasing numbers to the Annual Fund. These Funds have made an immediate impact thanks to the Fund's new grants programme. The matching scheme has also helped Nottingham secure a

number of new transformational gifts worth more than £1 million.

The University is delighted to welcome Kate Robertson as new Director of Development and to see Joe Beyel in his new role as Director of International Development.

Once again we thank all our donors and supporters for your generosity and vision and invite everyone to contribute to Nottingham's future and ensure more projects and programmes such as those featured can be funded in future.

If you would like to find out more about Nottingham's current development priorities or how to make a donation please contact Director of Development, Kate Robertson.

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A day to celebrate your involvement

Alumnus and donor Martin Pluck and his wife Catherine were among more than 100 guests who attended the University's first ever friends, supporters and alumni day which celebrated philanthropy and volunteering at Nottingham. The event was held at the Sir Colin Campbell Building on Jubilee Campus and was a special occasion to thank everybody for their unstinting support over the years, provide an update on how gifts have been used and outline plans for the future.

Just some of the gifts received this year:

» Global energy company bp plc has donated £750,000 to support students, reward excellence and provide opportunities for future employment. The scholarship awards will benefit hundreds of graduates. bp was admitted this summer into the University's College of Benefactors and was represented at the ceremony by bp Business Development Manager in the Fuels Logistics Sector and Nottingham alumna Teresa Hemingway (Mechanical Engineering, 1979).

» The ongoing generosity of The Wolfson Foundation saw a £500,000 grant to help fund a new research project in Hyperpolarised Technologies at the Sir Peter Mansfield Magnetic Resonance Centre (SPMMRC) and Medical School.

» Robert MacGregor (Law, 1982) is funding a new student prize of £500 per annum for the next five years within the School of Law to reward outstanding contribution to the life, work and reputation of the School as well as to other areas of University life.

» Fundraising has successfully continued for the Children's Brain Tumour Research Centre. A recent dinner organised by long-standing supporter Isabella Hildyard raised £5,000 in addition to her trust's donation of £20,000.

» John (Industrial Economics, 1965) and Patricia (Geography, 1965) Bartle have pledged a new five-year gift for UK undergraduate scholarships in Industrial Economics and Geography.

And finally... legacies

The University continues to benefit from legacies provided by alumni, former staff and members of the public. Gifts have ranged from £200 to over £300,000 and have supported our libraries, scholarship programmes and academic departments. Legacies are a wonderful opportunity to make a lasting impact at the University. If you would like to discuss how you can leave a legacy to Nottingham please contact the Development Office.

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