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Paul Kenyon

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Nottingham Trent University Alumni Association's Mission Statement:

To foster lasting relationships with, and between, former students which encourage pride and involvement in our University.

Welcome

Welcome to the latest issue of *Network*, your alumni magazine.

For this issue we've chosen the theme 'looking forward, looking back' as it fits well with two major celebrations this year. We look forward to the future as our Newton and Arkwright buildings reopen for business, and we look back on the success of our School of Education, as they celebrate 50 years of teacher-training on Clifton campus.

In celebration of this momentous occasion, in the centre of this issue you will find a four page pull-out dedicated to our School of Education, where former students share their memories, photographs and news with us. A special event will be held on Clifton campus to mark this milestone on 23 October 2010, we hope you'll be able to join us.

However, if you aren't an Education graduate there's still an opportunity for you to visit us this year. You're all invited to see the transformation of Newton and Arkwright before the official opening later in the year, and there's a special 'Farewell to York House' event for those of you who want to say goodbye to this building before the University vacates the premises. For details

of all events and reunions see page 32.

In addition there's still plenty of news from Nottingham, your University and your fellow alumni. We hear about the hair-raising experiences of *Panorama* reporter Paul Kenyon (page 08) and how masquerade mask designer Samantha Peach got involved with a celebrity wedding. We also remind you of the benefits you can enjoy with your venture card (page 06).

We hope you enjoy reading your latest magazine. We really enjoy hearing from you, so please keep sending in your updates, news and stories.

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Message from the Vice-Chancellor

Welcoming our alumni back to the University is always a pleasure. For those of you that haven't had the opportunity to return since your graduation, this year's forthcoming events will hopefully encourage you to pay us a visit.

It's you, our alumni, that will truly be able to appreciate the dramatic changes that have occurred. I am looking forward to showing you the stunning results of what has been the largest campus regeneration scheme in NTU's history – the transformation of the Newton and Arkwright buildings.

On 24 June 2010, our Chancellor, Sir Michael Parkinson will host a special alumni reception in this magnificent setting – which will be held in advance of the official reopening later in the year. You will get the chance to see for yourself how the new environment and state-of-the-art technology will enhance the learning experience of our students.

We would like to thank all those of you who have donated to the Chancellor's Appeal to support the development of the Student Services Centre, as well as those who have given a gift to other projects within the University – we pay tribute to



you on pages 28-31 and tell you about some of the projects you have helped support.

We truly appreciate the invaluable support that alumni provide to enhance the learning experience of our current and future students. Whether you've made a donation or have volunteered your time to help with career mentoring and open days your generous contribution is making a significant difference.

Thank you.

Professor Neil T Gorman
Vice-Chancellor



Newton and Arkwright

The Newton and Arkwright sites are now open for business with students and staff enjoying the brand new inspirational learning, teaching and working environment.

Open for business

The biggest estate development in NTU history features a stunning glazed central court that connects the Newton and Arkwright buildings, and a sedum roof.

The Newton building opened in autumn 2009 and students and staff are already benefiting from state-of-the-art facilities in this inspirational learning environment.

Newton is a teaching and learning powerhouse with ten new lecture theatres with capacities ranging from 50 to 450, each of them with state-of-the-art audio-visual technology. The teaching

rooms on the upper floors are also equipped with modern facilities and enjoy amazing views across the city.

Throughout the building there is extensive social learning space for students to discuss their coursework, enjoy a snack or simply hang out. The spacious light-filled top four floors now house Nottingham Business School.

Arkwright has been restored to its former glory and its elegant Victorian features will be enjoyed by students in the School of Architecture, Design and the Built Environment.



Inspirational teaching and learning



Newton is a flagship building for 21st Century learning and teaching. The technology is the best of its class, creating the ultimate inspirational environment for our students.

The teaching rooms in Newton have LCD screens and high definition projection and electrically powered screens. All teaching rooms and lecture theatres have a Smart Sympodium, a type of monitor that enables the lecturer to interact with their presentations. It allows lecturers to write over slides in digital ink, access any website or multimedia file and project work onto the screen for an interactive experience.

Another enhancement to the learning experience comes in the shape of a Visualiser. This clever piece of kit means that objects can be placed beneath the camera and displayed on the interactive whiteboard or screen.

“A first-class environment”

Alumnus Anthony Blackburn (BEng Hons Civil Engineering with Management 1999) returned to NTU to work with the Turner & Townsend Project Management / Contract Administrator team.

He said: “The majority of my lectures and seminars were held in Newton building, so I was really excited about being involved in its transformation. Although I was sad to see the loss of the construction labs in the basement, the new lecture theatres, teaching spaces and IT facilities create a first-class environment for current and future students, and have put this iconic building back at the heart of the campus.”



Join our Midsummer's celebration



We are delighted to invite alumni and their guests to a special reception to see the fabulously redeveloped Newton and Arkwright buildings.

The event will be held on Midsummer's Day – Thursday 24 June 2010, from 6 – 8 pm and will be an opportunity for you to see the Newton and Arkwright buildings in advance of their official reopening later in the year.

Hosted by our Chancellor Sir Michael Parkinson, you and your guests can see this fantastic transformation for yourself and hear how the state-of-the-art

facilities and services within the new buildings will impact on the student learning experience. Wine and canapés will also be served.

Tickets for the event are £10 per person and can be booked online at www.ntualumni.org.uk. Alternatively call +44 (0)115 848 8776 where you can also ask about offers for group tickets. You can also contact us if you would like help contacting your former classmates to join you at this special event. It could be a great opportunity to arrange a class reunion!

Alumni and friends supporting the future

Through the generosity of our alumni and friends, the Chancellor's Building Futures Appeal has now raised gifts and pledges of almost £100,000. This fantastic support has enabled the University to accomplish its aim of centralising all student support services under one roof in the impressive Newton and Arkwright transformation.

The new Student Services Centre provides a suite of support services; careers guidance, one-to-one counselling, advice on financial matters and help with accommodation issues. Integrating these services will have a positive impact on the student experience at NTU and will ensure that students, particularly disabled students, will find them easier to access and locate.

The Student Services Centre consists of 11 private consulting rooms where

students can receive confidential advice and support, plus an open area with self-serve PCs for more informal matters. Donations have been gratefully received and have helped to furnish and equip the consulting rooms and in recognition of our donors' support the rooms will permanently be named in their honour.

In addition, more than 200 alumni kindly donated to this appeal over the past year. Their gifts have gone towards funding important state-of-the-art IT equipment, resources and furnishings, enabling tens of thousands of students to benefit from this new and improved service for many years to come.

For more information on the Alumni Fund or the University's current priority projects, or to make a donation please visit www.ntualumni.org.uk or call +44 (0)115 848 8810.

25% discount for alumni at Nottingham Conference Centre

Nottingham Conference Centre is a brand new modern conference facility housed in the Newton building offering the professional environment and resources that you would expect from a leading conference centre.

Until the end of 2010 the Conference Centre is offering alumni a discount of 25% off the rack day delegate rate (subject to availability). Please quote your alumni ID number when booking. For a reminder of your unique ID number please email alumni@ntu.ac.uk

The centre provides a reassuringly professional environment comprising of nine conference suites in Newton and three further event spaces in Arkwright.

Nottingham Conference Centre is also able to cater for conference dinners and special events tailored to your specific needs.

For further information and to make a booking visit www.nottinghamconferencecentre.co.uk



Venture out for less

Your NTU alumni venture card can get you discount at some of Nottinghamshire's top attractions, as well as money off at Blackwell's.

Adventures with your venture card

The Crime and Punishment Tour, at the award winning Galleries of Justice, takes you on an atmospheric trip through three centuries of crime and punishment – where the lives and crimes of the people who once occupied these buildings are brought vividly to life. Witness a real trial in the original Victorian Courtroom before being 'sent down' to the original prison cells and authentic prison exercise yard. But beware! You will not be alone – the dark corridors are haunted by characters that come to life before your very eyes! Prisoners and gaolers act as your guides as you become part of the dramatic history of this unique site.

You can also enjoy discounts at their sister attraction – the City of Caves. Here you can explore a whole new world in the caves underneath Nottingham and descend into the dark depths of the original Anglo-Saxon tunnels, meeting real cave-dwellers from its dramatic hidden past. See how these caves have been used and adapted over the Centuries by local people to escape and take refuge from the world above.

NTU alumni are entitled to 20% discount when presenting their venture card at both the Galleries of Justice and the City of Caves. Plan your visit at www.galleriesofjustice.org.uk and www.cityofcaves.com – and for full details of this popular alumni benefit see www.ntualumni.org.uk



Get into the swing of things

Fancy three hours of treetop adventure – swinging like Tarzan, climbing rope ladders, crawling through tunnels and taking a zip wire through the trees?

Go Ape! is a fun day out for friends, families or colleagues. You will be fitted with a climbing harness and given instruction before trekking from tree to tree, high above the forest floor.

A fun day out for gorillas (adults) and baboons (children) over 10 years old is available to daring alumni at a 20% discount on normal entry prices. All you need to do is quote NTU001 when booking and present your venture card on arrival at Go Ape! Sherwood Forest. To find out more including opening times and supervision requirements – and to book visit www.goape.co.uk or call **0845 643 9215**.

There is no limit on the number of people per booking but please note that the discount is only available Monday to Friday and not on Bank Holidays. Under-18s must be accompanied by an adult. The offer applies solely to the course at Sherwood Forest, Sherwood Pines, Nottinghamshire.



Become a bookworm

NTU alumni can enjoy 10% off products purchased at Blackwell – both in stores nationwide and online at www.blackwell.co.uk

Blackwell UK has over 60 outlets across England, Scotland and Wales and is the leading academic bookseller in the UK. From books and magazines to DVDs, stationery and gifts – there's discount available on all products.

To claim your discount in store you must show your venture card when making a purchase. Alternatively, simply quote your alumni ID number when ordering online.

And there's more...

As a former student of Nottingham Trent University you can enjoy many more exclusive benefits and services including discounts on leading UK attractions, beauty products, flowers, chocolates, Gourmet Society membership and car hire. You can also get 10% off some stunning holiday properties in the UK and around Europe through our partnership with Cottages4You. Visit www.ntualumni.org.uk for more details.



To obtain your free venture card or for a reminder of your alumni ID number email alumni@ntu.ac.uk

Stay connected

Our exclusive Online Community of over 10,000 alumni continues to provide visitors with news and nostalgia. Visit www.ntualumni.org.uk and enjoy!

Have you joined our Online Community? Over 10,000 members now use it to access a range of benefits and services, join discussion forums and view the nostalgia photo galleries.

The 10,000th member was self-employed advocate Anjali Narshi (Bar Vocational Course 2007) who enjoyed using the Online Community to search for, and communicate with, old friends.

She originally joined to search for job opportunities and found the graduate profiles section of the website particularly useful. She said: "It gave me a great deal of inspiration and motivation to read about how others developed their careers after University. It was nice to hear them describe their work as 'incredibly rewarding' and interesting to hear others say how they have made use of their qualifications in other fields."



Update your details

Remember to let us know if you move on in your personal or professional life – we'd really like to stay in touch with you. It also means we know where you are if your friends are trying to track you down for a class reunion.

You can update your details through the Online Community and, if you do this before 31 August 2010, you will automatically be entered into a prize draw to win a luxury weekend break for two at Nottingham's highly acclaimed Lace Market Hotel, including an evening meal in their fabulous restaurant.

The winner of our last 'update your details' promotion was Craig Haughton (BSc Hons Computer Science 2009) who is planning his break at the Lace Market Hotel in the near future.

We are also starting to send out more communications by email to help the environment and to cut costs, so remember to add your email address when you update your details.

Find your friends

Through the Online Community you can search for your 'old' university friends – either by name or class. You can also choose to display your own contact information so that fellow alumni can get in touch with you directly – or you can use our message forwarding service. You can also help us! Take a look through our 'lost' directory and let us know who you are still in touch with.

Be an online ambassador

Would you like to help your Alumni Association by providing your views on a variety of topics? From ideas for events and finding 'lost' alumni to feedback on our communications, we would like to develop a group of online ambassadors to provide a 'voice' for our 90,000 alumni.

Discussions will take place through a dedicated online ambassador forum in a private section of the Online Community. This means that no matter where you are in the world you can contribute to the development of the Nottingham Trent Alumni Association by sharing views on topics posted by us, as well as making your own suggestions for discussion.

If you are interested in being added to this group you will need to be a member of the Online Community. When you have full membership confirmed please email alumni@ntu.ac.uk to ask to join this special forum for online ambassadors. We're looking forward to working with you!

Join up today!

There are many more benefits to enjoy as a member of the Online Community.

New members can join at www.ntualumni.org.uk – just select "Log in / Register", click on "Register as a new user" and complete the form.

Remember you can also join over 900 fans on our Facebook page and over 1,500 LinkedIn members – and become some of the first to hear about forthcoming events. Don't forget to check us out on Twitter as well.



And the winner is....

The winter 2009 issue of *Network* was available online only in the form of a digital magazine. Thank you for all your comments and congratulations to Paul Wilson (BSc Computer Studies 1995) who won £50 Amazon vouchers in our reader competition.



Living on the edge

Panorama reporter Paul Kenyon knew he wanted to be a journalist, but didn't know his ambition would lead him into some life-threatening situations.

Paul Kenyon (BA Hons Social Sciences 1987) knew that nobody would hire him as a journalist straight out of university with zero experience. So, during his first job as a researcher at the House of Commons he made contacts with lobby journalists and gradually pieced together a plan. He worked for free at weekends for BBC Radio London to gain experience and eventually, when someone was off sick, they asked him to make his first radio package. He got up at 5.00 am the next morning to listen out for it... but it was never used. Luckily he got another chance a few weeks later and made the air for the first time.

Paul was now armed with evidence that he could do the job and took a trainee post at Viking Radio in Hull. He said: "I learned a lot from the journalists there – I couldn't believe how fast they wrote, and how they could turn a tedious piece of information into a crackerjack headline that still actually contained a semblance of truth!"

A year later he moved to Piccadilly Radio in Manchester then to its sister station, Red Rose in Preston to be the Deputy News Editor. Paul joined the BBC when he was 24 starting out as a producer in local radio,



then a political reporter for BBC TV in Southampton. Paul said: "I finally bashed down the door of some senior boss in London who gave me my own series called *Kenyon Confronts* – an investigative series on BBC1 which I did for three years. There was a lot of secret filming and confronting violent criminals. It was tough and I was beaten up a few times. After a particularly vicious death threat the BBC fitted security devices and CCTV around my house."

Paul's career as a *Panorama* reporter began in 1999 while *Kenyon Confronts* was off air. He was asked if he would like to do a *Panorama* about how mobile phone companies dealt with the issue of radiation from their handsets. Paul said: "I thought he was offering me a researcher's job, but when I asked who the reporter would be he looked puzzled and said 'you'! When the editor put that familiar title music onto the film just before transmission I got quite emotional!"

Since then Paul's had some extraordinary experiences – being shot at in a military helicopter whilst investigating drug cartels in Colombia; exposing child labour in garment factories in Cambodia; he's even faked his own death and funeral in Haiti to expose a gang of fraudsters.

Paul also secretly filmed Iran's nuclear bases. He said: "I was driven into a military base hiding beneath blankets in the back of a car. Foreign governments don't like journalists delving into their affairs and we were followed around day and night by secret police. In the end they apprehended us and confiscated all our tapes – luckily we had already made copies and smuggled them out by a different route."

In fact, the most life-threatening situation he's faced was in Iran where he was detained. He said: "I still smoked at the time and remember attempting to look nonchalant as I tried to light a cigarette. My hands were shaking so much I had to give up. They let me call the British

Embassy who told me not to let them take me out of the airport or they might never find me."

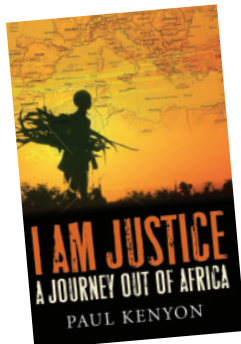
The investigation he's found the most interesting was about the most dangerous migration route in the world from sub-Saharan Africa into Europe – a route that claims the lives of one in four of those who attempt it. He even wrote a book about it called *I am Justice*. He said: "It was

fulfilling because I think the series of four films changed some people's views about migrants in this country and their reasons for trying to get into the UK. Writing the book is a personal highlight, but the sense of relief on finishing it is still with me a year on!"

Paul's passion for books started a long time before he decided to write his own, thanks to his former Politics tutor Professor Larry Wilde: "Larry gave me a thirst for knowledge and a curiosity about the world which has stayed with me ever

since. His reading list was so intellectually nourishing, I kept it for years and I think I may have read every book on it."

Paul works long hours in tough conditions and every day is different, but that's why he loves it: "It makes the blood fizz! It can be dangerous, but it's never boring. It's great to get off an aeroplane and breathe in the heat and smells of a place I've never visited before wondering what adventures lie ahead."



You're welcome!

Paul will be sharing his experience of life at University, and his work, with new students at this year's Welcome Week event in September. If you are interested in returning to NTU to speak to students please get in touch at alumni@ntu.ac.uk

Ben's punchbags are a hit

After being made redundant alumnus Ben Creighton found inspiration for a new venture through his love for martial arts – and favourite film.

When Ben Creighton (HND Building Studies 2000, BSc Hons Construction Suite 2003) left university he decided not to make the logical step into the construction industry and instead became a salesman. Towards the end of 2008, he was made redundant and turned to his hobby of Filipino martial arts for inspiration. It was whilst training that he came up with the idea for the 'Butcher's Bag' little realising that it would have such an impact on his life!

The Butcher's Bag – a three and a half foot punchbag shaped like a carcass of meat – was inspired by a scene from one of Ben's favourite films *Rocky*, in which Sylvester Stallone's character trains by punching sides of hung beef in a cold store.

Ben said: "I had thought on many occasions about setting up my own company but never had the determination or opportunity to go it alone. After I was made redundant I came up with the idea for the Butcher's Bag, but realised it was not sustainable as a stand-alone product. It was then that I began developing the Martial Artworks and Exercise Your Demons ranges."

Ben works closely with his friend, graphic designer and fellow alumnus Michael Williams (BA Hons Fine Art 1999) to design the bags which are available in three unique collections – Martial Artworks (a range printed with vibrant wrap-around photographic art), Exercise Your Demons (a quirky range aimed at helping you 'beat' your fears, phobias and cravings) and, of course, his favourite and original Butcher's Bag.

Ben's interest in martial arts began during his studies when he started training in Filipino Kali. He's been dedicated to the martial art ever since and is an Assistant Instructor at the Team Phoenix martial arts gym in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne where he lives. He now spends his days running his business, Queensberry12 and he's grateful to Nottingham Trent for paving the way for him to start his own business. He said: "My year in industry was really useful and I think the pressure in meeting deadlines for coursework helped me in my business venture. Most importantly, it was where I met my friend Michael Williams who has been invaluable in helping to

develop the Queensberry12 products."

And Ben has just received a financial boost from Alibaba.com – the world's largest online business-to-business trade platform connecting buyers and suppliers worldwide.

To coincide with their European launch, Alibaba created the Global Start-up Challenge – a competition in which seven entrepreneurs competed to win £10,000 through a public vote, having been given an initial £1,000 to launch their business.

Ben aims to make his prize go as far as possible. He said: "Initially I will be focusing on securing the design rights and necessary trademarks in Europe, USA and Mexico. I also hope to register the company as Limited and look into expanding the range of punch bags and designs."

Ben continues to work hard at promoting Queensberry12's products and developing a second business with his girlfriend Anna. Their joint venture, FiberGourmet UK, is a company which imports a low calorie, high fibre pasta and has already attracted a lot of interest.

To see the products available visit Ben's website at www.Queensberry12.com
You can view details of FiberGourmet UK at www.fibergourmet.co.uk



Ben (far right) with David Wei, CEO of Alibaba and Lord Davies, former Minister of State for Trade, Investment and Small Businesses

Sam's having a ball

Imagine opening up your favourite celebrity magazine and seeing your designs being worn by the rich and famous.

One day masquerade mask designer Samantha Peach was flicking through a celebrity magazine when she got a big surprise – Colleen and Wayne Rooney's wedding guests were wearing her products!

She now recalls receiving a mystery call from a wedding planner, a few months before the wedding. She said: "They wanted 60 white and silver masks for an undisclosed client. I nearly didn't take on the order seeing as I was due to go into labour at any time, but I'm glad I did. It was such a high-profile wedding and the photos in the magazine displayed our products beautifully."

Samantha graduated with a BA Hons Communications Studies degree in 1991, but she admits that she always had a creative streak: "My Mum was in charge of wardrobe at the BBC in Birmingham and sometimes she'd take me along. I used to make my own clothes and started selling vintage garments online. It was when I was looking for accessories to go with the clothing that I first came across masks."

She sold other people's masks for three years before she decided to take the plunge and do some of her own designs. She's never looked back. Now, just a year on, business is booming for Samantha and her husband Martin, who does most of the administration and finances. They have expanded out of their attic to a large Nottingham studio and employ fellow alumnae Emily Birrell (BA Hons Fine Art 2009) and Beth Shipley (BA Hons Textile Design 2009).

Beth loves being part of the small team. She said: "I'm so lucky! I came for an interview with Sam the day after my graduation ball. I got the job and I absolutely love it".

Samantha agrees: "I love it too! It's great to have a job you enjoy. We'd be lost without Beth and Emily now. I'd love to take on a NTU placement student as well – there really is a hotbed of talent on our doorstep."

They now work together on the full range of masks. Samantha still has plenty of ideas for new designs and 'fiddles around' with materials rather than putting anything down



Looking ahead: Samantha Peach

on paper. Her favourite is the 'beautiful range' which incorporates a lace design.

But it's not just about the ladies – there are some more simple designs for men, including a Zanni mask – an authentic but rather creepy Venetian design like the one worn by Heath Ledger in his final film *Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus*.

From New Year celebrations to Valentine balls, prom nights to graduation balls – the team say there is a mask for every occasion. Looking ahead Samantha would like to concentrate on improving her designs and developing a luxury bridal range on Venetian bases. She would also like to try out some designs for *Pride* festivals – an area she hasn't yet explored.

For now though Samantha and the team are scanning celebrity magazines to find out who their latest client might be – they've been approached by the same wedding planner who placed the Rooney order. If you can't wait to see them in *OK!* or *Hello* magazine then check out their website www.samanthapeach.co.uk



Beth Shipley (left) with Samantha



All eyes on Nottingham

To coincide with the release of Ridley Scott's eagerly awaited movie *Robin Hood*, starring Russell Crowe as Robin Hood and Cate Blanchett as Maid Marian, Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council declared May 'Robin Hood Month'.

The film is expected to be one of the big blockbusters of 2010 and is a gritty modern retelling of the popular worldwide legend that is inextricably linked with Nottinghamshire.

An exciting programme of major events have transformed the City and County into a medieval kingdom. Highlights include medieval re-enactments, jousting, archery and family fun days.

There is also an official movie exhibition running throughout Robin Hood Month at Nottingham Castle and Sherwood Forest. Staged in partnership with Universal Studios, it provides a chance to see the set, props, weaponry and costumes used in the film.

The City and County Council have been working closely with Experience Nottinghamshire who are capitalising on

the launch of the film to drive tourism to the region, providing a massive boost to the local economy. They, along with Visit Britain, have helped broker a relationship with Universal Pictures. And Nottingham Trent University has its own special connection with the film – alumna Elizabeth Loach (BA Hons Television Production Design 1999) was the draughtsman on set.

The former Sheriff of Nottingham, Councillor Leon Unczur said: "This is a really exciting time for the City. Not only can everybody join in and celebrate Robin Hood and enjoy some amazing events, but with a spotlight shining brightly on Nottingham, we've got a unique opportunity to tell the world about the other great things that make Nottingham the place it is."

Nottinghamshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Culture and Community Councillor John Cottey said: "Robin Hood is famous all around the world and it is great that the new film will introduce a new generation to our county's most famous son. Robin Hood Month is a great opportunity to showcase not only our pride in Robin Hood but also that Nottinghamshire has much to offer."

As well as the activities in the city, at the Castle and at Sherwood Forest there are also free talks at libraries. In addition, Castle Rock Brewery has launched a special Robin Hood Beer, Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem is serving a Robin Hood themed menu and Broadway Cinema is holding a Robin Hood film season.

For more information visit www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/robinhood

Invest in Nottingham Day

The Invest in Nottingham Team have been promoting the city locally, nationally and internationally over the past four months. Team Nottingham attended MIPIM, the largest property exhibition in the world, in March to promote the city on an international stage in a bid to attract investment.

On 14 April a prestigious event was held at Centre Point in London. It was attended by over 200 influential business professionals including major investors, venture capitalists, high profile retailers, people who are responsible for government office relocations and potential end users. Presentations from Jane Todd, CEO Nottingham City Council; Alex Gourlay, MD of world renowned brand Alliance Boots; and Derek Brewer Chief Executive of Notts County Cricket Club showcased the Nottingham story, setting it apart from competitor cities. Nottingham's international standing for science, innovation, sport and culture was a key

message at the event. Other topics discussed included Southside – Nottingham's new business district, future investment into our public transport infrastructure and future investment, expansion and relocation opportunities.

A follow up event was held in Nottingham on 27 May. Visitors were given regeneration tours of the Southside, the opportunity to speak to Crytek (the International digital gaming company) and see the new Speedo research and development headquarters coming out of the ground.

Behind the scenes tours at BioCity and Alliance Boots also took place and there was an exclusive launch of The Portal, a new state of the art 90,000 sq ft carrier class data-centre providing carrier neutral national and international high speed fibre links.

To find out how you can get involved in future events and to act as an ambassador for the city contact

nina@investinnottingham.co.uk or visit **www.investinnottingham.co.uk**



World Cup 2018

Nottingham has been chosen as one of the Candidate Host Cities that England will include in its bid for the 2018 FIFA World Cup.

Councillor Jon Collins, Leader of Nottingham City Council, which has led the Nottingham bid team, said: "It's fantastic news that we have been chosen by the FA as a Candidate Host City for the 2018 FIFA World Cup. We are excited about working with the other Candidate Host Cities and the FA to secure the 2018 FIFA World Cup for England."

The centrepiece of the bid is a planned new carbon-responsible stadium which will be a new home for Nottingham Forest FC and a new national stadium for women's football – a Wembley for Women – as well as a major community sport and leisure facility for local people.

Councillor Collins added: "The World Cup will be a huge event and a great benefit to Nottingham if England wins the right to host the 2018 FIFA World Cup. It's potentially worth more than £130 million to the local economy, creating business for local firms and jobs for local people. As well as hosting matches, Nottingham will be one of the best places for foreign fans to base themselves wherever their team is playing. We have some of the best hotels and culture in the region and for those wanting to do more than watch football they can visit the home of Robin Hood whilst in England."



Some like it cold



Network catches up with Annie Burgin to discover how to make a polar bear feel right at home.

The UK's only zoo housed polar bear, named Mercedes, enjoyed this winter's cold weather and snow, according to Zoo Biology student Annie Burgin. She was granted special access to monitor the polar bear's behaviour, at the Highland Wildlife Park in Kingussie.

It was during a University field trip to Edinburgh Zoo in March 2009 that Annie spotted Mercedes, and took a special interest in hearing about plans to re-home her in an enormous four and a half acre enclosure at the Highland Wildlife Park later

that same year. She then contacted the Highland Wildlife Park in the hope of being able to spend time evaluating how the animal's behaviour changed as a result of her new surroundings for her dissertation.

Mercedes was transported to her new home in October 2009, and Annie was there to meet her. Spending over 50 hours observing the polar bear's behaviour, Annie was encouraged to look for signs that Mercedes was settling in well.

In December 2009, Annie returned to the Highland Wildlife Park to continue her observations and determine whether there were any lasting effects on Mercedes' behaviour. By the time Annie arrived back in Scotland the country had received the first of the winter's heavy snow, with almost a foot and a half having fallen at the wildlife park.

Annie, who has ambitions to pursue a career in conservation research, said: "It was wonderful to see Mercedes in such natural looking surroundings, and I was really pleased to see just how much she'd been enjoying the snow. It's great to see how well she's adjusted along with all the benefits the move has had for her."

Douglas Richardson, Animal Collection Manager at the Highland Wildlife Park, said: "It's been very useful having Annie here with us to objectively observe Mercedes. Her time spent in monitoring the polar bear's behaviour has been really useful to us and we look forward to seeing Annie's dissertation, which we anticipate will confirm that Mercedes has fully acclimatised to her new, much larger home."

For more information about Mercedes and the Highland Wildlife Park visit www.highlandwildlifepark.org

NTU saves seeds gene pool

The natural history of our fruit and vegetables is in safe hands, thanks to NTU's role in an initiative to protect the genetic heritage of seeds.

The University is the first in the country to have been selected to act as 'Seed Guardian' for Garden Organic's 'Heritage Seed Library', working to ensure the long term survival of the original gene pools of species that are in danger of being lost forever. The University was selected following its use of a number of important species in an award winning garden exhibited at the *RHS Chelsea Flower Show* in 2008.

Last year, the University was invited to

select nine species of plants to cultivate, and thousands of their seeds were then harvested and returned to the Heritage Seed Library for safe-keeping. Of the nine varieties grown, two were entrusted to NTU's special care as Seed Guardians, owing to their rare and endangered status – the Majorcan Pea Bean and the Suttons Harbinger Pea.

Caroline Wright, Lecturer in Horticulture said: "The work of the Heritage Seed Library and our role as Seed Guardian is crucial to ensuring the long term survival of these species. The educational benefits that this work brings to our students are also extremely important."





Wild and free

The Sumatran orang-utan is the most threatened of the great ape species. If the uncontrolled destruction of their forest habitat continues, then sadly very soon there will be none of these tree-dwelling apes left in the wild.

During her final year alumna Sarah Batty (BSc Hons Animal Science 2008) took a special interest in orang-utan conservation. After volunteering at a rehabilitation project in Borneo in 2003, and studying orang-utans for her degree project, Sarah was keen to use this as a background for her research career. She set about exploring the possibility of developing a project with the Sumatran Orang-utan Conservation Programme to evaluate the relative success of different release sites for illegally captive pet orang-utans.

Sarah initially approached Nottingham Trent University about starting the project and the idea went from there. After contact

with several conservation organisations, a link was established with the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust. A string of emails progressed to a telephone conference with the director of the Sumatran Orang-utan Conservation Project Dr Ian Singleton, culminating in a trip to assess the feasibility of a research project. This provided the opportunity to visit the potential research areas in Sumatra and to meet with interested collaborators. Zoo Biology Programme Leader, Dr Sarah Broadberry, (PhD 2003 and PGCE 2009) and lecturer in Animal and Equine Science, Dr Emily Clarke, organised a six day trip over to the Indonesian island with Sarah.

During their trip they visited an orang-utan quarantine and rehabilitation centre, and spent two days observing orang-utans in situ at Bukit Luwang, a potential research site. The remainder of the visit was spent meeting potential University collaborators and researchers.

The future looks bright for the project, though logistics, time and funding may mean it will take some time to get the venture off the ground. However, work continues on an agreed joint funding proposal between NTU, a local university and a conservation NGO.

Dr Emily Clarke said: "The project has been extremely interesting for staff as well as for Sarah and we are delighted with the new NTU links forged in Sumatra. We are now seeking funding to support Sarah's research idea."

Meanwhile, Sarah is continuing to develop the skills necessary to work in the field by studying for an MRes in Biodiversity Surveying at NTU.

For more information about The Sumatran Orang-utan Conservation Programme (SOCP) visit their website at www.sumatranorangutan.org

Biomarker detection saves millions

Can Compandia save the pharmaceutical industry millions of pounds?



Compandia is a new bioscience company launched by Nottingham Trent University that could help to save the UK's pharmaceutical industry millions of pounds in the cost of producing important drugs. Making use of the institution's world-class scientific facilities and expertise in biomarker detection, Compandia will help to improve the efficiency and speed of expensive drug testing and clinical trials.

It is estimated that the average cost of bringing a drug to market is £720 million, with the majority spent on clinical trials and testing alone. Biomarker detection however, is able to identify the most suitable individuals for drug testing, potentially reducing the numbers of people needed to deliver a successful clinical result.

Compandia has received £265,000 of

funding from the Lachesis Fund to support its development. It is also the first company to receive funding from Nottingham's BioCity's Mobius fund – with £75,000 to be given over the next two years to further develop the company and its range of clients.

Chief Executive Officer of Compandia, Andy Sutton said: "We have strong supportive sources of funding and a real determination to develop Compandia's business and generate great results for our clients."

Professor Roger Eccleston, Dean of the School of Science and Technology said: "Compandia represents the ways in which our leading edge expertise and facilities can offer significant and very important support to our partners in industry and business."

Enzyme may hold the key to treating kidney disease and diabetes

Over £320,000 has been jointly awarded to Nottingham Trent University and The University of Sheffield by The Wellcome Trust, to fund important research into an enzyme which is believed to hold the key to treating kidney disease and diabetes.

The NHS spend £2.1 billion each year in the UK dealing with kidney disease, and it is a problem thought to be getting worse because of its links with Type 2 diabetes – the result of increasing problems of obesity amongst the population.

For the last 15 years, scientists in the School of Science and Technology have been examining the role and behaviour of the enzyme Transglutaminase 2 (TG2). In collaboration with the Sheffield Kidney Institute at the University of Sheffield, they have shown that by 'blocking' this enzyme it is possible to alleviate and halt the progression of kidney disease, but there are no drugs currently available to achieve this clinically.

Nottingham Trent University scientists will be using £147,000 of the funding to help them answer the complicated question of how TG2 migrates from the inside to the outside of cells. It is thought that

understanding this process could provide the key to developing a pharmaceutical solution to treat kidney disease.

A further £24,000 from the Higher Education Collaboration Fund has also been awarded to the University by the East Midlands Healthcare and Bioscience iNet, which will allow the scientists to investigate the genetic factors affecting the onset of Type 2 diabetes. This separately funded project will aim to identify if TG2 is genetically linked to a person's

susceptibility to develop the Type 2 disease, which in turn could offer opportunities for earlier diagnosis and treatment.

Dr Elisabetta Verderio Edwards from the University's School of Science and Technology and lead researcher for the two projects, said: "Our work is aimed at unlocking the secrets of two diseases that are posing significant problems to the health of the nation, and this funding provides us with an exciting opportunity to take that work even further."

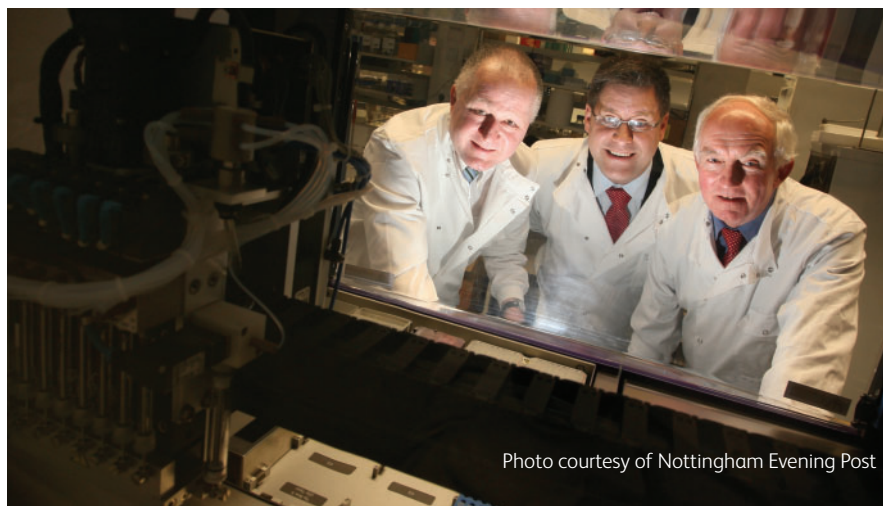
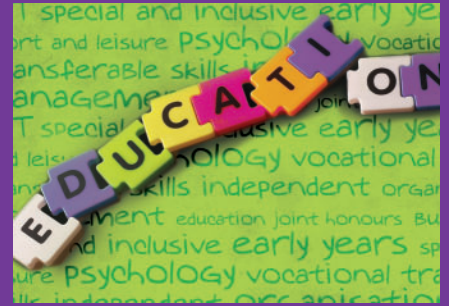


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School of Education



Golden year for Education

This year sees the School of Education's 50th year of teacher-training at Clifton campus. In this special four-page pull out graduates from all eras share their stories and memories with us.

In 1958 the Ministry of Education advised the authorities that they would be approving the opening of new colleges. The City of Nottingham immediately asked for permissions to build a college. Permission was granted so a site was acquired and a schedule of accommodation agreed, with architects drawing up plans for both resident and teaching accommodation. In the meantime syllabuses for ten main subjects of study were drawn up. Students were interviewed and accepted before the end of 1959 – so the race was on to finish building on the site which we now know as Clifton campus. Furniture and equipment costing over £100,000 was purchased and the first 100,000 library books were ordered. Mr K A Baird was appointed as Principal in January 1960 with other key members of staff appointed from May that year.

Nottingham Training College for Teachers welcomed its first students on its three year course in September 1960. The buildings were completed in 1961 at a cost of £760,000 and by September 1962 there were 480 resident students (160 in each of the three years). The four-year Bachelor of Education degree courses started in 1965. By 1973 there were 1,250 students. Now there are almost 2,000 students studying in our School of Education.

Although open for business in 1960 the College didn't get its official opening by the

Minister of Education – The Rt Hon Sir Edward Boyle Bt MP – until Friday 19 October 1962.

Help us to celebrate

To mark this milestone anniversary the School of Education is holding a special event for its former students on **Saturday 23 October 2010** at Clifton campus.

Registration starts at 11.30 am with a drinks reception. Following a formal welcome there will be a two-course lunch served in the Refectory giving you a chance to catch up with some of your friends. There will also be tours of the campus throughout the afternoon so that you can see the changes made since you graduated and reminisce about your time as a student.

Alumna and Dean of the School of Education, Dr Gill Scott (Diploma Management Studies 1982 and Doctor of Education 2000) said: "This is a momentous occasion for the School of Education and for Clifton campus. We hope that students past and present will join us in our celebrations."

Tickets for the event are £25 per person and can be booked online at www.ntualumni.org.uk or by calling **+44 (0)115 848 8776**. There has already been a huge interest in this event so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Send us your photos!

If you have any photographs from your time at University please send them in to us (we promise to return your originals). We hope to use some of your images online, in a commemorative brochure or to display at the event on 23 October. Send them to: Clare Oswin, Alumni Officer, Nottingham Trent University, FREEPOST NG1826, Burton Street, Nottingham, NG1 4BR or email them to alumni@ntu.ac.uk

You can also see more photos and share your memories online at www.ntualumni.org.uk



Ghostly goings-on at Clifton Hall



Some former students from the School of Education will remember having their lessons in Clifton Hall – a Grade I* listed building in the Clifton Village Conservation Area which was used by the University from 1976 to 2002. But do any of them remember any ‘unwanted’ classmates?

Clifton Hall dates back to the 11th Century. In the 13th Century, the Clifton family took ownership of the hall. They had arrived in the area in the 11th Century and took their name from the village where they settled. In the late 13th Century, Gervase de Clifton bought the manors of Clifton and Wilford in Nottingham and the family became Lords of the Manor.

Clifton Hall was originally a fortified tower house which was remodelled in the 18th Century. It is thought that during this remodelling the original tower house was demolished but the octagonal domed hall built by Sir Robert Clifton was retained. After 700 years in the family, Lieutenant Colonel Peter Thomas Clifton sold Clifton Hall in 1958 when it became Clifton Hall Girls’ Grammar School until 1976, after which it was used by Nottingham Trent University until 2002.

A businessman bought Clifton Hall in January 2007, planning to use it as a wedding venue. However, after eight months he and his family fled claiming the

mansion was haunted.

He claimed that from their first day in the house they experienced paranormal activity from banging on the walls to the sound of screams in the corridors. On one occasion his wife thought she saw her eldest daughter watching television downstairs, however she found her asleep in her bed. Eventually, the family’s friends refused to go round to the house.

When drops of blood were allegedly found on their baby’s quilt the family decided enough was enough and moved out that very night after just eight months – handing the keys back to their bank. Paranormal experts were unable to solve the problem and said that Clifton Hall was the only place where they’ve ever really been scared.

Do you remember any strange goings-on from your time at Clifton Hall? If so we’d love to hear about it. Send your stories to alumni@ntu.ac.uk or add them to the Education memories forum on our website at www.ntualumni.org.uk

Doug looks forward to the challenges of retirement

Doug Williamson joined Trent Polytechnic as a PE Primary and Special Needs lecturer in 1973. Now, after 37 years of dedication and hard work, he is retiring.

Doug, a specialist in adapted sports for individuals with disabilities started his career based in York House on the City site but when Trent Polytechnic merged with the Clifton College of Education, Doug moved into their large, well established PE department.

Over the years Doug has seen dramatic changes to the way we study and participate in sport. From setting up the first BSc Sport Science degree in 1981 to helping Notts County Football Club embark on a first-of-kind study to measure the real impact of sports initiatives on communities. He said: “In 1973 only 14% of school leavers came to university, compared with 46% today. The buildings are almost unrecognisable now with all the modern additions they’ve had. Student life has also changed considerably and is planned

around social activities and part-time work.”

In 1984 Doug became a principal lecturer for PE and the practical strand of the Sport Degree which involved running annual field weeks to Wales and Holme Pierrepont. He also lectured on the Primary and PGCE PE courses and conducted community links with local schools and held swimming events at the Clifton Dome facility. During the 1980s he responded to local requests for games and activities which would suit the young, more severely disabled participants. Eventually, with the assistance of the Youth Sports Trust, these games were produced commercially and so Polybat, Table Cricket and Zone Hockey, amongst others, were created and are now played all over the world. Doug said: “The involvement of students in these activities has always been very rewarding as some have since found jobs in this area and I leave with the satisfaction of having created the adapted games which, I think, will be my legacy”.



California dreaming

From the School of Education to Chair of the English Department at California State University, meet Lynn Elliott – Chairman, teacher, writer and a black belt in Sin Moo Hapkido!

One of the first graduates to come out of the School of Education – Lynn Elliott (BED Education 1963) emigrated to the USA where he became Chair of the English Department at California State University. Here he tells us about his experiences since graduation, his plans for retirement, and shares some of his memories.

What is a typical day for you?

As Chair of the English Department, any plans I had for my day always seemed to change. The English Department is the largest on campus, so there were always many questions and issues to be solved. That lasted for six years. I am now semi-retired. Currently I teach just two classes per week – including one completely online with students from all over the world – and I don't have the hassle of administrative work any more.

How did your career develop?

One of my former lecturers, Valerie Benton, was absolutely brilliant. She stimulated my interest in literature, and encouraged me to continue my studies. At that time I was married and my in-laws had emigrated to California. They invited us to visit, and it was then that I contacted the University of California, Santa Barbara to find out about studying there. I still remember walking into the English office in the middle of summer in my dark suit and tie, only to be greeted by the Chair of the Department in sandals, shorts and a colourful Hawaiian shirt!

I spent the first year in the States in Santa Ana, California attending a community college and working at a gas station. I was accepted into Santa Barbara in my second year in California and received my MA in 1968 and my PhD in 1972. I was subsequently offered an Assistant Professorship in English at California State University, Chico.

When I was in my thirties I started to write creatively and to date four of my eleven plays have won national awards, and two of my three screenplays (*Borderline Justice* and *The Quisling*) are currently

represented. One of my three autobiographical prose pieces was developed into a play, *Another Child's Christmas in Wales*, which is published and represented by the Drama Society of Wales. I am currently reworking a young adult novel at the request of an agency and working on a musical with a friend. I am the recipient of numerous grants and fellowships including two from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Who has inspired you?

I would not be where I am today were it not for Valerie Benton of Nottingham Teachers' Training College. She truly believed in me, which made me believe in myself. Under her guidance I changed from a so-so student to a good student. A wonderful, inspiring teacher and someone I hope I have emulated, to some small degree at least, in my own teaching.

What are your plans for the future?

Much of my time now is spent writing. I am also preparing for a black belt test in Sin Moo Hapkido! Naturally, being Welsh, I sing in the University and other choirs. My wife and I also like to travel and visit the grandchildren.

Any memories of your teacher training at Clifton?

I remember when I first arrived. We were travelling from the railway station. Our 'guide' proudly pointed out the Man of Trent pub, forgetting to mention the College on the other side of the road. We enjoyed playing darts at the Man of Trent with the locals but soon realised, after losing many pints, that they were far better than us!

My dorm mates and I had plenty of fun. I remember waking them up once with the opening rebel yell of Stan Freeburg's *Yellow Rose of Texas*. We always stuck together and when one dorm mate got into some deep trouble we all agreed to three weeks 'lockdown' rather than letting him take the ultimate punishment. We had to report to



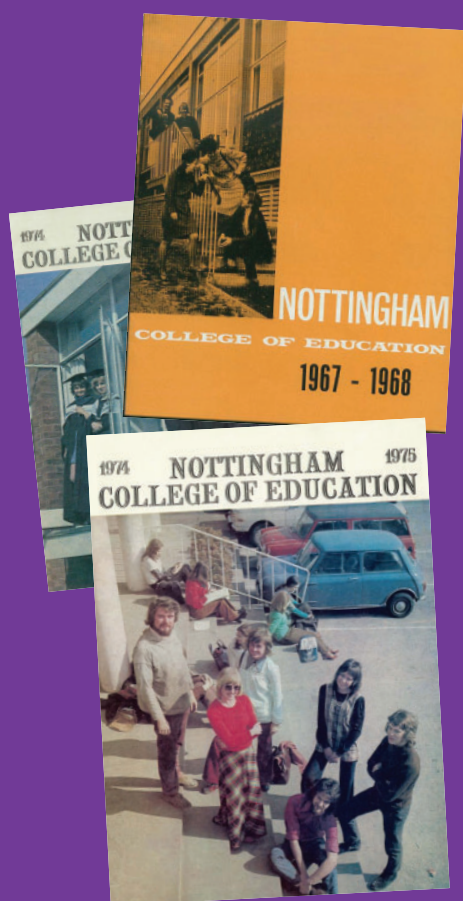
the porter each night at 7 pm, including the night of the formal dinner – to the cheers and howls of our fellow students!

We enjoyed some outings too. We played rugby against a local high school and a teacher begged us not to hurt his boys. They beat the hell out of us – the brutes!

One memorable outing was not sanctioned by the college. All students were given a week off to study. Many departments took the opportunity to travel with their students to museums, etc. The English Department did not, suggesting we took the time to read *War and Peace*. So two friends and I hitchhiked from Nottingham to London, Canterbury, Stratford-upon-Avon and back to Nottingham. All this before the week was over. We sent anonymous postcards to our English teachers with literary quotations. It took the teachers two weeks to discover the culprits. We were commended for our resourcefulness!

A trip down memory lane

We would like to hear your memories of your time studying at Clifton campus. You can send them into us at alumni@ntu.ac.uk or add them to the online discussion forum at www.ntualumni.org.uk To start you off we hear from two of our former students.



Victor Flute, Cert Education 1964

"I was one of the first students to enter the new building. The College was officially opened by The Rt Hon Sir Edward Boyle Bt MP (the then Minister for Education) shortly after he had announced a teachers' pay cut. Many students decided to boycott the event!

"In my second year I was the editor of the college magazine and during my year in office we bought a printing press and proudly produced an 'upmarket' printed magazine. With help from Peter Bradley and a few others, I organised Radio Clifton. We set up a broadcasting studio in one of the lecture rooms and wired up every single landing and the students' common room with speakers. We'd broadcast for up to 14 hours a day. That year also saw the launch of *Clifton Festival Week*.

"On the last morning of the first Christmas term the College drive was decorated with strings criss-crossing the main path – from which hung an assortment of ladies underwear – it wasn't one of my pranks!

"My final memory is of my leaving interview with Principal Baird during which he looked out of his office window to see some second year students putting up the wires for Radio Clifton ready for the festival. He turned to me and said: "Beware that one day you'll have an idea that won't work!" Thankfully that day hasn't come yet – though I've still to write my first novel."

Joyce Bonner (née Bradley), Cert Education 1969

"So many memories: the Great Divide, water fights, milk bottle moving! I was there when they built the Student Union block. I remember that we couldn't flush the loo in the green rooms behind the stage during a performance because the water tank made so much noise! I remember John Pick, the drama lecturer, making up an entire extra scene in *The Long, the Short and the Tall* when I was trying to be prompt.

"I also remember college radio set up using the entire heating system as an aerial and the legend about flying saucers which were actually methylated-spirit-fuelled hot air balloons being set off by students over Clifton estate! And finally, I remember not being allowed in the boys' blocks after 10 pm!"



Where are they now?



Can you help us in the search for some of our 'lost' alumni?

Unfortunately, over the years, we have lost touch with some of our former students. We would like as many people as possible to join us at our celebration later this year, so if you are in touch with any of your 'old' classmates please let them know about the event on Saturday 23 October 2010 (see page 17 for more information) and ask them to get in touch with us. Not only can they hear more about the School of Education's anniversary year but they can also start to enjoy all the benefits that the Alumni Association offers.

You and your friends can update your details by returning the update form enclosed with this magazine, or by logging into the Online Community at www.ntualumni.org.uk

Making the most of placement students

Network discovers how two companies make the most of students on placement.

As the leading provider of Knowledge Management Software Solutions to the Construction Industry, Union Square Software is the ideal working environment for students to gain the experience they need. Originally a start-up, the company has grown significantly, employing 40 people at the head office in Nottingham, and selling to over 140 clients across the UK and Europe.



Current Union Square placement students Craig Cie, Jacob Wardrop and John Braddock

Union Square Software has taken NTU students on placement in their company for several years. Selected students have roles in critical marketing and business development positions, without which the commercial side of the business would be seriously affected.

Holly Fenton, Union Square's Marketing Manager and herself a graduate of Nottingham Trent University, said: "For us employing students is a great way to attract the future of the company. Placement students are a low risk way of trialing staff, if it doesn't work out it is only for a year so there is minimal impact on the business.

"We find NTU placement students to be hard working and prepared to put in effort to getting the most out of their year. We've always been impressed with the effort they have put into making their placement year a success for themselves and the company and always look to re-employ former placement students where possible."

Holly (BA Hons Business Studies 2006) was recruited following her placement year. She originally joined as a Marketing Assistant but is now the Marketing Manager heading up all the company's marketing activities and managing their placement students. Fellow graduate and former placement student Matthew Nickerson (BA Hons Business Studies 2005) is now a Sales Executive who takes responsibility for a whole market sector throughout the UK.

Holly said: "I would encourage all students to take a placement year as graduates with decent work experience are much more employable. It also gives students exposure to what working in a specific business function is like, enabling them to make a more informed choice about their future career when they graduate."



'Awesome foursome' join Morgan Ashurst

'Awesome foursome' help company set a record

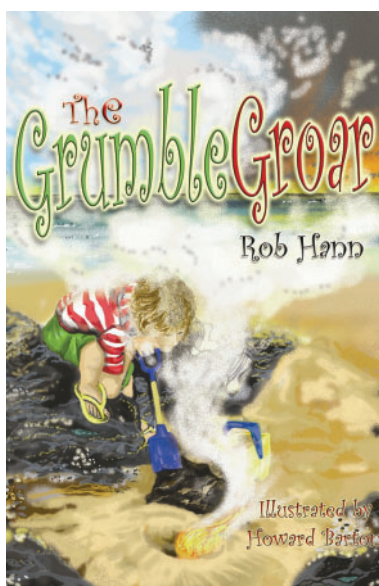
Four graduates from Nottingham Trent University, who completed placement years with construction company Morgan Ashurst, are returning to work for the firm in permanent jobs – but this time they're helping to set a record.

Mark Buckley, Ash Reza, Kean Lees and Mark Callaghan, who all studied sandwich degree courses in construction-related subjects, are among 24 graduates hired last year by Morgan Ashurst, despite the economic downturn. It is the highest number ever recruited by the firm and doubles the total for 2008.

It marks the fruition of an 11-year professional relationship between Morgan Ashurst and the University. Paul Fish, Morgan Ashurst area director for Nottingham, said: "Our graduate trainees represent the future of our business. By working closely with Nottingham Trent University we can ensure we continue to receive the 'cream of the crop' in construction talent."

Professor Roy Morledge from the School of Architecture, Design and the Built Environment, said: "We are very proud of our graduates who consistently prove their worth when they progress into their careers. It's very encouraging that firms like Morgan Ashurst recognise the value of employing able young staff."

If you or your employer is keen to offer placements to undergraduate students or looking to employ high-calibre graduates please contact us at alumni@ntu.ac.uk



Creating the GrumbleGroar

Alumni Rob Hann and Howard Barton met whilst waiting in the schoolyard for their sons – and discovered they had something in common. Not only did they both attend Nottingham Trent University but they also had an interest in children's books... then came *The GrumbleGroar*.

Rob and Howard used their daily meetings in the schoolyard to conjure up this terrifying, yet fantastic fire-breathing monster that lurks deep down in the farthest recesses of the Earth's core. The story comes to life in a beautifully illustrated and brilliantly versed picture book, which also includes a fact file explaining the different layers that make up the planet.

The GrumbleGroar was the first poem that Rob (pictured right) wrote whilst on a two hour train journey between his home in West Bridgford, Nottingham to his office in London. He admits to having no idea where he got the idea from! He said: "I just liked the sound of the words – it sounds like a cross between a 'rumble' and a 'roar'. And it's unusual to see books about what goes on under our feet – there are lots of books on aliens and fantasy worlds, but not on the centre of the earth!"

As for the vision of *The GrumbleGroar* – Rob left that to fellow alumnus Howard Barton (BA Hons Information Graphics 1985). He said: "When I realised that Howard was a graphic designer I sent my

work to him and was delighted with the results. His vision fitted my words precisely – I couldn't have found a better fit."

Howard has loved drawing since he was a child and has 20 years' experience at creative director level within various design agencies, but *The GrumbleGroar* was his 'first adventure' into the world of children's books.

Howard and Rob also worked together to publish and finance the book. Howard is delighted with the results. He said: "It was a massive learning curve for us, but we're really pleased with it. We're outselling Enid Blyton in West Bridgford!"

Rob fits his writing around his job as Director, Legal Services for Local Partnerships (an LGA owned body) and one of the challenges he faces is actually

finding the time to do the writing he enjoys so much.

Some of the characters waiting in the wings include Sidney Sneed the Centipede – who is the best soccer player in the insect premier league; Bumble Bee Ten; Adrian the Alien; and Wizard Randolph Kilduff.

Find out more at www.grumblegroarproductions.com



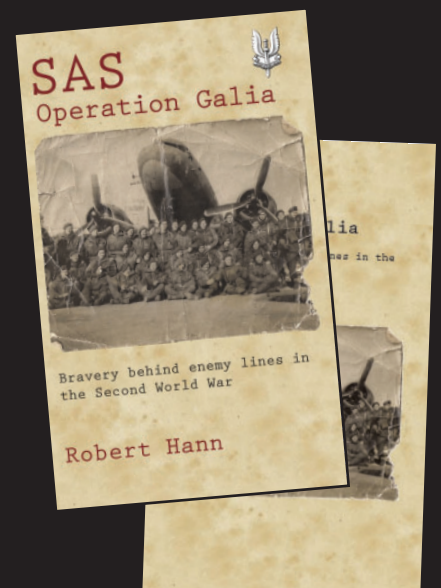


Rob impresses with award

Rob studied Law at university in the 1980s, but during an extended period of illness he started to write and ended up returning to NTU part-time to do an MA in Creative Writing. As part of his course he wrote a book on his father's experiences in the SAS. *SAS Operation Gallia* went on to win the Impress Prize for New Writers 2008 – an annual competition run by Impress Books and the Centre for Creative Writing and the Arts at the University of Exeter to find new writing talent.

The book tells the true story of how, just two days after Christmas 1944, during the harshest winter in living memory, 33 SAS troops parachuted into the valley of Rossano, Northern Italy, to carry out what was to become one of the SAS' most successful World War II Operations. Drawing on post-op reports and memoirs, the book contains the devastating setbacks and triumphs of the Operation written from the perspective of one of the rank and file parachutists who took part in the operation – Rob's father.

Rob is grateful for his university experience. He said: "I could never have become a lawyer were it not for the opportunities NTU gave me – and I found the Creative Writing course really challenging and interesting. During my MA I began to find out more about my Dad's story and realised it would be a good subject for my dissertation, as it was something that meant a lot to me. I entered without much hope, given it was a national competition, so I was delighted to win; it's given me some great exposure and gives me huge encouragement to continue my writing."



Safe and sound

NTU alumnus Peter Moore (BSc Hons Business and Technology 1998) is glad to be home and lucky to be alive following 31 months in captivity.

Peter was captured along with four security guards following a raid on the finance ministry in Baghdad in May 2007. He was installing asset tracing software at Iraq's Finance Ministry when 40 armed men disguised as Iraqi policemen stormed the building and took Peter captive.

He describes his first year in captivity as being "very harsh". He said: "We were in chains, shackled, blindfolded, handcuffed, periodically beaten and had water poured over us."

In 2008 he was separated from the other

men. In 2009 his conditions improved when he was let out of chains and given a PlayStation, satellite TV, laptop computer and en suite bathroom.

During his two and a half year ordeal he also endured mock executions: "One time I was handcuffed and blindfolded. One guard put a pistol to my head and pulled the trigger, while another fired one behind my back. I thought I was dead, but then I realised I could still hear them laughing."

He said his captors made him appear in more than a dozen 'proof of life' videos but only one was made public.

Peter got through his ordeal by imagining he was walking the dog or riding his motorcycle. He also counted dots on the wall and worked out mathematical formulas.

Of those seized with him three were shot dead and the fourth is also believed to have been killed.

Peter said: "I'm grateful for their help and the medical treatment they gave me after the abduction. I don't think I'd be here today without their help and advice."



Peter pictured leaving Baghdad on New Year's Day

Peter was released by the terrorists who took him hostage on 30 December 2009 – the same day as the transfer of Qais al-Khazali, the head of an Iranian-backed Shia group which claimed responsibility for the kidnapping. A representative of Asaib Ahl al-Haq or the League of the Righteous, al-Khazali's group, and an Iraqi member of the negotiating team that helped secure Peter's release, said he had not been released until the group had confirmation that its leader had been transferred.

Peter arrived home on New Year's Day. His family said it was the best Christmas present they could have wished for.

Peter is now looking forward to catching up with friends, travelling and updating his IT skills. In the long term, he intends to continue working within IT, in International Development, most likely through international volunteering.



Law lecturer wins prestigious Law award



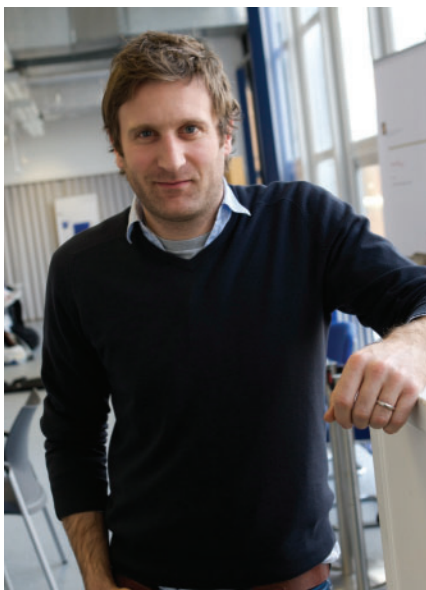
Alumna and NTU lecturer Rebecca Huxley-Binns has won a prestigious award – Law Teacher of the Year 2010.

Rebecca (LLB in Higher Education 1993 and Cert Further Education 1997), who is a senior lecturer at Nottingham Law School, was delighted. She said: "I was honoured just to be nominated, so to win feels absolutely amazing."

The award, which offered a £3,000 first prize, is run in association with the UK Centre for Legal Education (UKCLE) and sponsored by Oxford University Press. The competition was open to all Law Schools in the UK – just over 80 institutions. Judges visited Rebecca and the five other shortlisted finalists on campus to

observe and film their teaching methods. They also conducted interviews with colleagues, students and heads of department as well as the candidates themselves.

Rebecca said: "Nottingham Law School is an exciting place to work. I love teaching because each class and each student is different. I get a chance to challenge my students' opinions and to open up for them the possibility of new and different perspectives; and they often challenge and change mine in the process! It is very rewarding when my ex-students contact me to tell me how they have forged successful careers and to feel that I was a significant part of that."



Alex's bright idea

Network discovers how alumnus Alex Taylor enjoys an incredible international design career that has bought him full-circle, back to NTU.

In 1999, Alex Taylor graduated with a BA (Hons) in Furniture and Product Design. He went on to create the Alexander Taylor Studio, producing work for various companies and has worked in the USA, Germany and Japan. He runs workshops and guest lectures and has even had work featured in the permanent collection of the Museum of Modern Art (MOMA), New York.

With a desire to give something back, Alex recently returned to Nottingham Trent University as a guest lecturer in the School of Architecture, Design and the Built Environment. He is running a lighting project with the first year Product Design students who are working towards a final piece to be entered into the Philips Lighting Award.

"Traditionally the University does very well in this competition," explained Alex, "however we normally enter work by fourth years, this is the first time that the first years have entered. It's an opportunity for the students to be creative. It's an exploration; they're only just getting started."

Alex remembers his time at University fondly: "I enjoyed being a student. I was studying design during a transitional stage. It was just beginning to develop into two distinct areas, computer-aided design or the practical making."

It was one of the first pieces that Alex designed for London-based design company Established & Sons that was selected by the Museum of Modern Art, New York for their permanent collection.

The Fold lamp, which was created by manipulating and folding a sheet of aluminium, also features in the collection of the Chicago Institute of Art and Design.

"My biggest goal now is to get something else into MOMA," says Alex. "It drives me to do new things. My pieces are in the Guggenheim shops and a limited edition version of the Fold lamp made from Corten steel is in the collections of some high profile art collectors."

Alex has plenty of advice to give students looking to advance their careers in design. "You should learn where design originates from and go back to the roots," he suggests, "but you have to be original. You have to have self-discipline and self-confidence".

Want to give something back?

If you would like to return to NTU to give a guest lecture please get in touch – whatever your subject. If schedules and syllabuses allow we'd be happy to welcome you back. Contact alumni@ntu.ac.uk

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Retirements

Network catches up with four popular members of staff to ask them about their plans for retirement.



Professor Jenny Saint

(Cert Ed 1988 and MA Education Management (Post Compulsory Education) 1997)

After 33 years at Brackenhurst, Professor Jenny Saint, Dean of the School of Animal, Rural and Environmental Sciences will retire this July.

During that time she has seen Brackenhurst transform from a respected provider of land-based further education to a highly successful University School.

Jenny began lecturing in Rural Home Economics at Brackenhurst College in 1977. In 1989 she became Head of Rural Enterprise at Brackenhurst; and just a year later was promoted to Director of Studies.

When Brackenhurst merged with NTU in 1999, Jenny enjoyed her role as Programmes Manager and was awarded her Professorship in 2002.

Jenny was appointed Associate Dean in 2004, her expertise greatly contributed to the evolution of academic activities within the School and a transition to demand-led, high quality, industry-focused courses.

Sad to be leaving, she said: "It has been a great privilege to be Dean and watch Brackenhurst develop over the years."

Jenny is now looking forward to spending time with her husband and exploring the inland waterways on their narrow boat.



Professor Marianne Howarth

(PhD 2001)

Professor Marianne Howarth came to NTU from Brighton University as Professor and founding Head of the Department of Modern Languages in October 1992. She became the Associate Dean of the then Faculty of Humanities in January 2001, and took over as Dean of what is now the School of Arts and Humanities in January 2002.

Marianne is very proud of all the many academic achievements of the School, but especially the strength of the Modern Languages provision, and she has enjoyed her time at NTU. She said: "It's difficult to single out any one aspect as the one I've enjoyed most as each role and task has brought its own challenges and rewards."

Marianne's plans for retirement include continuing with her academic research on

the diplomatic relationship between Britain and the GDR, former East Germany, during the 1970s and 1980s. She plans to spend time in archives in Berlin and London and also expects to be working with the Free University in Berlin as part of their GDR Diplomacy project. She will also continue her roles as auditor with QAA and as reviewer with QAA Scotland.

Dr Alex McGlaughlin

Alex joined Trent Polytechnic in 1987 as a Principal Lecturer in Psychology. He progressed to Reader and later to Associate Dean in the School of Social Sciences and was twice Acting Dean, most notably during the formation of the College of Business, Law and Social Sciences.

During his time at NTU he has seen the School of Social Sciences, and especially the Psychology Division, expand dramatically concurrent with the growth of and emphasis on the research culture.

He remembers his time at NTU fondly: "It's been a pleasure to work with both the students and staff and rewarding to have been part of establishing a portfolio of courses in Social Sciences and in Psychology at a national level. I'd like to take this opportunity to tell my former students and my colleagues not to lose sight of these remarkable achievements and to keep it going!"

Alex began his retirement by travelling to India with his wife to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.



Bob White

Bob White has worked at NTU since September 1978 and has led the Legal Practice Course since its inception in 1993. He has taught many students over the years on a broad range of subjects from Property Law and Practice to Business Law and Practice.

Like Alex he has also seen dramatic changes in his 32 years here, including the establishment and expansion of Nottingham Law School.

He said: "It's been enjoyable and rewarding. I'll miss working with my colleagues and a whole host of top quality lawyers. I won't miss the committees and paperwork quite so much!"

From top: Jenny Saint, Marianne Howarth, Alex McGlaughlin, Bob White.

How your generosity has helped Thank you!

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Bringing Physics lectures to life

When Physics students were asked for end-of-module feedback they requested more lecture demonstrations. Thanks to donations to the Alumni Fund £1,700 has been spent on new technology for use in the lecture theatre. New equipment purchased includes a high visibility multimeter with USB interface, transparent voltmeters to place on OHPs and large mechanical apparatus (pictured above) to visualise waves and wave phenomena including reflection, refraction and wave speed.

Senior Lecturer in Physics and Maths, David Fairhurst, said: "Physics is all about understanding physical effects and processes, the explanation of which becomes so much more vivid and memorable when seen live rather than in a PowerPoint presentation or with multimedia. Thanks to the Alumni Fund students can now enjoy good, clear lecture demonstrations. I've already had positive feedback from students."

Other resources purchased thanks to your generous donations include:

- Recording equipment to introduce Sociology students to techniques used by professionals working in the field and to enhance their self-directed project and dissertation work.
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- Three digital projectors to enable Photography students to experiment with video installation and moving image and sound.
- A Biosen C Line Sport blood lactate and glucose analyser for teaching and research on the undergraduate Sports degree courses.
- Four digital camcorders for use by Nottingham Business School students.

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Joe makes a splash

Our latest recipient of the Alumni Fund Award for Sport has already set his sights on 2012.

Committed to becoming 'the best of the best' in flatwater sprint canoeing, second year Sport Science and Management student Joe Seaman can be seen most mornings training on the lake at Nottingham Water Sports Centre – after which he'll head to the gym, or the pool, or go for a run around the lake before heading back to University for his lectures.

Joe says: "I have to plan my time wisely in order to fit in both studying and training. I also have to sacrifice my social life – I'm normally in bed for 9.00 p.m!"

The flatwater sprint canoe season runs from April to September so during the winter months Joe focuses on training to make sure he is fit and ready for the start of the season. He was happy with his achievements in 2009 and won his last race of the season at the National Regatta at Holme Pierrepont.

During the 2010 season he aims to improve his times and hopes to be selected to represent Great Britain at the under-23 European Sprint Regatta in Moscow later this year.

Joe really appreciates the generosity of our alumni. He said: "Your support gives me great confidence and motivation when training and competing. It opens up opportunities which I've never had before and I hope it leads me to representing my country in 2012."

A perfect match

Your gifts now go even further towards helping future generations of students. The government is providing matched funding for private donations to universities. Under this scheme we can claim £1 for every £3 donated to the University until 31 July 2011. What's more the Gift Aid scheme is being matched too. This means that somebody making a gift of £30 a month will now see the value of that gift rise to £50.



Donations strike a chord

News of your donations are music to the ears of three gifted students.

Chris Adams, a second year Biomedical Sciences student, has received the Alumni Fund Award for Music enabling him to purchase a soprano saxophone for use during his time at NTU, after which the instrument will remain at the University. He said: "I'm really grateful to alumni for their donations. It means that I can branch out from the alto sax into playing soprano."

Fellow orchestra member Sarah Davey is also celebrating after being awarded funding for music lessons.

The second year Forensic Science student plays the clarinet and saxophone. She also played the violin as a child and is a self-taught pianist. Her message to donors: "Thank you for giving me the opportunity to carry on with my music at university."

Meanwhile, Ellie Fieldsend is this year's recipient of the Clifford Beck Music Award – an annual scholarship set up in memory of a former lecturer. Ellie, who is in her third year studying Visual Arts, plays the piano and is also a member of the NTU Choir, NTU Chamber Choir and Youth Choir UK. She will be putting the money towards tuition for both singing and piano lessons.

She said: "Music is an important part of my life. I would like to say a big thank you to Clifford Beck's family for such a kind donation and giving me the chance to carry on with my piano and singing lessons."

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What's happening?

In addition to our Midsummer's Celebration in Newton and Arkwright on 24 June (see page 05 for details) and a Golden Celebration for the School of Education on 23 October (see page 17) there are plenty of reasons to return to your University this year. There has never been a better time to come back to re-live your student days, revisit your old haunts or just reunite with good friends.



Farewell to York House

After more than 30 years, NTU will be vacating its space in York House this summer. Former students who have fond memories of their time in York House have asked us to mark the occasion with a special, informal reunion event on Friday 11 June 2010 (5.30 – 7.30 pm).

Tickets are £8 and will include celebratory drinks and a buffet and are available to book online at www.ntualumni.org.uk or by calling +44 (0)115 848 8776.



Class of '94 revisit Nottingham

Fifteen years since they were last together at NTU a small group of BEng Mechanical and Electrical Engineering 1994 classmates met up in Nottingham last November. They enjoyed a weekend of catching up and visiting old haunts.

Organiser Michael Tutty (BEng Electrical and Electronic Engineering 1994) said: "It was good to meet up with everyone again although most of us were already still in touch with each other, with the exception of Jonathan Woodthorpe who we had not seen since graduation!"



Visit the Degree Shows in 2010

Final year students from the School of Art & Design and the School of Architecture, Design and the Built Environment will be showcasing a vast collection of inspiring and innovative work at this year's Art & Design degree shows.

This year's public view takes place between Saturday 5 June and Wednesday 9 June from 10 am – 5 pm (Mon – Fri) and 11 am – 4 pm (weekends). Admission is free.

There will also be a private view, which alumni are welcome to attend, on Thursday 3 June, from 5 pm – 8 pm.

In addition we will be showcasing final year work from all the MA courses within the School of Art & Design from Friday 16 July to Saturday 24 July. A private view will be held on Thursday 15 July from 4 pm – 6 pm with all alumni welcome to attend.

To receive an invitation to either of these private views or to find out further information on any of the shows, please contact Linsey Richards on +44 (0)115 848 2813 or email linsey.richards@ntu.ac.uk

Planning a reunion?

Are you thinking of planning a reunion but don't know where to start? Ask for your free NTU reunion pack today.

The pack, put together in association with Experience Nottinghamshire, contains tips on arranging your reunion and explains how the Alumni Association can help you to get in touch with some of your 'old' friends. It also provides information on venues and hotel accommodation in Nottingham. Packs are free – all we ask is that you let us know about your reunion, and maybe share some photographs with us after the event.

If you have a reunion planned, and would like to let others know, don't forget to contact us so that we can advertise details on our website.

For more information about planning a reunion, and to obtain an Alumni Reunion Pack, contact us at alumni@ntu.ac.uk or +44 (0)115 848 8776.

Wedding news



Kiran Surdhar | BA Hons Social Sciences 2001

Satnam Nandra | BSc Hons Computer Visualisation 2004

Married on July 5 2009 in London. The couple met in the Nottingham Trent Students' Union in September 2000 and have been together ever since. Kiran is now working as a Broadcast Journalist for the BBC and Satnam works as a Web Developer for a scouting and recruitment company for professional football clubs across the UK and Europe.

Elna Archik | BA Hons Business and Financial Services 2006

Elna met Xoket Repik in 2007 during a holiday in Urumqi, China. The couple married on 6 October 2009 in Beijing and are planning a trip to the Maldives for their honeymoon this year. Elna had an unforgettable six years in Nottingham and misses her life in the UK. She has always wanted to come back and show her husband where she lived and studied. She is hoping to visit in the next few years.



Jo Parker | BA Hons Human Services 2003 and Primary Education PGCE 2005
Phil Hale | BA Hons Business and Quality Management 2004

Married on 7 March 2009 at Colwick Hall. The couple met at school 10 years ago and then came to University together. They had a 'mini moon' to Yougholgreave in Derbyshire after the wedding and enjoyed a 'real' honeymoon last summer. Many NTU alumni attended the wedding including Susan Parker, Jane Lees, Ash Akeroyd, Lucy Rogerson, Michelle Murphy, Chris Hodgson, Matt Brennan, Matt and Fiona Cranwell, Ben Cookman, Russell Whit, Emma Daly, Phil Hennis, Mike Cobb, Naomi Heywood (née Jones), Andrew Lyon, Dave Carter and Clare Warcup.

Claire Jones | BA Hons Social Work 2004

Married Alex Witherington in April 2008 at The Grove in sunny Las Vegas. The ceremony was followed by a meal at Maggiano's and a limo photo tour of the strip. Alumna Carla Moore (BA Hons Social Work 2004) was a bridesmaid and 13 other close friends and family also attended, including Bill Yerkess (BSc Hons Software Engineering 2004). The couple enjoyed a two week honeymoon in Kauai, Hawaii and also spent a couple of days in San Francisco on the way home. On return to the UK the couple threw a big party in Kendal for all their friends and family. Claire gave birth to their first son Arthur Alfred last year.



Emma Fifield | HND Business

Administration 1998

Grant Reader | BA Hons Business Administration 1999

Married on 22 August 2009 at St Mary's Church in Oatlands, Weybridge. The reception was held at Hampton Court House, Surrey. Their special day was celebrated with fellow NTU alumni Lisa Steel (née Bradley), Michael Richardson, Sarah Thompson (née Clarke), Andrew Ross, Greig Scott and Bradley Crumbleholme.

Kate Barratt | BA Hons Design for Film and Television 2006

Phil Brookes | BSc Hons Engineering (Mechanical) 2005

Married on 11 April 2009 at Aldridge Parish Church. The couple celebrated after the service at Somerford Hall, Staffordshire with fellow alumni Tom Mclean, Simon Leeming, James Lancaster, Phil Berry, Rebecca Evans, Rebecca Sanders, Adam Wypyski, Owain Lewis and Sarah Dunncliff. Kate and Phil enjoyed a trip to Lombok and Singapore for their honeymoon.



"We got more than a degree at NTU"

Did you meet your husband, wife, boyfriend or girlfriend at NTU? If so, we want to know about it. We are hoping to feature the best stories in a future magazine or on our website.

Alumna and current lecturer Barbara Sargent (BA Hons Economics 1973) met her husband, Michael, in the York House coffee bar. She said: "I was bored with studying in the library so I headed to York House – little did I know what a cup of coffee would lead to!" Barbara and her husband Michael have been married for 30 years and have three sons.

Email us at alumni@ntu.ac.uk and tell us how, where and when you met, along with a photo of the two of you together.

Wear your hoody with pride

If you would like to make a statement about where you studied, then alumnus Daniel Hill (BA Hons Business Studies 2009) has the answer.

Daniel's Hive-based business, Pulse Student Network Limited, began trading in July 2009 producing a number of Nottingham Trent University custom clothing ranges.

The 'Pulse School Hoodies' feature NTU's logo embroidered on the left breast and the name of your academic School across the back. A second Pulse clothing range, the 'Halls Hoodies', feature the Pulse logo for each of the halls of residence on the left breast and the hall's name on the back.

Both ranges are available in five sizes and 45 different colours. You can also add any personalisation (up to 30 characters) to the right breast of your hoody.

If you would like to view or purchase from the Pulse Student Network clothing range visit

www.PulseStudentNetwork.com

Daniel has also been kind enough to offer his products as prizes for alumni competitions. If you or your organisation would like to donate a prize to the Alumni Association, in return for promotion of your business to alumni, then please get in touch at **alumni@ntu.ac.uk**



Past and present

Seventies

Darryl Hunt | Diploma Art and Design (Fine Art) 1973

I am still touring the world with The Pogues and live in Kentish Town, London. I am now married and have a daughter. I am currently working on a solo project 'Bish' and have a new album out now. Still stay in touch with Harry Stephenson, Duncan Kerr and Lawrence Holland.

Michael Hamlin | PG Cert Education 1976

I semi-retired from Greenwood Dale School in summer 2009, but I continue to work as an adviser to the new Nottingham Academy which is being sponsored by Greenwood Dale.

Eighties

Michael Baldwin | BSc Quantity Surveying 1980

Since graduating from Trent in 1980, I lived in Sheffield for five years, before moving to Cyprus, where I have lived ever since with my wife Chrystalla and our two children.

David McMeeking | BSc Hons Urban Estate Surveying 1988

I am the MD to three property companies Ethico Properties Ltd, Northfleet Partnership, and Northfleet Development Ltd. I enjoy various outdoor activities, in particular climbing. I still get together for drinks in London with Matt Allen, Giles Membury, Neil Ridley, Mike Tyler, Alex Dawson and Nigel Turner. There is always plenty of warm beer drunk and it's always great to see everybody.

Nineties

Catherine Attwood | BA Hons Modern Languages 1990

I live in New Zealand now and work as a Senior Manager in the travel industry, a job which I really love as it's very people-focused. Prior to this I was a Project Manager in the radio communications industry, focusing on Latin America, which allowed me to use my languages and travel a lot with my work. I'd recommend New Zealand to anyone contemplating making the 'big move' – it's a great country with a fantastic quality of life and great people!

David Willis | BA Hons Economic Studies 1990

After leaving Nottingham I travelled quite a bit. First Australia, then Europe where I worked at Disneyland Paris as a cowboy – some of my friends said I had finally found my vocation! I finally ended up selling medicines back in England, then New Zealand and finally Australia. I've been Country GM for a couple of different Pharmaceutical firms, currently Sandoz / Novartis where I'm on an international assignment in the Philippines for five years as Country CEO. I really enjoyed my time at University where I made some good friends. I got married in 1999 and have two children. I lost my address book during my travels with all the contact addresses of my friends that I made at Uni, many of whom I would have loved to stay in contact with.

Louise Coe | BA Hons Business Studies 1992

I left NTU and enjoyed working at Safeway for 12 years. I managed to get roles in head office, out in the field and in-store. Upon the sale to Morrison's, I moved across to Tesco. I have just finished five years' service, three of these as store manager. This year I am having a complete change of direction and I have enrolled on a TESOL course at Clarendon Park and am planning to work abroad. I am currently living in Nottingham, so get in touch if you are too!

John Hart | BA Hons Humanities 1995

I am no longer a paid employee of the Boots Company, but I continue to work as an unpaid volunteer at the Boots Phoenix Learning Centre in Beeston, Nottingham. This is to assist and support the South Notts College Tutor in the teaching of literacy and numeracy to Boots employees. I also assist similarly in the teaching of numeracy at Broxtowe Education, Skills and Training, Nottingham, that's in the Lifelong Learning Centre.

Noughties

Nicola Beddall-Hill | BA Hons Social Sciences 2002

I was a teacher in further education but left last year to begin a PhD in Information Science and Education. I am concentrating on the use of mobile technology for learning in field trips. I am based at City University, London and part of a larger programme in Technology Enhanced Learning. I recently got married in South Africa and am now living in London, starting the second year of my PhD. My degree helped me in securing the opportunity to do my PhD, which I am thoroughly enjoying.

Clementine Cummins | BA Hons Photography 2005

Since graduating, I photographed horse racing for the press. I enjoyed shooting this particular subject very much and even got as far as having a photograph published in *The Guardian* that I took at the 2005 Grand National. However, I decided that press photography was not really for me and I have since set up my own greeting card business. The images I take go onto my cards. I have been having great success and many positive comments on my photography. I supply gift shops up and down the country and my business continues to grow.

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Obituaries

**Anna Buckland
(Cert Personnel Practice 2006)**

Anna died suddenly at her home in Mapperley in July 2009 aged 36. She will probably be best remembered for her sweet nature, her elegance and passion for fashion and style. Anna was a Civil Servant and loved studying. After abandoning a degree at Bournemouth University following an accident she studied in her spare time taking an A-level in English Literature and a Psychology degree at Derby. She gravitated to Personnel Management and joined Ofsted's HR Team in 2001. She moved to Nottingham in 1998 and continued her studies at NTU gaining the CIPD Certificate in Personnel Practice. She was studying for her CIPD Diploma when she died. Anna had an eclectic taste in music as well as a penchant for fashion. She also enjoyed seeking out unusual art and antiques as well as keeping-fit, reading and cooking. Anna leaves behind her mother Julia, brother Matt, father John, step-mother Sue and step-brother Matt, and many friends. If anybody would like to add a message to Anna's condolence book contact Julia at Julia.Buckland@BTinternet.com

**Ruth Clarke, née Staniforth
(BA Hons European Business 2002)**

Ruth passed away on 31 August 2009 after a long battle with ovarian cancer – just days before her thirtieth birthday. Before she became ill Ruth worked as a Senior Trust Administrator at Praxis Fiduciaries Ltd in Guernsey (having gained a Masters degree in Corporate Governance she was a qualified company secretary). She enjoyed a busy life – whilst she was on sick leave she project managed the building of her home in Guernsey. She also liked swimming, keeping-fit and travelling. She visited Thailand in January 2009 with her fiancé Martin, who she married in May 2009. Ruth loved her time at University and made many friends. She remained strong and positive throughout her illness. She leaves her husband Martin, parents Barbara and James, brother Richard and sister Helen – also an NTU graduate (BA Hons International Business 2006). Ruth is sadly missed. You can make a donation to Ovarian Cancer Action in memory of Ruth at www.ovarian.org.uk

**Elias Mutalisha
(BEng Engineering Surveying 1994)**

Elias, an alumnus from Zambia, passed away on 16 April 2009 after suffering with diabetes mellitus and cardiac failure. Elias loved to play golf and chess and was always ready to help anyone in need. His illness started worsening when his eyes became affected in 2005 whilst working in Sesheke and he returned home. In March 2009 he lost his sight completely and sadly passed away on 16 April 2009. He is sadly missed by his family and friends.

**Joy Nicol
(BA Hons Creative Arts 1986)**

Joy Nicol died on 5 January 2010 after a battle with cancer. Joy loved singing and became a vocal tutor soon after leaving University. She was a team leader for the Nottinghamshire County Council Vocal Department, teaching at Redhill School and Southwell Minster. She was also a voice tutor for the National Youth Choirs of Great Britain and the musical director of the ladies ensemble Mirabile.

She performed in a variety of singing roles and won best performer at the Buxton Festival. She was also a semi-finalist, representing Great Britain, in the Belvedere International Singing Competition. Over 100 people attended Joy's funeral. Joy leaves her son Ted and her father John. She will be sadly missed.



Who will be our Alumnus of the Year 2010?

Do you know someone who studied at NTU – or any of its predecessor institutions* – who deserves recognition for their achievements? It could be a friend, relative, employee, manager or colleague.

Have they enjoyed noteworthy success in the arts, science, sport, academic or public life? Have they made a major contribution to the lives of others?

This is your chance to put them forward for our special award. For more information – and for details on how to nominate – visit www.ntualumni.org.uk

The deadline for nominations is
30 June 2010



British Paracycling Coach Chris Furber received the 2009 award from NTU's Vice-Chancellor Professor Neil Gorman

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