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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.

Front cover: NTU's Olympic Torchbearers and current students Emma Vickers and Chloe Jones.

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# Welcome

Welcome to the 2012 issue of *Network*, your alumni magazine.

In this issue we look forward to the Olympic Games and bring you news of those involved in London 2012 – from Paralympic coaches going for Gold (page 17) to the design of patriotic dresses helping sports fans show their support for their country (page 18).

We also hear from a current student who tells us how her "chance of a lifetime" Olympic placement helped her gain some invaluable experience in the world of work (page 19). We are always looking for new placement opportunities for our students, so if you think you can help please get in touch.

We are delighted to welcome you back to campus at any time. This year you are invited to come and see the work of our talented students at a Private View of their Degree Shows (page 09) – a highlight in the University's calendar and the culmination of much hard work.

We hope you enjoy reading your latest magazine. Remember to keep in touch with us so that we can continue to keep you



up-to-date with news from your University. If you update your details with us online before the end of August 2012 you will be entered into a free prize draw with a chance to win £50 in Amazon gift vouchers (see back page).

We really like receiving your updates, news and stories – so please keep them coming in. See you soon!

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## Message from the Vice-Chancellor



with the Olympic Games the best of luck – whatever your contribution and wherever you are in the world.

Here on campus we have yet more new developments to get excited about (see page 05). Clifton campus will be home to a "superlab" designed to support the delivery of high quality laboratory classes and student research projects, whilst Byron House – your old Students' Union building – is being replaced with a brand new landmark building.

I would like to thank all those of you who have shown your support to Nottingham Trent University. On pages 22-27 we thank our donors and give you some examples of how your generosity has helped enhance the learning environment of current and future students.

Whether you have offered your support financially, or joined the many alumni who now offer placements to our current students, we thank you for staying involved with your University. It really is appreciated and I hope to see you all on campus soon – you are always welcome.

Professor Neil T Gorman  
Vice-Chancellor

What an exciting year it is – both for the University and for Great Britain as London gets set to host the 2012 Olympic Games.

It is an honour for me to have the opportunity to share in the Nation's celebrations by taking part in the Olympic Torch Relay as it passes through Nottingham. I will be joined by two very worthy current students – Chloe and Emma (see page 15). We wish everybody involved



# President's update



Welcome to this edition of *Network*. It has been a remarkable year – a global year of change and one that is continuing to affect us all – but hopefully we can look forward to see new horizons emerging.

It's no surprise to see so many of our alumni involved in the Olympic and Paralympic hopes and also in coordinating the legacy that staging the Games will create.

Your support in the last year has been so important to the University and in this issue we feature some of those projects and individuals who are benefiting from your generosity. You can make a real difference to the education, learning and social experience of current students, just by making a small monthly or one-off donation.

If it's been a while since you were in Nottingham then please do come back soon. You'll be amazed by the changes in the city – most of them driven by NTU. The

City site is such a modern and vibrant place – and that pace of change is continuing with approval now given for a new Byron building. Those nights out at the Union bar will never be the same again!

I really hope you read this, your magazine, and feel a sense of pride in what your University and our fellow alumni are doing. NTU is creating an amazing legacy not only for Nottingham, but also across the world, by having alumni who go on to do some amazing things. We are immensely proud of all of you so please keep in touch and let us know what you are doing now.

I am lucky to get around with my job, but nothing makes me smile more than someone telling me that they're an NTU alumnus too. In the past year that's ranged

from one of our security staff at Sky to contestants in the Miss Gibraltar contest! It's always a real pleasure to say 'hello', so if you do happen to see me anywhere please stop for a chat – or email me at [stephen.dixon@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:stephen.dixon@ntu.ac.uk).

In this role I very much want to represent and support YOU – so feel free to get in touch with questions or queries and I'll do my best to answer them.

Wishing you every success in whatever you do.

**Stephen Dixon**  
(BA Hons Broadcast Journalism 1995)  
NTU Alumni Association President and  
Sky News Presenter

Read Stephen's blog at [www.ntualumni.org.uk/netcommunity/presidentsblog](http://www.ntualumni.org.uk/netcommunity/presidentsblog).



Assistant Chief of the Air Staff for the RAF, Air Vice-Marshal Baz North (HND Business Studies 1981) received the 2011 award from NTU Chancellor Sir Michael Parkinson.

## Who will be the Alumnus of the Year 2012?

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](http://www.ntualumni.org.uk).

The deadline for nominations is 30 June 2012.



# Benefits for you

As a former student you can enjoy many benefits and services – from holidays to car hire, library membership to gym membership – there's something for everybody. Here we focus on some of your favourites.



## 10% off cottages4you and Hoseasons

Are you looking to save money on your summer holiday? Take a look at the discounts on offer via our partnership with cottages4you.

Whatever kind of holiday you're looking for, you can find the perfect place to stay with cottages4you. They have a superb collection of holiday properties – from rural cottages to beachside villas, rustic farmhouses to modern apartments, all scattered throughout the most desirable spots of the UK, Ireland, France and Italy. Relax and unwind by an open fire, take a crisp walk through the countryside or lounge by the pool. From just £9 per person per night they can help you book a cosy cottage for two or a complex for over 30 people.

Visit [www.cottageselection.co.uk/NOT](http://www.cottageselection.co.uk/NOT).

And don't forget your Hoseasons discount! You can now also enjoy up to 10% off holiday parks, lodges, boating holidays, city break apartments and luxury villas thanks to our partnership with Hoseasons. To search and book securely visit [www.hoseasons.co.uk/ntu](http://www.hoseasons.co.uk/ntu).



## Venture out

If you are planning a trip back to Nottingham this year, your alumni venture card can get you 20% off entry to the Galleries of Justice and the City of Caves.

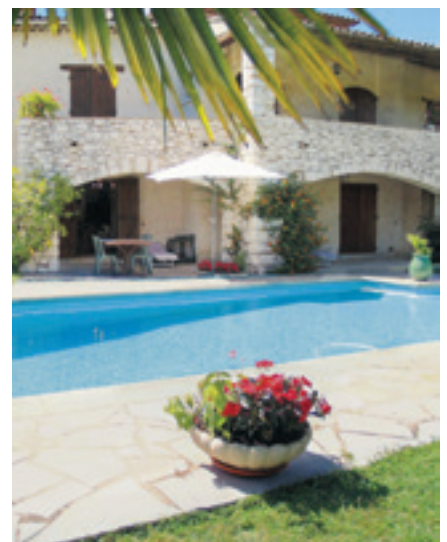
The award winning Galleries of Justice will take you on an atmospheric trip through three centuries of crime and punishment – where the lives and crimes of the people who once occupied these buildings are brought vividly to life. Prisoners and gaolers act as your guides as you become part of the dramatic history of this unique site. Plan your visit at [www.galleriesofjustice.org.uk](http://www.galleriesofjustice.org.uk).

At their sister attraction – the City of Caves – you can explore a whole new world

in the caves underneath Nottingham, 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. Visit [www.cityofcaves.com](http://www.cityofcaves.com).

Finish your day at these attractions with 15% off your food bill at Nottingham's Escabeche (pictured above), Perkins and Chino Latino restaurants.

Find out more at [www.ntualumni.org.uk/netcommunity/venturecard](http://www.ntualumni.org.uk/netcommunity/venturecard). Venture cards are available on request – email [alumni@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@ntu.ac.uk).



Visit [www.ntualumni.org.uk/netcommunity/benefits](http://www.ntualumni.org.uk/netcommunity/benefits).





Artist's impression of Byron House

# Facilities for the future

## More than just a facelift!

Work has started on the redevelopment of Byron House – your old Students' Union building.

The joint venture with UPP (Universities Partnerships Programme) is based on our students' vision for the new Byron House.

The scheme provides 5,500 square metres of social, leisure and well-being facilities, plus living accommodation. Facilities will include a sports hall, entertainment area, fitness studio, shop, bars, social space and health centre. The sports hall will meet Sport England standards and the fitness studio will have approximately 100 stations.

The facility will also provide bespoke accommodation for the Students' Union, making its facilities among the best equipped in the country, in addition to around 900 new student bedrooms.

Andrew Schulten, president of NTSU, said the proposals have been well received by students: "The Students' Union carried out a lot of research to help us build a better understanding of what students expect, and want from their facilities. We were then given the opportunity to share our findings with the University, allowing us to have a direct influence over the design and purpose of the building."

## Facilities for the future

Inspiring and stimulating young people to become the next generation of leading minds in the world of science is really important and with this in mind the University is creating a modern and innovative scientific centre, Superlab, based at the Clifton campus.

It will provide some of the best laboratory facilities for Chemistry and Biosciences in the UK and will make a key contribution to Nottingham's status as a leading city for science.

A large multi-use laboratory will allow up to 200 students to work simultaneously, gaining valuable skills and experience in their journey to becoming a scientist. Most teaching laboratories don't have the scope or capacity to provide shared space for different disciplines. Superlab is different because this is precisely what it is designed to do. Encouraging this kind of collaboration is important as many of today's scientific issues are so broad that they cannot be addressed fully by any of the traditional disciplines in isolation.

Superlab will help to improve people's health, lives, environment and the society in which we live and share.



# Kelly Holmes used to work in a sweet shop

Sometimes a career change  
can work out very well indeed



Make your change with one  
of our postgraduate degrees.

Come and see us at one of  
our postgraduate open days.

To book your place visit  
[www.ntu.ac.uk/postgraduate](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/postgraduate)

# Hitting the headlines

Clinigen Group, a global pharmaceutical products and pharma services business founded by alumnus Andy Leaver, has topped *The Sunday Times*' Fast Track 100 league table.



Andy, with his wife Linda

*The Sunday Times* Virgin Fast Track 100 league table ranks 100 UK-based firms according to their sales growth over the past three years. In its short history, Clinigen Group has achieved 242% year-on-year growth, rising from an annualised £875,000 in 2008 to £35 million in the financial year ending June 2011.

The Group's Clinigen Healthcare, established in 2007 by Executive Chairman Andy Leaver (BA Hons Social Sciences 1984), acquires or in-licenses mature or end-of-lifecycle products for development and commercialisation in hospitals. Their core therapeutic areas include oncology, leukaemia, haematology, transplantation, virology, pain management and critical care.

*Network* managed to catch up with busy chairman Andy during a day which saw him return to the UK from meetings in New York.

He said: "Coming top of the Fast Track League reflects robust organic growth in our original business lines, as well as the addition of Keats Healthcare in 2010. All of our businesses are closely aligned with

Clinigen's mission to get the right drug to the right patient at the right time, whether that's in a clinical trial, a discontinued treatment, or for an individual patient need."

It all started for Andy at NTU: "I loved my time at University. My wife Linda was on the same course as me and has worked in the business as HR Director. As well as meeting Linda, my degree and time spent away from home gave me the resilience and independence I needed to succeed in business."

After Andy left University he did a graduate scheme at Sainsbury's. Thousands applied, only 12 got in. After a year Andy was one of only three who were employed.

At 25 he decided on a career change and became a drug rep for pharmaceutical company Napp. He worked his way up and by the age of 32 he was the general manager of the sales side. Three years later he left to set up ADL Healthcare, and later Focus Pharmaceuticals. He set up Clinigen five years ago which now employs around 70 people at their Burton-on-Trent base.

So what's next for Clinigen? Andy says the Group are always looking to move into new areas. They currently hold marketing authorisations to sell Foscavir as a treatment for HIV / AIDS-related cytomegalovirus (CMV) infections and herpes in 16 markets, as well as in bone marrow transplantation in Japan. Clinigen is now working with medicines regulatory agencies to secure licences to market Foscavir in additional markets, including the USA. Sales of Foscavir grew from £1.5 million last year to £9.7 million in 2011 and are expected to reach £20.5 million in 2015.

Andy takes it all in his stride. He said: "I always wanted to do business overseas. Now I get to travel all over the world, although it can present some challenges with time and cultural differences.

"With the global scope of the business we also have a challenge in finding the right staff to help us succeed – and keeping them. We employ good people, treat them well and give them a share of the business so that they continue to feel involved and share the return."

“I loved my time at University...  
...my degree and time spent away from home gave me the  
resilience and independence I needed.”

Visit [www.clinigengroup.com](http://www.clinigengroup.com) for more information.

# Delve into some of the world's greatest minds...

Delivered by an exceptional range of expert guest speakers, NTU's Distinguished Lecture Series covers many subjects and tackles topical and sensitive issues face-on.

The University has had the privilege of hosting many distinguished speakers who have delivered thought-provoking lectures.

The 2011 / 2012 Distinguished Lecture Series was launched by Chief Executive of Comic Relief, and NTU Honorary Graduate, Kevin Cahill CBE (pictured below). In his lecture *Raising Money, Changing Lives... (and Having Fun Along the Way)* Kevin looked at some of the key ingredients of Comic Relief's success so far and discussed the on-going challenge of raising cash in a more competitive world and difficult economic environment.

In November Astronomer Royal, Professor Lord Martin Rees delivered *Life in the Cosmos: from Big Bang to Biosphere*. He spoke about the progress astronomers have made in probing our cosmic environment and how we can trace cosmic history from some mysterious beginning nearly



14 billion years ago. He also discussed how we can understand in outline the emergence of atoms, galaxies, stars and planets – and how, on at least one planet, life emerged and developed a complex biosphere of which we are part.

In December British media executive, journalist and broadcaster Greg Dyke (pictured above) asked *What's Next in Television – Global, Local or Both?*, and the final lecture of this academic year was held in April when Jonathon Porritt, Co-Founder of Forum for the Future, presented *Will Today's 'Third Industrial Revolution' Deliver a Sustainable World?*.

As Network went to press speakers and dates for the 2012 / 2013 Distinguished Lecture Series were still being confirmed. Visit [www.ntu.ac.uk/distinguishedlectures](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/distinguishedlectures) for details. All lectures are free to attend.

You can view some of the previous lectures at [www.ntu.ac.uk/past-distinguishedlectures](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/past-distinguishedlectures).



## 15 years of Fly FM

NTU's student radio station, Fly FM, celebrated its 15th birthday recently by welcoming back a number of successful alumni to present special one hour shows.

Guest presenters included Sky Sports News' Adam Leventhal; Absolute Radio's weekday evening presenter, Mark Crossley; and the voice of BBC Radio 1, David Cameron Walker.

Current station manager, Matthew Geer, said: "It was exciting to welcome back all the old presenters who have gone on to do such great things in the industry. It was very inspiring for all of our current presenters."

The station was launched in 1996 as Kick FM. It was rebranded as Fly FM in 2000, and in 2001 the station won its first ever Student Radio Award, when Adam Leventhal scooped both Best Show and Best Specialist Music Programme.

Fly FM launched its current online format in 2007, broadcasting every day of every term, and has since had a string of successes at the Student Radio Awards.







# Degree Shows Private View

Come and meet the next generation of designers.

Alumni are invited to be amongst the first to see our students' excellent work by attending a Private View of their Degree Shows before they open to the public.

This year, we are delighted to invite alumni to join us on the City site on Thursday 24 May 2012 for a Private View of NTU's annual degree shows. This will be a splendid evening where you can meet our students and talk to them about their work, as well as meet other alumni, NTU staff and guests whilst enjoying canapés and refreshments at the various show

locations across the City site.

The degree shows are a highlight in the University's calendar and the culmination of much hard work and commitment from our students. They give the University a chance to showcase the original, innovative and inspiring work that is being produced within the School of Art & Design, and School of Architecture, Design and the Built Environment at undergraduate level.

The Private View is free for alumni to attend, but it is ticketed. Book your place at [www.ntualumni.org.uk/netcommunity/degreshows2012](http://www.ntualumni.org.uk/netcommunity/degreshows2012).

Bespoke student work will also be on sale during the Private View and throughout the shows.

Student work, top right to bottom right: Oliver Hrubciak, Lottie Riviere, Peri James Brandon and Justyna Zielinska



## Arranging your own reunion?

Ask for your free NTU reunion pack today which contains tips on arranging your get-together and explains how the Alumni Association can help you to get in touch with some of your 'old' friends. 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.

To obtain a pack email [alumni@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@ntu.ac.uk) or call +44 (0)115 848 8776.



# Shaping lives and society

Research that shapes lives and society is central to the mission of Nottingham Trent University. Our researchers are well supported in world-class facilities, ensuring the high-calibre of their work. Here we report on three research projects within the University.



## Study to help new mums shed pregnancy pounds

The Royal College of Midwives is welcoming a scientific study by NTU to help new mums shed their pregnancy-related pounds with the help of a computer games console.

The study has been launched in response to research by the Netmums website and the Royal College of Midwives (RCM), which reveals the extent of the difficulties that new mums face with weight loss.

In November 2010, Netmums and the RCM surveyed over 6,000 new mums which revealed a short-fall in information and support for pregnancy-related weight loss. The survey showed that 67% of respondents were anxious about their weight after birth, and 60% said they felt pressurised by celebrity culture to lose weight quickly. Many had issues with body confidence and struggled to find the time for exercise due to new responsibilities with child care.

Now the Sport, Health and Performance Enhancement Research Group at NTU is working in partnership with Netmums and the RCM to promote new research into the use of interactive computer games at home, to help with the issues that were highlighted in the survey.

The study monitors the weight and body composition of new mums participating, before, during and after a 12 week training programme using the Nintendo Wii Fit Board. Measurements, including weight, body mass index and dress size are recorded, along with a two-part dietary analysis. The participants keep a food diary for the entire 12 week period, undertake a weighed food intake at three different times, and do not undertake any other physical activity outside of the prescribed training programme.

In addition to all of the measurements being taken, the participants are also invited to undergo an integrated Dual X-ray Absorptiometry scan (iDXA) before and after the training programme, which provides detailed information on fat mass, fat-free mass, muscle mass and bone mineral density.

Dr Kirsty Elliott-Sale, from the Sport, Health and Performance Enhancement Research Group, said: "I'm hopeful that this study will provide us with findings that will be of enormous benefit to new mums trying to deal with weight loss after pregnancy. We already know of the problems that exist, and it's important that research like this helps to find positive ways of dealing with them."

Any new mums who are interested in taking part in the study should contact Dr Elliott-Sale at [kirsty.elliottsale@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:kirsty.elliottsale@ntu.ac.uk).



## Taking a deeper look at potholes

With the repair bill for cars damaged by the nation's potholes estimated to hit £1 billion this year, researchers have been awarded funding to undertake a six month project into the performance of repair work on potholes.

The alarming increase in the number of road potholes – an outcome of reduced road maintenance, increasing traffic volumes, heavier loads, and adverse weather – is creating potentially hazardous driving conditions, causing serious concerns to the authorities as well as to the public.

Researchers from Nottingham Trent University and the University of Nottingham have been awarded initial funding from the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) Research and Development Enabling Fund to carry out this study. They will evaluate the current approaches and design guidance for repairs, investigate the suitability of easily deployable non-destructive testing devices to examine patch performance, and improve existing design guidance.

Dr Mujib Rahman, Senior Lecturer in Civil Engineering at NTU, commented:

"Generally, potholes and other types of distress, such as rutting and cracking, appearing on the road surface are a sign of major underlying problems that require structural rehabilitation. However, budgeting constraints often lead to patch repair and pothole filling in order to maintain the road in a safe and serviceable condition.

"It is anticipated that this project will be the first stage in a much larger programme of research, generating early data to enable the key features of pothole deterioration to be identified, and allowing initial comparison of repair materials. This research will produce a number of recommendations concerning the quality of road surface repair work."



## Computer games could help people with learning difficulties to master everyday tasks

Interactive computer games have the potential to help young people with learning difficulties master everyday tasks and motivate them to learn, according to new research.

PhD researcher, Rachael Folds, from the School of Education, has studied how repetitive use of interactive mimetic digital games (IMDG), such as those on the Nintendo Wii and Xbox Kinect, could help to improve certain skills.

The research was carried out with Loughborough College students who are undertaking specialist training programmes that assist in the transition from special schools into further education courses. The participants were aged 16-24 and have intellectual disabilities ranging from Down's syndrome to Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

During the study the students undertook pre and post-test 'real-world' activities. The first part of the project – tennis – involved 24 students hitting ten forehand and backhand balls and serving ten balls. They were then asked to carry out the same task on a Wii tennis game at regular intervals over five weeks. The second stage – bowling – asked 18 students to knock down

as many pins as possible with five balls and this was then replicated over five weeks on an Xbox Kinect bowling game. After playing the computer games, the students repeated the real-world exercise and their results were compared.

Both the cycles showed significant statistical improvements in their abilities in various activities. Following the project, 92% of the students said they would like to play computer games to learn in college in the future and the same number thought that IMDG help them to learn better than traditional methods associated with traditional teaching.

Rachael Folds said: "The initial results from this small sample suggest that interactive games teach the students movements which they can improve upon and mimic in everyday life. Although they were playing tennis and bowling in the trial, games which teach them how to do things like bake a cake or change a tyre could potentially be very beneficial."

"The outcomes were certainly very interesting and I think this is an area which warrants further research so we can build on how we best teach children with special educational needs."





# UK first Bar none

Two Nottingham Law School graduates have become the first ever sisters to be called to the Bar of England and Wales on the same day.

“We chose to study Law in the UK due to the excellent standards and quality of teaching that are available.”

Now both qualified barristers, Malawian-born Janet and Faith-Rose Ansah have followed in the footsteps of their mother, Malawi Supreme Court of Appeal Judge and former Attorney General, Jane Ansah.

The sisters moved to England in 1998 together with their parents so their mother could study for a PhD in Human Rights Law. After a change in career from nursing, Janet studied the Graduate Diploma in Law and then moved on to the full-time Bar Professional Training Course, while Faith-Rose undertook the LLB full-time.

Along with the highlights of passing their exams and becoming members of the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple, the sisters also count going to church with the Queen during a residential weekend at Cumberland Lodge as one of their most memorable times.

Janet said: “Law is a vast subject that affects us all in our everyday life. It is very dynamic and is always evolving and being

reformed, this was one of my inspirations for studying Law. I also enjoy working with people, and being a lawyer will give me the opportunity to act as their advocate. The challenge of the profession was very appealing to me and I was motivated by the constant hard work and dedication we witnessed from both our parents, which is required in the legal profession.”

Faith-Rose added: “We chose to study Law in the UK due to the excellent standards and quality of teaching that are available here. My inspiration came from my desire to assist people in areas of their lives where they cannot assist themselves. I also had a curiosity in understanding the law and being able to understand it as the personification of the morals and values of a society.”

Janet and Faith-Rose are now applying for pupillage as well as pursuing further studies.

# Let the Games begin

As the world's most exciting celebration of sport comes to the UK this summer we take a look at how NTU alumni have helped build the Olympic dream and also those who are dreaming of success.

## Julian's goal for London 2012

Sports photographer Julian will have his eye on the ball at this year's Olympic Games.



We last caught up with sports photographer Julian Finney (BA Hons Photography 2004) in 2008 after he covered the Beijing Olympics. Since then he's continued to travel around the world capturing images of sporting greats at many events, including the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi, India. He said: "Working in India was a real challenge. The conditions were tough and getting the access into the venues was difficult with the amount of security."

Whilst he is looking forward to working at an Olympic Games in his home country, he is a little disappointed that he won't be spending much time in London as he will be travelling round the different football locations. However, he hopes to get into

the Olympic stadium area during his days away from football. He said: "The atmosphere will be amazing. I'm very fortunate to have a pass which allows me into the events".

Julian, who works for Getty Images, has travelled all over the world with his job. He's a sports enthusiast and he's been lucky enough to have worked at some of his favourite sporting events like Grand Slam tennis at the US Open and Australian Open. He said: "I love my work. I've seen some great sporting moments and I love the buzz of creating a photo and seeing it published. I know there are a couple of years to go, but my next goal is to cover the Football World Cup in Rio, Brazil in 2014!"



Photographs by Julian Finney / Getty Images





# Growing success

It's not just sporting talent on show at London 2012. Award-winning garden designer Sarah Price was part of the team who designed the Olympic gardens.

Landscape has always fascinated Sarah, in contrast to the 'white cube' environment she has been used to working in. After graduating with a BA (Hons) in Fine Art in 2002 Sarah worked as a gardener at Hampton Court Palace, and did a part-time course in Garden Design where her insights into Fine Art were transferred to designing gardens and landscapes.

Whilst Sarah worked freelance she entered a competition and won funding to exhibit a garden at RHS Hampton Court Flower Show where she won Gold and sponsorship to exhibit at RHS Chelsea Flower Show. She said: "After that my

business grew incredibly quickly. The day-to-day running of a business can take over from creative thinking, research and design time. Maintaining the balance is a challenge."

Being part of the team working on the Olympic Parklands has really enhanced Sarah's profile. Sarah started out as one of many sub-consultants, but after a few months she was asked to design the planting schemes for the gardens. "I was part of a three person team working on the planting design. The schemes were half a mile long and we only had a few weeks to ponder the commission."

Sarah's ideas for the 2012 gardens came from plant communities growing in the wild, European hay meadows, South African moist montane grasslands and the North American prairies. Sarah bases her designs on drawings and collages and when working with large commercial practices, likes to remain somewhat at a distance to retain creative space and a fresher perspective. She said: "I'd like to think I've retained my spirit of enquiry but it can be a constant battle to step back from the deadlines and to find creative moments, especially when working on large commercial projects."

The designs for this project were first drawn back in 2008, at which time the land for the park was still contaminated and covered in a dense network of pylons. Sarah said: "The transformation has been magnificent. You live with the plans for years and to see the plants, which you specified and inspected in the nursery, finally make it into the ground, creating this huge landscape of colour and texture, buzzing with insects and bees has been thrilling."

This is one of seven projects Sarah has been working on over the last four years. She said: "It's a constant juggle – checking progress on site or spending hours in a quarry preparing for my upcoming Chelsea Flower Show garden. I'm always relieved when I have a day to myself in the studio to catch up."

Sarah sees her Olympic Garden design as a career highlight: "The experience has been incredible so early in my career. I've really enjoyed learning from my colleagues and collaborators. Many of the plants used have never been grown in the UK before, outside of test beds at Sheffield University, so it's exciting to be breaking new ground in such a high profile location."





# Lighting the way

NTU's Vice-Chancellor, and two students, will be carrying the Olympic Flame when it travels through Nottingham later this year.

Professor Neil Gorman and current students Emma Vickers and Chloe Jones will be just three of the 8,000 inspirational people selected to carry the Olympic Flame across the UK.

The Olympic Torch Relay route has been planned so that the Flame will come within ten miles of 95% of people in the UK. It will reach Nottingham on 28 June, and

arrive at the Olympic Stadium on 27 July 2012 for the lighting of the cauldron at the Opening Ceremony, signifying the start of the London 2012 Olympic Games.

NTU Textile Design graduate and second year MA Fashion Business student Chloe Jones said: "We were called in to meet the Vice-Chancellor and I didn't know what to expect. I was in shock when they told me I'd been selected – out of all the students in the University. I'm really grateful. It's a brilliant opportunity and I'm so excited."

Emma Vickers, second year BSc (Hons) Psychology with Sports Science student, added: "It was a huge surprise and quite unexpected. I am really proud to be representing NTU."

Emma (pictured right) is ranked fourth in table tennis in England. She recently won

two Gold medals at the British Universities Sport National Championships – a tournament which saw NTU take away an impressive five Gold medals for table tennis.

However, she will miss out on representing Great Britain at 2012 as there is such a lot of competition to get into the team. She said: "I am a huge sports fan, and whilst I won't be able to compete at

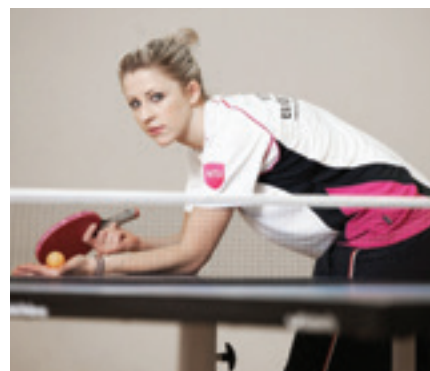
2012 I will be going to the ExCel London to watch the table tennis."

Amongst those to have the honour of carrying the Flame as it makes its way between Belfast and Dublin on 6 June is alumnus Yu Xiong (PhD 2008).

Yu Xiong is the Director of the China Management Research Institute at the Management School of Queen's University Belfast and was nominated as a Torchbearer for his work with the China Innovation and Development

Association in the UK (CIDA-UK) which he co-founded. CIDA serves as a bridge between the UK and China for exchange of trade, education and culture and as a coordinator for local Chinese organisations. His contribution was also recognised earlier this year when he was invited to give a speech by Chatham House on the topic of the China-UK relationship.

"It was a huge surprise and quite unexpected. I am really proud to be representing NTU."



# New indoor riding school gallops into the future

Work is now complete on the refurbishment of the indoor riding school at Brackenhurst.

The large indoor riding school has a brand new riding surface and new roof with photovoltaic cells. It includes a seating gallery for up to 300 people, and accommodates dressage, showjump and simulated cross-country training. It is enhanced by the addition of new mirrors, allowing riders to view their posture as they ride as well as the way their horse is performing.

The arena is utilised by second year and final year students carrying out projects, such as studying the effects of equipment and tack on equine performance, quantitative analysis of self-carriage in dressage training and the role of visual feedback on rider performance during training.

Second year student, Nichola Glaser said: "The new surface rides so much better and is a lot nicer for jumping as well as flat work. The mirrors are very useful for analysing riders' position and for looking at lateral work."

The refurbished space is also used for research. The new roof structure and materials facilitate the use of GPS-based research equipment and the improved all weather surface means the scope of research projects into stride parameters and locomotion of performance horses has been enhanced.

Photovoltaic cells are also being installed. These solar panels will assist NTU in meeting its carbon reduction strategy of reducing emissions by 10% by 2012 / 2013, and meeting HEFCE's 2020 and 2050 carbon reduction targets of 34% and 80% respectively based on 1990 consumption levels.



Lecturer Cassie White said: "The refurbishment of the indoor school has been a boost to both students and staff and has created a superior working, learning and research environment. The increased potential of the arena has facilitated expansion of the Rider Academy and Development Squad training programmes, allowing more students to become involved and develop their competitive riding skills."

The School has also had positive feedback from its commercial users and some high profile clients are booking the facility for training in the build-up to London 2012, for which the school is approved as a potential equine training base.

Olympic equestrian event rider Mary King is giving a demonstration in May 2012 with her daughter Emily which will open the new Indoor Riding School to the public.



# Busy year for Boccia coach

As well as being a full-time teacher for the physically disabled, Julie is the Lead Coach for the Boccia BC3 classification for the London 2012 Paralympics.



Boccia, a target ball sport belonging to the same family as petanque and bowls, is a Paralympic sport for athletes with disabilities that have a major impact on motor skills.

Julie Broadhead (BA Hons Primary Education 2005) first became involved in Boccia as a friend, Zoe, played the game. During the 2002 World Championships in Portugal, Julie was asked to accompany the squad as part of the care staff and has been involved with the sport at an elite level ever since.

Over the last ten years Julie has gone from Care Assistant, to Assistant Coach and now Lead Coach travelling to over 15 different countries with the squad. Her proudest moment was being asked to be Lead Coach for the BC3 classification for the London 2012 Paralympics.

The BC3 players have made great progress, rising from being ranked 22nd in the World to ninth. Julie said: "It's mostly hard work and experience that has got me here."

After leaving NTU Julie taught in a mainstream primary school but she was really passionate about teaching disabled

children so when a job came up at Fountaindale Special School in Mansfield she jumped at the chance. She teaches the youngest children in the school and also runs the school's Boccia club. She said: "The school is brilliant at combining my teaching commitments with my Boccia coaching, especially in the run up to 2012."

Most Boccia training takes place at the weekend and Julie can very often work weeks without a break. As well as being Lead Coach, Julie is also getting married in October so it's going to be a busy year for her: "It can be difficult to squeeze it all in, but I just think of what it will be like to walk out at the opening ceremony in London."

The BC3 squad are based in Bath for their training camps and have a monthly training camp along with competitions in the UK and Europe. The players train individually during the week but Julie plans weekly training and is in regular contact with them.

If you would like to try Boccia, Julie suggests looking out for 'Have a Go' sessions or local Boccia clubs. The Pan Disability Boccia league is a great way to become involved too. For more information on Boccia visit [www.gb-boccia.org](http://www.gb-boccia.org).

## On track for success

Alumnus Chris Furber and the British Para-Cycling Squad are going for Gold at London 2012.

Chris, who graduated in 1999 with BSc Hons Sport (Administration and Science), has been the Lead Coach for the British Para-Cycling Squad since 2006. Following his team's amazing success at Beijing 2008 where they achieved 17 Gold and three Silver medals, he received NTU's 2009 Alumnus of the Year Award. Now the pressure's on for them to perform well this summer.

Chris said: "There is certainly more expectation and attention on the team for London 2012. We have had a big increase in media attention, but my advice for the

riders is simple – plan, train, perform, review. All we ask is that they give themselves the best chance of performing on the day. If they get beaten then whoever wins will deserve it. My biggest hope is for the public to be amazed by the standards of the team's performance."

The team have been training hard in the build-up to the Paralympics. In February they competed in the World Championships in Los Angeles – the last track run out before the games – where they got 17 medals (including eight Gold) in return for their hard work. In the summer they will



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compete in two World Cup events in Spain and Italy to help them fine tune for the road competition in London.

Chris is currently working with 24 athletes, of which just 15 will go to London 2012. At the time of going to press he was waiting for news from the UCI as to their allocation for the Games – likely to be up to nine men and five women, plus tandem pilots. The team will be selected in June.

He said: "As well as competing in front of a home crowd at the fabulous new velodrome, I am looking forward to showing the world just how fast and exciting para-cycling is. The atmosphere will be electric!"



# National dress

Samantha is helping women support their country in style at London 2012.

Samantha Lloyd (BA Hons Fashion Marketing and Communication 2009) is the co-founder of Flag Rags – an online company specialising in feminine clothing for sports fans.

Flag Rags produce fashionable dresses in the colours of the national flags of England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Italy and France. This year, in preparation for the Olympics, they have also added the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes to their collection.

Samantha found her niche in the market last year after moving to Paris to perfect her French. She said: “I worked in ‘The Bitter End’ – an English pub owned by Gina Goulding. Gina told me about her idea for patriotic sportswear, which came from making England dresses for her two daughters. I did some research and found that there was nothing like it in the market, so with my fashion marketing background and Gina’s business experience, we decided to launch the company.”

Samantha’s main role is to market the brand and manage the website. She said: “I have really been able to flex my graphic design skills, which has been a lot of fun. The most demanding, yet rewarding challenge was creating the website. I had to learn through trial and error, but my persistence paid off!”

While Samantha was at NTU she did several internships, including working as



the Assistant to Hilary Alexander, the Fashion Director of the *Daily Telegraph*, for the Designer Wedding Show 2008 and the Clothes Show London 2009. She also worked in the New Look Press Office, the Buying Department of George, and at several fashion shows, including Hackett Menswear for Kim Blake. After graduation she was an intern at Versace in New York, which she describes as “a baptism by fire”.

She said: “Working for Hilary Alexander and the Versace internship were definitely a thrill, but the experiences I have had with Flag Rags have been brilliant.”

Flag Rags’ business booms around large sporting events. She said: “We’ll be looking out for our dresses in the Olympic stadium. We have a very busy summer planned. We know that lots of women will want to support their country in style.”

## Facilities fit for Olympic hopefuls

The development of excellent sporting facilities at NTU continues with the recent installation of a new hockey pitch and four tennis courts at Clifton.

The new blue hockey pitch is a monofilament carpet, weighed down by sand. This provides a very similar performance to the water-based Olympic pitches.

Current BA (Hons) Real Estate Management student, and Great Britain hockey player, Adam Dixon said: “The new blue artificial turf pitch is a great addition to the ever expanding range of world class sporting facilities at NTU. With Olympic hockey taking place on a blue pitch for the first time ever, the University’s hockey teams can experience a similar playing surface themselves.”

Adam is hopeful of selection for the Olympics. You can read more about Adam, and other alumni and students dreaming of representing their country at London 2012, at [www.ntu.ac.uk/sport/olympic\\_hopefuls/adam\\_dixon](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/sport/olympic_hopefuls/adam_dixon)

In addition to the new hockey pitch, the University has been busy preparing four brand new tennis courts at the Lee Westwood Sport Centre, which they hope will encourage more students to take part in the sport. It will make playing the sport a lot cheaper for the University’s Tennis Club, who will no longer have to hire external courts.

The new courts were part funded by NTU alumnus and former NTU tennis captain, Paul Lester (BSc Hons Mechanical Engineering 1972), as well as Sport and Lifestyle sponsor, Logicalis.



Dresses are available at [www.flag-rags.com](http://www.flag-rags.com) in sizes 8 to 14 and come in two soft cotton jersey designs – the Bodycon dress, which flatters the body’s silhouette, and the Trapeze dress which flares gently from under the bust.



# Chance of a lifetime

Current student and Alumni Fund caller, Bethan John has had the opportunity of a lifetime thanks to a conversation with alumnus Chris Townsend (MSc Marketing Management 1997).

Bethan, who is studying BSc (Hons) Financial Mathematics, approached Chris enquiring, initially, about the Alumni Fund and his kind donations to the University as well as discussing her academic future. She said: "I spoke to Chris about whether I should do a placement, the opportunities it would give me, and how it would make my CV stand out. We discussed what I wanted to do after NTU and talked about sport – I play squash and would like to play professionally after graduating."

Bethan also enquired if Chris knew of an opportunity for a placement within a sports organisation. Chris suggested she contact the Head of Fundraising at the British Olympic Association (BOA), to discuss becoming a Fundraising Seconded for the Commercial Team. As a result, Bethan was offered a placement.

During her time at BOA Bethan helped organise the BT British Olympic Gold Ball. This event, which is held annually to raise money to support Team GB to keep training and competing at the highest level, took

place at Kensington Olympia and raised over £750,000. She said: "It was very glamorous and I was able to meet some of my sporting idols, including Denise Lewis. I managed to catch her while she was giving some dancing tips to Audley Harrison!"

Using the experience she gained at BOA, Bethan applied for a role at the London Organising Committee for the Olympic Games as a temporary Venue Co-ordinator supporting the Ticketing Team. She said: "I'm really enjoying my work here. Luckily I am a number-orientated person who pays attention to detail. It is great to see all the work that goes into planning huge events like the Olympics, and I'm so excited to see all the hard work become a lifetime legacy."

The experience and opportunities that Bethan had during her placement only happens once in a lifetime. She said: "Having this experience will help me perform more efficiently and effectively in my next role. I'm looking forward to applying my new found knowledge to the rest of my career."

If you can offer a placement to a current student please contact us on +44 (0)115 848 8777 or email [alumni@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@ntu.ac.uk).





## Phase Two on track

The project to build lines Two and Three of Nottingham's tram network has commenced.

The existing NET Line One which opened for service in March 2004 carries approximately 10 million passengers a year. The 14.5 km route connects Hucknall to Nottingham Railway Station via Bulwell, Hyson Green, The Forest and city centre.

Construction on NET Phase Two, to Clifton via Wilford and Chilwell via Beeston started in January 2012 and services on the new lines are planned to start in late 2014.

Nottingham's transport network has been commended in recent years for the integrated approach that has been taken to encourage connectivity between trains, trams and buses. It is anticipated that NET Phase Two will take a further three million car journeys off roads and nearly 30% of the Greater Nottingham population will be within 800 metres of a tram stop.

Councillor Jane Urquhart, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation at Nottingham City Council, the scheme's promoter, said: "This is fantastic news for Nottingham. In these constrained financial and economic times it means a significant boost to the local economy, more jobs and better public transport for thousands of people."

NET Phase Two will be funded by Nottingham City Council, the Government, and through a combination of tram fare revenue and a Private Finance Initiative. The Government provides approximately 66% of the estimated £570 million cost with the remaining 34% coming from Nottingham City Council.

The scheme has not been without controversy though. The Council will find the majority of its contribution by introducing a new tax – the Workplace Parking Levy (WPL). The WPL is a charge on employers based in the city that provide 11 or more car parking places for employees.

This means that Nottingham will become the first city in the UK where such a tax has been introduced. Set at £288 per space for 2012-13 and rising to £350 by 2015 the tax should raise around £14 million in its first year, although the overall economic impact of the charge will not be known for some time.



# Martin returns to NTU for expert advice

Our academic departments are knowledge factories which process ideas and turn them into concepts with a wide range of potential applications. NTU set up the Future Factory to exploit the potential of these great innovations.

The project acts as the middle-man between the University and businesses in the East Midlands and the focus is on improving sustainability.

The Future Factory service is free, and Martin Rigley (BSc Hons Electrical and Electronic Engineering 1985) leapt at the chance for help to develop an inspired idea which all started with muck...

A commodity spread on the land for just a few weeks each year, cattle manure is otherwise left to languish in slurry pits. Lindhurst Engineering, which Martin runs in north Nottinghamshire, sniffed a more appealing prospect.

One long-standing client is Severn Trent Water. Lindhurst help them in the servicing of their anaerobic digesters, which convert

waste into methane gas for combustion in power stations.

Martin said: "A common problem is blockage in the heat exchangers. You have to heat the waste for the bacteria to digest it. Gas concentration rises, and that combined with heat means you've got a potential explosion."

The variety of objects causing blockage may be fascinating, but the prospect of a faecal bomb is less so – and blockages lead to wastage and delays.

Rather than repair or replace individual components, Martin thought it would be better to divide up parts of a process into units in shipping containers so that when a particular process failed, that unit could simply be removed, and a new one put in

place while the original system was repaired.

On-site plants would be like Lego sets, with machinery installed inside the modular blocks. Containers could also be laboratories or house process plants for any industrial application.

Martin said: "Our idea is to build process equipment in a standard shipping container. In fact we encourage clients to think inside the box!

"One of the advantages is that the majority of work takes place off site in the controlled environment of our manufacturing facility. This is far less risky in terms of timescales and project costs than traditional onsite construction methods. Think of it as 'plug and play' – the applications are endless."

Future Factory supports sustainable design within small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in the East Midlands. They can help your business source the expertise it needs to realise a more sustainable future. For more information on Future Factory visit [www.ntu.ac.uk/futurefactory](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/futurefactory).



# We need your support

As you can see from the stories within these pages, the support from our alumni and friends of the University has a large impact on life for current students. The money given is used to enrich and add to the student experience in a variety of different and innovate ways.

This year, your donations helped us to launch the Alumni Fund scholarship scheme by providing 12 first year students a bursary of £1,000 to support their first year of study. These awards were targeted towards students with extremely limited household income, and it is our hope that in future years we can grow the number of awards we are able to make.

The impact of donations to the University does not stop at helping current students. By choosing to join other alumni in supporting the John van Geest Cancer Research Centre on Clifton campus, you are helping a world-class team of research scientists get one step closer to achieving their goals of finding effective treatments and vaccines for breast and prostate cancer.

Any donation makes a difference and you can give from as little as £3 per month. Make a lasting difference to students today, and to the world of tomorrow.

Visit [www.ntualumni.org.uk/netcommunity/givenow](http://www.ntualumni.org.uk/netcommunity/givenow) to donate online.



# Shared success

Second year Psychology student Kathryn Gallagher has received one of this year's NTU Alumni Awards for Sport – a package that will help her balance her studies with her para equestrian training.

Kathryn, who has Turner's syndrome – a condition which affects her joints – trains five or six times a week with her horse Dreamer. She wakes early to travel to University after which she will visit the gym, aiming to be at the stables by 4.00 pm. After training it's time to go home to fit in some more study before bedtime.

She said: "I am really enjoying my course, especially the practical side which I can apply to my sport. It's tough to fit studies around training, but being very organised helps!"

Kathryn recently came fourth in a high profile, invitation only, competition. Her 2011 highlight came when she won the freestyle section at a 2\* international event.

Next year will bring more national and international competitions. She said: "Riding is my passion and I hope to compete in the 2016 Paralympics. I think 2012 would be too soon for Dreamer because he is still quite young."

She added: "I've been brought up around horses and have always wanted to compete professionally. The support I have received from the Alumni Fund has inspired me to keep working hard with Dreamer and hopefully one day we can win awards for our country."

# Thank you!

Our sincere thanks go to everyone who has made a donation to Nottingham Trent University. Here we pay tribute to those of you who gave so generously between 1 August 2010 and 29 February 2012, and detail how your money has been spent.

## Alumni and friends

**Maxine Abbott**, Modern European Studies 1998; **Thomas Addison**, Economics 2008; **Tamara Addlestone**, current student; **Eric Adjaidoo**, Health Studies 1995; **Donna Adlard**, Accounting and Finance 2008; **Michelle Aitken**, Criminology 2005; **Carol Alford**, Civil Engineering 1993; **Anna Allen (née Sherin)**, European Business 1996; **Jennifer Allen**, Humanities 1997; **Victoria Allen**, Law 2005 and Legal Practice Course 2009; **Richard Allitt**, Civil Engineering 1976; **Ian Andrews**, Leadership 2008; **Richard Anthony**, Chemistry 1997; **Ruhid Anwari**, Humanities 2009; **Mike Armstrong**, Education 1967 and 1972; **Harriet Armstrong Viner (née Armstrong)**, Humanities 1993; **Nicola Arrowsmith**, Media and Cultural Studies & Sociology Psychology 2005; **Lesley Ann Arshad**, Human Geography 2005; **Shona Astbury**, District Nursing 1987 and Primary Education with Qualified Teacher Status 1999; **Jemma Atkin-Barrett**, Museum and Heritage Management 2008; **Keith Attwood**, MBA 1990; **Bernard Au**, Civil Engineering 1981; **Cheuk Wai (Christopher) Au**, Law 2005; **James Aubrey**, Construction Management 2000 and MBA 2008; **Andrew Ayliffe-Robson**, Management 1997;

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# Ukuleles bring music into the classroom

This academic year a music specialism option has been introduced to the BA (Hons) Primary Education programme and, thanks to the Alumni Fund, the School of Education has purchased 34 ukuleles to use when working with children in a local partnership school.

The ukuleles, which are suited to young children because of their size and ease to learn, will be used when teaching a whole class.

The instruments will not only benefit the BA (Hons) Primary Education students, but will also form part of a larger central

resource for other undergraduate and postgraduate teacher-training programmes.

Lecturer Annette Bindon said: "Over the past couple of years NTU trainees have had the opportunity to work with ukuleles through an external provider. It was the students that expressed the desire for further opportunities to learn. Now that we have a full set of instruments we can build sessions into each year of our music programme to develop skills progressively and provide continuity to the learning experience."



**Lorraine Diep**, Law 2009; **Kieran Donaghey**, European Business 1995; **Steven Doughty**, Cost Management of Building Engineering Services 1999; **Rosie Driver (née Langham)**, Human Resource Management 1996; **Anne-Marie Drummond**, Biology 2006 and Physiology and Pharmacology 2008; **Thomas Duggan**, Fine Art 2009; **Nigel Dunn**, Quantity Surveying 1965; **Tom Dunsdon**, Modern European Studies 1985; **Jenny Dunwoody (née Davies)**, Combined Studies in Sciences 1998; **Michael Durham**, Social Work 2002; **Christopher Dwyer**, Civil Engineering 1997; **Philip Dyer**, Education 1974; **Ian Dykes**, Software Engineering 2003;

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Management) 2004; **Kashmir Gill**, Computer Studies 2005; **Kuldeep Gill (née Khela)**, Human Services 2008; **Stephen Gillott**, Management 1995, Management Studies 1996 and MBA 1997; **Graham Godley**, Economics 1971; **Keith Gompertz**, Legal Studies 1971 and Corporate Law 2001; **Peter Gooch**, Business Studies 1998; **Simon Goodburn**, Architectural Technology 2000; **Gerald Gora**, Urban Estate Surveying 1974; **Ashwinkumar Gosrani**, Business Studies 1969; **Pamela Gow**, Management in General Practice 1996; **Laura Grandidge**, Highway and Traffic Engineering 2005; **Kevin Granger**, Construction Management 2009; **Thomas Grant**, Business Studies 2007; **Terence Graves**, Printing Technology 1970; **Olly Gray**, Accounting and Finance 2004; **Bobby Greasley**, Criminology 2004; **Helen Green**, Psychology 2001; **Richard Green**, Combined Studies in Science 1990; **Stephen Green**, Economics 1993; **Charles Greenhalgh**, Urban Estate Surveying 1995; **Jessica Greenman**, current student; **Caroline Gregory**, Law 2007; **Lyn Grenville-Mathers**, Estate Management 1968; **Dr Simon Griffin**, Integrated Engineering 1995 and Mechanical Engineering 2000; **Joe Grimes**, Human Geography 2007; **Richard Grimes**, Accounting and Finance 1993; **Jill Gross**, Communication Studies 1996; **Geoffrey Guerin**, Business Studies 2006; **Anna Guest (née Harkin)**, Law 1992 and Legal Practice Course 1993; **Susan Guy**, Contemporary Arts 1999;

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**Michelle Heeley**, Europe with German 2000 and Bar Vocational Course 2001; **Sanjeev Heer**, Accounting and Finance 2009; **Mark Heeson**, Electrical and Electronic Engineering 1995; **Fiona Henry**, Education 1995; **Alison Herkes-Peck (née Herkes)**, Modern European Studies 1996; **Andrew Heslop**, Mechanical Engineering 1999 and Manufacturing Engineering 2002; **James Hickey**, Business Studies 1996; **Chris Hickman**, Broadcast Journalism 2006; **Nick Higgins**, Applied Chemistry 1985 and Secondary Education 1988; **Gayle Higgott (née Smith)**, Applied Biology 2000; **Jonathan Hill**, Law 1996 and Legal Practice Course 1997; **Kate Hines**, Primary Education 2011; **Stuart Hiron**, Computer Studies 1997; **Ben Hoare (formerly Hoare-Meehan)**, Law 1999; **Claire Hoban**, History 2005; **Johnathan Hobson**, Applied Biology 1981; **Bruce Hockin**, Industrial Management 1997; **Thomas Hodgson**, English with Media and Cultural Studies 2005; **Geoffrey Hoff**, Further Education 1997; **Simon Holden**, Quantity Surveying 1990; **Joyce Holder**, Education 2004; **Alison Holland**, Interior Architecture and Design 2004; **Edward Hollinghurst**, Business Management 2006; **Jonathan Homewood**, MBA 2005; **Jane Honniball**, Primary Education 2005; **Denis Horton**, Business Studies 1973; **David Houghton**, Design and Technology 1993; **Edward Howson**, Business Studies 2000; **Kenneth Huckle**, Government and Public Policy 1997; **Anna Hughes**, Education 2006; **Earle Hughes**, Law 1997; **Owen Hughes**, Financial Services 1996; **Mark Humphreys**, Business Studies 1994; **Ben Humphrys**, Transformation Management 2001; **Simon Hurlbatt**, Accounting and Finance 1990; **William Huskinson**, Architectural Technology 2000; **Sheila Hutchinson (née Storry)**, Primary Education 1970; **Jane Hutchinson**, Social and Community Research Methods 2002; **Dominic Hyett**, Sport (Science and Administration) 1994; **James Hymas**, Applied Chemistry 2002;

**Martin Ingles**, Integrated Engineering 1993; **Ian and Jane Irving**, Business Studies 1977;

**Victoria Jacobs (née Thain)**, Primary Education 1999; **Julie James**, Primary Education 1993; **Girish Janday**, International Business 2007; **Dr Matthew Jenkins**, Biomedical Sciences 2005; **Ceri Jenks**, Quantity Surveying 1995; **Jack Jewell**, current student; **Michael Johnson**, International Hospitality Management 1998; **Rose Johnson**, Business Studies 2005; **Carole Johnston (née Bown)**, Further Education 1994; **Rob Johnstone**; **Alastair Jones**, Graphic Design 2009;

# Giving back

Some of our Alumni Fund telephone callers felt so strongly about the projects they were raising funds for that they decided to become donors themselves. Here two of our current students tell us why they are already giving back.



Lindsey is a final year International Business student who hopes to run her own business one day. She has more experience of the inner workings of the University than many other students thanks to her placement year with our International Development Office.

She said: "I have always tried to give to charity when I can, but there are so many of them it's sometimes hard to decide where to put your money! Many people don't think of the University as a charity, but the Alumni Fund does a lot of work that has a positive impact on the experience that students have at NTU and in society. The University holds fond memories for many people and it's good to give something back and know you are helping support students who are here now. The Alumni Fund will continue to support the University after I leave and give students like me the opportunities they need to succeed."



Jack is a final year Law student with aspirations to become a successful solicitor. He says: "I chose to donate £4 a month to the John van Geest Cancer Research Centre for reasons close to my heart. Both my Mum and cousin have suffered from cancer, and both pulled through. Without the efforts of people like Professor Bob Rees and others like him, they wouldn't be here today. I'm proud to give back to the University from which I have already gained so much."

**Carly Jones**, Modern Languages 2005; **Hayley Jones**, Business Information Systems 2006; **Nathan Jones**, Modern European Studies 1999; **James Jordan**, Law 1983; **Kaye Jordan (née McBlain)**, Chemistry with Year in Industry 2004; **Councillor Blane Judd**, Integrated Engineering 1994;

**Lawrence Kain**, Business Studies 2009; **Sundeeep Kaur**, Biology 2006 Biomedical Sciences 2008; **Paul Keegan**, Management 1997, Management Studies 1998 and MBA 2000; **Hollie Kenney**, Human Services 2009; **Neil Kernon**, Law 1999 and Legal Practice Course 2001; **Jane Kirk**, Social Work 2008; **David Knight**, Business Studies 1983; **Steve Knott**; **Laura Knowles**, Psychology 2005; **Anthony Kockelbergh**, Business Studies 1974; **Natalie Kolf**, European Business 1999; **Peter Kosmalski**, Secondary Education 1996; **Bernice Kozlowski (née Gleadle)**, Textiles 1952; **Serlinna Kuat**, International Business 2008; **Chun C Kwong**, Law 2006;

**Ian Lambert**, Mechanical Engineering 1999; **Mary Lane**, Human Geography 2005; **Pete Lasko**, Computing (Visualisation) 2002; **Catherine Lawson**, Primary Education 1992; **Andrew Leader**, Applied Biology 1991; **Kate Leavesley**, Law 2006 and Legal Practice Course 2008; **Helen Lee**, Public Administration 1994; **Daniel Legge**, Media and Cultural Studies 2009; **Jack Lenton**, English 2008; **Ian Lewis**, Geotechnical Engineering Design and Management 2009; **Helen Lillie**, Education 2003 and 2004; **Thomas Lindop**, Print Media Management 1986; **Sarah Lines (née Maher)**, Psychology 2008; **Cindy Liu**, Multimedia 2010; **Peter Lloyd**, European Business 1992; **Lorna Longdon**, Social Sciences 2002; **Graham Lovering**, Law 1999; **Alistair Lowe**, Safety Health and Environmental Management 2000; **Tu Luong**, Multimedia 2008; **David Lytton**, Law 1998 and Legal Practice Course 1999;

**Colin Machin**, Agriculture 1967; **Jennifer Machin (née Golder)**, Social Sciences 1998; **Mahesh Makwana**, Accounting and Finance 2005; **Darren Male**, Civil Engineering 1994; **Matthew Mangan**, Business Studies 1997; **Alexander Mansfield**, Biomedical Sciences 2004; **Jawaid Maqbool**, Software Engineering 2002; **Simon Marriott**, Electrical and Electronic Engineering 1980; **Louise Marshall (née Berger)**, European Business 1998; **Andrew Masdin**, Business Studies 1987; **Daniel Mason**, European Business 2003; **Deborah Matthysz (née Capes)**, Textiles/Fashion (Textiles) 1985 and Graduate Teacher Programme 2008; **David Mawer**, Applied Biology 1990; **Benjamin Maydon**, English 2006; **Rosalind Mayes**, Criminology 2000 and Support Staff Middle Leadership 2009; **Christine McAlinden (née Bell)**, Applied Biology 1990; **Jennifer McArdle**, International Business 2007; **Rebecca McCaffry**, Heritage Studies 1999; **Roy Mccaullay**, Social Work 2005; **Nicola McHale (née Tait)**, Interior Architecture and Design 2002; **Gordon Mckay**, Accounting and Finance 2004; **Katy McMenamin (née Watts)**, European Business 2002; **Andrew McNickle**, Building Studies (Quantity Surveying) 1990; **Ian McQuade**, Combined Studies in Sciences 1996; **Sally Meadowcroft**, Computer Studies 1999; **Matthew Mell**, Biochemistry and Microbiology 2006; **Robert Merrett**, Graphic Communications Management 2004; **Janet Metcalf (née Smith)**, Rural Domestic Economy 1959; **John Miles**, Civil Engineering 1962; **Paul Miles**, Building Procurement 2000; **Andrew Miller**, Applied Biology 1989; **Eddie Miller**, Human Resource Management 1995; **Nicola Miller**, Primary Education 1997; **Chetan Modha**, Information Systems 2003 and Business Management 2005; **Neer Modha**, Sport Science with IT 2009; **Farah Mohammed**, Biomedical Sciences 1998; **Richard Monk**, Management Studies 2004; **Jonathan Montanaro**, International Business 2006; **Adam Moore**, Humanities 1986; **Christopher Moore**, Physics 2010; **Louise Moore**, Humanities 1996; **Sue Moore**, Management Studies 1995 and 1996 and MBA 1997; **John Morecroft**, Urban Estate

Surveying 1978; **Gareth Morgan**, Media and Cultural Studies 1999; **Stephen Morley**, Craft Design and Technology 1990; **Steve Morrell**, Social Work 1999; **Justin Moss**, Cost Management of Building Engineering Services 2005; **Tony Mowles and Angela Mowles (née Curtis)**, Accounting and Finance 1991; **Craig Moxham**, Primary Education 1995; **Avik Mukherjee**, Laws 1989; **Simon Mullen**, Environmental Science 1999; **Salim Muoria-Sal (née Chopping)**, Education 1990; **Chris Murton**, Electrical and Electronic Engineering 1981; **Lisa Mutton (née Beard)**, Primary Education 1997; **Carl Myers**, Social Work 2008

**Charlotte Nash (née Wilkins)**, Clothing Studies with Textiles 1997; **Dr Peter Nash**, Applied Biology 1990; **Fiona Naylor**; **Timothy Naylor**, Secondary Education 1996; **Anja Nelskamp**, English 2009; **Kelly Newman (née Jenkinson)**, Humanities 2001; **Joanna Nicholls**, Psychology 2001; **John Noble**, Agriculture 1957;

**Rachel O'Brien**, Primary Education 2009; **Victor Okrafo-Smart**, History and Gender 2000; **Layla Olford**, Humanities 2009; **Andria Oliver**, Combined Studies in Sciences 1995; **Janet Oliver-Taylor**, Humanities 2001 Secondary Education 2002; **Ian Orrill**, Law 1997 and Corporate Law 2001; **Andrew Outram**, Law 2005 and Legal Practice Course 2007; **Kesiena Ovien**, Law 2009; **Gwyn Owen**, Estate Management 1985;

**Sarah Paddick**, Politics 2005; **John-Paul Paganini**, Financial Services 1997; **Yaz Parkar**, Construction Management 1992; **David Parker**, Design and Technology 1993; **Dharmendra Parmar**, Construction Management 1995; **Michelle Patel (née Mackeprang)**, Social Sciences 1998; **Priya Patel**, Business Studies 2008; **John Paterson**, Building 1981; **Beth Pell**, Theatre Design 2005; **Fiona Pendleton (née Boyle)**, European Business 1999; **Dean Penford**, Social Sciences 1992 and Careers Guidance 1994; **Andrew Perry**, Civil Engineering 1999; **Vineet Phakey**, Accounting and Finance 2008; **David Phillips**, Business Studies 1974; **Elizabeth Phillips**, Management Studies 1997; **David Phoenix**, Geotechnical Engineering Design and Management 2009; **Stephen Pile**, Building Studies 1994 and Residential Development 1996; **Pam Pindar**, Management Studies 1996 and MBA 1997; **David Piper**, Med Lab Science 1965, 1967 and 1973; **Faye Plummer**, Law 2007; **Chris Poke**, Business Studies 2001; **Hannah Pollard**, Applied Biology 2001; **Timothy Powell**, Patent Litigation 2004 and Intellectual Property Litigation 2005; **Geoff Poyzer**, Civil Engineering 1991; **Daniel Preddy**, Legal Practice Course 1997; **Divya Proctor (née Sharma)**, Applied Chemistry 1985 and Education 1986; **Alan Pugh**, Law 1995 and Legal Practice Course 1996; **Kashmir Purewal**, Law 2008, Legal Practice Course 2010 and Law 2010;

**Kai Qi**, Marketing Management 2011;

**Anthony Radley**, Sport Science and Mathematics 2008; **Ronald Radley**, Secondary Education 1963; **Habib Rahman**, Law 2009; **Paul Ramsden**, Electrical Engineering 1987; **Liang Ran**, Multimedia Engineering 2007; **Stephen Randolph**, Health Studies 1995; **Mariyam Rawat**, MBA 2007; **Steve Reed**, Humanities Accelerated Intensive Route 1996; **Alex Reeve-Howarth (née Reeve)**, Secondary Education 1988; **Dr Gill Scott**, Management Studies 1982 and Education 2000; **Alastair Rennie**, Agricultural Merchandising 1984; **Jeremy Rennie**, Business Studies 1982; **Charlotte Renouf (née Perchard)**, Law 2006; **Justin Revill**, Sport Science 2000; **Eleanor Reynolds (née Bolton)**, Law 2000; **Debi Richardson**, Psychology and Educational Development 2006; **Jennifer Richardson (née Blewett)**, Education 1963; **Grant Riley**, Product Design 2010; **Paul Rivlin**, Common Professional Examination 1994; **Timothy Robertson**, Law 1974; **Dr Alison Robertson (née McKeown)**, Psychology 2001; **Emily Robins**, current student; **Kelvin Robinson**, Modern Languages 2008; **Jennifer Rogers (née Munro)**, Primary Education 1999; **Lianne Rooney**, Careers Guidance 2011;



**Andrew Ross**, Sport (Science and Management) 2002; **Helen Ross (née Mitchem)**, Humanities 1997; **Melanie Ross (née Williams)**, Accounting and Finance 2003; **Malcolm Russell**, Biomedical Sciences 1993; **Scott Russell**, Management Studies 1998;

**Andrew Samuel**, Law 2008, Legal Practice 2009 and Law 2009; **Carol Sarbutt**, Further Education 1996; **Edward Saunders**, English 2006; **Elizabeth Saunders**; **Jim Scholes**, Textiles 1976; **Matthew Sedgley**, Environmental Studies with Business Administration 1998; **Kirti Seth**, Management Studies 1997 and MBA 1999; **Pooja Shah**, Health and Environment 2009; **Sandhya Sharma**, English with Spanish 2011; **Lord Edward Sharman**, Law 2007; **Heather Sharman**, Accounting and Finance 2000; **Jonathan Sharpe**, Humanities 1996 and Social Science Research Methods 1998; **Michael Shaw**, Humanities 1997; **Jonathan Shires**, Land Administration (Estate Management) 1993 and Estate Surveying 1996; **Jonathan Short**, Legal Practice Course 1998; **Hon Ming Shum**, Law 2010; **Manish Sidar**, Real Estate Management 2009; **Ian Simon**, Modern European Studies 1991; **Sobrabonye Simon-Hart**, Legal Practice Course 2006; **Jonathan Sloper**, Business Studies 1983 and Further Education and Training 2002; **Bill and Pat Small**, Education 1963; **Gemma Smedley**, Business Studies 2007; **Adrian Smith**, Manufacturing Engineering 1992; **Aimee Smith**, European Economics 2006; **Graham Smith**, Business Studies 1992; **Kate Smith (née Halford)**, Graphic Design 1997; **Lewis Smith**, Product Design 2006; **Mark Smith**, Quality Management and Improvement 2003; **Rebecca Smith (née Wallin)**, Design Studies 1998; **Thomas Smith**, Accounting and Information Systems 2006; **Martyn Southall**, Construction Engineering Design and Management 2002; **Anthony Southgate**, HonMSc 1994; **Tim Sowry**, Business Economics 2005; **Robert Speight**, Plant Engineering 1990; **Philippa Spencer**, Socio-Legal Studies (Children) 1999; **Thomas Stait**, Electrical and Electronic Engineering 2005; **John Stanley**, Education 1963; **Thomas Stanton**, Mechanical Engineering 1999 and 2002; **Linda Stein**, Applied Chemistry 1995; **Roderick Stevenson**, Science 1997; **Louise Stoakes**, Fashion Business 2003; **Gabrielle Strand (née Strange)**, Multimedia Production 2006; **Dr Rachel Stubbington**, Environmental Biology 2006; **Sarah Sullivan**, Business and Quality Management 1998; **Umesh Suthar**, Product Design 2004; **Laura Swaddle**, Graphic Design 2007; **Michelle Szyman**, Psychology 2006;

**Kirsty Talks**, Mental Health Nursing 1996; **Nigel Tamplin**, Business Studies 1973; **Anthony Tan**, MBA 2002; **Ivan Tang**, Law 2006; **Victoria Tasker**, Politics 2002; **Kathleen Tatlow**, Primary Education 1970; **Robert Tatlow**, Telecommunications 1977; **Andrew Taylor**, Integrated Engineering 2002; **Elena Taylor**, Law 2009 and Legal Practice Course 2010; **Gordon Taylor**, Business Economics 1999; **Ian Taylor**, Land Administration (Estate Management) 1994 and Estate Surveying 1997; **Peter Taylor**, Furniture and Product Design 1996; **Winston Taylor**, Postgraduate Diploma in Law 1997 and Bar Vocational Course 1998; **Denise Teasdale**, Social Sciences 1999; **Gavin Tester**, Modern European Studies 1995; **Richard Thacker**, Business Studies 2007; **Sameer Thanki**, Business Studies 2007; **Adrian Thompson**, Business Administration 1999 and 2000; **Alastair Thompson**, Economics 1998; **Andy Thompson**, Sport Science (Administration And Coaching) 2000; **Sharon Thompson (née Bennett)**, Communication Studies 1999; **Kirsty Thomson**, Criminology 2000; **James Thornton**, Urban Estate Surveying 1981; **Rupert Thornton**, Estate Management 1971; **Nick Thorogood**, Business Information Systems 2007; **James Towers**, Electrical Engineering 1996; **Paul Towers**, Sport (Administration and Science) 2000; **Catherine Townend (née Jones)**, Social Sciences 2003 and

Social Science Research Methods 2004; **Malcolm Townroe**, Legal Practice Course 1994; **Mark Treharne**, Craft Design and Technology 1990; **Arti Trivedi**, Business Information Systems 2001; **Yuk Wah Tsang**, Applied Biology 1998; **Joanne Tse**, Combined Studies in Sciences 1995; **Adrian Turner**, Applied Biology 1990; **Delhorne Turner**, Social Sciences 1986; **Helen Turner**, Graphic Design 2003; **Karen Turner**, Health Studies 2002 and Primary Education 2003; **Harry Twells OBE**, HonMEcon 1995;

**Phil and Brenda Unsworth**, Education 1963; **Mohammed Usman**, Civil Engineering 2011;

**Cecilia Valente**, Communication Studies 2000; **Karen Vance**, Graphic Design 2006; **Roshan Vedi**, Combined Studies in Science 2004; **Hugo Venter**, Computing Systems 1993; **Hayley Villis**, International Fashion Business 2008; **Thomas Vincent**, Cinema Studies 2004;

**Andrew Walker**, Computing (Visualisation) 2002; **Karen Walker**, MBA 1991; **Martin Walker**, Accounting and Finance 1987; **Susan Wallbanks**, Strategic Human Resource Management 2006; **Nadina Wallis**, Accounting and Finance 1982; **Marie Walsh (née Jones)**, Law 1996; **John Walster**, Agricultural Merchandising 1957; **Matthew Walton**, Urban Estate Surveying 1984; **Rebecca Walton**, Secondary Education 2007; **Andrew Ward**, Architectural Technology 1999; **Jonathan Ward**, Business Studies 2008; **Mark Ward**, Biological Sciences 1991; **Paula Warnock (née Bower)**, Law 1996 and Legal Practice Course 1997; **Professor Malcolm Watford**, Applied Biology 1974; **Lucy Watson**, English 2004 and Human Resource Management 2008; **Graham Weatherston**, Advanced Litigation 2001 and 2002; **Joshua Webb**, Sport Science Management 2006; **Patricia (Polly) Welby**, Occupational Safety and Health 1997; **Paul Wells**, Photography 1996; **Ralf Wenz**, Mechanical Engineering 1991; **Aidan Wesley**, Software Engineering 2008; **Lilian West**, District Nursing 1990 and Further Education 1994; **Matthew Wharton**, Audio Visual Technology 2005; **Richard Wheat**, Economics 2009 and Graduate Teacher Programme Secondary 2011; **Darren Wheatcroft**, Combined Studies in Sciences 1996; **Clive Wheeler**, Communication Studies 1998; **Timothy Wheeler**, Construction Management 2000; **Chris Whelan**, Youth Justice 2009 and 2010; **Julia White**, Primary Education 1999; **Edward Whiteley**, Quantity Surveying & Construction Commercial Management 2007; **Lindsay Whiteley**, Law 2009 and Legal Practice Course 2011; **Andrew Whitmore**, Law 1990; **Olivia Wilding**, Communication Studies 2002; **Catherine Wilkes (née Hutton)**, Primary Education 1996; **Gareth Williams**, Quantity Surveying 1995; **Geoffrey Williams QC**, Law 1975; **Geoff Williams**, Civil Engineering 1977; **John Williams**, HonMA 1996; **Neil Willis**, Computer Studies 1997; **Ruth Willmott (née Sann)**, Business Studies 1995; **Anthony Wilson**, Art and Design (Fine Art) 1973 and Counselling Studies 1993; **Rebecca Wilson**, Law 2004; **Timothy Wilson**, European Economics 2000 and Social Science Research Methods 2001; **Carolyn Wimbury (née Butterworth)**, Applied Biology 1991; **Peter Winson**, Design and Technology 2005 and Secondary Education 2006; **Edward Winter**, Fashion Design 2007; **Cory Wiss**, Customer Service Management 2008; **Craig Wood**, Applied Chemistry 1993; **Samantha Woods**, current student; **Tracey Worrall**, Primary Education 1991; **Deborah Wright**, Accounting and Finance 1988; **Paul Wright**, Industrial Studies 1990; **Phillip Wright**, Business Information Systems 2003; **Lindsey Wyman**, current student;

**Kean Fai Yap**, Quantity Surveying 2000; **Wai Har Yau**, International Business 2008; **Tracie Yeoman**, Law 2003; **Gina Young (née Hall)**, Social Sciences 1999; **Mark Young**, Science (Applied Biology) 1996 and Applied Biology 1998;

**Bohdan Zinn**, Design and Technology 1993.

## A legacy for tomorrow

David Richmond (Estate Surveying 1964) is one of a growing number of alumni who have decided to make provision for the University in their will.

David started out as a part-time student at the then Regional College of Technology in the 1950s and became a chartered surveyor. His passion for education led him to join the Department of Surveying in the 1960s where he worked until he retired 30 years later.

He said: "I still like to keep in touch with the University. Some may think that I'm living in the past but on the contrary – staying involved keeps me looking forward.

"Whenever I meet or hear from my former students, they always recall their time at NTU with affection and gratitude and I suppose that this is the best accolade you can have for a career well spent.

"I have spent most of my life working at the University and leaving a gift in my will is my way of helping to ensure that future generations of students and staff can continue to enjoy a wonderful educational experience."

If you would like to make a legacy gift to the University, or if you have any questions, then please contact Fiona Fowkes at [fiona.fowkes@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:fiona.fowkes@ntu.ac.uk) or call +44 (0)115 848 8775.



Sadly David has passed away since being interviewed for this piece. He is fondly remembered by NTU staff and the many students he taught over the years. We are planning a special tribute to David in the 2013 issue of *Network*. Email your memories of David to [alumni@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@ntu.ac.uk)





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Val can offer a complete wedding planning service – from the initial consultation, to managing the budget and being on-hand during the ceremony and reception – or she can calmly step in to work on the final details when there are just a few weeks to go.

There is a “fair bit of juggling” along the way, but Val starts by taking down a brief from her client which forms the basis of a

## Let Val do the hard work

Hiring a wedding planner is not just for the rich and famous. Alumna Val Mattinson can help you with your special occasion.

detailed proposal. She said: “This is often the point when they get a feel for what they actually want. I ask them to think about the weddings they’ve been to, what they liked, and what they didn’t”.

Self-confessed perfectionist Val, who stepped in to help out at her brother’s wedding in Barbados four years ago when plans started to unravel, feels that the bride and groom should not be bothered with any logistical questions on their big day. She said: “I advise couples to assign a key contact like a bridesmaid or usher who can help with the smaller details, like finding Auntie Janet for the photos!”

She assures us her job is not all glitz and glam: “Many people think wedding planners are for the rich and famous, but organising a wedding can be one of the most stressful times of your life.”

Val is not new to organising or attending special events, although she originally started out as a lawyer after graduating with LLB Hons Law in 1990. She got “the bug” for organising events when she was seconded to the role of Executive Officer in the Chief Executive’s Office at Nottingham City Council. She stayed in that role for three years before taking up the position of Director of Corporate and External Affairs at New College Nottingham.

Val still finds time to practice as a Local Government / Adult Care Solicitor, but says her experience has benefited her wedding planning business: “The skills I’ve developed as a lawyer have been useful to me both in business and throughout my life”.

To find out more about Val’s company, Benessamy, visit [www.benessamy.co.uk](http://www.benessamy.co.uk) where you can also read Val’s blog.

## Charlotte returns to NTU to get married

As if her graduation wasn’t enough, alumna Charlotte chose to return to NTU for another milestone – to get married.

Charlotte Smith (BA Hons Business Management 2009) and Robert “Bob” Boyles met at school, but didn’t actually get together until Charlotte’s eighteenth birthday. They chose to get married at NTU because of its central location and its beautiful buildings and courtyard. They also liked the convenience of holding the whole event in one location – a civil ceremony in the Old Chemistry Theatre, a dinner in the Old Library and a party and barbecue in the Benefactors’ Courtyard.

Charlotte said: “It was a perfect day. It’s a stunning venue. Our guests remarked on how welcome they were made to feel and how fantastic the food was. It was a truly memorable day that was everything that we had ever hoped for and more.”

The couple got married on 7 August 2010, had their honeymoon in Dubai and now have a daughter, Annabel Elizabeth, who was born in July 2011.



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# Weddings

## **Emma Goff (BEd Hons Primary Education 1998)**

Emma married Keith Longley on 17 December 2011 at The Grand Hotel in Eastbourne, where they also held their reception.

## **Katherine Langdon (BA Hons Fashion and Textile Management 2000)**

Katherine married Paul Baker at St Peter's Church, Wolvercote, Oxford with the reception in a marquee at Summerfields School, Oxford on 16 April 2011. They enjoyed a honeymoon in Cape Town and Mauritius. Wedding guests included Laura Watts, Rachel Stratton (née Seaman), Lucy Kite (bridesmaid), Louise Foster, Ali Day (née Wright), James Stratton, Matthew Ridgway, Tim Pring, Fergus Jagger and Tom and Rowena Freeland.

## **Alison Westwood (MA Property Investment and Management 2010)**

On 3 June 2011 Alison married Adam Moss near Bordeaux, South West France. Fifty family members and close friends joined them including alumni Richard Moss, Andy McKay, Abigail Trolley, Michael David Knight, Matthew Jon Pinnick and Helen Romanko. The couple honeymooned in Sorrento, Italy and enjoyed a trip along the Amalfi coast.

## **Sarah Rowlands (BA Hons International Relations 1997) and Rik Gunderson (BEng Hons Mechanical Engineering 1997)**

Sarah and Rik met as freshers but didn't start dating until their final year. After 11 years they finally tied the knot on 19 June 2011 at Wasing Park, Aldermaston, Berkshire. Other alumni to attend the wedding were Siobhan Mahon, Emma Orrock, Jonathan Billing, Rowena Osbourne, Priya Kaura, Michelle Erskine, Natalie O'Hara and Neeru Kumar. The newlyweds honeymooned in Japan.

## **Kelly Bradley and Ryan Camp (BA Hons Sociology 2006)**

Kelly and Ryan met on the same course. They moved in together after university and after six years Ryan proposed on a birthday trip to Paris. They were married on 12 August 2011 at The Priory Barns, Little Wymondley, Hertfordshire. Alumni who attended included Grace Harrison (née Kirby) and Melissa Holian (née Camp) who were both bridesmaids, Chris Morgan who was best man, Anika Modha, Kate Bench, Neil Raichura, Aiden Tracey, James Taylorson and Tom Holian. They enjoyed a honeymoon in Singapore and Bali.

## **Justine Whittern (HND Science (Applied Biology) 1987)**

Justine Whittern married Jan Eeland in Piershil in the Netherlands on 26 August 2011. The reception took place on board the Hoop op Zegen ('Hope of Blessing'), a traditional Dutch sailing barge out of Numansdorp harbour on the Haringvliet River, and took the party westwards around the island of Tiengemeten. Jan is a volunteer head miller at the De Hoop windmill in Maasdam, Zuid-Holland, a qualified master miller and expert on windmill restoration. The windmill at Maasdam was decorated to celebrate the marriage, according to a tradition of Dutch millers.

## **Charis Morse (BA Hons Theatre Design 2009)**

Charis married Ben Walker on 17 June 2011 at Kidderminster Registry Office. The reception was held at the Cock and Magpie pub in Bewdley. They stayed in a cabin in Wales for their honeymoon as they had only just moved into their new house a week before the wedding. Other alumni who attended the wedding included Sophie Scott, Caz Griffin, Jo Allen, Pasha Hudson, Kelly Garret, Catherine Morgan, Chloe Smith, Elizabeth Harris and Kate Studley.

## **Philip Harrison (LLB Hons Law 1998)**

Philip met Rebecca Kenyon in 2006 after she was successfully chosen to make a radio package for BBC Radio Kent where Phil was her mentor. As the project came to an end Phil swept Rebecca into a spur-of-the-moment kiss and asked if he could see her again. After a long distance relationship the couple visited Paris in June 2008 where Phil proposed. The couple were married on 26 September 2009 at St Wilfrid's Roman Catholic Church in Longridge, followed by a reception at Barton Grange Hotel near Preston, Lancashire. They honeymooned in Mayan Riviera, Mexico. Alumni at the wedding included best man Gavin Abel, ushers Andrew Brotherston and Paul Scothern, and guests Tehira Taylor (née Shafiq), William Worthington, Derren Langston, Stephen Hilden, Bahgwandass Jassi, Jennifer Barsby and William Rice.



## **Annemarie Robinson (BSc Hons Sport (Science and Management) 2003)**

Annemarie married John Bushell on 21 December 2010 in Varadero, Cuba. They honeymooned in Varadero and enjoyed the Caribbean weather whilst it snowed at home. Upon their return to the UK they held a small reception at Fylde Rugby Club in Lytham, St Annes and were joined by some fellow alumni.

## **Judith Sutton (Cert Personnel Practice 2009)**

Judith married Richard Freeman at the Judges Lodgings in Lincoln on 10 June 2011. For their honeymoon they rode motorbikes for two weeks and sailed from the UK to France and France to Spain where they stayed in Chateaux and fantastic hotels along the way.





# Past and present

## Fifties and sixties

### John Astill | NCA Agriculture 1959

I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Brakenhurst. I'm now retired and fully occupied with fly fishing and shooting! I would be delighted to hear from anyone from my course.

### Richard Green | HND Building Studies 1964

President of the Rotary Club of Wolverhampton 2011/12 and Rotary District Foundation Chairman. I travelled to Malaysia and Singapore in May 2010 as team leader on a Rotary group study exchange project, also to India in November 2010 to take part in Rotary International's National Immunisation Day as part of Rotary's campaign to eliminate polio from the world.

### Michael Gott | Cert Ed Education 1968

I would like to hear from other 1968-1971 Education graduates.

### Gordon Stevenson | BSc Economics 1968

I retired from local government in 2004 and worked part-time as a teaching assistant then as interviewer with the Office for Natural Statistics, retiring (again) in December 2010. I'm now studying Art History. My wife, Sue and I celebrated our ruby wedding in 2010.

## Seventies and eighties

### John Naylor | Diploma Quantity Surveying 1970

I've worked for GMI Construction Group plc for 27 years, and for 17 years have been Director (Estimating).

### John Hopkinson | Cert Agriculture 1979

I took early retirement after 25 years lecturing at Barnsley College. I am working as a self-employed agricultural consultant and trainer, and also developing another company 'Made2MeasureMusic' specialising in providing customised live music for any occasion.

### David Pearson | BA Applied Social Studies 1982, Diploma Public Services Management 1997, MSc Public Services Management 2004

I've worked for Nottinghamshire County Council since qualifying as a Social Worker. Subsequently taught at NTU, and in 2010 was made a Visiting Fellow of Nottingham Business School.

### Arnold Macnab | LLB Hons Laws 1986

Just been appointed a Fellow of the Institute of Directors and I'm very pleased that the IoD have such strong links with NTU.

## Nineties

### Tracy Saunders (née Viles) | BSc Hons Combined Studies in Sciences 1993

I'm working for a Japanese pharmaceutical company in London as Associate QA Director of European Clinical Trials. I split my time between my home in Long Eaton and London.

### Lesley Cutler | BEd Hons Primary Education 1994

After working as a class teacher and a special needs teacher, I've retired to spend more time with my two granddaughters. I am grateful for the opportunity to study as a mature student, and for the lifelong friends I made at NTU.

### James Farncombe | BA Hons Contemporary Arts 1995

In September 2010 I made my debut at the National Theatre, London, designing the lighting for their production of *Men Should Weep* in the Lyttelton Theatre. My design for *Ghost Stories* won the 2011 What's on Stage White Light Best Lighting Design award, and I was nominated for the 2011 TMA awards. The show ran in the West End for a year, and transferred to Toronto.

### Rachel Watson (née Hunt) | BA Hons Humanities Accelerated Intensive Route 1996

I am an Adult Education Tutor teaching literacy which is very rewarding despite the paperwork! I'm just finishing my postgraduate subject specialism course in literacy at Warwick University and hope to do a diploma in Dyslexia Studies.

### Tanya Berridge-Burley (née McGill) | LLB Hons Law 1998, Diploma Legal Practice Course 2001

After qualifying as a solicitor in 2003, I worked for a law firm in Liverpool, specialising in family law. I then relocated to Zurich, Switzerland where I have been working in-house at UBS Investment Bank. Now I plan to relocate to New York where I hope to take the New York Bar exam.

### Lydia Bourne | BA Hons Photography 1998

Moved to the island of Sark in the Channel Islands in 2006 where I run a small photography shop selling images taken locally.

### Philip Harrison | LLB Hons Law 1998

I am producer of the weekday evening show broadcast on BBC Radio Kent, BBC Sussex, BBC Surrey, BBC Radio Solent, BBC Oxford and BBC Radio Berkshire.

## Noughties

### Phillip Blacker | BA Hons Broadcast Journalism 2000

After nearly 10 years at Capital Radio / OCAP Media / Global Radio I left in July 2010 after covering the World Cup as sports editor. I am now a freelance sports reporter / commentator working for a number of organisations, including ESPN, UEFA.com, TalkSPORT and Yahoo.

### Kiran Nandra (née Surdhar) | BA Hons Social Sciences 2001

Left NTU part way through a postgrad Social Science Research Certificate for a job in BBC National Radio. I've worked on BBC TV documentaries, been a researcher on a BBC TV series *Desi DNA* and currently work as a Broadcast Journalist at the BBC Asian Network.

### Matthew Bucknall | BSc Hons Sport (Science and Management) 2002

Since graduating I have coached football in America and travelled to Australia, New Zealand and Thailand. I play semi-professional football and worked in various jobs before starting Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and joining the army in 2007. I am now a Captain with the Royal Corps of Signals and currently working with the Queen's Gurkha Signal Regiment.

### Lucianna Gallucci | BA Hons Decorative Arts 2004

In January 2011 I exhibited my work for the first time at Maison et Objet in Paris. From this show one shop in Paris placed an order for my ceramic pieces and I exhibit in galleries and shops around the UK.

### Madeleine Bell | BA Hons Fashion Business 2005

In my first year of teaching, my class created clothes inspired by Vivienne Westwood. We sent photos of the clothes to her and she asked if we would be happy to help with her 2008 Gold Collection. She sent one of her designers to the school and the children painted rainforests, insects, animals and Cher Guevara inspired self-portraits onto over 50 garments, hats and pieces of fabric. We have since kept in touch and visited Vivienne at her studio.

### Clementine Cummins | BA Hons Photography 2005

I run my own greetings card business. I sell cards which feature my photographic images to shops in the UK and Ireland. I also work in collaboration with the interior design company Gordon and Brown.

### Frances Hall | BA Hons English 2005

I am currently a volunteer for Viva at their Africa office in Kampala, Uganda. I write funding proposals for our branches in Tanzania, Kenya, Zimbabwe and Uganda as well as gathering success stories of our work with children.

### Benjamin Maydon | BA Hons English 2006

I worked as a bookseller and then a teaching assistant, before going to King's College London to study to be a nurse. Sadly I didn't qualify as a nurse, but I am enjoying some success as a well received musical comedian.

### Amy Salter | BA Hons Media and Cultural Studies 2006

I took a NCTJ in Magazine Journalism at Liverpool Community College, after working in a police press office for six months. I now work across seven weekly newspapers in Merseyside, including the *Liverpool Echo* and *Liverpool Daily Post*.

### Stuart Gilbert | BA Humanities 2008

I started at Sandhurst in 2009 and commissioned into The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers in 2010. I finished the Platoon Commanders Battle Course in 2010 and joined Battalion in Celle, Germany. I have been exercising in Kenya since November 2011 and I'm due to move with the Unit to Cyprus in August 2012.

### Alexandra Fleming | BA Hons Photography 2009

In April 2010 I launched Rockabetty Studios. We specialise in recreating 1950s pin-up photos complete with make-overs and vintage styling. In June 2010 I was asked by a local independent school to open up a photographic department and to teach A-level Photography.

### James Pink | BSc Hons Microbiology 2009

I have continued with the business I started during my studies, illpod.com and also pursued a career as a head brewer at an Essex-based brewery. I moved back to Nottingham to run the business full-time and we recently opened our first shop in the Lace Market.

## Teenies

### Pradumn Pamidighantam | BArch Hons Architecture 2010

I have set up a design consultancy firm AMPP Design with fellow architecture student, Aaron Marriott. This is to satisfy our passion for architecture and ambition to have our own design company.

### Jennifer Ross | BA Hons Fine Art 2010

Since graduating my artwork was selected for UK Young Artist Biennale and European Media Arts Festival Germany, amongst others. I formed the independent curatorial group The Cutting Room with events at Broadway Cinema, Nottingham Contemporary and Nottingham Playhouse. I also did two internships – one with Nottingham Playhouse and the other with David Blandy, an internationally known artist based in London.

### Ciaran Stones | BA Hons English with Creative Writing 2010

In 2011 I passed Mandarin ULP Stage 1 alongside a Diploma in Performing Speech and Drama at Associate of Trinity College, London. I have performed in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *The Rivals* at the Drama Society, *Much Ado About Nothing*, *Under Milk Wood*, *Roses of Eyan* and *Dick Whittington* at Nottingham Arts Theatre and *Merry Wives of Windsor* at the Lace Market Theatre, Nottingham and *Aladdin* at Nottingham People's Theatre.

## Obituaries

### Flight Lieutenant Sean Cunningham (BEng Hons Electrical and Electronic Engineering 1999)

In November 2011 the MOD confirmed the death of Flight Lieutenant Sean Cunningham, of the Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team, the Red Arrows, who was killed when he was ejected from his Hawk T1 aircraft.

It was Sean's dream to become a fast jet pilot in the Royal Air Force. He qualified for his Private Pilot Licence at the age of 17 and, whilst at University, completed his Elementary Flying Training as a member of East Midlands Universities Air Squadron.

Sean joined the Royal Air Force in 2000, and on completion of his flying training, he was posted to the Tornado GR4 aircraft of 617 'The Dambusters' Squadron at Royal Air Force Lossiemouth. During his three years on the Squadron, he completed several operational tours of Iraq as part of Operation TELIC, flying close air support missions for coalition ground forces.

After completing exercises in America, Canada, Romania and France, Sean joined XV (R) Squadron as a Qualified Pilot and Tactics Instructor. He continued his instructional role when posted to the Weapon Systems Officer Training Unit at 100 Squadron, RAF Leeming, before being selected to fly for the RAF Aerobatic Team, the Red Arrows, in 2010.

Sean featured in the 2011 issue of *Network* in which he talked about his passion for flying and his childhood dream coming true: "The Red Arrows represent the excellence of the Royal Air Force and I'm very proud and privileged to be a part of it".

### Lee Davies (BSc Hons Physiology and Pharmacology 2000)

Lee died on 16 December 2010 after a long battle with bone cancer.

After graduation Lee returned home to Gibraltar. For a short time he worked at Lloyds TSB where he met his wife Francesca. Lee left the bank and joined HM Customs and spent the next few years working at the Gibraltar Frontier.

Lee took a year off work to return to the UK to study for a PGCE at Newcastle University and returned home ready to take up a career in teaching. In December 2009 Lee began to suffer with pain in his hip, which would become the beginning of a long illness that eventually took his life. In August 2010 Lee was offered a teaching job but due to the extensive treatment he was receiving for bone cancer had to decline the offer.

Sadly missed by everyone who knew him, Lee's family say he was an inspiration of determination and courage right to the end. Lee leaves his parents Charo and Clifford, wife Francesca and daughter Lauren.

### John Lewis (Cert Education 1968)

John met his wife Daphne (née Purvis) at Nottingham College of Education. John completed his probationary year as a teacher but actually went on to work in industry. He was frequently head-hunted, and he and Daphne found themselves living in various parts of the UK including Scotland and South Wales.

They settled in the Cotswolds where John worked for IBM in procurement. He was still working when he developed a lung disease (idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis). Unfortunately he died before he was able to have a lung transplant.

Rugby played a huge part in John's life and he travelled all over the country to referee matches. In later years he also developed a passion for Opera.

John leaves his wife Daphne, a son and daughter and several grandchildren.

### John McHugh (PG Cert Total Quality Management 2001 and PG Dip Total Quality Management 2003)

John passed away on 26 August 2010 after an unexpected diagnosis of cancer. He is buried in Buxton near the Ashbourne Road where he and his wife Mal raised their family.

John had a deep commitment to the value of education. During his career he was a lecturer at Coventry Technical College, Head of Department at High Peak College of FE and, at the time of his death, the Assistant Principal at the City of Wolverhampton College. He was an inspirational teacher who provided a platform for others to achieve wider goals through education.

John maintained a lifelong interest in philosophy and always had boundless energy, a sharp wit and a terrific sense of fun. His vibrant personality and enthusiasm was infectious, not only to his students, but also to his colleagues. He was a loving husband to Mal, a proud father to Rory, Rhiannon and Catriona and a gifted educator.

### Kay Wolstenholme (BA Hons Textiles / Fashion (Textiles) 1985)

Kay passed away early on the morning of 21 April 2008, aged 44, after battling stomach cancer.

Kay's partner Mikaela described her as "earthy, artistic, intelligent, emotionally literate, and just a tad whacky". Kay touched many people with her ability to reach below the surface to find meaningful connections. She is sorely missed by Mikaela, the rest of the Hughes family and her many friends.



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