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Thank you for your support

I recently attended an event to say farewell to the outgoing members of the Students' Union Executive and to welcome those who are replacing them.

During the event I had the opportunity to chat to both the past and the incoming presidents. Each of them told me how much our students appreciate the support we are able to offer to them from funds raised through our Alumni Giving programme.

Of course, not everyone who will receive this newsletter is a former student. Over the last few years we have been fortunate to extend the range of people who are giving to NTU, and in particular to the John van Geest Cancer Research Centre.

To all of you my message is a simple one. Thank you. As a donor myself I know that you will have many other approaches for your support and we are very grateful that you have chosen to make the University one of your priorities.

I hope that you will enjoy browsing through this edition of *Shaping Futures* and learning a little bit more about some of the great projects that your gifts have helped to make happen.

Tim Cobb

(BA Hons Economics 1982)

Head of Development and Alumni Relations

Trumpeting the Alumni Fund

Multitalented second year Furniture and Product Design student Annah Morrish is making the most of university life thanks to the Alumni Fund.

As this year's recipient of the Alumni Fund Award for Music, Annah received a piccolo trumpet for use during her time at NTU.

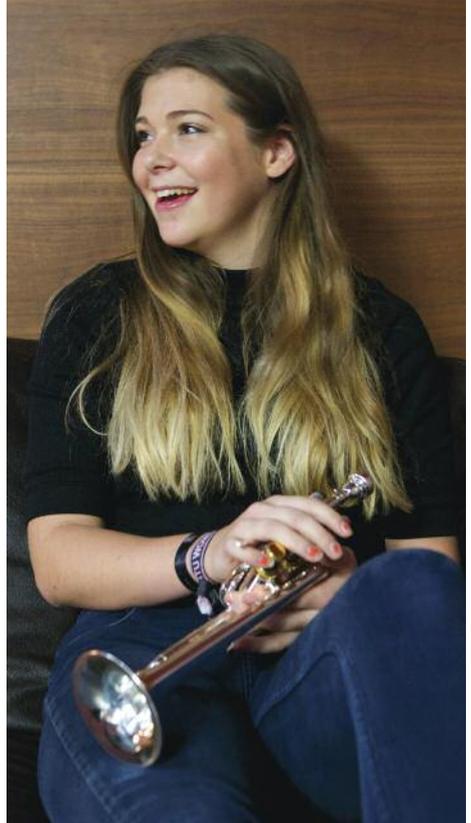
Annah has played the trumpet for 12 years. Despite already owning two different trumpets, she was keen to try the piccolo trumpet and is now looking forward to experimenting with different pieces of music on the new instrument.

But Annah's talents aren't limited to the trumpet. She is a keen sportswoman, and also plays the piano, specialising in film music and jazz. She attends three rehearsals a week, as well as regular lessons and practises at home as much as she can.

"I'd like to thank alumni for the support they have provided, not just for me, but also for the Music department in general," Annah said.

"It's really important that students have the chance to carry on with their music during their studies. I know friends at other universities have had to choose between their extra-curricular activities.

"I chose to come to NTU because it offered me the opportunity to do the things that were most important to me – my course, my music and playing hockey."



For more information about NTU Music visit
www.ntu.ac.uk/music

Giving the gift of education

As the students who benefited from the first batch of Alumni Fund Scholarships are approaching their graduation, we look back on how their scholarships have made such a difference to their time at NTU.



“Thank you so much for the scholarship. It has been so useful and has definitely been used on important things. It really is appreciated.”

Alexandra Ellis

BSc (Hons) Forensic Science

“This scholarship has meant I can give this course everything I have and make the most of being here. I have been able to live on campus, which means I can see my lecturers at any time for any help I need.

“Thank you so much. You have given me the opportunity to be the best I can be, by giving me time to study and dedicate my time to what I have worked so hard to achieve.”



Isabella Burton

BA (Hons) English Literature and Media
(Joint Hons)

“I enjoy meeting new people in my lessons and I love learning and understanding new things. I feel like my knowledge has widened and I feel really proud and determined to do well.

“The scholarship has helped so much. It takes two buses for me to get to the Clifton campus and being able to buy a bus card has helped massively. Buying second-hand books can be expensive – the scholarship has helped me buy all the books that are necessary for my course.

“Thank you so much for the scholarship. It has been so useful and has definitely been used on important things. It really is appreciated.”



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BA (Hons) Marketing, Design and Communication

“Amongst other things, I’ve been able to buy myself a laptop. This has made all the difference to the quality of my student experience. I am able to do my work from the comfort of my home. I used to have to spend hours using the library computers to complete assignments before I could go home. Having access to my assignments in this way is definitely less of a burden.

“It makes a positive difference. It helps cover certain expenses including stationery, equipment and study aids. I am now able to afford a driver’s licence. In the past not having a licence has been a hindrance when applying for certain jobs. Having received this scholarship, I now know how helpful the fund can be. I intend to sign up to be a donor myself, once I graduate.”



Riding high

This year's recipient of the Alumni Fund Award for Sport is event rider Kate Bleloch.

The Alumni Fund has provided £16,500 worth of support for ten athletes over eight years.

Support from the Alumni Fund has allowed Kate, who is currently studying on the Business Management (In-Company) programme, to join the gym and benefit from strength and conditioning support training.

In 2014, Kate represented Great Britain at the Junior Eventing European Championships. Her aim is to ride at four-star level and represent her country at the Senior European Championships and the Olympics.

She said: "I'm so grateful for your help. Eventing is high-pressured and time consuming but your support means I can balance my sport with my studies. The gym membership enables me to maintain and develop my rider fitness so I can perform at my very best. I am also proud to represent the University at the British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) championships."

Visit www.ntualumni.org.uk/giving_to_ntu to find out how you can make a gift to the University.

Joe's thanks to alumni for supporting sporting success

Flatwater sprint canoeist Joe Seaman (BA Hons Sport Science Management 2011), received support from the Alumni Fund while he was at Nottingham Trent University to help him combine his studies with his sport.

Joe got in touch with the Alumni Association recently to give us an update, and to thank alumni for supporting him as a student.

He said: "I'm proud to say that I'm making a splash in the USA with the intentions of competing internationally in the sport of rowing. I've written an article that's been published in one of the leading sports magazines in Texas. The article tells the story of how I ended up in Austin, my ambitions of putting Austin on the rowing map, and what it's like for a Brit to train in Texas!

"I couldn't have achieved this without your help and I'd like to thank NTU alumni for supporting my flatwater sprint canoeing training and competitions while I was a student.

"It was tough to juggle a 14 session-a-week training schedule while studying for my degree. I lived a different lifestyle to the average student: going to bed at 9.30 pm and waking up at 6 am, eating copious amounts of food, dedicating a bedroom to drying vast amounts of canoeing laundry and often having to take my coursework to far-flung competitions all over the world.

"However, you made it all the more easy by providing me with financial support to enable me to eat right, train hard with the right equipment and race at numerous competitions."

Follow Joe's progress on Twitter [@joeseaman1](#)



"I can't stress how important it was to have your support."



New kit on the block

This year's Alumni Fund Disbursements for Sport have provided the NTU Sub Aqua and Road Cycling clubs with much needed equipment.

Sub Aqua

NTU Sub Aqua desperately needed some new equipment, especially for the smaller diver. With a grant from the Alumni Fund, the club were able to purchase three new buoyancy control devices and three new regulators.

The kit was initially used on training sessions at the inland dive site of Gildenburgh in the cold months of February. It was then taken to Scotland for the club's annual Easter trip to Mull where it was really put through its paces and helped the club achieve more diving than on any previous trip.

Club President Matthew McAuliffe said: "Without the new kit we would not have had such a successful trip to Mull. We are absolutely indebted to the Alumni Fund for providing the kit."

Road Cycling

As one of the University's newest clubs, NTU Road Cycling needed equipment and storage facilities to get them up and running – or should that be pedalling?

The club made a request to the Alumni Fund for five road bikes and a storage solution was quickly found with the help of David Hobday (Sustainable Transport Manager). The storage site is now the hub for both NTU Mountain Biking and Road Cycling. Rails have been fitted in the store and locks were purchased to ensure all the kit is kept secure. The five road bikes have been used throughout the year to introduce students to cycling and a few have even been used for British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) competitions.

Philippa Shubert, NTU Road Cycling President, said: "The bikes have been awesome and have given us the chance to introduce new members to the joys of road cycling."

Lee Westwood Sports Centre gets a makeover!

In April NTU reopened its doors after the Easter break. But what most won't have realised is that while students and staff enjoyed a long bank holiday weekend, the Lee Westwood Sports Centre was undergoing a huge transformation.



As a result of the funding received NTU Sport has been able to update, refurbish and maximise the Clifton gym space.

Claire Moore, NTU Sports Facilities Manager said: "Thanks to the Alumni Fund we have been able to redesign and incorporate new equipment into the gym. By refurbishing the gym we have utilised the space, maximising the amount of activity that can take place at any time. We hope that by making these changes more students will be enticed to use the gym."

The new gym has views spreading out across the playing pitches and members can access a wide range of extras including court hire, sports clubs, and fitness classes. For more information on alumni and friends gym memberships and facilities please visit the NTU Sport website.

www.ntu.ac.uk/sport



Thanks from the Calling Team



We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who spoke to our team of current students during this year's telephone campaigns.

This year donations were pledged towards Nottingham Law School's Legal Advice Centre; the Alumni Fund general projects; Alumni Fund Scholarships; and the John van Geest Cancer Research Centre.

Students Rachel Chaplin and George Kaye have both been members of the team throughout their time at NTU.

"I have really enjoyed speaking with previous students, hearing about their experiences at NTU and learning about their lives post-university.

"I think the best thing about the campaign is that alumni get to share their stories from their time at NTU. Many enjoy the chance to be nostalgic and relive their experiences as well as to discuss the ways in which the University has changed since their time here.

"The campaign is a great opportunity to spread the word about the amazing work NTU is doing. I'd like to say thank you to all donors who have taken the time to speak to us and get involved with the many fantastic causes being supported by the NTU Alumni Fund."

Rachel Chaplin

BA (Hons) Fashion and Textile Management

"I spoke to a woman in her 50s, who had come to NTU as a student ten years previously. She was so grateful that she had had the opportunity to study at this stage in her life, and had a strong belief that education was really important. It was very uplifting to hear that NTU had had such a positive impact on her life.

"I have been lucky enough to visit the John van Geest Cancer Research Centre, and to see some of the outstanding work that is being done as a result of these generous donations. I also have two friends who were beneficiaries of the Alumni Fund Scholarships, and who couldn't have come to university without them. These are examples of the fantastic things that happen because of donations. I would like to say thank you to all our donors – please stay in touch so you can find out how your donations are making a difference."

George Kaye

BA (Hons) Management



#NTUFalcons

@JonHall_

Nottingham Trent University run a Peregrine Falcon nestcam each year. They're back! 2 eggs!

@TrentUni

We now have four eggs! Watch live footage of the [#NTUFalcons](#)

@NealShepperson

[#NOTTINGHAM](#) Wet, windy and the birds do not look happy...just a normal Sunday...

@NTUEnvironment

Well we can see bits of shell in the nest but will we get a sneaky peak of the chick today? Keep your eyes peeled!

@NTUoverseas

Fantastic news here at Nottingham Trent University! We have 2 falcon chicks that have hatched recently! [#NTUFalcons](#)



Our Newton building is home to a breeding pair of peregrine falcons and they received plenty of attention on Twitter this year! Watch live footage of them over the next season as they lay their eggs and rear their chicks at www.ntu.ac.uk/falcons

All donations received support the continuation of the Peregrine Falcon Programme, research projects centred on the falcons and our project partners the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust.



[@NTUStudentNews](#)

Great to see the falcons! -> RT: NTUEnvironment:
Ringing Falcons this morning [@TrentUni](#) [#NTU](#)

[@JRMilward](#)

Mum's nipped off for breakfast but lovely warm
sun keeps the pile of fluff nice and cosy
[@Nottswildlife](#) [#NTUFalcons](#)

[@BuryFamilyLife](#)

We are loving watching the live stream of these
baby peregrine falcons this morning

[@kellycookson](#)

Slightly obsessed with the [#NTUFalcons](#).
The chicks are being fed right now if you can
tune in! [@Nottswildlife](#)

Red's roundhouse

The Lincoln Red cattle at Brackenhurst campus are benefitting from a new home.



Investment from NTU has allowed for the construction of a new roundhouse, an adaptable building, designed for improved animal welfare, increased handler safety, easy cattle loading and supporting cost-effective livestock management.

The new roundhouse means cattle can be safely and efficiently handled, limiting stress for the animal and making the process safer for handlers.

The building will also provide winter housing for all the cattle on our Brackenhurst campus.

“The roundhouse has improved animal welfare and handler safety, along with offering research opportunities for staff and students in a modern environment.”

Vic Hird

Head of Rural Academic Enterprise



Up all night

24-7 library access comes to Brackenhurst

Recent fundraising has supported the development of the new 24-hour Brackenhurst Library.

New facilities include open access areas, a collaborative study room, silent study rooms, and rooms for training and research. Equipped with new computers and plenty of desk space, students at Brackenhurst campus can now access resources easily and study in even greater style.

Annamay Simpson, who studied BSc (Hons) Animal Biology at Brackenhurst, said: "As a student who participated in the fundraising campaign for the new Brackenhurst Library, it was great to be able to see it being built and to use it!



"One of the best things about having the new library is that it's open 24-7. This means that students on and off campus can have access anytime they want. New computers, books and furniture make a real difference too. It is also light and very spacious and the atmosphere is very relaxed, which means students are able to socialise as well as study.

"The library is definitely something Brackenhurst campus really needed and will benefit from greatly. It is a worthy investment – on behalf of Brackenhurst students a big thank you to all the donors for their generous contributions!"

Rose garden restoration

The 85-year-old rose garden at Brackenhurst can be enjoyed by students for years to come thanks to bequests from donors.

Elaine and Margaret Singleton – both educated at Brackenhurst in the 1950s – made a substantial donation in memory of their father Arthur Edward Singleton MBE, a former Chairman of the Nottinghamshire County Council Committee, responsible at that time for the Nottinghamshire Farm Institute at Brackenhurst. Their money is being used to reinstate the rose beds, which were affected by a blight of rose sickness. Other work being planned is the rebuilding of the garden’s Italian tile pergolas and ornamental pathways.

The Brackenhurst Old Students Association (BOSA) have used bequests from a former member of staff, Margaret Edmunds (née Roberts) and her husband Valentine Edmunds, to buy the commemorative sundial and benches which have been installed in the rose garden. Margaret taught at Brackenhurst from 1952 to 1963 and was responsible for introducing Rural Domestic Economy there. She is fondly remembered by her former students, many of whom remained her close friends until her death in 2008.



“The rose garden is an historic feature of our beautiful campus, and it’s a pleasure to be restoring it to its former glory. We’re grateful to the kind contributions and hope the garden will bring enjoyment to visitors and students alike for many years to come.”

Jenny Saint

Former Dean of the University’s School of Animal Rural and Environmental Sciences



New home for lace archive



The purchase of a new entomology cabinet has given the Nottingham Trent University lace archive a new home.

The NTU lace archive contains many delicate and fragile historical items of local and international importance.

Students and external scholars can now access the extensive collection, which includes samples of both handmade and machine-made lace, portfolios of designs, teaching aids and collections of prize winning designs from international lace competitions.

The entomology cabinet houses collections in 20 enclosed drawers with glass lids. This allows for exhibits to be easily removed and transported, as well as used for student workshops, talks and exhibitions.

Many students from the School of Art & Design have visited the archive for inspiration and ideas within their area of study.

The archive is managed by a steering committee of experts. This has helped to raise awareness of the collection and increased understanding of the archive as a significant resource in a historical and educational context.

Legal Advice Centre opens for business

The Nottingham Law School Legal Advice Centre has begun building a portfolio of success stories from its pro-bono work and student placements.

With continued support from regular donations, the Nottingham Law School Legal Advice Centre continues to support those in need of representation.

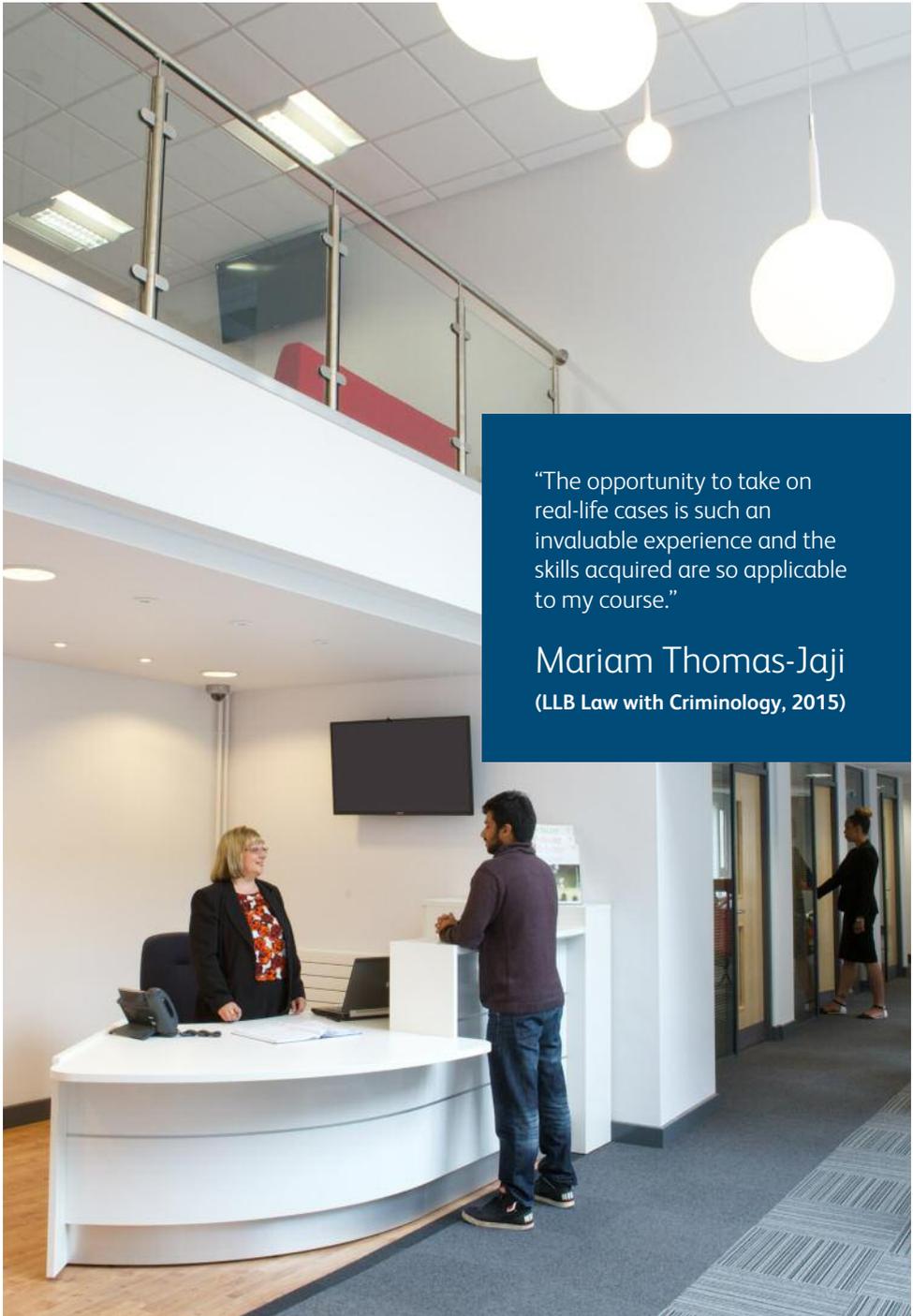
In 2006 Nottingham Law School established the Legal Advice Clinic, giving students the opportunity to meet with members of the public who required their advice on a pro-bono basis.

Skip ahead to 2014 and to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Nottingham Law School, the Legal Advice Clinic was rebranded and relaunched as the Nottingham Law School Legal Advice Centre. Now situated in the newly redeveloped Chaucer building, the Centre still offers legal advice to Nottingham's communities, as well as exciting and valuable opportunities for students to put their skills to use.

The Centre offers advice to those who are finding it difficult to obtain suitable advice and representation. Students also work on local community outreach projects and a miscarriages of justice project. The Centre also facilitates overseas student placements and internships, and develops new international links, particularly in countries with developing economies.

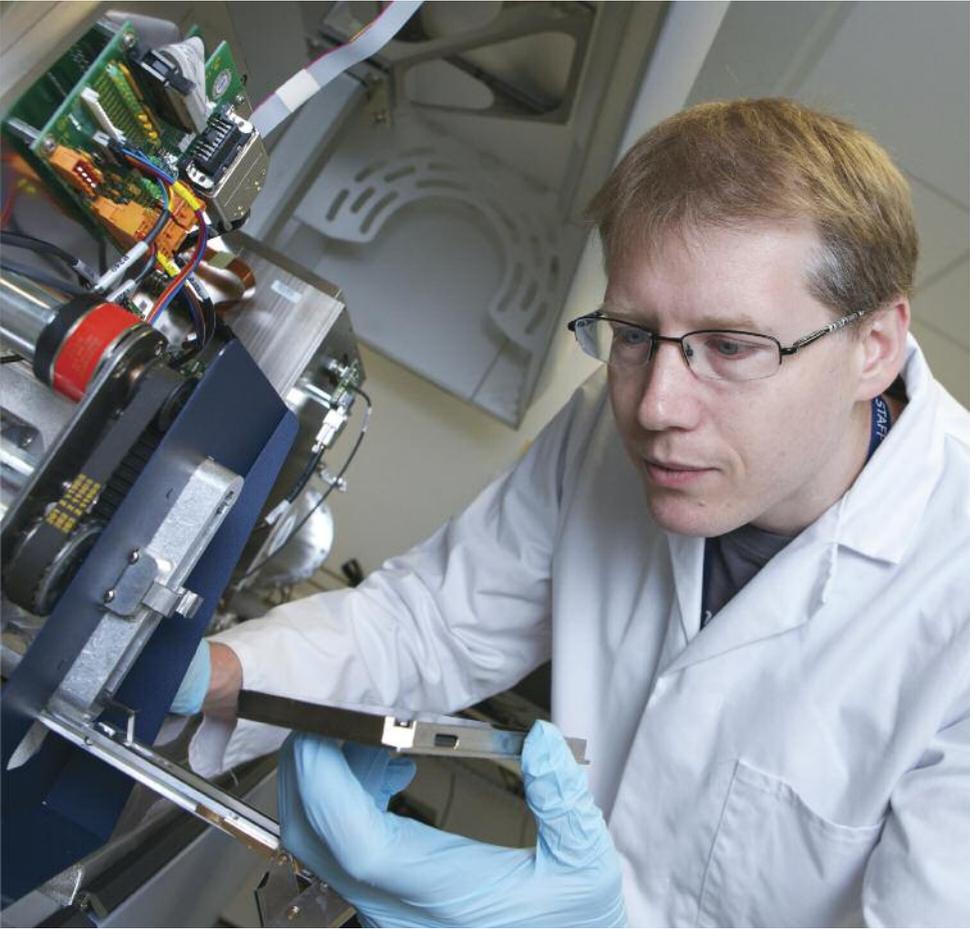


For information about the Legal Advice Centre visit: www.ntu.ac.uk/legal_advice_centre



“The opportunity to take on real-life cases is such an invaluable experience and the skills acquired are so applicable to my course.”

Mariam Thomas-Jaji
(LLB Law with Criminology, 2015)



Meet the scientist

Dr David Boocock, Senior Research Fellow at the John van Geest Cancer Research Centre, tells us what it's like to be part of a team conducting life-changing cancer research.

What motivated you to enter the cancer research field?

I've always known I was going to be a scientist – except for a brief period as a child when I wanted to be a deep sea diver! I don't really understand how anyone cannot be fascinated by science, especially how humans manage to exist and stay alive.

Initially I wanted to be a genetic engineer – people with gills, super human strength, that sort of thing. When I realised the reality was quite different, I settled for “doing drugs” at university – a degree in pharmacology followed by a PhD on the breast cancer drug tamoxifen and how safe it is.

That was almost 20 years ago, and I've been in the cancer research field ever since, I even married a consultant in medical oncology. I want to play my small part simply because cancer will affect everyone at some point.

Despite this slightly depressing fact, we now live in an era where being diagnosed with cancer is not the end of the line. Treatments have never been better, research has jumped considerably with the latest technologies. The future is really positive.

What is distinctive about the John van Geest Cancer Research Centre and what excites you most about the work here?

When I started at NTU in 2007 the centre didn't really exist. Over the course of a few years, Professor Bob Rees created the centre as an entity in its own right, a separate building with custom designed labs and a focussed core of staff. Luckily I was in the right place at the right time.

It is exciting to work here. We're part of it and feel invested as we designed it from the ground up. The environment is incredibly collaborative and I'm also lucky enough to work with some state-of-the-art equipment – I like the technology as much as the science – and it rarely gets boring.

Outside of the office, what do you like to do?

I love spending time with my family, running, playing guitar and reading Sci-Fi.

The arrival of my daughter means most of my time now is spent watching her develop into a real person, which is much more fun than anything else. I look forward to teaching her guitar and running, once she can walk! Family time is really important, and while work is too it all has to be a balance – as I get older I realise this more and more.

If you could give one message to the people who donate, what would it be?

Thank you. It sounds clichéd but the donations, no matter the size, really do make a big difference. Every penny goes directly to the 'science'. Any donation means we can carry out research we wouldn't otherwise be able to do.

For more information about the John van Geest Cancer Research Centre visit www.ntu.ac.uk/vangeest

Why I ran 5km with a broken toe

BSc (Hons) Forensic Science student Natalie Cordon chose to take part in runNTU after her younger sister was diagnosed with cancer.

In January, my 11-year-old sister Hannah was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Burkitts Lymphoma; a cancer that is rare in children and women. It started as a lump we found on her neck in October 2014, which doctors said was a branchial cyst. She was booked in for surgery, but over Christmas it mutated and it couldn't be removed. Hannah was then diagnosed with cancer.

After chemotherapy my sister recovered and she is now in remission, but this is not the case for everyone. During Hannah's treatment, three brave young ladies she got to know sadly died. I wanted to do runNTU to help the John van Geest Cancer Research Centre find a cure for cancer, so that in the future no other family will have to go through what we went through. When I first applied to do the race I got the confirmation email through telling me about the JustGiving site. I set up my account and to my surprise within hours I'd raised £100! More generous donations came in and by the time of the race, over £1,000 had been raised with Gift Aid.

After starting my fundraising I was invited to have a look around the John van Geest Cancer Research Centre. I found it really interesting. The working environment was really open and friendly and everyone was very welcoming. I was told exactly what goes on in the centre and what kind of research was taking place.

I can tell you that the staff are so hard working and dedicated. It was amazing to witness. I was surprised to learn that ALL donations given to the centre are actually used for cancer research as there are no overheads thanks to the University.

To train for runNTU I attempted to jog 5km down by the river behind the University two or three times a week. This was probably a little optimistic as it was a lot further than I'd imagined, but in the end it really helped.

The race itself was very hard and that's without the fact that I managed to break my toe an hour before it started! My mum's great idea was to Sellotape my toes together so I could hobble around the course, but even though the race wasn't easy – and it was painful – it was all for a good cause.

It's a brilliant idea to undertake a fundraising challenge in support of the centre. This year, I found out that one in two people will develop cancer in their lives. This is a terrifying figure and as a country we should be doing everything we can to try to find a cure. As the staff at the centre say, even the smallest donation makes a difference.

For more information about runNTU please visit www.ntu.ac.uk/runNTU



100 miles for John van Geest

NTU Legal Services Manager Tracy Landon took part in a 100-mile fundraising cycle ride.

“I completed the 100 miles and I have a medal to prove it! There was a feed station at the 60-mile mark where I had a well-earned cake or two which fuelled me to the end. It was hard work but I think my training helped and I really enjoyed it. I have raised £805 for the John van Geest Cancer Research Centre and I know it will be spent well.”

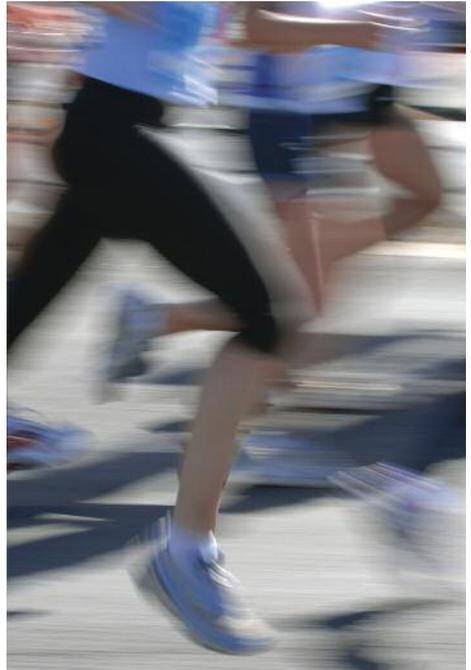


Marathon man

Sean McIntyre (BSc Hons Civil Engineering, 2011) chose to support the John van Geest Cancer Research Centre by taking part in the 2015 Virgin Money London Marathon.

“The run went well. I finished in 4:05 which, considering up to the day I was worried I would drop out with injury, I am really happy with!

“I have really enjoyed being involved and raising money for the John van Geest Cancer Research Centre and I hope to try and raise more in the future.”



Van Geest on tour

Susan Brackenbury from NTU's Procurement Team and her husband Simon, took on the challenge of cycling 50km as part of the Tour de Yorkshire in support of the John van Geest Cancer Research Centre.

"Having watched, and been inspired by, all three UK stages of last year's Tour de France my husband Simon and I jumped at the chance to participate in this year's Tour de Yorkshire through some of the same beautiful countryside.

"We were both still recovering three days later – but yes we did manage to get all the way round! It was a very wet and cold ride and there were a lot more ups and downs than we'd anticipated but we made it, which was a brilliant feeling.

"We even had to do the nasty, short, steep hill towards the end which formed the last sprint on the main race. I have to admit that we, and many others, had to get off and walk up that one, but even walking was tough.

"The amount raised is over £500, well over our target of £100 – I'm delighted!"



Janice bakes

Reception Officer Janice Taylor is always one of the first staff members to climb on board with fundraising. Her cakes are famous all over campus and we've managed to uncover one of her secret recipes!

Date and walnut cake

Makes 4 x 1lb tin cakes or 16 muffins

- 340g dates
- 1 ½ tsp bicarb of soda
- 450ml hot water
- 425g self-raising flour
- 150g margarine
- 75g chopped walnuts
- 150g caster sugar
- 2 large eggs

Preheat the oven to 180°C.

Put the dates and bicarb in a bowl and pour over the hot water, leave to stand.

In a bowl, mix the flour and sugar, then add the margarine and mix.

Add the walnuts.

Mix the dates with the dry ingredients.

Add eggs and mix.

Place in lined tins or muffin cases.

Sprinkle a few walnuts on top.

Place in oven. Cupcakes take about 15 / 20 minutes, cakes approximately 40 / 45 minutes.

Take out of oven and place on a baking tray to cool.

Janice said: "The research carried out by the scientists at the John van Geest Cancer Research Centre is close to my heart; I have had several relatives die of cancer and at the moment one of my sisters has leukaemia, we owe so much to research of this kind."

The Development and Alumni Relations Office would like to thank Janice for all her support and fundraising efforts. We wish her all the best for her retirement.



Cheering for charity

NTU Tigers Cheerleading Squad have been working hard to raise funds for the John van Geest Cancer Research Centre.

Cynna Davies, a BA (Hons) Fashion Communication and Promotion student, tells us her reasons for getting involved and how the Trent Tigers plan to up the ante of their fundraising over the course of the new academic year.



“It was important for the Tigers to support a cause close to home. We wanted to be part of the great work being completed at the John van Geest Cancer Research Centre.

“With the introduction of a third team to the Tigers this year, we believed we had the manpower to make a positive impact – to increase the awareness of the centre amongst the student body.

“Dress-up days, sponsored showcases and supporting runNTU were key events in this year’s fundraising diary.

“Planning has already started ahead of the next academic year. The Tigers are determined to smash this year’s fundraising total. Sponsored sleep outs, performances and of course, compulsory dressing up is all on the cards.

“The Tigers will continue to encourage support and raise the profile of the John van Geest Cancer Research Centre with students and via their popular social media platforms.”



Fundraising fun

It's easy to get involved with fundraising for the John van Geest Cancer Research Centre. Just decide what you want to do, gather a group of friends and use www.justgiving.com to start a fundraising page.



Visit www.justgiving.com/jvgcrc to set up your page or contact the Alumni and Community Giving Officer Stephen Knott at stephen.knott@ntu.ac.uk or on +44 (0)115 848 8807.

What will your legacy be?

The NTU Alumni Association has been asking what matters to you and how you would like to make a difference when you are gone. Your answers have been insightful and inspiring.

"We feel that our three years at Clifton studying Education, set us up for life. Those years were the foundation of our life together and the stepping stones to our careers in schools. We wish to continue our life's work through the next generations and give encouragement to the teachers of tomorrow."

John and Margaret Spalding
(**Cert Education 1964 and 1966**)

"I greatly admire the University's learning by doing approach which stems from students engaging with the professional world in parallel with their academic studies. This, in my view, has always been central to the success of its graduates. I hope that my legacy gift will help deliver an even richer student experience in the future."

Martin Hunter
(**Friend of Nottingham Law School**)

"Death and taxes... I don't know of anyone who has avoided the first but by putting the University in your will you can at least avoid a smidge of the latter. As a prostate cancer survivor, I would urge you to put your marker down and leave something in your will to an institution that is doing great research at their John van Geest Cancer Research Centre to help blokes like me in the future."

Billy Connolly CBE
(**Doctor of Letters DLitt 2010**)



"I am grateful to those people who have had the NTU experience, gone on to be successful in their careers and then chosen to give back. Scholarships are giving students like me greater opportunities to make the most of our time here.

"I am aiming for a career in residential development and I believe that it is important for students from all backgrounds to be able to consider professions like this. My experience of social housing makes me particularly determined to make a difference through my career."

Dan Spencer

BA (Hons) Planning and Development

David Richmond Memorial Scholarship recipient

If you are making or reviewing your will and would like to know more about how a legacy to the University can provide the gift of education, please call Tim Cobb on **+44 (0)115 848 8772** or email him at **tim.cobb@ntu.ac.uk** Thank you.

Benefactors' Court giving clubs

The giving clubs are named after four individuals known for their literary or scientific genius and whose statues adorn the Arkwright building. Those who make a donation of £1,000 or more become members of the Benefactors' Court and are recognised appropriately.

John Milton

9 December 1680 – 8 November 1674

John Milton was a poet, polemicist and civil servant under the Commonwealth of England, best known for his epic poem *Paradise Lost*.

Donors who are members of the John Milton Club symbolise vision and wisdom.

*Deeds to thy knowledge answerable; add faith,
Add virtue, patience, temperance; add love,
By name to come called charity,
Of all the rest: then wilt thou not be loath.*

Paradise Lost

Sir Francis Bacon

22 January 1561 – 9 April 1626

Sir Francis Bacon was a philosopher and statesman, a pioneer of modern scientific thought, a jurist and a teacher of kings.

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*Charity, which is excellently called the bond of
perfection, because it comprehendeth and
fasteneth all virtues together.*

The Advancement of Learning

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25 December 1642 – 31 March 1727

Sir Isaac Newton was a physicist, mathematician, astronomer, natural philosopher, and theologian and is widely considered to be one of the most influential scientists of all time.

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*If I have been able to see further, it was only
because I stood on the shoulders of giants.*

Letter to Robert Hook

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Baptised 26 April 1564 – 23 April 1616

William Shakespeare was a poet, playwright and actor and has been significant to English culture since his name first appeared in print in 1593 when he was 29-years-old.

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*God bless thee; and put meekness in thy breast,
Love, charity, obedience, and true duty!*

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