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### Nottingham Trent University Alumni Association's Mission Statement:

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

# Welcome

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

In this issue we celebrate 10 years of The Hive, NTU's enterprise centre, with reports on a few of the individuals it has supported, and the businesses it has helped to develop, including Spinster's Emporium (page 11) and & Then Design (page 25).

We also hear from high-flying alumni who are enjoying successful careers in the RAF (page 04), not to mention those who have other interesting professions – from making wedding cakes to performing in the Big Top.

As always, we would like to remind you of the many ways you can keep in touch with your Alumni Association (page 07). Log into our Online Community or join us on Facebook and LinkedIn. By keeping in touch with us you will continue to receive your personal copy of *Network* magazine and have access to a range of benefits and services (page 06).

In addition, if we know how to contact you, then you will be invited to join us at one of the many events we hold throughout the year – both on and off campus. The next event will be held on the City site in the



Newton and Arkwright buildings on 21 June 2011 where you can enjoy meeting 'old' friends or networking with other alumni and staff. See the back page for booking information.

We hope you enjoy reading your latest magazine. We enjoy hearing from you, so please keep sending in your updates, news and stories – and we look forward to welcoming you back to NTU soon.

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## Message from the Vice-Chancellor

We really enjoy welcoming former students back to campus and with all the exciting new developments at Nottingham Trent University, you will certainly notice a difference the next time you visit us.

If you haven't already seen them, why not drop into the Newton and Arkwright buildings to see their fantastic transformation. If you join us on 21 June at the Midsummer Reception for alumni (see back page) we can arrange for you to tour this superb redevelopment as well as the facilities of the Nottingham Conference Centre.

Clifton campus has also had some developments over the past year. We are proud of the scientists at the new John van Geest Cancer Research Centre who are working to develop vaccines against breast and prostate cancer, as well as treatment for cancer sufferers (see page 26). We were also delighted to welcome golfer Lee Westwood back to campus when he opened NTU's new state-of-the-art sports facilities at the Lee Westwood Sports Centre. In addition, construction is underway on a new 727 room student accommodation scheme.

Our alumni really are an important part of our University community and we encourage



you all to keep in touch with us via the Alumni Association. On pages 17-20 we thank our donors and explain how your generous donations have made a significant difference to projects around the University. Whether you have registered to be an online mentor or made a donation your support really does help enhance the learning experience of our current and future students.

Thank you.

Professor Neil Gorman  
Vice-Chancellor

# Welcome

## from the President of the Alumni Association

We are delighted to announce that Sky News Presenter Stephen Dixon (BA Hons Broadcast Journalism 1995) is the new President of the Alumni Association. Here he introduces himself, shares his memories of NTU and tells us why he's looking forward to taking on the role.



"Nottingham Trent is not only a part of our education, but a cornerstone of our lives. For me it was the lynch-pin for my career. I found it to be a fantastic adventure with the environment, academic life and social life all blurred into one fantastic learning experience.

"This October it is the BA Hons Broadcast Journalism degree's nineteenth birthday and I was in the first cohort half a lifetime ago! I often think back to that day in October 1992 when I was dropped off at Clifton campus - my Dad put on a brave face and Mum cried all the way back to The Lakes. As much as I sympathised with them I thought that at 18 I was ready to make my way in the world, to get stuck in to a career and a new life.

"Time certainly flies when you're having fun! I am now a Presenter on Sky News and

present *Sky News at Ten* every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening which I enjoy immensely - from arriving at the office for a rundown of how the news agenda and interview schedule is looking to the breaking news which throws all of those plans out of the window!

"I am looking forward to being your President and your voice within the University and sharing my professional and University experiences with you in this magazine and on the alumni website.

"I hope to get to meet some of you at future events and that we can create an even closer alumni family in the years ahead. In the meantime, if you would like to contact me please email via the Alumni Association at [alumni@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@ntu.ac.uk)."

## Relive and rediscover NTU...

Join us at the Midsummer Alumni Reception

21 June 2011 – 6 - 8 pm

Newton and Arkwright buildings

This event is the perfect gateway back to NTU. Enjoy wine and canapés as you meet up with 'old' friends or make new ones by networking with other alumni and NTU staff in these fantastic surroundings. Hear how the state-of-the-art facilities and services are making an impact on the student learning experience and how you can make use of Nottingham Conference Centre.

Come and rediscover what NTU can do for you.

Spaces are limited, so to avoid disappointment order your tickets today.

Tickets for this event are £10 per person – book online at [www.ntualumni.org.uk](http://www.ntualumni.org.uk) or telephone +44 (0)115 848 8776.





# Going up



## The sky's the limit for Baz

Baz North (Business Studies 1981) says he didn't have a long-held ambition to be a pilot, but thought he'd 'give it a go'. Now, almost thirty years later, he is the RAF's Assistant Chief of the Air Staff.

Numerous highlights in Air Vice-Marshal Barry "Baz" North's career include: working on sorties with the Red Arrows as their Air Officer Commanding, commanding the UK response to the flood relief operation in Mozambique in 2000; working with the Chief of Defence Staff during the break up of the Soviet Union and being an Aide-De-Camp to Her Majesty The Queen.

Baz joined the RAF in January 1982 and graduated from Cranwell later that year having been awarded the Hennessy Trophy

and the Philip Sassoon Memorial Prize. He was presented with his wings at RAF Shawbury in July 1984.

After completing his basic and advanced flying training, he was posted to No. 72 Squadron in Northern Ireland as a junior pilot. He converted from the Wessex to the Chinook before his first tour with the Special Forces Flight of No. 7 Squadron in March 1987. Baz spent the next 24 years rising through the ranks and became the Assistant Chief of the Air Staff on 1 March 2010.

Baz found flying and operational duties both rewarding and challenging, but he also enjoyed the taxing staff duties within the Ministry of Defence and the RAF's Air Command. He was honored with an MBE in 1996 and an OBE in 2003 and was also awarded a Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Winter 2006 Operational Honours List.

His last overseas post was as the UK Air Component Commander, commanding all UK air operations in the Middle East, the Horn of Africa, Iraq and Afghanistan, and exercising the national veto with respect to USAF operations using their aircraft that were based on Diego Garcia, throughout 2006.

Nowadays Baz is currently based at the Ministry of Defence in Whitehall, London, where he



delivers air policy advice to the Secretary of State, the Strategic Defence and Security Review and the Comprehensive Spending Review. He sits on the Boards of the Civil Aviation Authority and the UK Space Agency. Other responsibilities cover Release to Service Authority for all RAF aircraft and delivering and coordinating RAF engagement with media, academic and pan-government organisations. Baz also leads UK bilateral air relations with a plethora of international partners.

The downside of serving in his current unaccompanied post is that Baz gets little time to spend with his family or for hobbies. However, he "absolutely recommends" a career in the RAF: "One can take a long term career approach like me, or a short term opportunity to challenge oneself physically and mentally while obtaining a wonderful grounding in over 75 different trades and professions."





# in the world

The opportunities and trades within the RAF are extremely diverse. Here *Network* catches up with two other 'high flying' alumni who are enjoying very different roles.

## Sean's career takes off

Ever since Sean took his first flight at the age of three he dreamed of being a pilot, now he is enjoying life as 'Red 3' on the Red Arrows Team.

Flight Lieutenant Sean Cunningham (BEng Hons Electrical and Electronic Engineering 1999) was so eager to become a pilot that he paid for his own Private Pilot's Licence whilst studying for his A-levels and during his time at NTU joined the East Midlands Universities Air Squadron (EMUAS). Six months after graduation he started his Initial Officers Training (IOT) at RAF College Cranwell in Lincolnshire.

Sean got his wings after completing his Basic Fast Jet Training in Perth, Australia. He then completed advanced flying training and weapons training on the Hawk aircraft at RAF Valley in Anglesey. Fourteen months later he flew the Tornado GR4 at RAF Lossiemouth in Scotland, where he stayed for almost eight years both on the Front Line with 617 Squadron (also known as the 'Dambusters') and as a Pilot and Tactics Instructor on XV(R) Squadron.

In September 2009 he was posted to 100 Squadron at RAF Leeming in Yorkshire where he was an instructor on the Hawk aircraft. A year later he was chosen to join the Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team – also known as the Red Arrows. He is 'Red 3' a position previously occupied by another alumnus Squadron Leader John Green.

The Red Arrows perform three different displays – flat, rolling and full – depending on the cloud base and weather at the display venue. They train for six months during the



winter to perfect their displays for the summer season, taking time to discuss as a team what shapes and manoeuvres they would like to perform.

Sean said: "I have been lucky enough to fly some wonderful aircraft. I thoroughly enjoyed flying the Tornado GR4 for seven years but the Hawk, which I currently fly, is a much more manoeuvrable and agile aircraft. It's a real pleasure to operate."

A typical day for Sean starts with a formal meteorological brief about the day's weather, followed by their first 35-minute sortie and half-hour flight, then a 45-minute debrief. This cycle is repeated three times a day Monday to Friday to achieve the standard required to display in front of the public.

This is Sean's first of three years with the Red Arrows team and a childhood dream come true. He said: "Being selected to be part of the Red Arrows is definitely the highlight of my career so far. The Red Arrows represent the excellence of the Royal Air Force and the very best of British. The team means a lot to the public and I'm very proud and privileged to be part of it."

The Red Arrows' first British display for 2011 will be at Southend on Sunday 29 May.

For other dates and locations visit [www.raf.mod.uk/reds](http://www.raf.mod.uk/reds)



## Picture this



Before graduating Matt Stevenson (BA Hons Photography 2009) was frantically applying for jobs when a posting for a contracted RAF photographer caught his attention. Now he

is part of the team based at RAF Cranwell.

Predominantly his work is used for promotional materials associated with the training facilities on base – from recruitment to the training of officers and pilots.

He said: "I've always had a fascination with aircraft. I often join the squadrons on formation flights and shoot air-to-air photographs for publicity. Trying to direct one or more aircraft flying in close formation can be a hair-raising experience!"

Matt, who took some of the photographs you see here, enjoys his work at RAF Cranwell and his highlight came when he received recognition at the 2010 RAF Photographic Awards where he picked up first place for the sports category and came third in the overall RAF Photographer of the Year.

Matt said: "Since working professionally I have been able to apply the styles and techniques of automotive photography to my aviation work, allowing me to create strong and dynamic imagery."

Visit Matt's website at

[www.matt-stevenson.co.uk](http://www.matt-stevenson.co.uk)





# Benefits for you

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

## 10% off your holiday property with cottages4you

Have you booked your holiday yet? Cottages4you holidays offer excellent value for money. They have a superb collection of over 15,000 holiday properties – from rural cottages to beach side villas, rustic farmhouses to modern apartments, all scattered throughout the most desirable spots of the UK, Ireland, France, Spain, Portugal and Italy. Relax and unwind by an open fire, take a crisp walk through the countryside, lounge by the pool or just simply treat yourself because you deserve it!

There are properties to suit everyone from cosy cottages suitable for two people right through to spectacular large houses or complexes for over 30 people.

Choose a short break for two, three or four nights – or take a holiday for seven nights or longer.

Whether you are planning a romantic hideaway for two, a family holiday, or a special reunion cottages4you will have the perfect holiday property. Visit [www.ntualumni.org.uk/netcommunity/cottages](http://www.ntualumni.org.uk/netcommunity/cottages) to view availability and claim your discount. Alternatively call cottages4you on **0845 268 1507** and quote NOT10.

Cottages for Christmas and New Year 2011 are also available to book now.



## Adventures with your venture card

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. It's a crime to miss it! 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. For more information visit [www.cityofcaves.com](http://www.cityofcaves.com)

The venture card also entitles NTU alumni to 10% off products purchased at Blackwell – both in stores nationwide and online at [www.blackwell.co.uk/ntualumni](http://www.blackwell.co.uk/ntualumni) – and 15% off your final bill at Nottingham's Chino Latino restaurant.

Venture cards are available on request – email [alumni@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@ntu.ac.uk)



For a full list of benefits available to you visit [www.ntualumni.org.uk/netcommunity/benefits](http://www.ntualumni.org.uk/netcommunity/benefits)



# Stay connected

Our exclusive Online Community of over 12,000 alumni members – at [www.ntualumni.org.uk](http://www.ntualumni.org.uk) – continues to provide visitors with news and nostalgia.

Members now use the Online Community to access a range of benefits and services, join discussion forums and view the nostalgia photo galleries.

We also encourage you to update your details online so that we can keep in touch with you and keep you informed of news from your University and your fellow alumni as well as let you know about special alumni events and reunions. If we know where you are then we can track you down if any of your friends are planning a special get-together.

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

## Find your friends

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

## Be an online ambassador

Would you like to help your Alumni Association by providing your views on a variety of topics? From ideas for events and finding 'lost' alumni to feedback on our communications, we are developing a group of online ambassadors to provide a 'voice' for our 95,000 alumni.

Discussions take place through a dedicated online ambassador forum in a private section of the Online Community so no matter where you are in the world you can contribute to the development of the Nottingham Trent Alumni Association by sharing views.

If you are interested in being added to this group you will need to be a member of the Online Community. When you have full membership confirmed please email [alumni@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@ntu.ac.uk) to ask to join this special forum for online ambassadors.

## Join up today!

New members can join the Online Community at [www.ntualumni.org.uk](http://www.ntualumni.org.uk) – just select "Log in / Register", click on "Register as a new user" and complete the form.



## Link up through LinkedIn

Join over 2,000 members of our "Nottingham Trent University Alumni Association" LinkedIn group, which includes many sub-groups for online networking.

Remember you can also join our growing networks on Facebook and Twitter.

# Keep it in the family

This summer Sam Morley will graduate from his BSc Hons Mathematics degree – after following in the footsteps of his father... and mother... and sister.

Dad – Steve Morley graduated with a BSc Hons in Combined Studies in Sciences in 1983, Mum – Sarah Morley (née Edwards) also graduated in 1983 with a BA Hons in Modern European Studies, and in 2010 they watched as daughter Joanne, who studied for a BA Hons in Linguistics with Communication and

Society, crossed the stage to collect her award.

Steve said: "I was pleased when Sam and Joanne decided to study at Nottingham Trent and I'm immensely proud of them both. It's been really nostalgic to pop back to see how the place has developed over the years."

Do you have any family members who have studied at NTU over the years? If so please let us know your story. Email [alumni@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@ntu.ac.uk)





# Inspirational surroundings

Visitors to Nottingham Trent University over recent years could not fail to notice the ongoing transformation of our landmark buildings, Newton and Arkwright. Although the buildings have been operational since late 2009, we are pleased to announce that they will be officially opened by honorary graduate Sir David Attenborough on 18 May 2011 at a special ceremony.



The project to redevelop this site was a challenge as the two Grade II\* listed buildings were never designed to work together. Signature Architects, English Heritage, the Victorian Society, the 20th Century Society and local historians worked with the NTU Project Team to ensure the buildings met 21st Century standards whilst preserving the essence of the original designs.

The 1877 Arkwright building has now been transformed into usable academic space and the new entrance on Goldsmith Street is unrecognisable to those who knew the old entrance to Newton Yard Car Park which has been replaced with a spectacular glass atrium. This new space now houses the Student Services Centre, social spaces and IT areas to enable students to meet up with friends or study between lectures.

In addition to the new state-of-the-art teaching accommodation, the buildings have become home to Nottingham Business School, the School of Architecture, Design and the Built Environment and Nottingham Conference Centre.

There is no doubt that the regeneration of the Newton and Arkwright buildings has transformed the University's infrastructure, not only providing much needed new teaching and academic space, but also the Benefactors' Courtyard and a clear entrance to the University.

Above all, the campus has been revitalised, creating an inspiring working environment for students, staff and visitors.



*"The lecture theatres are good. I like the fact that they are more spacious."*

*"It's nice to have more areas to eat in too. I love the Arkwright café."*

Gema Maisuria, Academic Legal Studies student

### Accolades

The revitalisation of Newton and Arkwright has attracted the attention of architectural and construction experts worldwide. Against competition from across the globe, the project was one of the winners at the Civic Trust Awards 2011 and shortlisted for the Institution of Structural Engineers Heritage Award. It took the 'Project of the Year' title at the East Midlands Centre for Constructing the Built Environment awards as well as a Concrete Society Award.

Meanwhile, student feedback has been unstinting in its praise and even world-renowned designer Sir Paul Smith, having completed a tour of the buildings, enthused: "Oh to be a student today! The facilities are fantastic. Everything is very state-of-the-art."



*"Newton is a lot better, more open, with nice lecture rooms and seminar rooms. It's got cafés and places to chill out. It's brighter and has a good atmosphere. Me and my friends love it."*

Bilal Waheed, Business Management and Financial Services student



## Nottingham Conference Centre celebrates its first anniversary

Nottingham Conference Centre opened its doors for the first time in March 2010 and during that first week hosted four major events. The Conference Centre sits in the heart of Nottingham city centre, in the Newton and Arkwright buildings and offers a range of unique function and exhibition spaces.

Since the first event took place the Conference Centre team has helped numerous clients enjoy the brand new modern facilities, flexible meeting space, stunning event rooms and unrivalled organisational support.

During the first year the Centre's nine comfort-cooled meeting rooms and three event rooms have played host to a variety of events including annual conferences, exhibitions, day meetings, wine-tastings, gala dinners, fashion shows, celebrations and weddings. Working with clients Nottingham Conference Centre has delivered impressive catering including lunches, celebration dinners and even barbeques. The fully integrated audio-visual technology has been used for presentations, films and live video links to other countries. The Conference Centre has even seen one or two celebrities enjoy its facilities!

The Nottingham Conference Centre team understands how vital events are to their clients and over the first year the dedicated event co-ordinators have been on hand to ensure that successful and stress-free events have been delivered every time.

Talking about the first year, Conference and Events Manager, Andrew Keen said: "It's been a busy first year for Nottingham Conference Centre, building contacts and working with clients to manage their events. Our clients are always extremely impressed with the rooms and facilities on offer and I'm delighted that client feedback has shown a 100% advocacy rate."

### Special day delegate rate offer for NTU alumni

NTU alumni can enjoy the Conference Centre facilities for themselves with a discounted rate of £30 day delegate rate (excluding VAT and subject to availability) offered on events taking place in 2011. Please quote your alumni ID when booking. For a reminder of your unique ID number please email [alumni@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@ntu.ac.uk)

For more information visit [www.nottinghamconferencecentre.co.uk](http://www.nottinghamconferencecentre.co.uk)



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# Nicole Murray collection now available in Harrods

Nicole Murray (BA Hons Fashion Design 2008) specialises in luxury women's ready-to-wear garments – which are now available in Harrods.

The springboard for Nicole's career began after being selected for Graduate Fashion Week London in 2008. She was then head-hunted by the course leaders of the London College of Fashion Masters programme and awarded the Harold Tillman Scholarship for promising talent. The culmination of the course was a fashion show at the Victoria and Albert museum in London.

There was a lot of interest in Nicole's work and she was selected as part of the Harrods Launches Programme, a platform for new designers. She signed an exclusive deal with the store to stock her Autumn / Winter 2010 and her Spring / Summer 2011 collection is also stocked at

[www.Watch-That-Label.com](http://www.Watch-That-Label.com) and Sid Concept (Saudi Arabia). She is now focusing on her Autumn / Winter 2011 collection which she took to the London and Paris Fashion weeks as part of Vauxhall Fashion Scout International Designers.

Nicole's work is based on simplicity, sophistication and classic styling, and her

garments have a timeless style, yet are contemporary and elegant.

Nicole gets her inspiration from the old fashion houses where she says she gets a feel for a real sense of elegance. She said: "I am hugely inspired by textures and hand crafted techniques that offer elements to my design that aren't easily imitated by the mass market. I take two trips a year to Paris for Premier Vision – a fabric trade show – and whilst there I make time to visit the vast bank of vintage shops and antique shops which are also a great inspiration to me."

German artist Hans Bellmer's line drawings from the 1940s were Nicole's inspiration for her 2011 Autumn / Winter collection. The collection also encompasses the intriguing cutting techniques that are becoming a signature style of her label working with a colour palette of lilac, amethyst and rosewood alongside deeper tones of bronze and chestnut. A key element to this season's collection is the use of leather detailing as a contrast against the fluidity of the fabric.



Fabrics are all 100% silk, wool and leather and are all made in England.

Nicole continues to look forward: "It's been hard work and there have been a lot of long days but seeing my collection hanging in Harrods was a real highlight. However, I am at the very beginning of my career so I feel that my biggest challenges are still to come!"

Visit Nicole's website at [www.nicolemurray.co.uk](http://www.nicolemurray.co.uk)

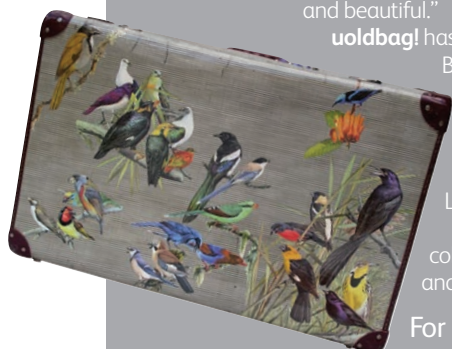
## uoldbag!

Lisa Tilley (BA Hons Textile Design 2005) collects old magazines, illustrations, photographs, vintage suitcases, bags, and reclaimed materials and uses them to create new products for her business – **uoldbag!**

She said: "My studio is a bit like a junk shop! I collect a wide range of crazy things and then put them together to make something entirely new and beautiful."

**uoldbag!** has shown at major fairs including Origin London, MADE Brighton and Selvedge fairs. It was at Origin that her work was spotted by a buyer from Paul Smith. Now **uoldbag!** products are stocked in Paul Smith stores internationally. They were originally only meant to be featured for one week in each store, but Paul Smith has continued to stock Lisa's work in Paris, Milan, Nottingham and Notting Hill. Lisa is currently in discussion with them about a new collection and has also had enquiries from Liberty's, Fortnum and Mason, Bloomingdales New York and Anthropologie.

For more on **uoldbag!** please visit [www.uoldbag.com](http://www.uoldbag.com)





# Taking Liberty's

With prestigious London department store Liberty as stockists, Donna Bramhall and Ruth Parker have taken a major step towards becoming big names in the design world.



Donna Bramhall (BA Hons Fashion Knitwear Design and Knitted Textiles 2007) saw her perseverance and creativity pay dividends as Liberty placed its first order for her striking range of DIY fashion kits.

Spinsters Emporium specialises in quality vintage fabrics and wallpapers, haberdashery and fancy yarns all hand-picked for their individuality. Its 'Haberdasher Me' packs which so enthused

Liberty enable people to customise their own clothes using one-off vintage materials.

Before launching the business, Donna had taken several career directions, including a spell with a yarn manufacturer in Shanghai, a teaching contract in Cambridge and freelance work for a knitwear swatch company.

She said: "I began to feel frustrated with the dull, run-of-the-mill fabrics I found in the shops and online and realised there was scope to give people a more enjoyable and inspiring shopping experience".

A major turning point for Donna was being introduced to a branding specialist who worked alongside her to create the Spinsters Emporium identity. While reflecting the 'make do and mend' culture of the age of austerity, it has the feel of a luxury brand aimed at crafts enthusiasts with an eye for the latest trends.



This powerful branding helped build Donna's online sales and attract the attention of publications like *Vogue* and *Marie Claire*. She said: "The ultimate accolade came with the Liberty order. My dream is for Spinsters Emporium to become a nationally-recognised brand so being stocked in one of the world's most famous stores is a fantastic place to start."

Donna's latest advance is to open her first shop in Nottingham where she is also offering courses and workshops through the Spinsters School of Stitchery.

Visit Donna's website at [www.spinstersemporium.co.uk](http://www.spinstersemporium.co.uk)

## Mirror, mirror....

Another alumna whose mirror designs can be seen in Liberty's is Ruth Parker (BA Hons Fine Art 2002).

Ruth had been working with small-scale mirror designs for a couple of years. However, she found it neither challenging nor cost-effective and started to contact as many interior and architecture design companies as possible in order to get work. Luckily she got a response from London design studio Specialprojekt who asked her to make some products for the Diptyque concession in Liberty's.

Ruth admits she is a bit of a hoarder. She said: "I am obsessed with collecting things. I love peeling back the layers of objects, images and conversations and finding what lies in the nooks and crannies and how we are trying to communicate with each other."

After leaving NTU Ruth stayed in Nottingham to continue her personal practice, whilst also building a path towards



making a living out of working within the creative industries. She became the Production Manager at Intermedia Film & Video and made short films through various schemes run by the Film Council. She also worked in the art department on films such as *This is England*.

Ruth continued to gain confidence and build her portfolio before heading to London at which point she was approached by a designer from Ted Baker who had seen some of her photography and wanted to find a way of including it within the design of their flagship women's wear store in London. It was then that she developed a technique which enabled her to transfer images onto distressed mirrors.

Now no two days are the same for Ruth. She said: "I love the fact that every day is different. I create bespoke objects for private collectors and interior designers; I write and direct film and video work; and



create installations and set designs. Sometimes it can be difficult to balance the 'commercial world' with fine art but I have been lucky to work with like-minded people that give me the opportunity to develop my practice."

As *Network* went to print Ruth was about to start work on some mirrored panels for a Diptyque store in New York. She said: "In terms of scale it is probably the largest piece that I have worked on and I am really excited that my work will be seen internationally."

For more information about Ruth's work, or to be added to her mailing list, email [ruth@ruthparker.co.uk](mailto:ruth@ruthparker.co.uk)



# Growing rural business ideas



The Rural Knowledge and Enterprise Centre (RKEC) based at Brackenhurst is a regional business support centre funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). It is able to support small-to-medium enterprises across the East Midlands with a particular focus on rural based industry. To date the RKEC has helped companies with projects as diverse as educational games for children, homeopathic oil production and award winning cheese manufacture.

The RKEC service includes a free two-day consultancy designed to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the business and to suggest ways in which future profit and growth can be maximised. This may lead to further collaboration with NTU where an additional two free days of specialist support is offered. With access to the full remit of University experts there is a vast base of knowledge and expertise available. Visit [www.ntu.ac.uk/rkec](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/rkec) for more information.



In Summer 2011 the RKEC will be running a series of business skills seminars aimed at SMEs. These will include Effective Marketing, Networking and Presentation Skills. To find out more, and to see if you qualify for our free access scheme, call +44 (0)115 848 5294.

## Why NTU means business

If you're an employer keen to offer placements to undergraduates, look no further than NTU. Many firms view the University as the ideal choice for finding confident, accomplished individuals with the right professional skills.

Taking a student on placement could help you to develop new business ideas, research niche markets, solve technical problems, improve profitability and advance projects otherwise sidelined due to lack of time.

Owain Lewis (BEng Hons Civil Engineering 2007) undertook his third year placement at C A Blackwell (Contracts) Ltd. He said: "My placement taught me invaluable skills that often can't be learned in the University

environment; how a construction site works, the interactions between different parties and experience of managing others."

If you're looking for high-calibre graduates, the University's Careers Service runs recruitment events throughout the year and is always interested in hearing from potential exhibitors. Visit their website at [www.ntu.ac.uk/careers/employers](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/careers/employers) for more information.

To find out more about offering placements to students, please contact the Alumni Office on +44 (0)115 848 8777 or email [alumni@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@ntu.ac.uk)



## Innovative NTU

NTU was the runner-up for the 2011 Rate My Placement Award for a university with a 'forward thinking attitude to work-based learning'. The award celebrates the initiatives and innovations carried out by UK universities and departments in promoting the value of work-based learning to students and employers. This is the first year NTU has been entered, and we are hoping to do even better next year!

# Turning music into money

Alumnus and professional photographer David Baird (BA Hons Photography 2007) has created some limited edition prints of some of his favourite music photographs in a bid to help raise money for The Music Exchange.

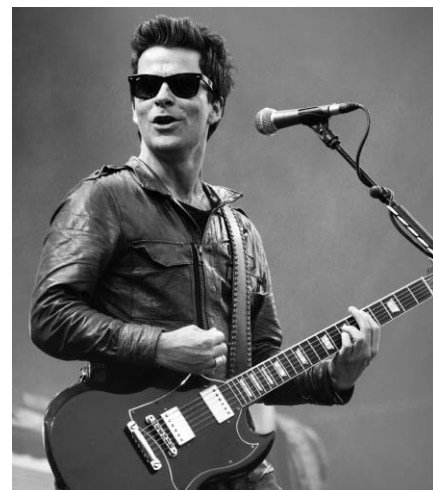


The Subways

Located in Nottingham's West End Arcade The Music Exchange supports local bands by providing them with an outlet to sell their merchandise and recordings commission free. The only agreement is that bands perform at one of The Music Exchange benefit nights held throughout the year. These nights celebrate new and exciting music, with any profit going directly back into the shop.

The Music Exchange is a social enterprise providing a safe environment for individuals who have experienced a period of unsettled life to rebuild their confidence and self-esteem whilst gaining invaluable retail experience. A team of staff provides ongoing support and encourages volunteers to become more independent.

David said: "The whole point of the shop is to get people who have suffered from homelessness off long-term benefits and into work. It's a great charity – even Sir Paul Smith is a fan! He offered one of the volunteers a job last year, so it's really helping people turn their lives around!"



Stereophonics' Kelly Jones

The limited edition prints are printed on archival quality fine art photo paper and all profits will be donated to The Music Exchange.

To view the selection of prints available and to order visit [www.david-baird.co.uk](http://www.david-baird.co.uk)

## A new look at mental health

When three students on the BA Hons Media with Media Practices course were given a brief to produce a film that shows it's possible to live a normal life after being diagnosed with a mental health condition, they weren't sure what to expect.

Guy Jenkins, Aimee Forde and Craig Jarrett joined forces with Framework and the people who use its services to produce *A Sense of Purpose*, which was shown at the launch of the Mental Health Awareness Weeks in 2010.

The trio, who all graduated in 2010, produced the film for the final year of their degree after choosing a brief sent in by Framework, which helps people who are homeless and vulnerable. They met people from across Nottingham who have struggled with mental health issues, but have managed to continue with their daily lives – from working on an allotment to studying for a degree.

All three former students said that working on the film had been challenging at times but inspiring.

Guy (pictured right) said: "The people in the film are fantastic. Mental health affects many people in different ways. There's a stigma attached to mental health; people think mental health means you are crazy or you can't do anything for yourself. I hope people who see this film will realise that you can't tar everyone with the same brush. Once you are diagnosed with depression or schizophrenia, it's not the end, you can move forward from it."

Graeme Green, the Lead Practitioner for Mental Health at Framework, said: "Homelessness issues can be a cause and symptom of mental health problems. There is a disproportionate number of people with mental health issues housed in areas of deprivation because they may not have a job or a very high income. This in turn can cause more stress. This film shows a journey to a place of recovery and having a sense of belonging in society."







## Two years and 92 Football League grounds later...

NTU Alumnus Chris Olley (BA Hons Photography 1994) has spent two years taking pictures of all 92 Football League grounds in England and Wales.

Chris took the black and white photographs on days when there were no matches as he wanted to convey the starkness of each stadium. He said: "When football stadiums aren't being used they have this redundant feeling about them. They sit there like an old ship."

One of Chris' favourite photographs was taken at Carrow Road, home of Norwich City Football Club. He said: "I like this picture because of the time of day it was taken and the dynamics that the clouds provide. This picture most represents the image I had in my head of how I would have liked all the pictures to be. Pragmatically, because of the buildings around stadiums it's not always possible to get this kind of angle of the front of the stadium and the light to be so perfect."

Chris is influenced by the German photographers Bernd and Hilla Becher, who are best known for their images of industrial buildings, and their work and ideas are evident in Chris' football ground studies. He said: "Their work shows us things in life which appear to be mundane and it can show us that we can take things for granted. I wanted to bring that into the photographs of the stadiums and try and exclude people, movement and colour. I did them in black and white because I didn't want the team's colours obscuring the stadiums."

Chris is currently focusing on his music career and is also looking to have his photography published.

Visit Chris' website at [www.chrisolley.photoshelter.com](http://www.chrisolley.photoshelter.com)

## Mayur has a lot on his plate

Mayur Sharma combines his love of food with his passion for travel as the presenter of the award winning Indian TV show *Highway On My Plate*.

With his best friend, Rocky, he has spent the past four years travelling across India creating almost 200 episodes exploring regional cuisines, exotic foods, legendary eating places, ancient recipes and riveting stories. They have also published a book

*Highway On My Plate – the Indian Guide to Roadside Eating* based on the programme.

Mayur (BA Clothing Studies with Textiles 1996, MA Fashion and Textiles 1997) is not a trained chef, but says he is mad about "all things food". He learned how to cook as a student whilst in Nottingham and far away from home. He has also been influenced by the fabulous cooking of his grandmother, aunt and mother.

Having eaten and worked his way around the world, Mayur is always on the look out for a new adventure. He is passionate about 'giving back' and has used his skills and experience in Africa and in post-Tsunami

relief efforts in Sri Lanka.

Mayur thanks NTU for his 'life less ordinary'. He said: "University gave me the confidence to succeed at any task no matter how hard the challenge. Working with the International Students' Society developed my curiosity to explore other nations and cultures and the capacity to revel in diversity. I also learned that many a problem can be solved over a pint!"

As well as continuing with *Highway On My Plate*, Mayur and Rocky are now presenting an additional show, *Jai Hind*, exploring the Indian armed forces.



### International networking groups

Mayur Sharma is NTU's Alumni Ambassador for India and runs a special networking group in that country specifically for NTU alumni. To find out more about NTU Alumni India, other official networking groups, or how to become an overseas alumni ambassador visit [www.ntualumni.org.uk/netcommunity/international](http://www.ntualumni.org.uk/netcommunity/international)

# Shining lights

Coca-Cola and Oasis bottles as they've never been seen before – as eco-friendly decorative lighting ranges – all made from recycled plastic drinks bottles.

Sarah Turner (BA Hons Furniture and Product Design 2008) cleans and sandblasts plastic bottles to turn them white before cutting and shaping them until they are unrecognisable from their original state. By using different brands, colours and sizes of bottles Sarah can create a variety of designs. She said: "Anybody can make a product from 'normal' materials – it can be harder to make something from a waste product."

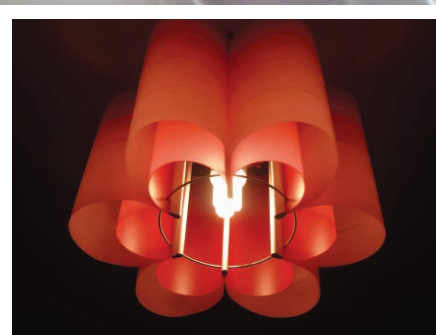
Last October Sarah was chosen by Channel 4's Kevin McCloud as a 'Green Hero' and as a result was able to exhibit her work at Grand Designs Live at the Birmingham NEC. Sarah said: "It was a

great show and I got to meet Kevin. It was great to hear someone you respect and admire say they love your work!"

Sarah recently had a commission from a non-profit organisation researching ways to reduce the Plastic Vortex – a patch of plastic the size of France and Germany combined – floating in the North Pacific. She made a giant sphere from 562 bottle ends, each one hand cut and attached together to gradually build the spherical shape. Each piece had an LED light inside which was connected to Twitter. When certain words were tweeted, such as 'recycling' and 'ocean', the Twitter Ball flashed in different colours. It was streamed live on the web so visitors could view the tweet-reactions as they happened. Each time the message was re-tweeted \$1 was donated to the organisation. Sarah said: "It was a great project to work on and raised lots of money and awareness for the organisation. I love doing commissions as I get to design and make one off pieces."

Sarah wants to continue making lighting from waste bottles and expand her resources by making things from other waste materials. She would love to invent a product that enables people to creatively reuse their own rubbish at home as well.

Sarah now has a studio in Nottingham and also teaches part-time at NTU. She said: "It's great working for yourself, being in control of how and when you



work and what you do. There are draw backs, but it's so rewarding and definitely worth it."

Fellow alumnus John Etherington (BA Hons Product Design 2010) is also enjoying success. After winning the Lighting Association Student Designer Award in 2010 he was introduced to contacts and manufacturers within the lighting industry and continues to develop products which will be available to buy later this year.

John's winning design 'ARC' is still one of his favourites and features an arced body which can be rolled into various positions giving different angles of light on a desk or side table. The light has been created from a combination of stainless steel, white oak and copper with its light source coming from 18 LEDs. John (pictured left) said: "It was fun to make and I've had lots of good feedback and responses throughout the various shows it has been exhibited at."

John is currently working as a designer at Bigblue Product Design Ltd in Chester, where he did his third year placement, but he is also continuing to design his own collection of lighting and furniture.

For more information on Sarah and John visit their websites at [www.sarahturner.co.uk](http://www.sarahturner.co.uk) and [www.john-etherington.co.uk](http://www.john-etherington.co.uk)





# Scientists work to reveal hidden secrets at the Tower of London

A medieval wall painting at the Tower of London has received some special attention from NTU scientists.

For the past six years, Dr Haida Liang and her team of researchers have been refining the development and use of non-invasive techniques for examining paintings and archaeological artefacts. They were invited by Historic Royal Palaces to use this hi-tech

equipment to examine the 14th Century Byward Tower wall painting – without the need to touch or damage it in any way.

One tool at their disposal is a portable Optical Coherence Tomographer (OCT), which allows them to scan the surface and the layers below the surface of an object with infrared light. OCT was originally developed as a medical imaging tool, but by using it to examine paintings, Dr Liang's team realised that they could reveal details not visible to the naked eye. The depth and distribution of paint and varnish layers, and even an artist's preparatory drawings can all become clear. These details might often only be discovered through the removal of tiny samples from the painting, something that art curators and conservators would prefer not to do.

At the Tower of London, the team also made use of a portable remote multispectral imaging system developed in their laboratories. The system known as PRISMS – Portable Remote Imaging System for

Multispectral Scanning – allows them to view areas of the painting using different wavelengths of light. In doing so, they can reveal the composition and make-up of the paints that were used, as well as hidden details that might not be immediately visible on the surface.

Jane Spooner, building curator at the Tower of London, has been carrying out detailed research into the Byward Tower wall painting. She said: "Non-invasive examination techniques such as these are invaluable resources in helping us to better understand an artefact like this. We're able to learn a great deal about what was involved in creating it, and how we can better take care of it for the future."

Dr Liang said: "This is the first wall painting that we've ever examined using these techniques and it's a real privilege to be asked to work here with such a beautiful and historically significant artefact."



## Who will be the Alumnus of the Year 2011?

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?

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The deadline for nominations is  
**30 June 2011**

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Chancellor Sir Michael Parkinson with 2010 Alumnus of the Year Paul Kenyon

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The latest recipient of the Alumni Fund Award for Sport is first year Business Economics student and 400m runner James Baines.

## Running towards success

James trains at a local gym and the nearby Harvey Hadden Stadium. In a typical day James will attend his lectures then train for at least two hours in the evening before settling down for a 'good meal'.

James said: "I enjoy my course, but it's hard work, especially trying to tie it in with training a minimum of six times a week. I've certainly had to change my priorities this year, but having a clear plan makes it easier to fit it all in."

Unfortunately 2010 wasn't a good year for James due to injury, although he still managed to knock 0.8 seconds off his personal best time. His goal for this year is to compete in the Amateur Athletic Association (AAA) Championships.

He is grateful for the support from the Alumni Fund. He said: "The funding has provided me with a fantastic opportunity to fulfil my goals. It has been hard managing my time and money so it is a big relief to be supported in this way."

Meanwhile the Alumni Fund continues to support flatwater sprint canoeist Joe Seaman.

Joe is in his final year of the Sport Science and Management degree and alongside writing his dissertation and revising for his exams, he is training two to three times a day six days a week with an aim of completing 1000m in 4.10 minutes – a benchmark set by his coach for the under-23 World Championships selection.

He said: "At the moment I'm focusing on developing my aerobic system and strength out of the water. Each month I complete a 1000m and a 5km time trial to help me towards my goal and each month I have shown consistent development. This season is the one that counts if I want to make it to the 2012 Olympics. I have to exceed my targets and be selected for the World Championships - something I am very confident in achieving."

He added: "I would like to thank all the donors to the Alumni Fund who have made it possible for me to continue with my sport whilst studying. It really has been beneficial in my progression towards both the 2012 and 2016 Olympics. Thanks to your generosity the barriers to progression and towards optimum performance are reduced."

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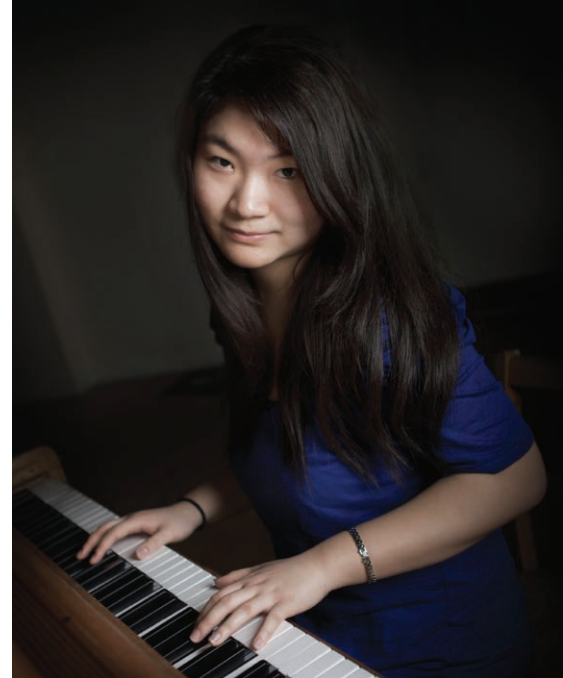
First year BA (Hons) Economics student Paula Yan has been playing the piano for 13 years. She will now enjoy playing a brand new piano during her time at University thanks to donations to the Alumni Fund. After Paula (pictured right) graduates, the piano will remain at the University for other students to enjoy.

Paula, who achieved her Grade 8 last year, has a passion for music and a talent for memorising pieces. Her grandad played both the piano and violin, so encouraged

her to start playing.

She said: "Before University I used to practise at least three times a week, and then I stopped because I did not have access to a piano, so I'm really excited and grateful that one will be purchased for me to practise with while I am here."

Meanwhile, first year BA (Hons) Fashion and Textile Management student Ffion Evans (pictured below) will receive the Clifford Beck Award, given in memory of a former lecturer, which will provide her with



funding to put towards music lessons.

Ffion has been playing the flute since she was eight years old and reached Grade 8 level, two years ago. She hopes the lessons will enable her to achieve her diploma.

Ffion, who says she comes from a 'musical family', was encouraged to play an instrument from an early age. She said: "I love the sound of the flute, which is why I knew it was the instrument for me. I try to practise at least 10 or 20 minutes a day and, before coming to NTU, I'd have one lesson a week. Receiving this funding will help me achieve my dream of gaining a diploma in playing the flute. I'd like to thank the University and Clifford Beck's family for this very exciting opportunity."

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## Alumni Fund Histology Suite

Histological examination of tissue is a powerful way of reinforcing student knowledge and developing their laboratory skills.

The interface between animal nutrition and animal welfare is currently a hot topic in animal science; creating a resurgence of interest in histology as a tool for investigating gut health. Donations to the Alumni Fund have enabled the School of Animal, Rural and Environmental Sciences to set up the 'Alumni Fund Histology Suite' at Brackenhurst.

This new suite allows the preparation of

tissue on site for microscopic examination. Students can now further develop their laboratory skills as well as undertake dissertation projects focused on histological studies of gut health.

Animal and Equine Sciences' postgraduate student, Harriet Lea said: "It is vital that our students graduate with hands-on skills to complement their theoretical knowledge and setting up a histology preparation suite provides students with the opportunity to develop projects worthy of scientific publication."



## 'Jerry' helps vet nursing students

Critical care manikins have been purchased, thanks to Alumni Fund donations. These will provide FdSc Veterinary Nursing students with opportunities to learn critical care techniques.

A 'Critical Care Jerry' is a dog model that is specifically designed to have life-like features of a dog such as jugular blood vessels, a realistic airway, working lungs and an artificial pulse. It also features a broken leg and life-like skin for students to practice administering sutures.

Technician Team Leader for Animal and Equine Sciences, Cat Sanderson, said: "These critical care manikins are great as students obviously cannot practice on real animals either at the University or out on placement. Students on other animal courses will also benefit from them in animal first aid practicals, especially using the artificial pulse, and for practising splinting and bandaging."

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# Areas that need your support

In addition to our usual Alumni Fund disbursements we are now seeking donations towards priority projects including cancer research and student scholarships.

## The gift of education

A recent student survey places the average student debt at £5,293 per year of study. With the proposed changes to higher education funding and the increase in the cost of living this figure is set to rise.

This is a worry to growing numbers of potential students who find that, for purely financial reasons, attending university is just a dream.

This year, with your help, the Alumni Fund will create a series of scholarship awards, designed to help people attend NTU when their financial situation prevents them experiencing life at the University.

The main aims of the scholarships will be

to enable access to university for those potential students for whom finance could be a real barrier to the progression of their education; or for students to remain at the university when their financial situation might cause them to have to abandon their studies.

The awards will be made only when all other possible options have been considered, ensuring that they have a real impact.

People who might be eligible for help in this area might include care leavers, people with disabilities, independent students or students who are estranged from their families.

Your support will enable students to fulfil their potential and make a real and ongoing difference to the world around them.

## Together we can discover new methods to prevent and treat cancer

In 2008 the University received a major award to create the John van Geest Cancer Research Centre (see page 26). The centre officially opened last November providing the University's world-class team of cancer



research scientists with an outstanding environment for their research.

Their research is currently focused in two main areas – the discovery of cancer biomarkers antigens for the diagnosis and monitoring of cancer progression and the development of cancer vaccines that will be formulated appropriately for pre-clinical and clinical investigations for treating cancer sufferers.

Your support will make a real difference, helping our scientists to continue their life-saving research and purchase vital analytical equipment, enabling us to play our part together in beating this disease.



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Until 31 July 2011 the government is providing matched funding for private donations to universities. Under this scheme we can claim £1 for every £3 donated. What's more the Gift Aid scheme is being matched too. This means that somebody making a gift of £30 a month will now see the value of that gift rise to £50.

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# Natalie learns the

“You’ll never guess what she’s gone and done now – she’s only run away with the circus! That was my mum’s favourite phrase for a while”, says Natalie Verhaegen.



To many people in England the word ‘circus’ conjures up images of clowns, jugglers and good family entertainment. Its image has not necessarily always been positive, especially with its historic use of animals. However, today, with the aid of TV shows like *Britain’s Got Talent*, people can see that the circus world has a lot to offer to the masses. Along with the resurgence of burlesque and cabarets such as La Clique the term ‘circus’ is no longer only associated with traditional tented shows. Its appeal is becoming wider to form more entertaining performances mixed with different styles, such as dance, theatre and music.

Natalie Verhaegen (BA Hons Contemporary Arts 2005) has always been interested in performance – starting at the age of four when she proudly took fourth place for her forward-roll in a gymnastics competition. She soon gave up gymnastics in favour of dance, Brownies, drama, music and saxophone lessons. She said: “I was a normal child with a short attention span and a need to do everything!”

However, it was her course and a ‘random stranger’ that finally made her think about becoming a circus performer. She said: “My projects on the Contemporary Arts course became increasingly about the space around us and how, as an artist, we could explore and exploit it. It was this, coupled with a memory of a show by an Argentinean company I saw at The Roundhouse in London, which made me realise that it was possible to put human bodies creatively in the space I so philosophically wanted to capture. It was a chance meeting with a travelling artist that made me realise I needed to learn ‘circus’ to explore and exploit these ideas.”

Since then her career in performance has gone to new heights. In 2010 Natalie spent four months working with the Circus of Horrors’ gruesome *Day of the Dead* production which included her playing the saxophone upside down whilst having knives thrown at her. She has toured with The Empire Circus in India as their guest international performer and spent two years



# ropes



Natalie with tap dancing piano player Annette Walker

with Southern England's Greatest Circus Jay Miller's as their Ring Mistress and aerialist.

It's hard work, which requires Natalie to keep fit and practise regularly. It can involve very long days, but she still enjoys it and the creativity required to develop new routines. She said: "I really like working on new ideas for a performance and then hearing the public's reaction. I guess it's like a web designer launching a website as the pinnacle of their project or a boat-maker finally seeing it set sail... plus I love the attention!"

However, it's not without risk and Natalie had to stop performing mid-season last year when she developed a really bad case of tendonitis. It's also risky for her saxophone which she took in for a service after a Circus of Horrors Show and had to explain how she'd damaged it by falling over a coffin!

Now based in London she is taking a break from touring to work on her own projects including launching a collaborative circus company

[www.theaerialensemble.com](http://www.theaerialensemble.com) and developing more musical ventures. Multi-talented Natalie is also taking some music courses and using her love of the saxophone to perform on many artistic projects including 'a piano playing, tap dancing, sax playing, upside- down hanging, all singing comedy duo!'

She says: "I know that I'll still be able to do the music when I'm 90 – I'm not so sure about the circus training!"



You can find out more about Natalie at  
[www.MissNatalie.co.uk](http://www.MissNatalie.co.uk)





Following the creation of over 240 new businesses and their subsequent generation of more than £8 million in revenue, Nottingham Trent University's enterprise centre, The Hive, is celebrating its tenth anniversary this year.

# A Hive of activity

Since 2001, The Hive and its outreach project, Hive@Mansfield, have helped NTU graduates and entrepreneurs with viable business ideas to create and run their own companies. Of the businesses launched, an exceptional 85% passed the three year mark and 72% still trade today, employing almost 300 people between them.

The average age of Hive entrepreneurs is 27 and more than 30 have won or reached the finals of major national enterprise competitions since 2006. Businesses launched by Hive entrepreneurs range from fashion and product design to business consultancy services and event management, and from horticulture and garden design to alternative therapies and social enterprises.

Notable Hive entrepreneurs include alumnus Kawsar Miah, of wholesale electronics firm Digicom Solutions Ltd, which turned over in excess of £1m in its first year of trading; and fellow alumnus, fashion designer and winner of the first ever British Council UK Young Fashion Entrepreneur (UKYFE) Award, Simeon Hartwig who is currently travelling around the USA to promote Nottingham's creative industries.

The Hive offers entrepreneurs a range of programmes to help them get their business off the ground, including the 12-week, intensive HeadStart course, which enables participants to investigate the

market, foster a network of business contacts, identify financing opportunities and, where positive potential exists, to start up a company. Hive entrepreneurs also have access to office space and University expertise and on-going mentoring from business experts.

Kawsar Miah, who started his business at The Hive while on a student placement for Entrepreneurs in Education programme, said: "The Hive is the perfect place to learn the true meaning of business and get the support and help needed to make that first leap into starting up your own business."

Chris Hall, Business Manager at The Hive, said: "We've defied the ups and downs of the economy and we're delighted to be celebrating an extremely successful ten years. Our support is a recognised role model in higher education for graduate and student enterprise and entrepreneurship. We're also a

significant driving force in the local economy and, as such, at the forefront of recent government strategies to promote regional equality and economic growth."

The anniversary year will include a number of events for entrepreneurs, staff, mentors and supporters of The Hive and a distinguished lecture from a special guest. To find out more visit [www.ntu.ac.uk/hive](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/hive)



# Furnishing **inspiration**

With a name chosen to convey a sense of constant progression, creative venture & Then Design has gained a little extra direction on the road to success – thanks to The Hive.

Set up by alumni Samuel Wright and Jamie Bowler (both BA Hons Furniture and Product Design 2008) & Then Design has carved out a reputation for creating inimitable furniture, products and interior design for both the domestic and contract markets.

Samuel said: “Studying at NTU gave us the massive satisfaction of showing and gaining appreciation for our work. Setting up on our own has helped us retain that sheer sense of enjoyment. Our designs have an element of fun alongside their aesthetic character and practical purpose – we would have risked losing that originality by working full-time for someone else.”

Prompted by a talk given in their final year the duo enrolled for HeadStart in 2008 and have not looked back.

“HeadStart was very inspiring,” said Samuel. “Along with crucial advice about everything from tax and VAT to law, we gained a greater understanding of how to build a positive dialogue with potential customers and communicate our enthusiasm.”

& Then Design offers a complete service from initial concepts through to finished products, using traditional craftsman’s methods and UK manufacturing. Its first collection, ‘& here we go’, attracted phenomenal attention at events such as New

Designers and the Heart & Design charity auction. An initial manufacturing contract for its iconic Quba stacking chair swiftly followed.

A second collection - ‘& again’ - built on that success and the company now offers over 15 products which have secured global attention and coverage in publications such as *Elle Decoration*, *Vogue Living*, *Icon* and *Office*. Since last year, the upmarket furniture retailer Ellis + Louca Interiors has sold the collection at its central London store.

Investing in a strong presence at design shows has remained a cornerstone of the ‘& Then’ approach. The latest range, ‘& they’re at it again’, was recently launched to great acclaim at 100% Design.

Having built the business while holding down part-time jobs and freelance work, Samuel and James are currently developing their online sales and hope to move into their own retail premises eventually. As well as creating their own ranges, they are forging links with furniture manufacturers to develop new products and are helping promote other up-and-coming designers.

For more information about & Then Design visit

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

**The Hive** is Nottingham Trent University’s purpose-built enterprise development centre which supports the creation of new businesses as well as fostering the delivery of entrepreneurship education into the curriculum across the University.

Although primarily for students and graduates of NTU, it offers help to anyone with a viable business idea.

To find out how The Hive can help you visit

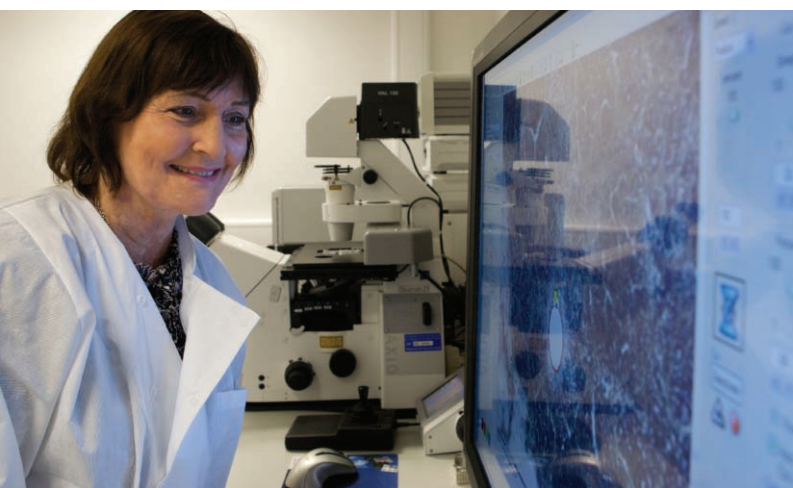
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# State-of-the-art cancer research centre opens at NTU



A multi million pound cancer research centre has been officially opened at NTU. Scientists at the John van Geest Cancer Research Centre are working to develop vaccines against breast and prostate cancer, as well as hi-tech methods for assigning more effective and personalised courses of treatment for cancer sufferers.

In 2008, following previous grants, NTU received a £7.65m donation from the John and Lucille van Geest Foundation to support the work of the cancer research team at the University. Part of the money has been used to create the purpose-built John van Geest Cancer Research Centre - named in memory of the philanthropist whose foundation made the donation - whilst the balance will serve to meet the cancer research team's costs.

The new centre has a particular significance for Nottingham, with the city renowned for being the birthplace of cancer immunology research. In 1955, Professor Robert Baldwin, from the University of Nottingham, published the first scientific

papers exploring the idea of immunity to cancer, and by the 1970s was leading a world-renowned team of scientists. One of those scientists was Professor Robert Rees, now director of the new centre.

Sir Michael Parkinson, Chancellor of Nottingham Trent University, welcomed guests at the University's Clifton campus, before inviting Hilary (Gussy) Marlowe - daughter of John and Lucille van Geest - to unveil a plaque and declare the centre open.

Professor Rees, Director of the John van Geest Cancer Research Centre, said: "This new facility is a dream come true. Ask any cancer research scientist and they'll struggle to explain just how much they'd give to have

purpose built laboratories like these. The team and I are extremely fortunate to have been given the opportunity to take our work into the future this way, and we're all grateful to the John and Lucille van Geest Foundation for the incredible support they've given us to make this possible."

**To make a donation to the John van Geest Cancer Research Centre call +44 (0)115 848 8810.**

## Honorary degree for Gussy Marlowe



An honorary degree of Doctor of Science (DSci) has been conferred upon Hilary (Gussy) Marlowe. Daughter of the late John and Lucille van Geest, Gussy's role in steering the philanthropic work of the John and Lucille van Geest Foundation has led to the creation of the University's new and state-of-the-art John van Geest Cancer Research Centre.

The John and Lucille van Geest Foundation was established by the late John van Geest CBE and his wife Lucille van Geest MBE in 1977, and for the past 30 years has played a leading role in funding medical research and health and social welfare schemes in the UK.

Now chairperson of the board of Trustees of the Foundation, and as a Trustee for more

than 15 years, Gussy has built upon the work started by her parents to establish a charity which funds medical research directly, and in a way which has maximum impact on healthcare. She has worked to shape the Foundation's funding policy, helping it to make important contributions to medical and social welfare programmes across the UK.

With a keen personal interest in medical research, Gussy's scientific enthusiasm has had far reaching consequences for researchers working to understand diseases and developing new therapies.

# Lee Westwood opens NTU sports facility

Golfer and Ryder Cup winning team member, Lee Westwood, has officially opened NTU's new, state-of-the-art sports facilities – the Lee Westwood Sports Centre.

The new building, which is on the Clifton campus, boasts a range of top-class facilities which will play a crucial role in the development of elite and specialist student athletes. The facilities will also accommodate the growing requirements for sport amongst staff, students and members of the local community.

Three new glass-backed squash courts have been added, along with a 65 station fitness suite, a high performance suite for elite athletes, a nutrition centre, an exercise studio, a consultation suite and new and improved changing facilities. Space has also been added for the development of a sports therapy clinic, along with a human performance lab, for use by the University's sports science department. Throughout the building, improvements have also been made to the overall quantity and quality of office and storage space.

Since receiving an honorary degree from NTU in 2007, Lee Westwood's professional career has seen him enjoy success at a number of prestigious tournaments and events. By 2008 he had moved back into the top 20 in the official World Golf Rankings, narrowly missing out on becoming the first European in 38 years to win the US Open. In 2009 he went on to win the Portugal Masters and in October 2010 he played a pivotal role in a dramatic Ryder Cup win for Europe.

Speaking about the University's decision to name the new sports facility after him, he said: "I'm really honoured that this facility will bear my name. I have fond memories of receiving my honorary degree here in 2007, and this is another proud day for me!"



Lee Westwood with student golfer Ashley Curzon

## New student accommodation for Clifton campus



Construction is underway on a new 727 room student accommodation scheme at Clifton campus, with several alumni returning to work on the project.

Former students working on the project include Jim Finn (MSc Industrial Computing Systems 2002), Mark Potter (BEng Hons Civil Engineering 2009), Gareth Miles (BSc Hons Construction Management 2010) and NTU's Nigel Jones (BSc Hons Real Estate Management 2002).

The new development replaces the former seven Gervase blocks which fronted the campus for over 40 years. The new residences will comprise of six main blocks, with en suite single bedrooms in cluster flats together with studio bedrooms, comprising of en suite bathroom and kitchen facilities.



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All three courses build upon the varied research strengths of our staff to deliver informed, engaging and analytical programmes that explore the key contemporary debates. You will explore the major issues surrounding topics such as criminal policy, social inequalities and European politics and gain valuable research methods training.

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For further information call on +44 (0)115 848 4460, email [s3.enquiries@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:s3.enquiries@ntu.ac.uk), or visit [www.ntu.ac.uk/s3postgraduate](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/s3postgraduate).

\*subject to validation

## Postgraduate Open Events

**School of Arts and Humanities**

**School of Education**

**School of Science and Technology**

Thursday 12 May 2011 4 – 7 pm

Saturday 10 September 2011 10 am – 1 pm

**School of Architecture, Design and the Built Environment**

**School of Art & Design**

Wednesday 18 May 2011 5 – 7 pm

**Nottingham Business School**

**Nottingham Law School**

**School of Social Sciences**

Monday 27 June 2011 4 – 7 pm

To book your place visit

[www.ntu.ac.uk/postgraduate](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/postgraduate).



## Make the most of postgraduate opportunities with a scholarship

Alumni who have graduated from Nottingham Trent University since 2006 could be eligible for a fee reduction of £1,000 to study on a full-time taught postgraduate course within the School of Art & Design or the School of Architecture, Design and the Built Environment. If you are a self-funded candidate with a minimum of a 2.1 honours degree please apply for your course by 30 June 2011 to be eligible for consideration for this bursary.

To find out more about this and other postgraduate funding and industry sponsorship opportunities visit:

[www.ntu.ac.uk/art-pgscholarships](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/art-pgscholarships)

[www.ntu.ac.uk/adbe-pgscholarships](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/adbe-pgscholarships)

# Congratulations!

Congratulations to alumni who received recognition in the New Year's Honours List.



## Knighthood for Roger

Former student Sir Roger Carr was knighted for services to business.

Sir Roger (Business Studies 1968 and Management Studies 1969) is Chairman of Centrica plc, a non executive Director to the Court of the Bank of England and is President of the Confederation of British Industry. He is also a senior adviser to KKR – the world's largest private equity company.

Sir Roger has previously held a number of senior appointments including Chairman of Cadbury plc, Chairman of Chubb plc, Chairman of Mitchells & Butlers plc, Chairman of Thames Water plc and Chief Executive of Williams plc.

Throughout his career he has served on a number of external committees including the Manufacturing Council of the CBI, The Higgs Committee on Corporate Governance and Business for New Europe. He is a fellow of the Royal Society for the encouragement of the Arts, Manufacturers and Commerce and is a Companion of the Institute of Management.



## Retired Dean appointed OBE

Professor Jenny Saint has been appointed OBE in the New Year's Honours. Jenny, who retired as Dean of the School of Animal, Rural and Environmental Sciences in July last year, was recognised for her services to further and higher education. During her 33 years at Brackenhurst, she saw the campus transform from a respected provider of land-based further education to a highly successful School within the University, with a national reputation for excellence and a rapidly developing global reputation for its work.

Jenny said: "I am absolutely thrilled to be recognised in this way and very proud of what Brackenhurst has achieved over the years. It's been a privilege to have worked with some incredibly committed and dedicated staff and highly motivated and enthusiastic students. This combination provided me with a rewarding and happy career. The OBE is the icing on the cake and I'm deeply honoured!"



## Peter's MBE

Peter Astley (BSc Hons Combined Studies in Sciences 1986) is celebrating after receiving an MBE in the New Year's Honours List.

Best known by former students for his talent on the rugby field, Peter is now Warrington Borough Council's Head of Public Protection responsible for trading standards, environmental health and licensing services. He has strived to protect the most vulnerable in the community helping to provide advice and support to those who need it most. Rogue traders and doorstep criminals are heavily targeted by Peter and his team working with the police and other agencies to make sure Warrington residents are well protected.

He said: "It's a real honour being rewarded for doing something which I love and feel very passionate about. I am proud to receive this award and proud to lead such an excellent service."

## Honorary honours

Two of NTU's honorary graduates also received honours this year.

**The Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, Sir Andrew Buchanan**, has been made Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

Sir Andrew has welcomed all members of the royal family to the county since becoming Lord Lieutenant almost 20 years ago and presented many medals on behalf of the Queen to people across the city and the county. Sir Andrew was awarded an honorary degree by NTU in 1993 for services to the county.

Meanwhile **Margaret Humphreys**, founder of the Nottingham-based Child Migrants Trust has been appointed CBE.

Social worker Margaret Humphreys brought to public attention the UK's role in sending children to former colonies, where many suffered abuse. Her organisation helps reunite former migrants living in countries such as Australia with their relatives. Margaret was awarded an honorary degree by NTU in 1996 for her contribution to knowledge of child care, social policy and practice.





# Wedding news

Prince William and Kate Middleton aren't the only ones celebrating their marriage, here are some other couples who have tied the knot recently. We also catch up with Eva and David who married after meeting at NTU.

## Met@NTU

In October 1962 David Burgess (Cert Education 1964) and Eva Tilley (Cert Education 1965) met at a dance to celebrate the official opening of the then Nottingham College of Education. The following Saturday they had their first date - a trip to the cinema to see Robert Mitchum in *Cape Fear*.

David and Eva were engaged during the Christmas of 1963 and married at St Paul's Church, Haswell, County Durham (Eva's home village) on 7 August 1965.

David and Eva's courtship was conducted in the era of the 'great divide' at Clifton campus when male and female students were kept separate. Eva said: "It was great fun. It was also the great water-fight era during which David, who had the room opposite the front door of the block, opened his door and threw a waste-bin full of water over who he thought was a fellow student. Unfortunately he had soaked Stan, one of the porters on his rounds. Needless to say, he had to report to the porters' office the next day bearing gifts and humble apologies which Stan thankfully accepted."

After graduation, the couple secured teaching posts in Nottingham, and with the exception of one year, have lived in Nottinghamshire ever since.



**Kaye Wilson | BA Hons Primary Education 2007**

**Timothy Smale | BSc Hons Combined Studies in Sciences 2005**

Kaye and Tim met through the NTU Trampoline Club where Tim was the treasurer and Kaye was an inexperienced beginner! After a night at 'The Works' and a date to the cinema, they haven't looked back! Tim proposed to Kaye in Paris two days after her graduation and they were married on 8 August 2009 at Hatfield House in Hertfordshire.

**Sarah Clark | BSc Hons Psychology 2006**

**Craig McIntyre | BA Hons Business Economics 2006**

Sarah and Craig met at NTU when Craig replied to an advert that Sarah had posted on the website looking for a flatmate. In 2008 Craig took Sarah to New York for a weekend away and proposed to her at the top of the Empire State Building. They were married on 18 September 2010 at St Elphin's Church, Warrington with the reception held in Lymm, Cheshire, and a honeymoon in the Maldives.

**Marie-Claire Hoare | LLB Hons Law 1993 and LPC 1995**

Marie-Claire was married to Paul Clinton on 9 October 2010. The ceremony took place at Arnold House in Rugby. The wedding was followed by a pub crawl, eventually ending up at the Rugby Worker's Club where they danced the night away. They enjoyed a honeymoon in Malta.

**Kim Lumber | Cert Personnel Practice 2006 and PG Dip Human Resource Management 2009**

**Richard Cutts | BSc Hons Engineering (Mechanical) 2005**

Kim and Richard were married on 4 September 2010 at Packington Moor Farm, where they also held their wedding reception. They enjoyed a relaxing week-long honeymoon in a log cabin in Griffon Forest in Yorkshire. Ian Dewick (Usher) and Dave Baker, both NTU alumni, also attended the wedding.

**Kaye McBlain | MChem Chemistry 2004**

**Neil Jordan | LLB Hons Europe with French 2003**

Kaye and Neil first met at NTU in The Point Students' Union at Clifton campus in March 2001. It was there they discovered their mutual love of football, and their teams were to play against each other the next day. Kaye and Neil were married in Tamworth on 29 May 2010. Their wedding was billed as 'The Big Match of 2010' and had a subtle football theme running throughout the day. For their honeymoon, they enjoyed a trip to South Africa which coincided with the 2010 World Cup.



## An ideal setting for your wedding

Marrying the old with the new Nottingham Conference Centre is a unique wedding venue. Celebrate your wedding in the Victorian splendour of the Arkwright building or the modern simplicity of the rooms in Newton. Whichever is your preference, NTU alumni can treat their guests with complimentary canapés when booking the diamond drinks package (subject to availability).

To book, contact Nottingham Conference Centre on +44 (0)115 848 8000 or email [enquiries@nottinghamconferencecentre.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@nottinghamconferencecentre.co.uk) quoting your alumni ID.





**Laura Leatherland | LLB Hons Law 2009**

Laura married Scott Caress at The Lion Hotel, Belper, Derbyshire on 3 April 2010, and enjoyed a two week honeymoon in the Dominican Republic. Alumni to also enjoy the wedding day were Jon Wilson, Nicki Silfant, and Angela Dickinson.

**Suzanne Trickett | BSc Hons Product Design 2003**

**Richard Linford | BA Hons Product Design 2004**  
Richard and Suzanne met at NTU at the end of their second year - and have been inseparable ever since! They got married on 15 May 2010 in Bolton Abbey and had the reception in the Devonshire Fell in Burnsall. Richard and Suzanne spent their honeymoon in Cornwall.



**Lorna Davis | BSc Hons Biomedical Science 2006**

**Christopher Philpotts | BA Hons English and Geography 2005**

Lorna and Christopher met on their first day at NTU where they shared a flat in Peverell Hall. They were married on 28 July 2010 at The Ashes in Leek, followed by a blessing at St Luke's Church in Endon. They enjoyed their honeymoon in a cottage on the beach in Sennen, Cornwall.



## V good cakes

Victoria has been making wedding cakes for her friends for more than 25 years. Now everybody can enjoy The Lady V's classy creations.

Although Victoria Ruthford (PGDip Law 2003 and Legal Practice Course 2004) loves her job as a lawyer at Cartwright King in

**Rebecca Spelzini | BA Hons Business Studies 2003 and PG Dip Personnel Management 2006**

Rebecca met Edward Napper in Cambridge after being introduced by Rebecca's younger sister. Rebecca and Edward were married in May 2010 at Pembroke College Chapel, and had their reception in a marquee at the Hotel Felix in Cambridge, with a honeymoon in St Lucia two weeks later.



**Vicky Horrobin | LPC 2004**

**Craig Harris | LPC 2004**

Vicky and Craig met at Nottingham Law School back in 2003. They were recently married at St Margaret's Church, Hornby, Lancashire and held their reception at Hoghton Tower. For their honeymoon, they went on safari in Tanzania. Vicky's sister Kelly Horrobin (BSc Hons Psychology 2006) was chief bridesmaid.

**Claire Ahern | BA Hons Communication Studies 2005**

**Benjamin Glenton | BSc Hons Sports Science and Management 2005**

Claire and Ben were married on 24 July 2010 in Wollaton, Nottingham. They met at the NTU student night at Oceana nightclub in 2005 and have been together ever since. Claire is now working as a radio producer for Smooth Radio and Ben is a leisure club manager. They have a daughter Ella and still live in Nottingham.



**Emily Coyne | Professional Studies in Psychology 2005, MSc Psychology 2006, PG Cert Higher Education 2009, current PhD student**

**Chris Umfreville | PG Dip Law 2006, LLB Hons Law 2007, Legal Practice Course 2007**  
Emily and Chris were married on 10 April 2010 at the Devonshire Dome in Buxton. They spent their honeymoon in South Africa. The wedding was attended by many other NTU alumni, students and staff.



Nottingham, she wanted to do something more creative so in August 2009 she took up lease of a run down old shop in order to start a second job – making beautiful cakes for special occasions.

The shop was in desperate need of refurbishment and, with a limited budget, she decided to do absolutely everything herself, from laying the flooring to fitting her kitchen. Eventually 'The Lady V' opened for business in February 2010.

After saying that she wouldn't do novelty cakes, the first one out of the door was a brightly coloured Super Mario themed wedding cake. Since then business has thrived and she worked every moment possible in 2010 to make two or three cakes per week, with each three tier cake taking several days to create from start to finish.

She said: "I was exhausted. This year I plan to manage my time better and aim to do one or two cakes a week concentrating on more elaborate and unique designs."

Self-taught Victoria gets her ideas from home decorating magazines and iconic films

and has plans to create a "Dorothy cake" based on the character from *The Wizard of Oz* complete with ruby slippers and poppy leaves.

She continues to work at Cartwright King and enjoys the variety and challenge of two very different roles. She said: "I love both jobs and couldn't imagine giving up either, although I do have to say the cake business is much more stressful than being a lawyer!"

Read Victoria's blog at [www.letthecake.co.uk](http://www.letthecake.co.uk) or visit her website at [www.theladyv.co.uk](http://www.theladyv.co.uk).







# Making tracks

Last year Nottingham was named the least car dependent city in England by The Campaign for Better Transport, which also ranked Nottingham top for public transport, walking and cycling.

It is particularly important that Nottingham has a good public transport system, given that fewer people have access to a car in Nottingham than elsewhere in the country. For example, in Clifton around 40 % of households have no access to a car compared to 27 % in England as a whole.

Since opening in 2004 the tram network, NET Line One, has been extremely successful, with an average of more than nine million passenger journeys a year. The current operator has won numerous awards including 'Tram Operator of the Year'.

Nottingham City Council also won a Local Transport Authority of the Year award and has been given a green flag in the Comprehensive Area Assessment for excellence in public transport.

Local public transport use in Nottingham has grown by 8 % in recent years, the highest rate of any of the UK's Core Cities (the eight largest cities in England outside London).

A lot of work has been put into working towards this success, with buses, trams and

trains, as well as cycling and pedestrian facilities complementing each other in order to create an integrated, joined up public transport network.

Now plans are being put into place for two more tram lines (NET Phase Two) to Clifton via Wilford and to Chilwell via the Queen's Medical Centre and Beeston. When complete, the extended network will provide an estimated 20 million passenger journeys a year.

Although the majority of funding for NET Phase Two will come from central government, 25 % must be found locally. As a result Nottingham will introduce the Workplace Parking Levy (WPL) - a charge on employers that provide car parking for 11 or more vehicles.

The WPL will provide the majority of the local contribution needed for NET Phase Two, as well as funding for the redevelopment of Nottingham Railway Station (the Hub Project) and will also help to maintain and improve the subsidised Link Bus services, which provide more than 6.8 million passenger journeys a year.



## Life's a beach

The Nottingham Riviera will make another welcome return to Old Market Square this year with a seaside playground, beach cafés, bucket and spade stalls and fairground rides.

A large paddling pool will complement the Square's water feature and there will be plenty of tables, deck chairs and sun loungers available to seat visitors.

For more information on dates, opening times and entertainment visit [www.nottinghamriviera.co.uk](http://www.nottinghamriviera.co.uk)



Remember - whilst you are in Nottingham you can enjoy exclusive discounts on some local attractions with your **venture card** (see page 06).



# Reunions and events

Whether you are interested in attending alumni reunions, networking events, degree shows or distinguished lectures, you are always welcome back on campus.



## Be inspired

Distinguished Lectures have been one of the key features of university life for centuries. Delivered by an exceptional range of expert guest speakers, NTU's Distinguished Lecture Series covers many exciting subjects and tackles topical and sensitive issues face-on. The lectures are thought-provoking, raise debate and inform.

The University has had the privilege of hosting a number of distinguished speakers on a broad array of stimulating subject areas. For example, earlier this year we welcomed botanist and television presenter David Bellamy, Director of Liberty (The National Council for Civil Liberties) Shami Chakrabarti, and Lord Saville of Newdigate.

The Distinguished Lectures are all free to attend and attract large audiences from across the region.

To find out more about forthcoming lectures visit  
[www.ntu.ac.uk/distinguishedlectures](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/distinguishedlectures)



## Join us back on campus this summer

We really enjoy welcoming our alumni back to campus and in the past year we have enjoyed celebrating a special anniversary with former students from our School of Education, networking with Nottingham Law School alumni, reminiscing with those who studied in York House and partying at Climax Reunited. We also held a few events outside the UK. Photo galleries from these events, and more, can be found online at [www.ntualumni.org.uk/netcommunity/photogalleries](http://www.ntualumni.org.uk/netcommunity/photogalleries).

For the first time this year we held a London Pub Networking Night. It was a great opportunity for alumni who are now working in the city to meet up. We plan to hold the next one in the autumn, so if you are interested in joining us let us know so that we can ensure you get your invitation and your first drink on us! Email [alumni@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@ntu.ac.uk).

However, we don't want to leave out those who would rather return to campus so we will be repeating last year's summer celebration in the Newton and Arkwright buildings on 21 June 2011 from 6.00 to 8.00 pm. Hopefully, like last year, it will be a glorious summer evening for you to enjoy wine and canapés in the beautiful surroundings of the redeveloped Newton and Arkwright buildings. Tickets for this event are £10 per person.

See the back page for booking information.

## Degree shows 2011

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

We are pleased to announce that the 2011 shows will run from Thursday 2 to Sunday 12 June 2011. Public view opening times are weekdays 10 am – 5 pm, Saturdays 11 am – 5 pm and Sundays 11 am – 4 pm.

For more information email [degreeshow@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:degreeshow@ntu.ac.uk).



## 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 an Alumni Reunion Pack email [alumni@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@ntu.ac.uk) or call +44 (0)115 848 8776.



# Past and present

## Sixties, seventies and eighties

### Robert Delderfield | Cert Education 1963

I am still doing seasonal part-time work as Assistant Principal Examiner for English Literature (GCSE)-AQA. Since 1993 I've been a volunteer with the Essex Wildlife Trust and an Assistant Warden at Little Haven Reserve since 1997.

### Philip Simnett | BSc Economics 1971

Since graduating I've had an interesting career in sales and HR. I set up my own training and development / coaching company in 1999. I met my wife, Kathy (née Richardson) in the coffee bar of York House in 1969 – we celebrate our 39th wedding anniversary this year.

### Margaret Tyas (née Clarke) | Cert Ed Primary Education 1972

I work part-time for the British Dyslexia Association and as a private tutor as well as doing part-time supply work and one-to-one tuition for my LEA. I like to spend my free time with my grandchildren.

### Michael Kent | BSc Urban Estate Surveying 1976

As well as a Group Chief Executive of Bromford Group (a West Midlands Housing Association) I have recently taken on the Chair of Housemark Ltd - a company that provides benchmarking and other performance-improvement services across the housing industry.

### Paul Wesson | BA Hons Legal Studies 1979

I am currently between contracts and last worked professionally as an election analyst observing Sudanese elections. I stood as Independent against David Cameron in the General Election, but didn't fare well!

### David Jordan | BA Hons Humanities 1982

I'm married with two children. I retrained as a social worker and became an approved mental health professional, by gaining a second degree BA Hons Social Work in 2008.

### Jane Drabble | BA Hons Applied Social Studies 1988, CQSW Social Work 1988

I have left working with youth offenders to work with drug users in a drug treatment setting. I am still studying for my research postgraduate masters at Birmingham University. I'm happy to hear from anyone who may remember me.

## Nineties

### Kathryn Callaghan | BSc Hons Applied Biology 1991, PG Diploma Biomedical Sciences 1996

Since graduating I worked at the Queen's Medical Centre in the Public Health Laboratory. I left in 1998 to start training to be a nurse, but left without finishing to travel. Upon my return I did agency nursing until getting a job in Oncology at Nottingham City Hospital. I started nurse training again in October 2006.

### Sarah Dexter (née Matthams) | BA Hons Business Studies 1993

I recently had my second daughter, Mia Grace, with husband Gavin. Our first daughter, Eve Hannah, was our flower girl when we got married. I now run one of South Africa's most exciting advertising agencies, Lowe Bull.

### Karlsen Jones | HND Manufacturing Engineering 1996, BSc Hons Industrial Management 1998

After being made redundant from Dunlop Tyres in 2006 I made the move into Aerospace with Messier-Dowty which has seen me spend large amounts of time in both France and North America. I worked as the principle project manager for information systems on the new landing gear on the Boeing 787 Dreamliner. I now work on forecasting and strategy.

### Mvarie Webster | BA Hons Humanities 1996

I am now semi-retired, working part-time for Think Children giving emotional support to children through play. I am also a qualified counsellor and hope to be able to find some time to build up my own practice! I also look after my two youngest grandsons while my daughter works part-time, so I am very busy!

### Joanne Baranek | BA Hons Education and Mathematics 1998

I travelled the world for a few years. Settled back in Derbyshire after living in London for a while and entered early years education and nurseries eight years ago. I now support nurseries nationally to raise quality of care and education through publications, visits and support.

### Theophilus Addae | LLB Hons Law 1999, PG Diploma Legal Practice Course 2000

I have been at The Johnson Partnership Solicitors for 10 years and have recently been made a Partner, becoming one of the first black male Partners in Nottinghamshire! I am married to Ellie White (BA Hons Fine Art 2002) and we had our first child in August 2010.

### Johanna Grove | BA Hons Humanities 1999

I am currently a presenter for P&O Cruise TV and travel all over the world researching ports of call and expanding the language skills I learned at NTU.

### Susan Guy | BA Hons Contemporary Arts 1999

I continue to work as animator and puppet maker for the animation industry. I have worked on projects for the BBC, Aardman Animation and many other studios.

### Rebecca Prigmore (née Bradbury) | BA Hons Photography 1999

I am a freelance photographer mainly shooting portraiture for magazines such as *Red*, *S* magazine for the *Sunday Express*, *Prima*, *Fabulous* for the *News of the World*, *Look*, *Glamour* and other clients.

## Noughties

### Darren Amos | BSc Hons Environmental Science 2000

Since leaving University I have held various environmental waste management positions. I am currently the Environmental Services Manager of the UK division of a large multi national Swiss engineering company.

### Sarah Preval | LLB Hons Law 2000

After graduating I did voluntary work in Uganda for six months. I then spent time teaching English in South Korea. In 2005 I returned to Uganda and in 2006 started working at Ambrosoli International School as an early years teacher. In 2008 I completed a PGCE. I am married to Steve, a Ugandan, and we have a son called Dylan.

**Jonathan Punt | PG Diploma Law 2004, Bar Vocational Course / Programme 2005**

Following pupillage at No5 Chambers I was delighted to become a tenant at the largest set in the country. Although based in Birmingham, I make good use of our chambers in Bristol and London. Thanks to Nottingham Law School and No5 Chambers I am able to make good use of skills transferred from my previous career in medicine, as a barrister specialising in Clinical Negligence and Inquests.

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

Since leaving University, I took a NCTJ in Magazine Journalism after working in a police press office for six months. After that I moved to London in search of work, but found a job in Liverpool on a weekly newspaper. I now work across seven weekly newspapers in Merseyside, as well as the *Liverpool Echo* and *Liverpool Daily Post*.

**Helena Gowler (née Knight) | BA Hons English 2007**

I started my fire service career in July 2007. I met my husband Chris when I began Red Watch at Macclesfield Fire Station. My Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad were all in the fire service and when I was born my Dad thought the family tradition was over, instead it has continued with his daughter and son-in-law.

**Siobhan McGrath | PGCE Secondary Education 2007**

After graduation I was employed at the Brunts Performing Arts Specialist School. I am now running my own Music Department at Selston Arts and Community College. I still live in Nottingham and have enjoyed training and mentoring PGCE students for the last three years.

**Sophie Howarth | BA Hons Fashion Marketing and Communication 2008**

I recently left a buying position at Giorgio Armani after being headhunted by YSL and Giorgio Armani cosmetics. I will be working across the luxury division and with stores such as Harrods and Selfridges to create a shoppable in-store environment.

**James Woolley | BA Hons Multimedia 2008**

I began my TV career in post-production in March 2009 at Crow TV as a runner. This led on to me working on the *Big Brother 11* auditions tour with Endemol UK. I then moved on to *Big Brother's Little Brother* as VT runner for the show.

**Luke Hitchins | BArch Hons Architecture 2009**

Since graduating I have worked as a landscape gardener and with a cob building company in Devon. I have also been working on my own business idea, putting together a personal website and doing private landscaping jobs. I am currently on the MA Landscape Architecture course at Whittle College, Essex with a view to become a qualified Landscape Architect.

**Ellie Ormrod | BA Hons Graphic Design 2009**

After graduating I decided I didn't want to specialise in just one area of graphic design and I started a company with a friend from my course. Neither of us have any experience in business so we applied for The Hive's Headstart programme which we completed in December 2009. At present I am working at Freestyle as a graphic / web designer gaining lots of experience whilst still working on our company.

**Paul Ramsdale | BA Hons Sociology 2009**

I competed in canoe slalom whilst at NTU, supported by the STARS programme, and still continue to compete with my paddling partner. We have achieved a wildcard position at the May 2011 senior GBR Olympic selection at the new 2012 Olympic course.

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**[www.ntualumni.org.uk](http://www.ntualumni.org.uk)** and tell your  
friends what you are doing.

## Obituaries

**The Rt Hon Lord Bingham of Cornhill KG PC  
(Honorary Doctor of Laws 2009)**

Lord Bingham was an honorary graduate of the University having received a Doctor of Laws in 2009, in recognition of his contribution to the judiciary and to constitutional reform.

Throughout an outstanding legal career, Lord Bingham earned wide international recognition as an advocate, judge and influential contributor to the law, notably in commercial and constitutional law and in human rights. He held the leading offices of Master of the Rolls, Lord Chief Justice and Senior Law Lord. He also played an active role in legal education and promoting links between the judiciary and universities.

**Edward Halling (BA Hons Design Management for the  
Creative Industries 2004)**

Eddie died suddenly in October 2010 following an accident at his home in Koh Samui, Thailand.

Eddie was full of life and exceptionally creative and had worked hard to set up two very successful businesses in Thailand – Blue Surf Art which sold paintings around the world and Glypt, a web design company. Eddie leaves his parents Daria Broadbelt and Brian Halling, his sister Jessica Halling and his brother Will Halling. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

**Michelle Jurd (née Wilkinson)  
(BSc Hons Combined Studies in Science 1990)**

Michelle passed away in November 2009 following a road accident.

After University Michelle gained entry into the Royal Air Force College at Cranwell where she trained to be an officer and was the first woman to qualify as a navigator on Puma aircraft. She enjoyed a very successful career in the RAF rising to the rank of Squadron Leader.

Following tours in Northern Ireland Michelle was involved in the NATO-led task force in war-torn Kosovo delivering aid to refugees and providing an air ambulance service in the Balkans and in 2000 was involved in the relief mission to aid Mozambican flood victims. Whilst on duty in Iraq Michelle landed fighting troops deep into enemy areas and her commanding officer was hugely impressed with her bravery when, in a sandstorm, she led an operation into enemy territory to recover stranded soldiers. Michelle also spent two years working as a navigation instructor for officers learning to fly Puma helicopters.

Michelle met her husband Neil whilst on operational service in Belize in 1993 where he was a serving Army Officer. Following the birth of their daughter Michelle left the RAF to concentrate on bringing up her family.

Michelle was a very happy, special person who was much loved by her family and friends. At her funeral her coffin was carried by former RAF colleagues and there was a fly past by two Puma helicopters. Michelle leaves her husband Neil, young daughters Matilda and Elsa, mother Anne, father Adrian and sister Cheryl.

**Brendan Reedy (BSc Hons Cost Management of Building  
Engineering Services 2006)**

Brendan passed away in December 2010.

Brendan loved all sports and was a particularly keen golfer. He also enjoyed running and completed two London Marathons and many half marathons raising thousands of pounds for charity.

Many of those who knew Brendan will recall his kindness, honesty and generosity – always willing to help someone in need. His strength of character, relentless stamina and love for life is an inspiration to those he leaves behind and he is sadly missed. Brendan leaves behind his wife Amelia and son Ethan.





# Relive and rediscover NTU...

Join us at the Midsummer Alumni Reception

**21 June 2011**

**6 – 8 pm**

**Newton and Arkwright buildings**

Our Midsummer Alumni Reception is the perfect gateway back to NTU. Enjoy wine and canapés as you meet up with ‘old’ friends or make new ones by networking with other alumni and NTU staff in these fantastic surroundings. Hear how the state-of-the-art facilities and services are making an impact on the student learning experience and how you can make use of Nottingham Conference Centre.

Come and rediscover what NTU can do for you.

**Spaces are limited, so to avoid disappointment book your place today.**

Tickets for this event are £10 per person – book online at

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