

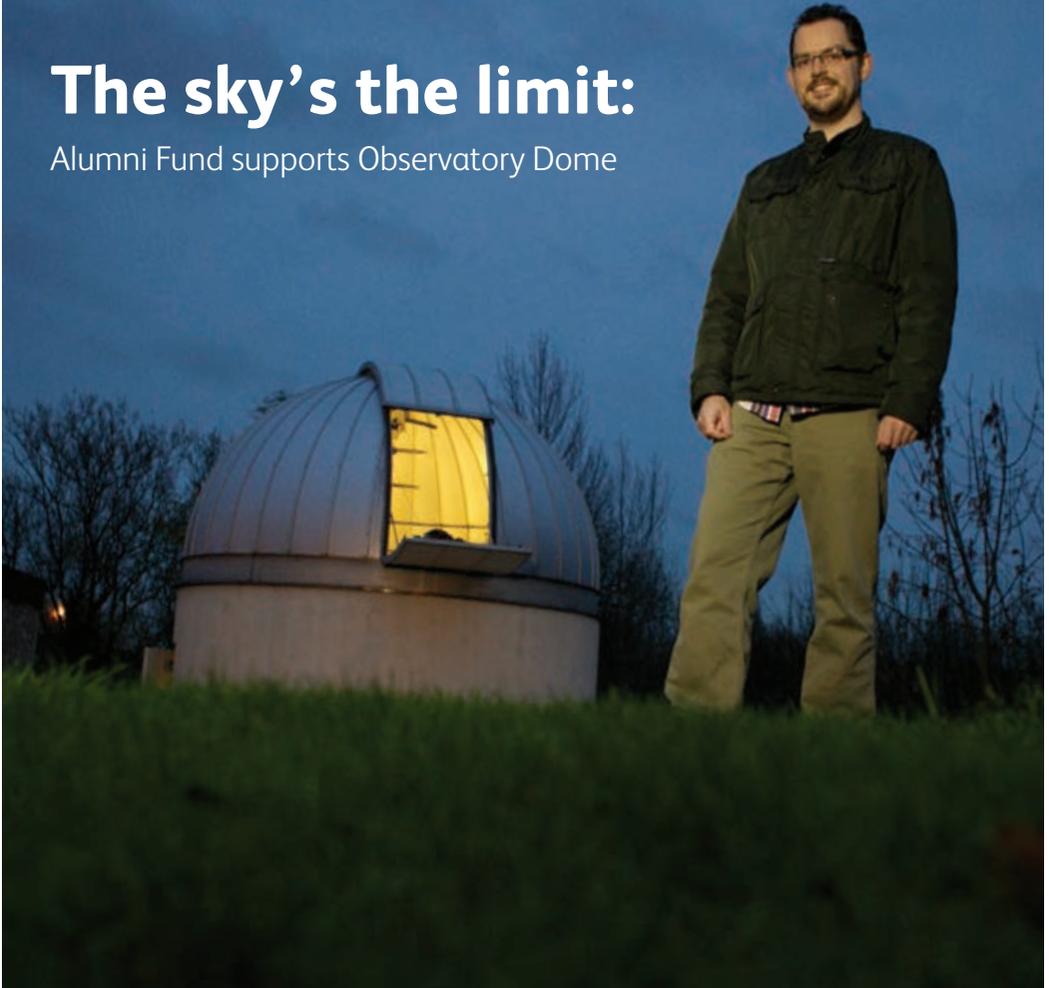
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# Network

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170 years of Art and Design

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Remembering David Richmond

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## Nottingham Trent University Alumni Association's Mission Statement

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

**Front cover:** Dr Daniel Brown,  
Astronomy Development Outreach Officer  
(see page 13)



## Message from the Vice-Chancellor

I continue to see our Alumni Association go from strength to strength, and the support you give to the future of your University and its students is truly appreciated.

In this issue you can find out how donations to the Alumni Fund have supported musician Joel Moore (page 11) and the work of our observatory (page 13). We also appreciate the time given by those of you who volunteer to act as mentors to our current students (page 19). Your experience and knowledge really does inspire our students as they embark into the world of work.

This year we start to celebrate 170 years of Art and Design education in Nottingham and 150 years of continuous Art and Design education in the Waverley building. There will be numerous events on campus over the next two years, so plenty of opportunities for you to visit (page 15-18). We also invite you to join us at one of our Distinguished Lectures covering a range of fascinating and thought-provoking topics (page 14).

I hope to see you on campus soon. Whether you attend one of our many events, or just want to have a trip down memory lane, you are always welcome.

**Professor Neil T Gorman**  
Vice-Chancellor



Welcome to the 2013 issue of *Network*, your alumni magazine.

You'll notice we've reduced the size to save on costs and to help the environment, but don't worry it's still packed with news from your University and your fellow alumni.

In this issue, with some historic anniversaries coming up, we've delved into the past to bring you news about alumni from our School of Art and Design (page 15-18).

We also pay tribute to alumnus and former lecturer David Richmond (page 6) who we know many of you were so fond of during your time here.

You'll find even more news and opportunities to get involved on the new look alumni website at [www.ntualumni.org.uk](http://www.ntualumni.org.uk) – along with some bonus *Network* stories.

We hope you enjoy reading your latest magazine. We really do enjoy hearing your news, so keep in touch – and let us know what you think of this new compact size!

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## Contact your Alumni Association President

Sky News presenter Stephen Dixon (BA Hons Broadcast Journalism 1995) is the President of Nottingham Trent University's Alumni Association and is here to represent you. You can keep up-to-date with news from Stephen through his blog at [www.ntualumni.org.uk/presidents\\_blog](http://www.ntualumni.org.uk/presidents_blog) where you can also now interact with him directly.



# NTU at the Olympics

2012 was a fantastic summer of sport for the UK with some of our students, alumni and staff helping to make London 2012 the best Olympic Games yet.

Hockey players Crista Cullen (BA Hons Business Studies 2007) and Hannah MacLeod (PhD 2009) helped Team GB win a bronze medal, while Richard Hounslow (BSc Hons Sport (Science and Management) 2003) won silver for Team GB in the canoe slalom C2 event.



Paul Ratcliffe (BSc Hons Combined Studies in Sciences 1995), Chris Furber (BSc Hons Sport (Administration and Science) 1999) and Julie Broadhead (BA Hons Primary Education 2005) coached Olympic and Paralympic athletes, and at least 12 inspirational students, staff and alumni carried the Olympic Torch on its journey through the UK.

Some of our alumni were also involved with the health and safety of the Olympic Aquatic Centre, the design of the Olympic Gardens and the invention of the on-site bike storage (Cyclepods).

Two former students worked in senior positions at LOCOG – the organising committee for the Games – one of whom, Chris Townsend (MSc Marketing Management 1997) was awarded an OBE for his services.

## Who will be the Alumnus of the Year 2013?

Do you know someone who studied at NTU – or any of its predecessor institutions\* – who deserves recognition for their achievements?

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?

If so, let us know. The deadline for nominations for Alumnus of the Year is 30 June 2013. Visit [www.ntualumni.org.uk/alumnus\\_of\\_the\\_year](http://www.ntualumni.org.uk/alumnus_of_the_year) for more details.

\*NTU's predecessor institutions include: Nottingham and District Technical College, Nottingham Regional College of Technology, Nottingham College of Art and Design, Nottingham College of Education, Brackenhurst College, Trent Polytechnic and Nottingham Polytechnic.



2012 Alumnus of the Year, Cancer Research Fundraiser Matt Wallace (BA Hons Communication Studies 2002).

# Venture into your new Online Community

Packed with benefits just for you, we've updated the alumni website and rebranded your online community area as venture online.

The alumni website – at [www.ntualumni.org.uk](http://www.ntualumni.org.uk) – continues to provide news and nostalgia, but has been given a facelift with some brand new features.

You can now access a range of benefits and services, join discussion forums, view the photo galleries and find friends. You can also add your comments to news stories or the Alumni Association President's blog.

## Jobs board

Join our growing online community of over 15,500 members and you'll also get access to the jobs board. Here you can post details of current vacancies as well as search for jobs offered by other members of the alumni community.

## Update and win!

Update your details with us and we can keep you informed of news from the University and your fellow alumni, as well as let you know about special events and reunions.

And, if you update your details by logging into venture online before 31 August 2013, you'll be entered into a draw to win £50 of Amazon gift vouchers.

We're now sending more communications via email to help the environment and to cut costs, so remember to add your email address when you update your details.

## Growing networks

Join our growing networks on Facebook and Twitter and, depending on your area of interest, we also have over 20 groups on LinkedIn. Visit [www.ntualumni.org.uk/groups\\_and\\_networks/social\\_media](http://www.ntualumni.org.uk/groups_and_networks/social_media) for more information.



## Venture online today!

New members can join venture online at [www.ntualumni.org.uk](http://www.ntualumni.org.uk) – just select “Log in or register now” and click on “Register as a new user”.





# David's legacy

David Richmond (1938-2012) taught at NTU from 1967 until his retirement in 1997. He is fondly remembered by generations of students as being extremely warm, friendly and helpful.

A much-loved man, David's funeral was attended by hundreds of family, friends and former students. Many alumni have left tributes in memory of David too, some of which you can read here.

In an interview before his death, David remembered his time here fondly, and explained why he'd decided to leave a legacy to NTU in his will: "Whenever I meet or hear from my former students, they always recall their time at NTU with affection and gratitude. This is the best

accolade you can have for a career well spent.

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

The donations David left to the University have helped to create the David Richmond Memorial Fund. The fund will enable the University to make awards designed to help disadvantaged students.



To find out more or to make a donation, visit [www.ntualumni.org.uk/david\\_richmond\\_fund](http://www.ntualumni.org.uk/david_richmond_fund) or contact Stephen Knott on +44 (0)115 848 8807 or at [stephen.knott@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:stephen.knott@ntu.ac.uk).

If, like David, you would like to make provision for the University in your will please contact Fiona Fowkes, Senior Development Officer, on +44 (0)115 848 8775 or at [fiona.fowkes@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:fiona.fowkes@ntu.ac.uk).

## Your tributes

David was an exceptional and inspirational teacher. His infectious, warm and caring personality ensured that he was the personification of my experience at Trent. His humility and generosity of spirit will be missed, but never forgotten.

**Dr Paul Kennedy (BSc Hons Urban Estate Surveying 1994 and PhD Environmental Science 1998)**

Throughout life you meet many people, some of which help shape and influence your life. David was one of these people. His contribution to me, was bigger and longer lasting than almost anyone else I've ever met. His commitment, enthusiasm, energy and passion for everything he did was truly inspiring.

**James Adderley (BSc Hons Estate Surveying 1995)**

David did a huge amount for all of us, and I almost certainly would not be where I am today without his help and support.

**Andrew Buckley (BSc Hons Estate Surveying 1995)**

David Richmond made a lasting impression on me. I mention his name to my students each year and have done so with joy since my graduation. I shall mention his name still, but with gratitude and the knowledge that his life and example still impacts the lives of my students.

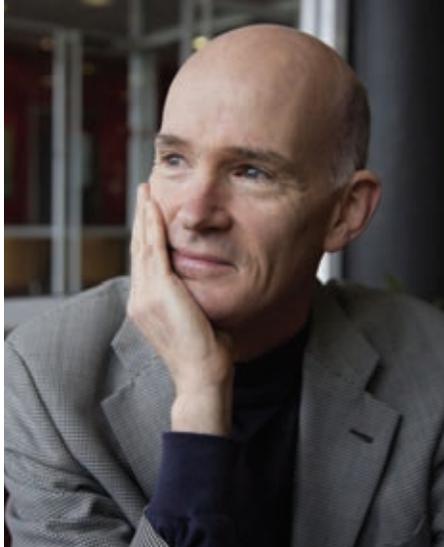
**Godfrey Udo (BSc Hons Urban Estate Surveying 1980)**

Of all the lecturers I encountered at Trent David was, without exception, the person who made the most impact on me. A few months before he passed away David was guest of honour at a dinner which formed the centrepiece of a hectic weekend to celebrate 40 years since the class of 1971 enrolled. Typical of the man, David remembered everyone's names even though he had not seen some of us for over 35 years!

**Chris Sinclair (BSc Hons Urban Estate Surveying 1975)**

Read more at:  
[www.ntualumni.org.uk/david\\_richmond\\_tributes](http://www.ntualumni.org.uk/david_richmond_tributes)  
Add yours by emailing [alumni@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@ntu.ac.uk).

# Coming to terms with the past



History professor secures grant to research the aftermath of German Nazism and Afrikaner nationalism.

For the first time, researchers will partner up to compare contemporary German and Afrikaner cultural responses to trauma, reconciliation and reparation, starting out from the view that Nazism and the apartheid system were comparable in a number of ways.

The project will look at how both groups came to terms with their past, particularly the formerly oppressed and former victims, and their desire to overcome perceived historical injustices against their communities.

Bill Niven, Professor in Contemporary German History at our School of Arts and Humanities, said: "Although the outcomes of German Nazism and Afrikaner nationalism were very different in scale and degree, both resulted in widespread discrimination and injustice.

"In order to restore their futures, Germans and Afrikaners had to come to terms with their

political failures, seek reconciliation with their victims and take decisive steps towards a post-racial identity based on mutual recognition of the former perpetrators and victims. Against

this background, our project explores the ways the 'perpetrator past' is being dealt with in contemporary German and Afrikaner culture."

The £10,000 British Academy grant will allow three researchers from the UK, who specialise in German history and culture, and three from South Africa to discuss and present their work at workshops, lectures and seminars at NTU and the University of the Free State, South Africa.

Professor Niven added: "It's hoped that our

collaboration will lead to a larger scale research project and additional funding to expand efforts to come to terms with the past in Germany and South Africa."

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# Creating a buzz

Honeybees may soon be able to communicate their poor health to beekeepers as a result of fascinating new research.

The research will look to transform the practice of beekeeping and halt the worrying decline of the sector in Europe.

A consortium – initiated by NTU and the Bee Farmers' Association of the United Kingdom (BFA) – has launched a €1.4m EU-funded study, which aims to monitor and decode the buzzing of bees in the hive and pass crucial information to beekeepers via wireless technology.

Researchers have already developed a hi-tech method of using accelerometers – devices which are sensitive to minute vibrations – to detect and translate the vibrations caused by bees during their activities and as they communicate with one another. As a result they have been able to monitor when a hive is about to swarm, which leads to the loss of bees – but are now investigating changes and patterns in buzzing which may indicate specific health disorders, or deterioration in the hive.

The experts are developing methods to transfer wirelessly instant alerts to the beekeeper, either via email or SMS, so that they can intervene and manage their colonies accordingly.

The research is expected to significantly improve the efficiency of beekeeping, making it less time-consuming and costly, as well as improving the health monitoring of the honeybee.

Read the full story at: [www.ntualumni.org.uk/network\\_2013](http://www.ntualumni.org.uk/network_2013)





# Get in tune with NTU

Did you know that alumni are welcome to join our fabulous choirs and orchestra?



Music is an integral part of the University. Our ensembles provide opportunities for students, staff, alumni and the local community to develop their musical talents.

Led by our Director of Music, the nationally recognised choral and orchestral conductor Matthew Hopkins, they also contribute to the life of the University and the community by performing music for all tastes across the city, the UK and Europe.

There are several musical ensembles to choose from. They range from a choir of over 100 singers, to an orchestra and band with a full range of string, brass, woodwind and percussion instruments.

If you prefer something more intimate, we also have an auditioned chamber choir. All groups meet regularly and we're always looking to recruit new members.

For more information visit:  
[www.ntu.ac.uk/music](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/music)

To enquire about joining one of our ensembles, please email [music@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:music@ntu.ac.uk). Please note that auditions may be required.

# Sound choice

Joel Moore is this year's recipient of the Alumni Fund Award for Music and receives a euphonium for use during his time at NTU.

Joel has played brass instruments since he was seven, but has now decided to focus on the euphonium. He said: "It's such a special instrument. It's the closest instrument to the human voice in terms of pitch and tone. It also has many facets to its range and tone, being warm, dark or sonorous."

Joel enjoys playing a mixture of contemporary original pieces, transcriptions and arrangements, although he mainly plays in bands.

He's the assistant principal euphonium of Cornerstone Brass Band in his home town of Sheffield. The band meets regularly and performs to a high standard in contests and concerts.

Joel has his Mum and Dad to thank for their support and encouragement, but is also grateful to those who have made this funding possible: "I'd like to say a huge thank you to the donors who have contributed to this award. I was still borrowing my old band's euphonium but I had to give it back earlier this year. This has given me the opportunity to continue to play and I hope I will improve as a musician."



The Alumni Fund is music to the ears of first year BA (Hons) Accounting and Finance student Joel Moore.

# Notts TV coming soon

NTU is to help make history as part of a consortium which has successfully bid for a licence to run a new local TV station.

The consortium, made up of the University, Confetti Media Group, Nottingham Post Media Group and Inclusive Digital, will now work towards the launch of Notts TV in spring 2014.

The Notts TV consortium submitted a bid to run the 12-year licence which outlined its vision for local television, programming commitments and collective skills and experience.

The consortium benefits from news and broadcast experience of journalists at the Nottingham Post Group, next-generation broadcasting talent from both Nottingham Trent University and the Confetti Institute of Creative Technologies, and the experience of ex-ITV and BBC broadcasters. The managing editor of Notts TV will be former BBC News correspondent Rob Pittam.

NTU's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Neil Gorman, said: "We're very proud to be part of a consortium which will work closely with the local community to create a TV station that best serves their needs. Our involvement also provides opportunities for students to offer their skills while gaining valuable experience in producing high-quality programming."



## Carole steps up

The Centre for Broadcasting & Journalism has appointed Carole Fleming as its new head.

Her appointment comes as the centre becomes closely involved with Notts TV, which will base its news output from the centre's facilities.

Carole said: "The centre already has a first-rate reputation across the industry for Journalism graduates and I hope to be able to consolidate this and build closer links with industry partners."



# Searching the skies

Did you know we have our own observatory, providing fantastic opportunities for schools and the local community to learn more about the science of astronomy?

Inside the dome-shaped building on our Clifton campus there are three high-tech telescopes. Each is specially designed to perform different roles in enabling aspiring astronomers to monitor and photograph events in outer space.

The University regularly holds Open Dome Events which aim to introduce and encourage the understanding of astronomy. Each event includes a talk focusing on interesting, recent and sometimes surprising topics relating to astronomy. Guests can also chat with the scientists.

The observatory recently bought a new spectrograph, thanks to the support of the Alumni Fund.

Astronomy Development Outreach Officer Dr Daniel Brown (PG Cert 2009) said: "We have been approached by several students who want to carry out spectroscopic work. This piece of equipment will allow them to take on new, relevant and exciting projects, including the observation of spectroscopic signatures of life and the expansion of our universe."

For future Open Dome Events visit: [www.ntu.ac.uk/cels/outreach/events](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/cels/outreach/events)



## A distinguished line-up

Featuring an exceptional range of expert guest speakers, our annual series of Distinguished Lectures covers many exciting subjects and tackles topical and sensitive issues head on.

The lectures are stimulating, raise debate and inform. They also attract large audiences from across the region.

We held our seventh series of Distinguished Lectures in 2012/2013. Previous speakers have included BBC World Affairs Editor John Simpson CBE, respected botanist David Bellamy and Astronomer Royal Lord Rees.

NTU's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Neil Gorman, said: "It's a great honour for NTU to be able to welcome such prestigious guests to participate in our Distinguished Lecture Series. I encourage all our alumni and friends to join us on campus to take part in one of these thought-provoking events."

All lectures are free and open to all. For news of the 2013/2014 series, and to view details and videos of previous lectures, visit: [www.ntu.ac.uk/distinguishedlectures](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/distinguishedlectures)



# Celebrating our artistic heritage

Join us as Art and Design education at NTU celebrates a significant milestone.

As we celebrate 170 years of Art and Design education in Nottingham and 150 years of continuous Art and Design education in the Waverley building, we take a look at the work of some of our alumni.

Just over 170 years ago, on 1 April 1843, the Nottingham Government School of Design opened at People's Hall in Beck Lane (now known as Heathcote Street).

As student numbers grew, the School first moved to Commerce Square in 1858 before a site was purchased on Waverley Street.

The Waverley building, still used by the University today, was one of the first purpose-built Art schools in the UK. On 22 October 1863, the foundation stone was laid by the Duke of Newcastle. The event was marked by a grand civic and masonic procession from the market place.

The Waverley building was officially opened on 16 January 1865 celebrated by an exhibition of almost innumerable objects, including fine collections of paintings, sculpture, architectural drawings, textile fabrics, lace, ancient and modern pottery, metalworks and a selection of art treasures from the Royal Museum in South Kensington.

Just over half the £7,400 building and site costs were met by donations from gentlemen of the town and the neighbourhood. The land, then valued at £3,000, was granted to the Board of Trustees for as long as it continued to be run as an art school.

Our celebrations will promote the significant standing and reputation that the University has for Art and Design on an international platform and the real wealth of local heritage in design and creativity.

A number of events will be held to celebrate the vibrant, friendly and proactive creative community that can be found within NTU.



# Edyth returns to Nottingham

A family portrait by an NTU alumnus has returned to Nottingham more than half a century after it was completed.

Arthur Spooner's painting of his daughter Edyth has been donated to the Nottingham Society of Artists – where it takes pride of place in the studio where he taught Art to generations of students.

It's thought that Arthur, a notable British artist, completed the portrait in the late 1940s or early 1950s. After his death Edyth kept the painting until she died in 1994. Since then it has hung in the homes of relatives.

Edyth's great grandson, David Steel, decided to donate the painting to the society, where Arthur was president from 1946 until his death in 1962.

In an interview with the *Nottingham Post*, society president Bob Sparham said: "It's a beautiful painting and is one of the few Spooners we have. The society used to have more but sold some off in the 1970s, which was an error of judgement."

The painting featured in an exhibition at the Nottingham Society of Artists last autumn and now hangs in its upstairs studio to inspire members taking art classes.

Arthur trained at the Nottingham School of Art (now part of Nottingham Trent University) in the late 19th Century, and also taught here in the early 1900s.

He is best known locally for his 1926 painting of Goose Fair which hangs in Nottingham Castle. The painting shows the fair in its last year in Old Market Square before it moved to the Forest Recreation Ground. It was sold at auction in 2004 for £218,000.

Based on an original article by alumnus Mark Patterson (BSc Hons Environmental Conservation and Countryside Management 2007) published in the *Nottingham Post*.



## Did you know?

Much of the external statuary of Nottingham Council House is by the former Principal of Nottingham School of Art, Joseph Else (1875-1955).

Else was responsible for the famous lions guarding the entrance, for the frieze above the ballroom windows (representing ancient local industries) and for the figures in the principal facade's pediment (depicting the arts and public service).

# A fairytale ending

A children's fairytale book designed by NTU alumna Sheila Robinson has been published after more than 60 years.

Sheila Robinson, who attended the Nottingham School of Art (now part of Nottingham Trent University) and died in 1988, worked on an edition of *The Twelve Dancing Princesses* by the Brothers Grimm in the 1940s.

It had never previously been published and lived in the Fry Art Gallery in Saffron Walden after being donated by Sheila's daughter, the artist Chloe Cheese.

The Centre for Children's Book Studies at Anglia Ruskin University launched the first printed edition of the book last October, exactly 200 years since the first edition of *Grimm's Fairy Tales* was published. The story of *The Twelve Dancing Princesses* appears in the 1812 original under the title of *Die Zertanzten Schuhe*, meaning "the worn-out dancing shoes".

Sheila produced the book as a completely finished, hand-bound, handmade artefact when she was a student at the Royal College of Art in the late 1940s. It's not certain why the book failed to make it onto bookshelves just after World War Two, although it's thought Puffin's change of policy of publishing only non-fiction may have been a factor.

The book has undergone careful scanning and retouching to correct the text, and now

incorporates a wraparound dust jacket showing examples of Sheila's drawings.

Chloe said: "The beautiful pen and ink drawings and delicate text of this book fascinated me when I was a child.

"The princesses in the boats rowing across the lake in particular is an image that fired my imagination and inspired me to emulate my mother to become an illustrator myself. The picture still takes me to the edge of the lake and into the story."



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## Where are they now?

Can you help us find our 'lost' alumni?

Unfortunately, over the years, we have lost touch with some of our former students. We'd like as many people as possible to join us in our celebrations, so if you're in touch with any of your old classmates, please let them know about our plans and ask them to get in touch with us.

You and your friends can update your details by returning the update form enclosed with this magazine, or by visiting: [www.ntualumni.org.uk](http://www.ntualumni.org.uk)

# Peter reflects on student life

As artist and alumnus Peter Liddle prepares for a solo retrospective of his work, he talks to *Network* about his student days.

Peter Liddle has spent a lifetime painting and sculpting, as well as teaching life drawing and mentoring many students.

Now 73, Peter sees his longevity as an artist and “not selling out or compromising” as his biggest achievement.

Peter studied at Nottingham College of Art from 1958 to 1962. At that time, Art and Design was taught in the Waverley building and Peter remembers it well: “I adored the Waverley building – it smelt and looked like an art college. I loved the lecture theatre with its epidiascope and I used to perform there with the Drama Society. The studios with tall ceilings and skylights looked like ateliers in Paris. Everything about that place was romantic, perfect.”

Peter’s Life Drawing and Art History tutor was John Powell, who he credits as being “one of the most influential people in my life”. From John he developed a love of Renaissance art and art history, and learned the value of classical composition.

It was John who encouraged Peter to drop sculpture and study with the silversmith Geoffrey Knowles Kitson. It was here that he learned how to manipulate hard materials, a skill that has enabled him to sculpt aged oak and jasper.

Peter’s work is inspired by wild nature and the wilderness. He said: “I put my life in danger to get ideas and sculpture materials – climbing down cliffs to hack out marble and jasper. It is only by putting myself on the edge that I get inspiration.”

Peter’s currently working on a solo retrospective to coincide with the publication of his monograph. For more information visit: [www.peterliddle.com](http://www.peterliddle.com)

For the full story, and to view some of Peter’s work, visit: [www.ntualumni.org.uk/network\\_2013](http://www.ntualumni.org.uk/network_2013)

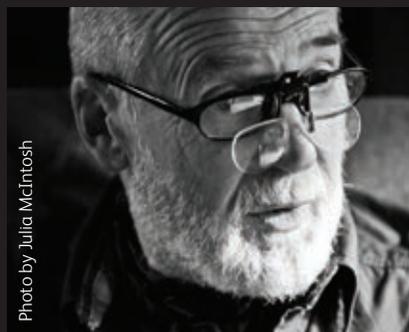


Photo by Julia McIntosh

## Get a glimpse of the future

Alumni are invited to be among the first to see our Art and Design students’ excellent work by attending a special private view of their degree shows before they open to the public.

This year’s private view will take place on Thursday 30 May, 5 pm – 9 pm. You’ll be able to meet our students and talk to them about their work, as well as meet other alumni, NTU staff and guests. There will also be the opportunity to purchase student work.

The shows, which will see over 20 courses and some 1,300 students exhibit their work, are held at various venues across the City site and allow us the chance to showcase the original, innovative and inspiring work being produced within the School of Art & Design, and School of Architecture, Design and the Built Environment at undergraduate level.

Book your place at: [www.ntu.ac.uk/degreshows](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/degreshows)



# Students benefit from alumni mentors

The University is pleased to announce the launch of a new one-to-one mentoring scheme – thanks to alumni volunteers.

February saw the launch of a mentoring pilot which matches students from the School of Social Sciences and the School of Animal, Rural and Environmental Sciences with alumni from the same Schools. The Employability Mentoring Programme is specifically aimed at improving the employability of our second and final year students by tapping into the knowledge and expertise of alumni working within their areas of interest.

The mentoring relationships developed over three months, and included face-to-face meetings and conversations by email, Skype and telephone. Two launch events were held at the end of February which gave the students and alumni the chance to meet for the first time.

Mentor Clara Gonzalez (MSc Psychology 2007) said: "I volunteered because I enjoy helping people to realise their abilities, strengths and potential. I've found it a rewarding experience and encourage fellow alumni to get involved."



We hope to roll out the programme to other Schools soon. If you're interested in volunteering to mentor current students, or you would like to find out more, email [alumni@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@ntu.ac.uk)

# All aboard the Magic Bus

Thanks to Matthew Spacie's magical organisation, 250,000 Indian children are facing a brighter, more positive future.



Today, Magic Bus is run by 700 full-time staff and 8,000 volunteers in ten states, reaching out to 250,000 children in India. The aim is to reach a million by 2015.

Matthew said: "Magic Bus empowers children, young people and communities to change their own lives. We act as the vital link between communities and existing opportunities, such as schools and vocational centres."

Matthew was awarded an MBE in 2007 for services to children in the Commonwealth and last year had the honour of carrying the Olympic Torch as it made its way through London.

"My aim is to make sure each child living in poverty has access to the Magic Bus," he added. "In India we now have 8,000 community leaders. These young volunteers do it because they want to change children's lives in their community, which is just incredible."

Matthew Spacie (BA Hons Humanities 1989) is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of Magic Bus, an NGO that helps children from poverty-stricken communities in India.

Using games and sport, Magic Bus teaches children about education, gender equality, health and leadership, ultimately opening up opportunities to move out of poverty.

It all started in 1999 when Matthew, working in India as Chief Operating Officer of tour operators Cox and Kings, invited children from a local slum to play rugby with his team in Mumbai. The change in the youngsters was immediate.

Over time, they began to study, developed as leaders and brought about social change in their communities.

Magic Bus also has plans to move into Pakistan, Nepal and South East Asia. To find out more visit: [www.magicbus.org](http://www.magicbus.org)

Read the full story at:  
[www.ntualumni.org.uk/network\\_2013](http://www.ntualumni.org.uk/network_2013)

# Joe says Balls to Poverty!

Joe Sargison was just 13 when he saw the film *Cry Freedom* but, 17 years later, it still resonated with him when he took his football to a Johannesburg township...

While working as Director of the Football Performance Programme at Central College Nottingham (CCN, formerly South Nottingham College), Joe (PGCE 2004) visited a Johannesburg township. With him, he brought a football for the local children, who were playing barefoot with a bunch of rags scrunched into a ball.

Following this visit in 2004, Joe – a professional football coach – launched the Balls to Poverty programme, raising money to buy footballs and rugby balls for children in the poorest townships of South Africa and Uganda.

In 2005 he returned with 16 CCN students, three staff, 30 balls and some football strips. His team joined the Premier Cup football championships in Cape Town and reached the last 16. When not competing, they coached and played with the local children.

Since then, Balls to Poverty has enjoyed considerable success, winning the Queen's Anniversary Award in 2012 for World-Class Innovation in Education and the AOC Beacon Award in 2008 for Innovation in Education.

Over 250 students and 65 staff from the CCN sports department have travelled to South Africa and Uganda since 2005, coaching 40,000 African children, distributing 28,000 footballs and rugby balls, and raising more than £275,000. Coach education workshops have been conducted for over 800 South African and Ugandan coaches and teachers, and over 20,000 young people from across Nottingham have received regular coaching sessions.

Next year marks the tenth anniversary of Balls to Poverty and the launch of the first ever Balls to Poverty university programme, which is set to involve students from NTU.

Read the full story at:  
[www.ntualumni.org.uk/network\\_2013](http://www.ntualumni.org.uk/network_2013)

To find out more about Balls to Poverty visit:  
[www.snc.ac.uk/ballstopoverty](http://www.snc.ac.uk/ballstopoverty)





## Inspirational Ian wins industry award

Ian Bowler, Principal Lecturer in Accounting and Finance, has received a prestigious award for outstanding service to student education.

The Tom Sowerby Award, given by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA), recognised Ian's achievements in "inspiring and supporting students, showing leadership and innovation in curriculum development and being a product champion for the public services, particularly higher education".

Ian said: "It's a privilege to be nominated for an award for doing something I enjoy so much – and it's a real honour to win."

Ian has been teaching CIPFA students at Nottingham Business School for over 20 years, and is a popular and integral part of the course.

All members of CIPFA can be nominated for the award, but the panel of judges chose Ian for his dedication and commitment to CIPFA students throughout his time at Nottingham Business School.

## New centre aims to influence legal debate

Last December saw the official launch of Nottingham Law School's Centre for Conflict, Rights and Justice.

The centre was set up to pursue and encourage innovative scholarship in criminal law, criminal justice, international humanitarian law, human rights, conflict resolution and post-conflict justice.

It aims to contribute to public and academic debate, and influence the thinking of law and policy makers through publications, seminars and conferences; and to build and strengthen a vibrant and supportive research culture in which experienced and new researchers are able to develop and test their ideas.

The official launch was marked by a daytime symposium, Legal Perspectives on the Victim, and an evening reception which attracted academics, practitioners and students.

They were treated to a fascinating range of papers by academics and practitioners from across the UK and from as far afield as Spain and South Africa on topics such as human rights, stalking, hate crime, restorative justice and the environment.

The key note address by Professor Sandra Walklate of Liverpool University, Victims Trauma and Testimony, provided a thought-provoking analysis of victimhood in the early 21st Century.

To find out more about the Centre for Conflict, Rights and Justice and its current projects visit [www.ntu.ac.uk/conflictrightjustice](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/conflictrightjustice)



# Open up your future with postgraduate study

Postgraduate study at NTU can create many opportunities for your career.

Watch our students talking about their experiences online. Just follow the links below.

## Rebecca Dale

MSc Psychological Research Methods

“I think having this Masters gives me great opportunities for any line of work, be it in Psychology or not.”

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



## Ed Breeds

MSci Physics

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## Abdulmalik Badamasuiy

PhD in Law

“NTU has enabled me to grow personally as well as academically, allowing me to achieve things I didn't think possible.”

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## Alexander Britton

MA Newspaper Journalism

“This place has given me a fantastic grounding and through it I've got a job. Who knows where it will lead in the future?”

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# Undergraduate Open Days

Do you know anyone who may be interested in studying an undergraduate degree at NTU?

This year our Open Days will take place on Tuesday 2 July, Saturday 14 September, Saturday 12 October, and Saturday 9 November.

For more information and to book a place visit: [www.ntu.ac.uk/opendays](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/opendays)

If you're planning to visit one of these fairs yourself remember to pop into our Alumni Lounge for refreshments and to chat to our Alumni Relations Team. Email [alumni@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@ntu.ac.uk) for details.

# Inspiring Students' Union takes shape

Your old Students' Union building, Byron House, is being redeveloped and will open at the start of the 2013-14 academic year.



Designed around our students' vision, the new SU building will be an inspiring environment for students, providing first-class facilities.

The proposed scheme includes 5,500 m<sup>2</sup> of social, leisure and well-being facilities, plus living accommodation. It also promises to be one of Nottingham's best live music venues with a daytime bar, club and bookable event spaces for over 2,000 people.

The building will form the heart of our student community with a student advice centre, purpose-built Students' Union offices, shops, student health centre, and a state-of-the-art gym and sports facility.

Jonny Ellison, President of the Students' Union, said: "We carried out a lot of research to help us build a better understanding of what students expect and want from their facilities. We shared our findings with the University and have had a direct influence over the design and purpose of the building."



Alumni can get associate membership of the Students' Union for £10 per academic year.

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



# Read all about it

NTU is transforming its libraries to create inspiring and innovative study environments across the University.

The Boots Library on the City site is undergoing a £4.2m refurbishment creating a better place for students to learn, with more study spaces, more computers and better group study provision.

These improvements, taking place over the next two years, combined with award-winning customer service, will provide a learning and study environment that will be sector leading.

The development follows last year's facelift at Clifton library, which is now a much more comfortable and pleasant space to study. Additional work on improving and extending the library will form part of the Clifton campus regeneration project.

Meanwhile at Brackenhurst, work on a fantastic new eco-friendly library is underway.

The single-storey building represents a new vision for learning support in the 21st Century, incorporating the latest technology. Large open spaces and smaller study areas will allow for a dynamic social and flexible environment which caters for both group and quiet study.

The library, which is due to open later this year, will be awarded the second highest BREEAM rating – the world's foremost environmental assessment method for buildings – and the highest possible Energy Performance Certificate. All materials for the building will be from environmentally ethical suppliers and its

carbon footprint during and after construction will be kept to a minimum.

Caroline Taylor, University Librarian, said: "Our libraries are central to student and academic life at NTU. These developments represent a significant commitment by the University to keep them at the leading edge in terms of design, functionality and innovative technology."

Images by Opening the Book



Alumni can enjoy library membership (borrowing rights only) for an annual fee of £25.

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## Enjoy discounts on our excellent conference facilities

Since Nottingham Conference Centre opened in 2010 in the heart of the city centre, numerous clients have enjoyed modern facilities, flexible meeting space, stunning event rooms and unrivalled organisational support.

What's more, NTU alumni can use the Conference Centre for a discounted £29-a-day per delegate rate (excluding VAT and subject to availability) for events taking place in 2013.

All you need is 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 on Nottingham Conference Centre, including details of getting married here, visit: [www.nottinghamconferencecentre.co.uk](http://www.nottinghamconferencecentre.co.uk)

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# Nottingham's on track

Construction of Nottingham's new tram lines will attract jobs and investment.

The new lines link the city centre and Nottingham train station with the suburbs of Chilwell (via the Queen's Medical Centre and Beeston) and Clifton (via Wilford).

When complete, the network will consist of 17.5 km of new track (32 km in total), 28 new stops and seven park-and-ride sites. The service will provide 23 million passenger journeys a year.

At the same time, the city's railway station is being transformed into a world-class transport interchange and a modern public and commercial space.

The redevelopment includes the restoration of the Grade II listed building and the



construction of three iconic interconnecting tram bridges. The train station is expected to be completed in 2014, in time for the opening of the tram network extension later in the year.

Councillor Jane Urquhart, Nottingham City Council's Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, said: "We want Nottingham to be a well-connected European city. There will be significant investment in transport across the city this year, which will play a vital role in creating jobs and making sure Nottingham is able to attract businesses and investment, both now and in the future."





# Let's stick together

This year the class of BSc Production Engineering 1980 is celebrating their 33rd year since graduation with another reunion.

It all started at the 1980 graduation ball when they promised to keep in touch – this year they reunite for the 33rd time.

The first reunion was held in 1981 with a buffet and disco in Nottingham's Portland Hotel. Each year there were often 40 to 50 alumni, partners and lecturers at the weekend reunions, which started on a Friday night with a pub-crawl in Nottingham, a Saturday morning sporting challenge, followed by a buffet and disco in the evening and a day of recovery on the Sunday.



Peter Horne and his wife Pam often had a house full of guests, with some travelling from as far as South Africa, the USA and Malaysia to attend.

Over the years, the group has met in various locations around the UK, but as this year's organiser, Peter has chosen to return to Nottingham. He said: "Nowadays the reunion tends to be a little more sedate, with around 12-15 classmates and partners reminiscing over a meal on a Saturday evening."

Peter's class reunion will take place in the autumn. If you'd like to attend please contact Peter via the Alumni Association at: [alumni@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@ntu.ac.uk)

For tips on arranging your own class reunion visit: [www.ntualumni.org.uk/news\\_and\\_events/planning\\_a\\_reunion](http://www.ntualumni.org.uk/news_and_events/planning_a_reunion)

Is this a reunion record? Is there anybody out there who can beat 32 reunions? Let us know at: [alumni@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@ntu.ac.uk)



# Tying the knot

Congratulations to all our alumni who got married recently...

Sarah Gill (BA Hons English with Creative Writing 2010, PGCE Secondary Education 2012) married Stuart Woodings.

Laura Hill (BSc Hons Animal Biology 2009) married Lee Oversby.

Laura Walsh married Daniel Walker (both BA Hons Business Studies 2006).

Matt Balm (BSc Hons Planning and Residential Development 2005) married Gemma Wallace (BSc Hons Psychology with Social Sciences 2004).

Katherine Swanson (LLB Law 1995) married Paul Hogarth.

Jerome McFarlane (BA Hons Business Information Systems 2004) married Sukhi Virk.

Julie Broadhead (BA Hons Primary Education 2005) married Ryan Bullock.

Nicola Shipman (BA Hons History with Politics 2008) married Graeme Eldridge (BA Hons Politics 2008).

Rebecca Payne (BSc Hons Forensic Science 2011) married Alex Reed (BSc Hons Environmental Conservation and Countryside Management 2011).

Ben Davies (BSc Hons Product Design 2006) married Nathalie Storey (BA Hons Communication Studies 2005).



Read more, and see photographs, at: [www.ntualumni.org.uk/news\\_and\\_events/wedding\\_news](http://www.ntualumni.org.uk/news_and_events/wedding_news)  
Recently got married? Let us know at: [alumni@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@ntu.ac.uk)

## Fifties and sixties

### Stewart Barton | Cert Agriculture 1953

After working on the family farm, I began a career in agricultural engineering, working for manufacturers of agricultural machinery and tractors in England, then Australia. I was a consultant for the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation and then for international agencies working on farm machinery in developing countries.

### Gordon Burlison | Cert Education 1966

I taught in Essex for a year, got a Maths and Physics degree and emigrated in 1969 to Hamilton, Ontario to teach Maths, Physics and Computer Science. I switched careers and developed software for a large financial organisation until 2010 when I finally retired! Today I live by Lake Erie, model making and driving my antique 450SL Mercedes!

## Seventies and eighties

### Cecilia McNicholas | Cert Ed Secondary Education 1977

I studied on the Clifton site or Butlins on the Hill as we called it! The path down the middle of the site was called The Great Divide as it separated the male and female halls. I remember hot summers including a field trip when the coach broke down on Dartmoor!

### Ben Zabulis | BSc Hons Civil Engineering 1982

I've written a book called *Chartered Territory: An Engineer Abroad*. It recounts the experiences of a civil engineer working overseas, mainly focusing on the travel aspect. Take a look at: [www.chartered-territory.co.uk](http://www.chartered-territory.co.uk)

For many more class notes visit  
[www.ntualumni.org.uk/network\\_2013](http://www.ntualumni.org.uk/network_2013)

## Nineties

### Kevin Osbon | BSc Construction Management 1990

I'm a founder Partner of Focus Consultants in Nottingham, working on projects including Nottingham Castle, the Lace Market redevelopment, the Galleries of Justice and the Adams Building at New College Nottingham. I'm a 2nd Dan Black Belt in Shotokan karate and a qualified rugby, cricket and karate coach.

### Susan Ricks | Cert Ed Further Education 1997

I run my own training school offering complementary and holistic courses ([www.suericks.com](http://www.suericks.com)). In 2012, I was the keynote speaker at the Association of Reflexologists in Orlando and I've also lectured at Cincinnati Children's Hospital, following the launch of my book, *The Gentle Touch of Reflexology for Babies & Children*.

### Ross Griggs | Cert Ed Further Education 1998

I lecture in Music at the College of West Anglia, King's Lynn and run my own business covering a range of music business services. I'm still a very active performer with projects including classic rock act Boned, who I took to the Royal Albert Hall at the invitation of Roger Daltrey and Harvey Goldsmith.

## Noughties

### Alexandra Leigh (née Merchant) | BA Hons Television Production Design 2001

After University I got into TV art department work and worked on shows like *The Office*, *Teachers*, *Doctor Who* and *Sherlock*. In 2008 I went to Sri Lanka to live with my boyfriend and did design work there. We returned in 2010, got married and had baby Frank. Work's on hold for now!

### Nathan McCall | BA Hons Interior Architecture and Design 2008

After graduation I worked as an architectural designer at the placement company who sponsored my final year. I then moved to JJA Museum and Exhibition Design as lead designer of the Oman National Museum. I'm now on site in Oman overseeing construction.

### **Natalie Turton | BSc Hons Animal Biology 2010**

I volunteer as an animal welfare visitor for the Police Authority, inspecting the stables and kennels at Nottingham Police HQ. I was responsible for the introduction of the kennel cough vaccine which is now used for all police dogs in Nottingham.

### **Katherine Cole | BA Hons Textile Design 2011**

I've recently completed the Headstart Programme with the Hive at NTU which enabled me to start my own business specialising in making hand-woven fabrics.

### **Fiona McFarlane | BA Hons History 2011**

I'm a trustee of A National Voice, a charity run by care leavers for young people from a care background. I also advise the Board of Trustees at the Pyrus Trust Charity and work at Sheffield Hallam Students' Union as a student representation and democracy assistant. I attended the Diamond Jubilee concert at Buckingham Palace with my fellow trustees.

## Obituaries

### **Christina "Tina" Ellis (née Mason) (NCAHE Agriculture 1980)**

Tina died on 19 September 2011 from a pernicious brain tumour. She kept in touch with several of her Brackenhurst classmates and used to tell her husband, Richard, about the fun and escapades they had together. The world is a lot quieter without her infectious laugh and she is sadly missed.

### **Dominic Hill (HND Building Studies 1989)**

Dominic died aged 43 of lung cancer on 31 March 2010, just a few weeks after diagnosis. Dominic met his wife Kate Lyons (BA Hons Textiles / Fashion Textiles 1990) at NTU and they married in 1992. They had two sons: Joseph and George. Kate said: "Dominic was a true gentleman and is sadly missed by us all. He lives on in our hearts and in the laughter of our two sons."

### **Joanna McKiddie (BA Hons Primary Education 2005)**

Jo was knocked down by a taxi and killed in Bangkok on 15 September 2012. She had

just started a two-year contract at St Andrew's International School in the city and had been there just four weeks. Her family received many messages of love and condolence from Jo's university friends and from many others all over the world. Jo is sadly missed.

### **David Richmond (Estate Surveying 1964)**

A former lecturer and alumnus, David died in October last year. He was thought of fondly by all those who knew him, including NTU staff and the many students he taught over the years. A special tribute to David is on pages 6 and 7.

### **Sharon Tindi-Tembo (BSc Hons Product Design 2007)**

Sharon's sudden and untimely death on 28 April 2012 was a painful and great loss to all who knew and loved her. Sharon was a loyal ambassador of NTU and an avid champion of the Product Design course. As a daughter, sister, wife, friend, colleague, niece, aunt and cousin, Sharon was a sweet bright-eyed young woman with a big heart and infectious smile. Her sudden death has left behind not only a legacy of brilliance for a young life well lived, but also wonderful memories that will forever be cherished.

### **Sarah Turner (PG Dip Personnel Management 2007)**

Sarah passed away unexpectedly on 17 February 2012 at the age of 37. She worked as a Human Resources Officer for HM Revenue and Customs / Inland Revenue from 2000, moving to work as a Human Resources Adviser at the Land Registry in 2008. Sarah lived in Nottingham and led a fulfilled life being an active member of St Nic's Church on Maid Marion Way, and of the Soundswell Choir.

### **David Wright, former lecturer**

Former lecturer David Wright, who taught Civil Engineering at NTU for 19 years and retired in September 2011, died peacefully in his sleep at his home in Nottingham on 18 December 2012. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Read the full tributes online at:  
[www.ntualumni.org.uk/network\\_2013](http://www.ntualumni.org.uk/network_2013)



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