

# Destination

## Liverpool

The changing face of the city



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**I am really pleased to be able to share and celebrate some of the team's recent successes, not least the Benefactors' Fund surpassing the half-a-million pound mark earlier this year.**

Despite current economic pressures, we have achieved a record total of donations this year, demonstrating the fact that Liverpool's alumni still recognise the importance of the University being able to attract and retain the best students, and continue to improve its facilities and services. We have also seen the launch of two new alumni associations in Singapore and Malaysia, the relaunch of our Canadian Association in Toronto and a record number of alumni attending events this year.

There have been many changes to the alumni relations programme recently, largely thanks to the feedback we received from many of you through last summer's online survey. We have a renewed focus on six key priority areas which will allow alumni to directly contribute and make an impact on the University's strategic priorities, and have reviewed our benefits, services and events to provide a much more valuable and relevant offer (see page 20). As always, we welcome feedback, so please do get in touch and let us know what you think about our new programme.

The University has increased its position in two of the three main UK league tables this year and has been the recipient of important grants for educational opportunities and graduate internships; both areas where alumni can make

a significant contribution. Liverpool also celebrated 10 years since the first students enrolled on the online degree courses, and a new online DBA programme and £10 million worth of scholarships for online study have been announced. This year will see the largest cohort of new graduates from the online degree programmes, contributing further to the diversity of our ever-growing global community.

I am really pleased to have been able to meet so many of our alumni at various events this year, including those at our first ever overseas graduation-style ceremony in Shanghai, which was attended by more than 100 alumni. Good alumni networks are an integral part of the University's Internationalisation Strategy, and I have been delighted to hear first-hand how enthusiastic and passionate Liverpool's graduates are about their alma mater.

Please don't forget that *insight* will be an annual publication from now onwards, published every autumn. Remember you can stay in touch through the monthly e-newsletter by updating your email address at: [www.liv.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.liv.ac.uk/alumni).

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**Welcome to the autumn 2010 edition of *insight*. It is an interesting time for the University as cuts in Government funding mean that the higher education sector is about to go through a great period of change.**



Vice-Chancellor,  
Professor Sir Howard Newby

The results of the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review are going to have a major effect on the sector as a whole, but we won't know until after Christmas how the cuts will impact upon the University. We have already planned a number of scenarios for dealing with the reduction in funding and are looking at various alternative methods of generating income, particularly through increasing our international profile. In recent months we have taken steps to improve our financial situation and if we achieve all of our strategic aims, we will be set to ride the storm.

The philanthropic support from our alumni community continues to be a contributing factor in strengthening our resources, particularly as we are now entering the last year of the Government's

matched funding scheme which, until July 2011, allows us to claim an additional £1 for every £3 that we can raise in philanthropic income.

In the last six months, I have had the privilege to host and attend a number of events for both alumni and donors across the world.

I have met groups in Singapore, Malaysia,

Geneva and also here in the UK. It has been wonderful to witness the continued enthusiasm and support from alumni for their alma mater, as well as their desire to be kept up to date with what is happening in the city. That is why the 'Destination Liverpool' article on page 26 will be of particular interest to alumni who haven't visited the city for some time. It highlights some of the recent changes that have been made to the city landscape in recent years.

The launch of the University of Liverpool in America Inc, a not-for-profit organisation, which enables alumni based in the US to retain and develop their connection with the University and to build tax-exempt philanthropic support for the institution, created the opportunity for me to attend the first board meeting, held at Ford World Headquarters in Dearborn, Michigan. As part of the trip I was also able to make contact with alumni based in Los Angeles.

Those members of the alumni community who haven't yet had the opportunity to establish contact with the network of alumni in their area, may be interested to hear that we have extended our programme of alumni events. Within the next few months we will be holding events in countries that have large groups of alumni who have shown a keen interest in forming a network.

In the last edition we reported that Liverpool was the only city to be attending World Expo 2010 in Shanghai, the world's largest business and cultural trade show. Running under the theme 'Better City, Better Life', Expo has attracted approximately 70 million visitors to date. It has been a huge success for both Liverpool and the University, and created a platform for the institution to host a number of events which have played a significant role in strengthening and developing research collaborations between the University and institutions in China. It also created an opportunity for the Alumni Relations team to hold a graduation event for graduates in China who were unable to attend their own graduation or who wanted to process again in front of friends and family. It was a spectacular day with more than 170 people processing and two honorary degrees conferred. Please see page 42 for more details.

I hope you find this edition an interesting read and look forward to meeting those of you who attend any of the events that I will be hosting over the coming months.

## Carbon challenge commitment

An investment of £4 million has been made by the University into technology which will reduce its carbon footprint.

Recent projects include a new gas engine Combined Heat and Power (CHP) plant, a revised HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) operating profile, installation of voltage optimisers and the introduction of award-winning automatic computer power-down software, which was developed within the University. The developments will assist towards achieving the 30% reduction target, set to meet both HEFCE (Higher Education Funding Council for England) and national carbon targets.



The University's new Combined Heating and Power Plant

Clare Scott, University Sustainability Officer, said: "We are also challenging staff and students to take a lead and look at where they can support a reduction in energy consumption. We are asking them to review their day-to-day activities and identify areas where they can make improvements."

"Already students have reduced their energy consumption by 3% in the halls of residence by making a conscious effort to turn off lights and electrical items, and staff have been allocated a target of a 10% reduction in electricity consumption by the end of the year."

## University supports plan to stimulate regional innovation and enterprise

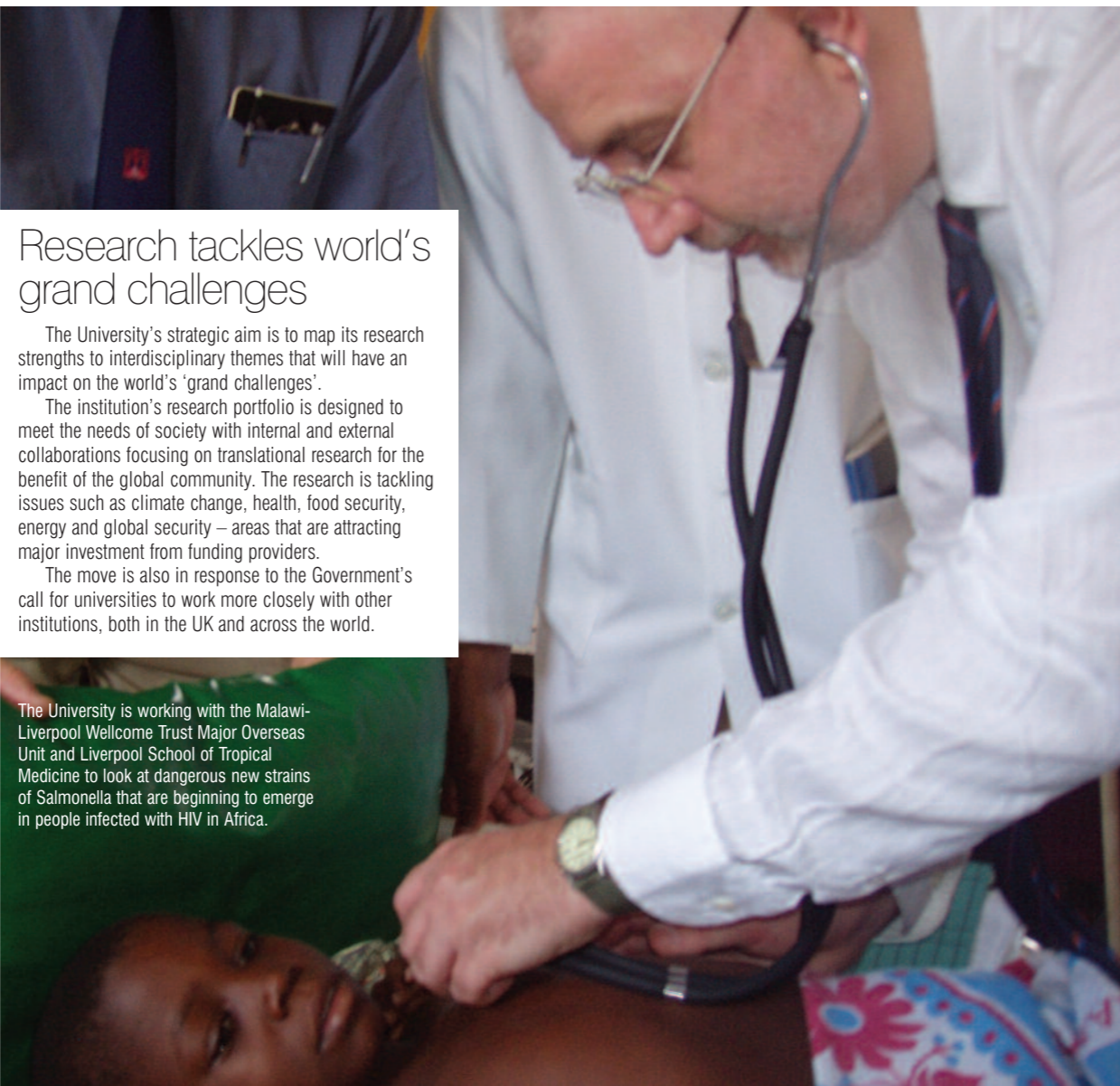
**The University is playing an integral role in the development and delivery of a plan to accelerate growth in key areas of Liverpool city region's economy.**

Developed by the city region's Knowledge Economy group, comprising representatives from universities, industry, the NHS, Daresbury Science and Innovation Campus, and local bodies such as the Northwest Science Council and The

Mersey Partnership, it will encourage growth areas in the economy in which Liverpool and the surrounding region have distinctive strengths and the potential to be a UK leader. The areas include Life Sciences, Advanced Manufacturing, Creative and Digital Industries, and Financial and Professional Services.

Proposals in the Knowledge Economy Plan could secure an additional 58,000 jobs for the region's

knowledge economy by 2022 – an increase of 15%. It will help to realise the full potential of major projects such as the Royal Liverpool Biomedical Campus and the further development of Liverpool Science Park, Daresbury Science and Innovation Campus and Knowsley Industrial Park. The plan also supports the development of a 'Superport', designed to re-establish the Mersey as the principal logistics centre and port of the North.



## Research tackles world's grand challenges

The University's strategic aim is to map its research strengths to interdisciplinary themes that will have an impact on the world's 'grand challenges'.

The institution's research portfolio is designed to meet the needs of society with internal and external collaborations focusing on translational research for the benefit of the global community. The research is tackling issues such as climate change, health, food security, energy and global security – areas that are attracting major investment from funding providers.

The move is also in response to the Government's call for universities to work more closely with other institutions, both in the UK and across the world.

The University is working with the Malawi-Liverpool Wellcome Trust Major Overseas Unit and Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine to look at dangerous new strains of Salmonella that are beginning to emerge in people infected with HIV in Africa.

## First graduation ceremony for China venture

The first group of students graduated from Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University (XJTLU) in Suzhou, an institution established in 2006 as a joint venture between the University of Liverpool and Xi'an Jiaotong University.

XJTLU is a new international model for higher education that gives Chinese students the opportunity to experience the best of Chinese and Western styles of learning. From the second year of study, all programmes are developed exclusively in English with the aim of developing international-calibre graduates with an excellent command of English and a high degree of inter-cultural awareness and sensitivity. Students have various options for study, and after two years they are able to transfer to Liverpool to complete their degree. The University now has 2,500 students and this year 400 of them came to Liverpool for their second two years of study.

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sir Howard Newby said: "I'm delighted to see the first cohort of XJTLU students graduate. They have uniquely benefited from a truly international education. The world into which they graduate is one which is multi-national, multi-cultural and multi-ethnic – XJTLU has prepared them for that world and they have a true sense of global citizenship."



Vice-Chancellor Professor Sir Howard Newby congratulates one of the XJTLU graduates

## International Centre for Educational Opportunities launches



Professor Long Long is used as an educational aid to teach young pupils about Chinese culture

The University has launched an International Centre for Educational Opportunities that will disseminate best practice in widening participation in higher education around the world.

The centre builds on the success of the University's own outreach activities, which have seen the innovative 'Professor Fluffy' programme rolled out to primary schools across the UK. The scheme was created for children from 'non-traditional' university backgrounds and has already been delivered to thousands of young people in the UK.

Using the brightly coloured toy Professor Fluffy as a teaching aid, children aged nine and 10 are taught a mini-curriculum in subjects such as Medicine and Science. The children also visit the University to learn about life on campus, where they meet students, visit lecture theatres and

take part in hands-on activities that support the national curriculum.

The University is working with YMCA Canada to adapt the scheme for delivery in Toronto and is also collaborating with its joint venture institution – Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University – with a view to developing similar outreach activities in China.

The University already runs a course in Mandarin for children on Merseyside, which builds on the 'Professor Fluffy' programme in the context of Chinese culture and language. At the centre of the initiative is the character 'Professor Long Long' (meaning Professor Little Dragon in Mandarin). Young students attend after-school clubs where they learn about Chinese culture and study the basics of Mandarin.

## First results from world's largest experiment

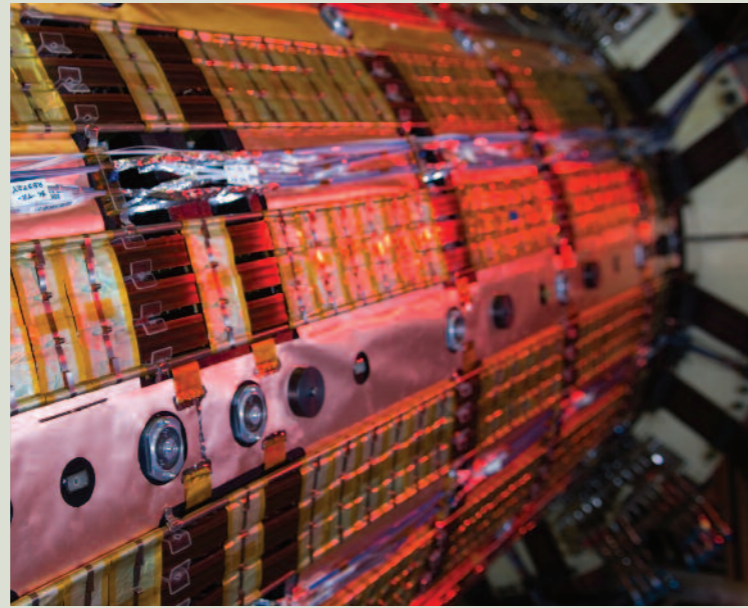
Liverpool scientists have presented some of the first results from the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) – the world's largest scientific experiment.

The LHC is the most powerful particle accelerator ever built and is seeking answers to some of the most fundamental mysteries of the Universe.

Physicists from the University worked on the construction of LHCb and ATLAS – two of the four detectors in the LHC and one of the central sub-detectors of ATLAS – the EndCap-C silicon micro-strip tracker – were assembled entirely at the University's Semiconductor Detector Centre.

Operating at an energy three-and-a-half times higher than previously achieved by a particle accelerator, the LHC's first measurements are rediscovering the particles that lie at the heart of the Standard Model, the current theory of fundamental particles and how they interact.

The results were presented at the International Conference on High Energy Physics, where post-doctoral fellow Jan Kretzchmar from the University's Department of Physics presented on the production of W and Z particles, the force-carrying particles of the 'weak' force responsible for aspects of radioactivity and the processes which power the sun and stars.



## Climate change affects global disease distribution



**Scientists from the School of Environmental Sciences are working with international partners on a £3 million project to further understanding of how climate modelling can help to predict the spread of infectious diseases in Africa.**

Researchers across 13 European and African research institutes are working together to integrate data from climate modelling and disease forecasting systems to predict the likelihood of an epidemic up to six months in advance.

The research, funded by the European Commission Seventh Framework programme, aims to give decision makers the necessary time to deploy intervention methods to help prevent large-scale spread of diseases, such as Rift Valley Fever and malaria, which are more prevalent in tropical countries after a season of rainfall, when heat and humidity allow disease-carrying insects such as mosquitoes to thrive.

Dr Andy Morse from the School of Environmental Sciences said: "We know that climate variability has a significant impact on the incidence of human and animal diseases. In Africa, human and animal disease has a particular effect on economic development. It is vital, therefore, that we improve our understanding of the climate triggers for disease and the forecasting systems used to predict outcomes."

## Liverpool Health Inequalities Research Institute

A new Centre to tackle the low life expectancy and high cancer rates of residents in the Liverpool city region has been launched.

Funded by Liverpool Primary Care Trust (PCT), the Liverpool Health Inequalities Research Institute will focus on research into inequalities in health status and on the provision and quality of care in areas such as obesity, alcohol abuse and mental health.

Mark Gabbay, Director of the Institute, said: "The Institute represents an important milestone in building relationships between academics, health practitioners and commissioners in the health arena that will help us to more effectively serve the needs of the local population."

Visit: [www.liv.ac.uk/health-inequalities](http://www.liv.ac.uk/health-inequalities) for more information.

## Decoding wheat genome will help address global food shortage

**Scientists at the University have decoded the genome of the wheat plant - the largest genome to be sequenced to date – in order to help crop breeders increase the yield of British wheat varieties.**

Wheat production is currently under threat from climate change and an increase in demand due to a growing human population. Liverpool scientists, in collaboration with the University of Bristol and the John Innes Centre, have sequenced the wheat genome and will make the DNA data available to crop breeders to help them select key agricultural traits for breeding.

This breakthrough could lead to new breeds of disease-resistant crops producing higher yields in as little as five years' time, which would in turn lead to lower bread prices and greater food security in the future.

Professor Neil Hall, from the Institute of Integrative Biology, explains: "The information we have collected will be invaluable in tackling the problem of global food shortage. We are now working to analyse the sequence to highlight natural genetic variation between wheat types, which will help significantly speed up current breeding programmes."

## Health and safety inspections fall

**A report by the University of Liverpool and Liverpool John Moores University has found that workplace safety has been put at risk due to changes in health and safety policies over the past decade.**

The report, *Regulatory Surrender: death, injury and the non-enforcement of law*, reveals that policy changes have affected the ability of the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) to enforce health and safety law.

Researchers have found that the number of inspections made of business premises has fallen by 69% and investigations of health and safety incidents have declined by 68%. The report also shows a 48% reduction in prosecutions of companies who have breached HSE regulations.

The Government has recently announced a wide-ranging review of health and safety laws in response to claims that UK industry had been 'saturated' by health and safety legislation under the Labour government. Researchers at Liverpool, however, have found that the HSE's power to inspect and enforce health and safety regulations has actually been reduced, resulting in increased numbers of employers at risk from accident or injury at work.

## Historians uncover Liverpool's forgotten 'Sailortown'



Historians at the University have been working with Liverpool residents and the Merseyside Maritime Museum to investigate the city's former 'Sailortown', a group of streets behind the Albert Dock that used to be home to dancehalls, bars, shops and boarding houses for sailors.

Their research has revealed that the Sailor's Home – which was where John Lewis is now – was a major landmark of 'Sailortown', along with the Gordon Smith Institute for Seamen and Church House on the corner of Paradise Street and Hanover Street. Paradise Street itself used to be famous for its bars, dance halls and fortune tellers and South Castle Street had ships' stores and a jumble of small firms serving the port.

Although many local residents remember the district, the area has changed dramatically in recent years, with only the Baltic Fleet pub, Scandinavian Church and the warehouses behind Queen's Dock now remaining.

The group is appealing to any alumni who have memories of Sailortown or who may have worked in any of the shops, pubs or businesses in the district.

If you have any memories that you would like to share, please contact Dr Laura Balderstone, 0151 794 2416, [l.balderstone@liv.ac.uk](mailto:l.balderstone@liv.ac.uk)



# She's got the Look



Ali Hall,  
Editor of *Look*  
magazine

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**Oscar Wilde once described fashion as 'a form of ugliness so intolerable that we have to alter it every six months.' But for the creator of Britain's most successful fashion weekly, *Look* magazine, things move a bit quicker.**

At the age of just 35, Editor Ali Hall (BA Hons English Language and Literature 1996) – the brains behind *Look* – has cornered the market in the promotion of fast, affordable high-street fashion. Launched in February 2007, *Look* has become a fashion bible for its hoards of devoted female fans, specialising in the sort of accessible style that has helped the magazine to sail through the recent economic downturn. When it first hit the newsstands, *Look* achieved a weekly sales average of 318,907 in its first six months, making it the most successful magazine launch in 17 years and outselling its closest rival *Grazia* by 100,000 copies a week.

"We spent 18 months researching the market to try and establish what was missing and what we should do with *Look*," explains Ali. "We wanted to find out what women were doing – their interests and hobbies, and to understand how their lives and careers were changing. It was incredibly important to get that right from the beginning so we could really understand who we were targeting and what we were trying to achieve."

Ali was asked to lead Project Honey – the original codename for the *Look* launch – by Mike Soutar, editorial director of IPC Media. At the time she was running *More* magazine for rival publishers Emap, where she had spent two-and-a-half years helping them to shed their former 'ladette' image in favour of a more mature, fashion-based publication.

"IPC contacted me and told me that they were keen to launch this new magazine and for any editor, the idea of launching your own magazine is a dream; it's like the Holy Grail of journalism, so there was never any doubt in my mind that I wanted to do it. It was such an exciting prospect I couldn't turn it down."

Ali had wanted to be a journalist since she was 10, so when it came to choosing a university course, English seemed the obvious fit.

"I knew Liverpool had a great English department but it was the course itself I was drawn to," she said. "Other universities seemed to focus really heavily on things like Medieval Literature, but Liverpool had a wider variety of modules including more modern stuff and subjects about women's rights which I knew I'd be interested in. To be honest I didn't realise how hard it would be; there was so much reading! But it was great fun too. I did a bit of writing for the student paper while I was there too, but I could never properly commit to it because I had to fit it around the course."

Ali lived in Derby and Rathbone Hall at first, then in her second year she moved into a shared house on Mount Pleasant which was shared between seven girls.

"I had a great time in that house, it was so much fun. We didn't even have to leave the front door to have a night out, our social life was right there. And surprisingly we all got on really well. We used to get ready together before a night out – that

**"it's like the Holy Grail of journalism"**

would sometimes be the best part, though there was always a big queue for the bathroom!"

She is in touch with many of her University friends, and although she hasn't been back to Liverpool for a few years, she still considers the city to be her second home.

"Last time I was there I couldn't believe how much Liverpool had changed," she said. "I remember there were only really three or four main bars that everyone went to then, but now there seem to be hundreds. We used to go to places like Baa Bar and you'd know you were always going to bump into people you knew – then again, that also had its disadvantages!"

After she graduated Ali took a year off to travel then went back to her hometown of Wilmslow to find a job. Determined to become a journalist, she approached the local papers offering her services for free and was offered a position as a junior reporter for the Courier group of newspapers, which then led to the role of senior reporter.

"The paper would send me out and tell me not to come back until I had a story, which was a fairly terrifying prospect at the time but has definitely made me more tenacious. I worked in a bar in the evenings too, so it was really tiring, but I learnt so much. I worked at the paper for about 18 months, but I knew I'd need to go to London if I wanted to get into mainstream magazines. Then one day I saw a job advertised as a Features Assistant at *Slimming* magazine and decided to apply. I went all-out with the application, producing a magazine cover, and they offered me the job. I remember getting off the train at Euston when I moved down there and thinking how amazing it all was; it felt like my life had really started."

After working her way up from Features Assistant to Editor, Ali saw a gap in the market and launched a second spin-off magazine, *Celebrity Bodies*, which looked at celebrity diets and advised readers on what they should do to achieve the perfect celebrity body. She produced the magazine in her own time at the weekends, despite working full-time during the week as Editor of *Slimming* magazine, but despite selling out each week, it eventually folded.

However, on the strength of her success at *Slimming*, Ali was offered a position at teen monthly *Bliss* magazine where she worked for the next five months as acting editor. From there she was asked to move to *More*, another teen magazine in the Emap

**"The key with any magazine is to get inside your audience's head"**

group but one with an older, more sexually aware audience. Her brief was to relaunch the magazine so that it steered away from articles about men and drinking, to create a more aspirational, glamorous publication, focusing on the girls that bought the magazine and what interested them. The move reflected a general change in attitude across the industry and would later prove to be useful experience for Project Honey.

"The key with any magazine is to get inside your audience's head – that's definitely something I took with me to *Look*. A good writer always adapts to their audience, so, in theory it shouldn't matter who you're writing for."



You have to think commercially; it's not about what you want to write, but about what other people would be interested to read."

She describes the *Look* reader as down to earth and likeable. "I've met so many readers since we launched and loads of them feel comfortable about approaching me when I'm wandering through Warehouse to talk to me about the magazine. I love that; it's like instant market research. And it's just such a brilliant feeling when someone says, 'I love getting *Look*' – that's such a strong emotion and it's great to

get that sort of feedback."

There are now 44 members of the *Look* team, all of whom Ali was able to handpick – another perk of starting the magazine from scratch.

"We have so many applicants for every role we advertise now, so I try to appoint people who stand out as being passionate about what they do. And people who are happy to get their hands a bit dirty; sometimes we'll get work experience students in and they expect to be running a fashion shoot on their first day. That's just not the reality. You have to work your way up in this industry and be willing to do the tea runs for a while."

"I've always been so passionate about what I do that I expect the same from everyone else. Sometimes I look back and think: 'there were so many people on my University course who all wanted to be journalists when they graduated, how did I get to do it?' And I think my passion played a big part; this is all I ever wanted to do and I wanted it more than anything. There was never a point where I thought I wasn't going to get here. I've worked extremely hard and kept that passion and I'm really enjoying what I'm doing at the moment."

In 2008, Ali was named as one of the British Society of Magazine Editor's editors of the year for her incredible success on *Look*, which remains Britain's best-selling fashion weekly – a fact that's proudly emblazoned across the front of each issue.

"I love *Look* at the moment, it's the perfect fit for me. I think the magazine has managed to capture a moment for all women; our attitude isn't

London-centric and we write about the sort of things that women across the country get excited about. I have total belief in it because it's so unique and because I know it's something I would want to read myself. It's great to be a part of that."

**"I've always been so passionate about what I do"**



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## Better Births researchers uncover benefits of pomegranate

**Research that supports the work taking place in the University's Centre for Better Births has found that a naturally-occurring steroid which is present in pomegranate seeds could be used to stimulate uterine contractions.**

Pomegranate juice is thought to have a number of health benefits, from lowering cholesterol and blood pressure to protecting against some cancers, but until now there has been no evidence to demonstrate its effects on the uterus. Dr Ebstam Monir-Bishty's work, which is being part-funded by Medicash's Penny in the Pound Fund, will investigate pomegranate seed extract, which is more highly concentrated than pomegranate juice, and examine its effect on uterine smooth muscle samples.

Professor Sue Way from the Department of Physiology and Director of the Centre for Better Births said: "Previous study has suggested that the pomegranate's antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties have a positive impact on health. We want to understand its effect on uterine contractions to help us explore new ways of treating women who may experience difficult labours. Currently the only available drug to treat women with a poorly

contracting uterus is oxytocin, a hormone which only works approximately 50% of the time.

"It is important for us to investigate how the uterus works and what happens when it does not contract normally so that women experiencing problems during labour do not have to undergo major surgery to deliver a healthy baby."

The work being conducted at the Centre for Better Births will bring together researchers and clinicians to improve understanding in areas such as premature labour, recurrent miscarriage and prolonged labour.

Situated on the Women's Hospital site just half a mile away from the University, the purpose-built Centre for Better Births will not only house the existing research team but will allow more team members to be recruited, more fellows to be trained and the housing of laboratories, equipment and the latest technology. The University is currently raising money for the Centre through the Better Births Appeal which aims to raise £3 million. For further information on Better Births or to make a donation, please contact Helen O'Donnell, Head of Development on: +44 (0)151 794 6987 or [helen.odonnell@liv.ac.uk](mailto:helen.odonnell@liv.ac.uk) or visit: [www.betterbirths.org](http://www.betterbirths.org)

## Benefactors' Fund makes a difference across campus

The Benefactors' Fund was launched by the Development and Alumni Relations Team, as part of the University's Annual Giving Programme, back in June 2007. Over the last three years, graduates of the University have been contacted through a series of telephone and postal campaigns and have been asked to lend their support. So far £769,000 has been raised, which has been used to make a real difference to the lives of current and future students by funding additional improvements to facilities across campus, providing student scholarships and supporting projects such as the student volunteering programme.



Annual Giving Manager, Dr Lisa Hannah-Stewart (BSc Zoology 1997, MSc Evolutionary Psychology 1999, PhD 2004) (pictured above), said: "The generosity of our alumni has been extraordinary. In March of this year we reached a particularly significant milestone by passing the £500,000 mark; I cannot thank our donors enough. This figure was boosted even further by the receipt of our first portion of Government matched funding. The matched funding scheme allows us, until July 2011, to claim an additional £1 for every £3 that we can raise in philanthropic income. As we are now in the final year of the scheme, it is vital that we maximise our fundraising efforts so that we can take full advantage of this amazing opportunity."

If you would like more information about donating to the Benefactors' Fund then please contact Dr Lisa Hannah-Stewart, Annual Giving Manager at [lisa.hannah-stewart@liv.ac.uk](mailto:lisa.hannah-stewart@liv.ac.uk) or call +44 (0)151 795 4638.

## Scholarships

**Each year the University strives to support talented individuals through the provision of scholarships. For some students this additional financial support can be crucial, enabling them to focus their attentions completely on their studies and concentrate on achieving their true potential.**

Generous donations have helped numerous recipients to benefit from all that higher education has to offer, irrespective of their personal circumstances.

### David Clarke – John Lennon Memorial Scholarship



David Clarke received the John Lennon Scholarship to help fund his PhD in Earth Science, which is entitled: *The environmental reconstruction and the future management of threatened rare eco systems.*

Originally from Allerton, David attended Dovedale School and Quarry Bank secondary school (now Calderstones) – coincidentally the same schools that John Lennon himself attended.

"I'm a massive John Lennon fan so I'm incredibly proud to be the recipient of this particular scholarship," said David. "In fact, I find myself telling people about it within the first few minutes of meeting them sometimes!"

"The money went towards paying my living expenses and allowed me to cut down my hours in my part-time job so I could devote more time to studying and academic tutoring. I feel tremendous gratitude towards the University, because without the scholarship I know that I wouldn't have been able to carry on studying."

David finishes his PhD in January 2011, after which he will be looking for a position that involves academic research or lecturing, ideally in Liverpool.

### Kay Fitzpatrick – Alumni Scholarship

Kay grew up in Old Swan, Liverpool, where her passion for the French language was inspired by a children's TV programme featuring a French character which used to fascinate her as a toddler. Noticing her interest, Kay's mother bought her a French book, sparking a lifelong passion with both the language and the country.

Kay went to school at Broadgreen Primary and then attended St Edward's College. Before University she spent three months in France and three months in Central Mauritius volunteering with the Discipleship Training School.

She chose to study French and English in her home city and was delighted to be told her application for an Alumni Scholarship was successful, which enabled her to visit France during her first year at the University. This year, the money has been used to pay for her tuition fees.

In September, Kay will travel to Lyon as part of her course to work for Aderly, a company that specialises in helping to attract businesses to set up in the region. Her work will have an international focus as she will be translating and conducting research for the company, and she will also be involved in other projects such as working on the company newsletter. After she graduates she is keen to take her French further, possibly as a teacher.



### Giles Hoeg – John Lennon Memorial Scholarship

Receiving the John Lennon Scholarship has enabled Giles to complete his Masters in Architecture at the University, enabling him to pay for essential course materials.

"Architecture is a cost-intensive course with finances required for materials, printing and different media to produce drawings," explains Giles. "Costs for the thesis design project alone amounted to almost £1,000, with the added expenses of accommodation and living costs."

"Without this scholarship my future at the University would have been quite difficult. I would have had two choices to get through this course – either source a part-time job, which would have been detrimental to my studies as the course is extremely intensive, or take out a high-interest loan. I am so grateful and I cannot thank Yoko Ono enough for her donation, because without it I could not have carried on with my studies. I am proud to report to Ms Ono that I have received a first class classification in every design project to date."



"Studying at the University was a fantastic experience; in my opinion the School of Architecture at Liverpool is one of the finest in the UK. The building was open and accessible to students at all times of the day and we couldn't have asked for more supportive tutors. I will always stay in regular contact with the School and will certainly be coming back to Liverpool to visit, hopefully as a guest tutor for future architect students."

For more information about scholarships or to make a donation, please contact: [helen.odonnell@liv.ac.uk](mailto:helen.odonnell@liv.ac.uk)

### Cherie Blair speaks at Fred Freeman Lecture

**The University welcomed Cherie Blair as guest speaker at the inaugural Fred Freeman lecture on philanthropy.**

Speaking to a diverse audience of more than 250 people, including prominent members of Liverpool's business and charitable communities, and students past and present, Mrs Blair reviewed the region's philanthropic past and also discussed the impact charitable actions could play in the future development of Merseyside. The lecture was followed by an engaging debate and drinks reception.

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sir Howard Newby said: "We were delighted to have such a distinguished speaker to give the inaugural lecture in the series and to see so many people who knew Fred Freeman join his family, the University and budding Merseyside philanthropists to celebrate his charitable legacy."

The lecture, to be held annually, is named after the Liverpool philanthropist and made possible thanks to a generous donation to the University from the Mr and Mrs FC Freeman Charitable Trust. If you are interested in future lectures contact: [karen.billington@liv.ac.uk](mailto:karen.billington@liv.ac.uk) or call +44 (0)151 794 2280.



Cherie Blair, pictured with Professor Phil Redmond (BA Hons Social Studies 1977, Hon LittD, 2010) and Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sir Howard Newby (centre).

'Booking' a secure future

**The University Libraries are one of the areas that have benefited from the generous donations made by alumni through the Benefactors' Fund. Phil Sykes, (pictured right) University Librarian, explains to *insight* how the funding has been used:**

"The last year has been an eventful one for the University Library. We have seen an increase of more than 20% in the number of visits to both the Harold Cohen Library and the Sydney Jones Library, making the academic year 2009/10 the busiest in our long history.

"It is interesting that the press, and even our own 'trade journal', the *Times Higher Education*, often present a narrative of academic libraries as being in decline. The reality that we live with is quite different. It is not only that we get more visitors to the Library than we ever did. Book issues are burgeoning; we answer more enquiries and give more help to students than we ever have; and the level of use of our electronic books and journals beggars belief.

"One of the key reasons for the rising use of the Library at Liverpool is probably the investment that the University has made in us, and the work that we have put in to making the Library a more attractive and accessible place. We were the first Russell Group library to introduce 24-hour opening (and yes the Library is pretty busy at midnight!). The £17 million investment the University made in the extension and refurbishment of the Sydney Jones Library

has given us one of the most attractive and impressive Humanities research libraries in the country; and support from the Wolfson Foundation has allowed us to restore the grandeur of the Main Reading Room in the Harold Cohen Library, as well as create excellent space for group work in the North Reading Room.

"The generosity of our alumni has made a real difference to us as well. At a time when our acquisition budgets are under pressure, the Bookplate Scheme, which enables alumni to purchase a bookplate to be inserted in a University library book with their name on it, has been met with an overwhelming response and has allowed us to maintain the supply of textbooks and reading list material to students. Alumni donations have also enabled us to improve the facilities and services of the Library. Technology has been provided to enhance the use our students can make of meeting rooms; study furniture has been acquired for the bookable study rooms that are so important to our postgraduate students. Half of a £30,000 donation from an alumnus will be used to support the Library initiatives



in what is called 'Open-Access Publishing' – allowing the research articles produced by University staff to be made freely accessible to poorer countries and less well-off educational institutions.

"The tradition of donating rare books – the foundation of our internationally significant Special Collections – still flourishes too. The other half of the donation referred to above will be used to fill some of the gaps in our holdings; and we have received a number of outstanding donations, including *Belidor's Architecture Hydraulique (1737-1753)* and the *Traité des moyens de rendre navigable les rivières (1696)*. We have also been given invaluable archive material from distinguished former members of staff, helping us to preserve an accurate historical record of the University into the future.

"So, as we move in to the second decade of the 21st century, our Library is in pretty good shape, thanks to the support we receive from the University and its alumni, and the abilities of the staff it is my privilege to lead. I think the students and staff who made 1.2 million visits to the Library last year would agree that the Library is still at the heart of the University."

## Centre for Personalised Medicines leads UK network

Professor Munir Pirmohamed, NHS Chair of Pharmacogenetics and Head of the Wolfson Centre for Personalised Medicine, is leading the launch of the UK Pharmacogenetics and Stratified Medicine Network.

The network is designed to share best practice and promote inter-disciplinary research and sector collaboration in the field of pharmacogenetics, the study of genetic variation that causes differing responses to drugs.

Originally pioneered in the 1960s by Emeritus Professor David Price Evans (BSc Hons Physiology 1948, MBChB

1951, MSc 1957, MD 1959, PhD 1965, DSc 1981, HonLLD 2008), pharmacogenetics enables drug treatments to be targeted to specific patients, helping to reduce adverse side effects through accurate disease phenotyping and prediction of drug response. It helps medical professionals to administer the most appropriate treatment straight away, avoiding the one-dose-fits-all approach that can lead to drug failures and adverse reactions.

Scientists at the University's Wolfson Centre for Personalised Medicine, which will celebrate its official launch in 2011, are leading pioneering research which involves identifying genetic differences that – alongside knowledge of environmental factors such as weight, smoking, and stress – will help doctors to

determine the right drugs for each patient from the outset. The findings have the potential to transform the experience of patients across the world, as well as saving the taxpayer half a billion pounds a year.

Research at the Centre has already reduced the number of patients experiencing life-threatening side effects from the anti-AIDS drug Abacavir and scientists are also looking into why only some heart patients are helped by taking aspirin, identifying which children will react badly to asthma medication, and working with epilepsy patients to find out which treatments will be the most effective for them. However, much more research is needed and more funding is required to enable the Centre to complete this critical work.

"We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our former students and supporters to assist the Centre, which has already amounted to more than £2 million," says Munir. "but, we still need more funding to be fully operational. Once we are, it is envisaged that initial benefits will be seen within two years, and an impact on clinical practice with certain drugs seen within five years.

"In the long term, a new understanding of drug response at the individual level will improve drug safety across the whole population."

For more information or to give a donation to help complete the Centre, please contact Helen O'Donnell, Head of Development on +44 (0)151 794 6987 or email: helen.odonnell@liv.ac.uk.

## Equine - £2.6m bequest to University

The University was named as the sole recipient of the estate of the late Henry Edwards MRCVS.

The estate is valued at approximately £2.6 million and, according to Mr Edward's will, is unrestricted, allowing the University to spend both capital and income.

Henry Edwards studied Veterinary Science at the University of Liverpool, graduating in 1944. After graduating he spent two years at the University's Leahurst campus as a demonstrator and assistant before moving into practice and then on to the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries before ending up as Rural Veterinary Officer for the Midlands and West area. Mr Edwards last visited Leahurst in 1998 (undertaking a tour given by Professor Chris Gaskell, now Principal of the Royal Agricultural College).

Between 1998 and 2007, Mr Edwards gave donations to the University valued at £3,000. These were in support of the Small Animal Teaching Hospital and the Benefactors' Fund.



It has been agreed that £1 million of the legacy will be allocated to the equine appeal to enable the intensive care element of the Centre for Colic Prevention to go ahead. The remaining funds will be allocated to academic and physical veterinary sciences. So far £2.3 million of the legacy has been received into the University.

The University's equine research has already made major contributions to the health and welfare of horses, and continues to benefit all sectors of the equine community. The Appeal for Equine Welfare now aims to raise enough money to create a Centre for Colic Prevention at the Philip Leverhulme Equine Hospital, (pictured above) at Leahurst, and to enable further equine research and teaching at the University to continue to benefit equine welfare around the world.

For further information on the Equine Appeal or on leaving a legacy to the University of Liverpool please contact Helen O'Donnell, Head of Development on +44 (0)151 794 6987 or email helen.odonnell@liv.ac.uk.

## Telephone campaign – behind the scenes

**The Benefactors' Fund telephone fundraising campaign takes place twice a year and enables current students to make contact with University graduates in order to let them know what is happening at Liverpool and to encourage their support.**

One of the student callers, who works on telephone campaigns, is Ed Holden (BA Hons International Development 2010). He has returned to the University this term to pursue a Master of Civic Design course.

*insight* finds out what Ed gets out of the telephone campaign experience.

### Ed, why did you become a student caller?

I'd been used to promoting the University through departmental open days and it seemed like a natural progression to share my experiences and my knowledge of the developments at the University with alumni. I'm very passionate about the city and the University and when the chance arose with the Development and Alumni Relations team it was a great opportunity for me share that enthusiasm.

### What have you enjoyed most about working on the telephone campaigns?

I like hearing about what graduates have done in terms of their careers. I've heard some really fascinating stories. I also enjoy talking about Liverpool. Graduates seem to enjoy that too, they like comparing what it was like when they were here with my experience now and also it's been great meeting the other student callers, it's opened up a new circle of friends for me.

### Why do you think it's important to give to the University?

Nowadays students have to pay quite a lot already in fees and living costs in order to come to university; the Benefactors' Fund is helping to support us through our time here. The extra resources provided by the fund in terms of scholarships and improved facilities – which, for example – for me means not having to buy additional textbooks, is really invaluable in having to offset fees.

### Have you seen the benefits of the Benefactors' Fund across campus first-hand?

The Fund has improved facilities across campus in a number of areas; one which is of particular



importance to me was the addition of the Careers and Employability Service 'one-stop shop' in the Guild. This has made careers advice and work opportunities much more accessible; it's highly visual and is a great first point of contact for the Careers Service with job updates appearing daily. Work experience is essential to students today prospective employers now look for so much more than just a good degree, they expect graduates to have a wealth of transferable skills and so any help achieving that is vital.

### What message would you like to send to graduates of the University?

Our generation of students probably had a very different experience of higher education; in order to be successful in the job market now there is a need to do more than just study. In addition to improving campus facilities such as the Library, the Benefactors' Fund enhances our student experience; whether that is by helping to provide voluntary work opportunities with the Guild, or by making the Careers Service more accessible for students. It is empowering students with greater opportunities so, if you can, please give.

For more information about the Benefactors' Fund please contact Dr Lisa Hannah-Stewart, Annual Giving Manager: lisa.hannah-stewart@liv.ac.uk or call +44 (0)151 795 4638.

The Development and Alumni Relations team would like to pay special thanks to all of the companies that donated prizes that were awarded to students throughout the Benefactors' Fund telephone campaign. The companies include Greggs, Subway, The Powder Room, Bella Italia, Comedy Central, Blue Bar and Grill, The Atlantic Tower Thistle Hotel and Liverpool Guild of Students.

# The pool of life

Liverpool's outstanding contribution to global public health

**In the 19th century, Liverpool had one of the lowest life expectancy rates in the country. In 1867, the average lifespan of someone living in the city was 23 years, but many were lucky to make it past 10.**

Liverpool may have had one of the most disastrous public health records in the industrialised world, but it also had the ingenuity, determination and philanthropic spirit to come up with some of the most pioneering ways to solve the problem.

From wash-house founder Kitty Wilkinson, who famously allowed people to wash their clothes in her boiler during the 1832 cholera epidemic, to William Rathbone, one of the University's founding fathers, who instituted the UK's first district nursing service in 1859, Liverpool people have made a major contribution to healthcare, not just in the city but throughout the UK and beyond.



Liverpool Royal Infirmary served the local community for 89 years

The city opened its first Infirmary in 1749 on the site of what is now St George's Hall. It had 30 beds and saw just 122 patients in its first year. As Liverpool's population grew, so did the need for a bigger hospital, and the second Liverpool Infirmary was built on Brownlow Street. Designed by John Foster Jr, it could accommodate 230 patients and became the focus for the city's first School of Medicine.

Liverpool has always been at the forefront of medical education and was among the first English cities to establish a provincial medical school. The Liverpool School of Medicine was founded in 1834 by Dr Richard Formby, a physician at the Liverpool Infirmary, and backed by wealthy Liverpool merchants and businessmen, including William Rathbone and William

Roscoe. It aimed to address the shortage of medical teaching outside of London and also cover areas which the Infirmary was not equipped to teach, such as chemistry and botany - which at that time were necessary for a medical qualification - and midwifery.

Its opening was a significant event in the history of Liverpool medicine, sowing the seeds of the present-day Faculty of Health and Life Sciences and establishing the first formal links between the University and the Infirmary.

As the 19th century wore on, the Liverpool Royal Infirmary, which was given royal approval in 1851, struggled to cope with the challenge of treating Liverpool's rapidly expanding population. A new Infirmary was planned which would be "in all respects worthy of the city" and would showcase the "enlightened thinking" for which Liverpudlian physicians were renowned.

The grand, new Liverpool Royal Infirmary (LRI), was completed in 1889. It was designed by Liverpool-born architect, Alfred Waterhouse, whose signature use of gothic design and red brick could also be seen in the Victoria Building (now the Victoria Gallery & Museum), Manchester Town Hall and the Natural History Museum in London.

From the beginning it was planned to provide the city with the most up-to-date and forward-thinking healthcare. Florence Nightingale was extensively consulted on the new hospital's design, management and practice, and her groundbreaking "healthy hospital" ward design, which aimed to reduce cross-infection, was pioneered at the new LRI.

The University had strong links with the LRI from the outset. Due to its proximity to the University, it was the ideal place for medical students to gain vital experience, and many of its medical staff taught on undergraduate and postgraduate degree courses.

The LRI closed its doors on 17 December 1978, ending an important chapter in Liverpool's medical history. It had once been at the forefront of public health and had witnessed major developments in medical and nursing practice during its 89 years in service.

After lying dormant for 16 years, the University saw the potential of the old building and converted it for use in medical teaching. The former wards and operating theatres were transformed into teaching spaces and skills laboratories, allowing students to learn in a realistic medical environment. The hospital that had been consigned to the past was now helping to train the doctors of the future.

A bigger, more modern hospital, the Royal Liverpool



Artist's impression of the new Royal Liverpool University Hospital which should be completed in 2016

University Hospital (or the "Royal" as it became known locally), was opened opposite the site of the old Royal Infirmary in 1978. Now a major teaching hospital for student doctors, nurses, dentists and allied health professionals from both the University of Liverpool and Liverpool John Moores University, the Royal continues the record of innovation in health care for which the city is renowned.

Many medical advances have been pioneered at the Royal, ranging from treatments for blindness to vascular disorders, breast cancer to leukaemia. Its close relationship with the University and the School of Tropical Medicine continues to go from strength to strength. This association has recently led to the Royal being designated as the NHS's national centre for research in infections and pancreatic disease.

However, the health challenges of the 21st century mean that the Royal can no longer keep pace with the growing demands of the city. What was once viewed as innovative and ultra-modern is now lacking in the vital space, resources and equipment needed to treat the current volume of patients (more than 740,000 during 2009/10) and teach the next generation of medical professionals.

In light of this, the new Coalition Government has

given the go ahead for a £451 million hospital to be built that would transform healthcare for the communities of Liverpool and be a vital part of the city's regeneration.

The new hospital, due to be completed by 2016, will not only give the people of Liverpool access to world-class healthcare facilities and high quality services, but also give the city some much needed, public green space in the form of a new outdoor landscaped area the size of Chavasse Park.

Featuring all ensuite, single-room accommodation, to improve infection control and increase privacy, and state-of-the-art equipment, the new hospital will ensure patients are cared for in a modern, safe and secure environment. It will also provide much improved clinical facilities which will ensure Liverpool continues to lead the way in medical training, research and innovation.

Liverpool's reputation for cutting edge medical research is also due to be strengthened even further with the announcement of the £90 million 'BioCampus' project, a joint venture between the University and the Royal Liverpool University Hospital. The biomedical science campus aims to bring expertise - and jobs - to the city, and could lead to the discovery of breakthrough

## A city of medical firsts

- 1774 - Matthew Dobson, a Liverpool physician, discovers the link between sugar and diabetes
- 1862 - on the advice of Florence Nightingale, William Rathbone establishes a nursing school in Liverpool, the only nurse training school outside London
- 1883 - Europe's first horse-drawn ambulance service is established in Liverpool
- 1889 - The Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, the first institution of its kind in the world, is established
- 1897 - Liverpool employs the first female health visitors
- 1902 - Sir Ronald Ross, a professor at the School of Tropical Medicine, receives the first British Nobel prize for discovering the link between mosquitos and malaria
- 1933 - the Liverpool Maternity hospital pioneers the use of gas and air in childbirth.



Artist's impression of the £90m 'Bio Campus'

drugs to treat some of the world's deadliest diseases.

The BioCampus will house more than 600 researchers in state-of-the-art laboratories and will focus on research in three key areas for which Liverpool is already internationally renowned: infectious diseases, cancer and digestive diseases. Its location, between the University's Biosciences Building and the proposed new hospital, offers excellent opportunities for interdisciplinary research and even greater collaboration between medical practitioners and academics.



# Spotlight on...

## May Sheqem, 2009 MBA graduate and current LLM (Master of Laws) student

In July 2009, May Sheqem proudly graduated with an MBA after three years of hard work studying. May, who is currently a Business Manager at Nasser Bin Nawaf & Partners Holdings in Qatar, is just one of a growing number of alumni pursuing higher education online. Now hooked on online learning, May has taken on the challenge of yet another postgraduate degree with the University of Liverpool and is currently undertaking the LLM in International Business.

*Insight* asked May about her expectations, the benefits of online learning, day-to-day experiences, and the support she received.

**May, congratulations on your MBA! It's great to hear that you've decided to continue to further your education with another online programme. Tell us how you're finding your LLM programme so far.**

Quite simply, the University of Liverpool offers a great LLM programme. It is demanding, challenging and full of content. As you know I'm already a graduate with the University, and I was really satisfied with my MBA studies, so I knew what to expect when choosing to follow another online programme with the University.

**What about the support you received from your family and employer?**

My family were initially not that enthusiastic for me to embark on undertaking a postgraduate degree online! They were worried that it wouldn't be with a reputable university. But the fact that I chose an accredited programme with a reputable school makes all the difference as I didn't have to worry that the quality of the programme would be compromised because it's delivered online. But since my MBA and now with my LLM my family have been incredibly supportive.

My employer is also very supportive of my studies. Since completing my MBA in 2009 I was handed new responsibilities in my job. And, since starting my current Law programme, I have been working on more legal issues at work. I'm already bringing my studies into my day-to-day activities.

**"With online learning I study topics in my classes and then come across them the next day at work."**

**"I study with all sorts of professionals...I really treasure this diversity – the fresh perspectives my peers offer from different angles. It's quite refreshing really!"**



**What do you think are the main advantages of online learning?**

A big advantage is its flexibility of time. It becomes easier to juggle your daily tasks as an executive, a wife, a mother and a student when the programme is this flexible in terms of time. The forum is open 24/7 and you have deadlines to abide by every week, but at the same time are free to work whenever you want, and however you want, as long as you stick to your deadlines.

Another great advantage of online learning is when I study topics in my classes and then come across them the next day at work.

The international mix in the classrooms is also very enriching, academically and culturally. You really learn so much from your fellow students, the countries they come from, their habits and cultures.

**Tell us about the biggest challenge you experienced.**

Well with the flexibility of the programme also comes the challenge of time management. Between my house, my daughter (and her requirements of homework, activities, and quality time) and my work – it's a tough job! But with proper time management, studying online is definitely manageable.

**You mentioned earlier about the international mix of people you met in your virtual classroom. Can you explain a bit more about that?**

There is such a diverse mixture of students in the classroom as people come from all over the globe. This diversity brings a unique colour to the classroom that a normal class might not have. I study with all sorts of professionals with quite different backgrounds. I really treasure this diversity – the fresh perspectives my peers offer from different angles. This is what makes you shift the span of your observation and move away from traditional lines of thinking. It's quite refreshing really!

**In a nutshell, what has happened in your life since taking on your online studies with the University of Liverpool?**

I moved to Qatar with my husband at a time when Law was very conventionally practised. Not only was I a woman in a man's world, I was also not allowed to practise law being an expat. Since taking on my MBA and successfully completing it, I was assigned two new jobs at my company, and now with the LLM programme, I am getting assigned more and more legal issues every day. All of this came from both programmes with the University of Liverpool. I'm very excited to finish my LLM degree and discover the opportunities that await me.

**Wherever you live you can study online for a master's or doctoral degree with Laureate Online Education. As a graduate of the University of Liverpool you will receive a 20% discount on the cost of the course and the online learning environment allows you to fit your study around your life, enabling you to acquire relevant, up-to-date knowledge to boost your career.**

Programmes are offered across five subject areas: Management, Information Technology, Health, Law and Psychology, and this year, a range of new courses have been added to the portfolio:

### Management

Doctor of Business Administration (DBA)  
MSc in International Finance and Accounting  
MSc in International Finance and Accounting (Emerging Markets)  
MSc in International Finance and Accounting (International Financial Reporting)  
MSc in International Finance and Accounting (Strategic Finance Practice)  
MSc in International Management (Management of Health Systems)  
MSc in Operations and Supply Chain Management (Procurement and Sourcing)

### Information Technology

MSc in Information Systems and Technology

### Psychology

MSc in Forensic Psychology and Criminal Investigation

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or email: [liverpool.alumni@ohecampus.com](mailto:liverpool.alumni@ohecampus.com)



## Launch of online DBA

**To mark 10 years of delivering online programmes, the University, in partnership with Laureate Online Education, has launched the UK's first wholly online Doctorate in Business Administration (DBA) and made an investment of £200,000 in scholarships.**

The DBA, which was launched in September, is unique in being entirely delivered by 'action learning' and 'action research', through which students apply theory and research findings to solve problems they are dealing with in the workplace. The aim is to develop effective leaders who can make sense out of conflicting information and help their organisations to

solve truly challenging problems. The programme is positioned to prepare its students to thrive and take their careers to the next level.

The 10-year anniversary has also been marked with the introduction of 10 scholarships, worth up to £20,000 each, funded by Laureate Online Education. The scholarships will fund an entire degree programme for 20 students from developing countries.

To find out more about the new DBA – the programme aims and learning outcomes, the learning methodology and the online learning platform, visit: [www.dba.ohecampus.com](http://www.dba.ohecampus.com)

# Afternoon tea with the **COLONEL**



**In 2009, former President of the Liverpool Law Society, Colonel James Graeme 'Paddy' Bryson OBE QCB, KCSG, TD, LLM, JP, DL (LLB Hons 1932, LLM 1935), was made a Citizen of Honour of the city of Liverpool, a title bestowed on individuals who have made a significant, exceptional or unique contribution to enriching the city and its citizens.**

The title was richly deserved; a Second World War veteran and former Regimental Commanding Officer, his distinguished career as a soldier has been complemented by an equally steadfast commitment to public office as a lawyer, a judge, Commissioner of Taxes, Chairman of the Medical Tribunal Appeal and Chairman of the Mayor's Poppy Fund.

*insight* joined one of Liverpool's most celebrated heroes at his home for afternoon tea, to hear his incredible life story first-hand.

"I suppose you could say I lead a fairly exciting life really." The 97-year-old Colonel points out a photograph hanging on the wall which clearly displays a small bullet hole in the bottom right hand corner, a photograph that was hanging on the wall behind him 50 years ago when he famously became the only High Court judge ever to be shot at in court.

"I had quite a narrow escape," he

said. "I was sitting in a bankruptcy case against a nightclub owner and when I officially declared him bankrupt he pulled out a gun and shot two of my staff. Instinctively I went to tackle him and he fired three shots at me at close range. One flew just past my head and went straight into the photograph behind me. I was very lucky."

The Colonel received the Queen's Commendation for Bravery for his heroic conduct, one of numerous awards and titles that he has received during his 70 years of public service. Last year, aged 96, he was invited to the Queen's garden party at Buckingham Palace for the second time.

"The first time I went to the Palace I was just about to be presented to the Queen when a streaker appeared out of nowhere and ran between us. He had to be tackled to the ground, so of course the Queen was promptly removed and I didn't get a chance to officially meet her. Then shortly afterwards I received a letter from the Palace apologising and was invited back last July to sort of make up for it, but the day that I went there was a huge flood. Everyone was forced to run inside to take cover, so after that I received another apologetic letter from the Palace which said, 'you don't have much luck on your visits do you?'"

The Colonel produces a scrap book containing the official palace letters

inside. It also holds a photo extracted from the *Formby Times*, where he is pictured cutting a cake with comedian Ken Dodd, the Lord Mayor of Liverpool, the Mayor of Sefton and the Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside.

"This was to celebrate my 97th birthday earlier this year," he said. "When I retired, the Lord Mayor also threw me a great banquet at the Town Hall, then when I'd completed 70 years in public life, the Town Hall gave me another lovely banquet."

**"I suppose you could say I lead a fairly exciting life really"**

This level of recognition is testament not just to his exceptional legal career, but to his years of military service which began in 1936 when he was commissioned into the Territorial Army by King Edward VIII. He was studying Law at the University at the time, but left to join a regiment based in Aigburth Road, where he quickly progressed through the ranks and was noted as a bright and enthusiastic soldier. By the start of the Second World War he had been promoted to Major and by the end he was commanding the Aigburth Road regiment, which he led for five years.



Then one day, the Colonel received a call asking him if he would lead the 626 (Liverpool Irish) Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment Royal Artillery.

"My General rang saying that they needed a Commanding Officer for an Irish regiment and he said that being called Paddy I was just the chap. Of course my real name was actually James Graeme Bryson, but my parents had nicknamed me Paddy when I was born because there was a play on in the town at the time called *Paddy - the next best thing*. They'd wanted a girl really, because they'd already had two boys before me, so Paddy became my nickname as a bit of a joke, because being a boy I was 'the next best thing!' But people have called me it ever since - even the Mayor of Liverpool calls me Paddy. And the funny thing was I ended up commanding a regiment in Ireland for three years, purely on the strength of my nickname!"

Following an acclaimed military career, in his early 30s the Colonel decided to turn his attentions back to Law and he started work as a solicitor for Everton Football Club, a position that his father had previously held. At just 34 he was invited to be a judge, and he remained in service to the Lord Chancellor until he was 72, despite his brush with death in court.

"When I was 65 I was very involved in public life and I wrote to the Lord Chancellor to ask if I could retire. Although he agreed, he wrote back soon after and asked me if I'd be willing to become a part-time judge instead. So I was backwards and forwards to London, in and out of the Lord Chancellor's office, then one day the top chap there asked if I'd be willing to do another job for them - Chairman of the Medical Appeal Tribunal. I hadn't heard of it and didn't even realise it was a paid position, but I ended up sitting one week a month as a judge and one week for the Medical Appeal Tribunal and carried on doing that until I was well into my 70s."

But his involvement in public life has not stopped there. Throughout his incredible career he has held some prominent positions in the city, including Chairman of the Mayor's Poppy Fund, President of the North West Cancer Research Fund, and Commissioner of Taxes. He is also County Life President of the Royal British Legion and he has performed the Act of Remembrance at the city's annual Remembrance Service for the last 40 years.

On top of his many public duties, the Colonel, a former President of the University's Liverpool Law Society, has also retained a strong sense of commitment to the institution.

"I've always remained very close to the University. I've been a member of the University Court since I graduated and I'm proud to say that I've known several former Vice-Chancellors personally and always attend events whenever I can," said the Colonel.

Now one of the University's oldest living graduates, the Colonel is a generous benefactor and Friend of the University. In 2007, his donations, along with others, helped to establish the student mentoring and volunteering scheme in the Careers and Employability Service, and his continued support to the University's Benefactors' Fund has helped to fund a number of scholarships

and bursaries.

A tribute to both the University and the city, the Colonel was made a citizen of honour last year for his outstanding contribution to the community and, despite approaching his centenary, remains an integral and widely-respected member of Liverpool life.

With special thanks to the London Carriage Works who kindly provided afternoon tea. Visit [www.londoncarriageworks.co.uk](http://www.londoncarriageworks.co.uk) for more information.

# Life at the top

At the age of 36, Adrian Ringrose (BA Hons Political Theory and Institutions 1988) made history by becoming the youngest person to become a chief executive on the FTSE 250 index.

His appointment as Chief Executive of Interserve, one of the world's largest service, maintenance and building groups, proved a successful choice with the company continuing to secure new international contracts even in these challenging times. Operating in the public and private sectors, both in the UK and internationally, the company offers more than 200 different services and works for organisations ranging from the Ministry of Defence to the NHS.

Adrian is also Chair of the CBI's (Confederation of British Industry) Public Services Strategy Board, which comprises 18 members, including, IT firms, construction firms and other outsourcing companies, and leads the campaign to reform the UK's public services.

He tells *insight* about his time at University and how that has shaped him to be the "driven" and "ambitious" person that he describes himself as.



## Why did you choose to come to Liverpool to study?

I'm a city person. I like the feel and vibrancy of cities so I was always going to go to a University which was part of a large city. I didn't want to go somewhere where the University is what the town is all about and feel as though I was living in a bubble.

My school was trying to push me to go to Oxbridge and my father and two older brothers were Oxbridge graduates, but I think the 18-year-old rebel in me wanted to do something different!

Before I came to Liverpool, I decided to jump on a train and visit the city for a day. I thought that it seemed like an interesting place to be, a place where stuff happens. The city also had a real culture about it - it was the mid 80s so it was a difficult place at the time. It hadn't yet reinvented itself, but you could tell that it was beginning to change.

I chose Politics as I was interested in how political systems work. I had absolutely no ambition to be a politician, but was more interested in how organisations work and about power. I didn't want to wade through masses of text about Hegel's or Marx's theory and at Liverpool it was about practical politics and not theory.

## What are your fondest memories of your time at University?

I had three brilliant years full of fun and it also gave me an opportunity to grow up.

I met my wife in our first year of University so I think a lot of my fondest memories would be stories of time shared with her. One of my fondest memories would be surrounding the time we spent just after the exams had finished in the first year. It was boiling, and we had finished all of our exams so we spent our time lazing around in the sunshine on the grass just in front of Greenbank House for two weeks while we waited for our results. It was a great setting with the grass, the trees and the lake.

In second year I lived just off Smithdown and in third year I lived in Anfield, two roads away from Anfield football ground. Let's just say that at the time there was a lot of entrepreneurialism in that area, particularly on match day!

## What did you do in your free time?

In the daytime I used to wander around China Town and that area. At night, we used to go to the Raz and the State. The Raz was a great place and we soon worked out that if you went around the back you could climb over the wall and get in for free. The State was one of the few place that students and 'real' people mixed without any trouble. Plus, you had to pay to get in there but you could haggle them down on the price!

## As you were studying Politics at University, did this encourage you to take an active role in political life at University?

Students today take their politics quite seriously. It is funny to think that when I was at University we had a dog and a cheese plant running for President of the Guild which gives an indication of how serious we were about politics. I do remember though that when I graduated we were the only guild in the country to have a Conservative president.

## What was your first job after graduation?

I knew that I wanted to be in London where it was all happening, so the first job I took was with London Electricity Board in a training position, which led to me being kept on. It was good because it enabled me to sample working in each department within the company, but this was also a problem because every department I worked in made me think "this is what I want to do."

At that time it was very easy to get onto a graduate scheme. It was 1988 and the job market had just started to improve. Pretty much everyone on the course got a job within the first few months of graduation. It was a great experience for me, who at that age hadn't thought about my vocation. I just went to University to get away from my parents for three years. These days it is much tougher and students have to be far more focused. They choose a course with their end career in mind and know exactly where they want to be. They have to be like that in order to get the job.

## How much of an impact would you say that your time at University has had upon your success?

Probably in terms of ambition I have always been very focused. I like to succeed, not for the glory, but for the sense of satisfaction of completing a job. I don't think at 21 I would have even said that this was success because I wouldn't have set my sights this high.

I think university plays a large part in

shaping who you are, as for many it is the first time that they are away from home and looking after yourself. For me, it enabled me to appreciate the value of money, as I made sure that I took jobs on in the summer breaks to make sure that I had sufficient funds for while I was back at University.

## What is the most challenging thing about your current role?

The most challenging thing at the moment is striking a balance between the here and now, which is tough - current market conditions are poor. Demand is low and, as always, there are competitive challenges. On the other hand long-term drivers are still positive. It is challenging making decisions about long-term growth when right here and now margins are tight. The challenge is the contradiction.

I also think that one of the challenges is to make sure that I keep my feet on the ground and know what is happening at every level of the company. That is why it is important to me that I meet people across the entire company and to surround myself with people who know what they are doing.

When I took over as CEO at 36, I was the youngest member of our senior team. I thought to myself "Do they know what they have done?" Sometimes I even think it now! When I joined, it turned out that two others were Liverpool graduates, but of course they told me that I was from the wrong end of campus because they were both from civil engineering and I did a social science.

## What is the most enjoyable element of your role?

The people and the variety. In our industry I'm surrounded by a lot of practical people who are good at getting things done under pressure and to tight deadlines. They are the sort of people who make things happen and it is very energising to work with them. We have people in 18 different countries, including Australia, the Middle East and the Far East and they are the key to the success of our business.

## Adrian's top tips for success at the top:

- 1. Work hard – you can't expect to be at the top without putting in the leg work**
- 2. Take chances – if you feel a little bit nervous about something it is probably a good thing and shows that you are taking steps to make change**
- 3. Be sure that it is what you want – getting to the top of the mountain is all very well, but it can be a lonely, cold, windy place. You have to give a lot of yourself up for a role like this**
- 4. Listen to the people who give you advice – surround yourself with people who know what they are doing and then be prepared to take their advice.**

## Alumni discount for weddings at the VG&M

Be among the first to hold your dream wedding at the Victoria Gallery & Museum, a truly magnificent setting for your special day. The University is delighted to offer alumni a £500 discount on the cost of the full wedding package which includes a dedicated wedding coordinator. For further information or to arrange an appointment to view this truly splendid wedding venue please contact Claire Jones on +44 (0)151 794 2348 or email: [vgmreception@liv.ac.uk](mailto:vgmreception@liv.ac.uk).



For more information, visit: [www.liv.ac.uk/vgm](http://www.liv.ac.uk/vgm)

## Library resources free for alumni

The Library now subscribes to the Emerald Alumni database which is offered exclusively for the use of registered alumni. The high-quality content includes international business and management articles, case studies, management briefings and discussion forums.

Alumni can also use RefWorks, which is a web-based reference management tool that the Library subscribes to. Users can create folders of citations to articles and use RefWorks to correctly format their references in their written work. You will need to register separately via: [www.liv.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.liv.ac.uk/alumni) to access both services.



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## Remembrance Day

Thursday 11 November 2010, 10.50am – 11.10am

Each year a special day is set aside to remember all those men and women who were killed during the two world wars and other conflicts. We will be holding a special service in memory of those University staff and students who made that ultimate sacrifice. If you wish to join us for this special service please arrive at the Victoria Gallery & Museum before 10.50am. The service will be held on the ground floor. For more information visit: [www.liv.ac.uk/events](http://www.liv.ac.uk/events)

## Quizzes

### London Pub Quiz

Thursday 11 November 2010, 7.00pm

The Railway Tavern, Liverpool Street, London, EC2M 7NX



Come and join us for the fourth Alumni Pub Quiz in London and test your knowledge against other University of Liverpool graduates to win the quiz. There are prizes for the winning team and best team name. Teams can be made up of six people including alumni, family members, friends and work colleagues. Captains must be a graduate.

### Liverpool Pub Quiz

Wednesday 17 November 2010, 7.00pm  
Liverpool Guild of Students

Do you think you are a whizz at general knowledge? Do you know your Beatles from your Crickets? If so, come and join us for the next Liverpool Pub Quiz. Your team can be made up of six people and your captain must be a graduate of the University but otherwise you can invite family, friends and work colleagues to join you.

To register a team visit: [www.liv.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.liv.ac.uk/alumni) or email: [clare.wride@liv.ac.uk](mailto:clare.wride@liv.ac.uk) or call +44 (0)151 795 4609.

### Future quizzes

London – 10 March 2011, Liverpool – 24 March 2011

# Diary dates

## Alumni reception in Greece

Friday 15 April 2011, from 7.30pm  
St George Lycabettus Boutique Hotel, Athens

Andrew Morrison, the University's International Alumni Relations Manager, will be hosting an event at which you will be able to meet and network with fellow alumni, learn about the latest developments at the University, and hear more about our exciting plans to develop our activity for more than 1,000 alumni across Greece.

The event is free to attend and your first drink and snacks will be provided. Places are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis, so book today to avoid disappointment.

To book your place, please visit: [www.liv.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.liv.ac.uk/alumni)

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## VG&M events

### Astrid Kirchherr – A Retrospective Beatles events at the VG&M

In conjunction with the launch of the Astrid Kirchherr exhibition and the John Lennon tribute season, the Victoria Gallery & Museum are showing Beatles films and holding Beatles talks over the next few months. Admission is FREE and no booking is required. Contact: Victoria Gallery & Museum Tel: +44 (0)151 794 2348.

#### Beatles talks by Blue Badge Guide Marie Darwin – George Harrison

**Tuesday 2 November 2010, 12.30 – 1.00pm**

Discussing the life and music of George Harrison.

#### Film screening: Backbeat (Rated 15)

**Saturday 27 November 2010, 2.00pm and**

**Wednesday 1 December 2010, 7.00pm**

The youthful Beatles travel to Germany, in this 1964 film starring Stephen Dorff, to try to make a name for themselves on the music scene. The group meet a trendy bunch of Hamburg students, and Stuart Sutcliffe, 'The Fifth Beatle', falls for Astrid Kirchherr, a talented female photographer. Now the musicians face a new problem - the choice between love, rock n' roll, and a new life in Germany.

#### Beatles talks by Blue Badge Guide Marie Darwin – From pop to pantos

**Tuesday 7 December 2010, 12.30 – 1.00pm**

With Christmas on its way, Marie discusses the pantomimes and variety shows the Beatles were involved in and how these influenced their stage performances.

#### Film screening: A Hard Day's Night (PG)

**Wednesday 26 January 2011, 7.00pm**

**Saturday 29 January 2011, 2.00pm**

Described as a 'comic fantasia with music', *A Hard Day's Night* stars the Beatles on their journey to a performance in London. But before they can get there, they must first rescue Paul's wayward grandfather from various disasters and find Ringo before he misses the all-important concert.

## Business Focus Series

### November 2010 – March 2011

The second series of Business Focus events will start in November 2010, each featuring hot topics in Business and Management presented by University of Liverpool academics. This year there will be four events, two in London and two in Liverpool. Events are appropriate for alumni at all stages of their career and aim to promote discussion and offer an opportunity to share experiences and best practice. Events are FREE and all alumni and guests are welcome.

### Business ethics

**Thursday 18 November 2010, 6.00pm – 8.00pm**

**University of Liverpool Management School (ULMS), Chatham Street, Liverpool, L69 7ZH**

Professor Robin Holt from the Management School's Organisational Learning and Behavioural Change teaching group will explore the theme of business ethics through a question and answer session with alumni in business. Put your questions to the panel and join in a debate about business ethics and the wider environment. Following the discussion you will have an opportunity to meet and interact with business people who have first-hand experience of business ethics in the workplace.

### The New Workplace and Generation Y

**Thursday 25 November 2010, 6.00pm – 8.00pm**

**The Royal Society of Arts, 8 John Adam Street, London, WC2N 6EZ**

Based on case studies from real-life organisations and generational theory, Dr Paul Redmond's presentation will give you a crash course in how to understand the generations that are currently shaping our world (and workplace). You will discover what makes each generation 'tick'; how to communicate, market or sell more effectively to each generation; and you will also be shown four essential lessons that organisations need to learn if they are to communicate with today's generations.

### Celebrating Innovation

**Thursday 24 February 2011, 6.00pm – 8.00pm**

**iC2, 131 Mount Pleasant, Liverpool, L3 5TF**

Dr Noordin Shehabuddeen is the Director of the Innovation Academy, based in the University of Liverpool Management School. This event will explore issues around innovation in business, and relates to alumni in all sectors, highlighting issues around embedding innovation, inspiring creativity and ensuring customer value. This event aims to highlight innovation in local businesses and celebrate the achievements of both the Innovation Academy and alumni of the University.

### Entrepreneurial Learning

**Wednesday 9 March 2011, 6.00pm – 8.00pm**

**The Royal Society of Arts, 8 John Adam Street, London, WC2N 6EZ**

Professor Ossie Jones is Head of the Centre for Enterprise and Entrepreneurial Leadership, lecturer and co-editor of the *International Journal of Management Reviews*. Join this event and participate in a lively discussion about entrepreneurial learning, meet some real entrepreneurs who will share their experiences first-hand and find out how to embed and utilise entrepreneurial spirit in your organisation.

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## Research theme webinars

With University alumni spread far and wide, it is not always convenient, or in some cases even possible for former students to attend and benefit from alumni events.

For this reason, the Alumni Relations team is running a series of FREE events online, in the form of webinars. A webinar is a live online presentation with audio, which can be viewed online as it happens.

In the next 12 months, forthcoming webinars will cover career and business related topics, along with some that show the impact of giving to the University. Forthcoming topics include:

### Preventing Equine Colic: The research and development of the UK's Leading Equine Centre

**Thursday 3 February 2011 2.00pm**

The University of Liverpool's Philip Leverhulme Equine Hospital at Leahurst is one of the busiest equine referral centres in the country, currently seeing more than 2,000 cases per year.

This FREE webinar will offer a unique opportunity to hear first-hand from two of the hospital's foremost academics, University graduates Peter Bowling (BVSc Faculty of Veterinary Science 1997) and Professor Chris Proudman (PhD Veterinary Parasitology 1996), as they explain their research and clinical work.

As Clinical Director of the Equine Hospital and leading veterinary advisor for the Olympics and Paralympics, Peter Bowling is responsible for the running, staffing, financing, promotion and development of the hospital. Professor Chris Proudman is involved in the diagnosis and management of soft-tissue surgical cases, including reproductive tract surgery, airway surgery and colic. Chris and his team also provide veterinary care at the Aintree Grand National.

### The Centre for Better Births: Applying excellence in scientific advances allowing women to have safe, normal deliveries of healthy babies

**The date will be advertised at: [www.liv.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.liv.ac.uk/alumni)**

Through the Centre for Better Births the University and Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust form an internationally renowned centre of excellence in the provision of both undergraduate and postgraduate medical education and training. Specifically, research focuses on the increasing caesarean section rate in the western world. This webinar will create an opportunity to hear first-hand from the professors behind this research. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions which will be answered by professors during the live webinar.

**Please register to attend at: [www.liv.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.liv.ac.uk/alumni) or contact: [karen.billington@liv.ac.uk](mailto:karen.billington@liv.ac.uk) or call +44 (0)151 794 2280**

## Science and Society

Why is funding of biological research important for a healthy and prosperous society?

**Monday 16 May 2011**

Professor Douglas Kell, Chief Executive of the BBSRC

The University has launched a new lecture series with the theme Science and Society.

Lectures are FREE but places are limited. You can register for more than one lecture. Lectures will be held in the Leggate Lecture Theatre at the Victoria Gallery & Museum, University of Liverpool at 5.00pm.

First-hand experience of working in space: the US space mission

**Monday 22 November 2010**

Professor Larry Delucas, Director of the Center for Biophysical Sciences and Engineering and former Chief Scientist at NASA

The impact of x-rays on society

**Tuesday 25 January 2011 (part of the Barkla lecture series)**

Professor Sine Larsen, President of the International Union of Crystallography

Does biological science have a role development of strategies for sustainable food crop production?

**Tuesday 1 March 2011**

Professor Sir David Baulcombe FRS, Head of the Department of Plant Sciences, University of Cambridge

Elucidating the ribosome structure and constructing a Middle East Peace Accelerator (SESAME): two feasible goals which originally seemed formidable

**Tuesday 4 October 2011**

Professor Ada Yonath, Nobel Laureate of 2009 Chemistry Prize

The Secret Mathematicians

**Tuesday 8 November 2011**

Professor Marcus du Sautoy, Simonyi Professor for the Public understanding of Science, Oxford University

Climate change: Making the best use of scientific information

**Tuesday 13 December 2011**

Professor Thomas Stocker, Co-Chair, WGI, The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

If you are interested in the University of Liverpool lecture series and wish to be updated on lectures we are developing please register your interest at: [www.liv.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.liv.ac.uk/alumni)

## 2011 Climate Change Briefing



**Thursday 10 February 2011**

Chancellor of the University of Liverpool, Professor Sir David King, will be among the high-profile line-up delivering a Science of Climate Change briefing with Bishop James Jones, Andrew Miller, Labour MP for

Ellesmere Port and Neston, and expert representatives from the University of Liverpool and National Oceanography Centre. There will be a limited number of tickets specially reserved for alumni.

Please register your interest to attend at: [www.liv.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.liv.ac.uk/alumni) or contact: [karen.billington@liv.ac.uk](mailto:karen.billington@liv.ac.uk) or call +44 (0)151 794 2280.

## Lucrezia Zaina Lecture: Count Francesco da Mosta

**Wednesday 30 March 2011**

Count da Mosta, (pictured below) an Italian architect, author, historian, film maker and TV presenter will be presenting a lecture to an audience at the University of Liverpool. This is the first in a series of annual lectures on subjects of Italian interest made possible by a generous bequest from alumna and former lecturer in French and Italian, Professor Lucrezia Zaina (BA French 1943, MA French 1947).

Please register your interest to attend at: [www.liv.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.liv.ac.uk/alumni) or contact: [karen.billington@liv.ac.uk](mailto:karen.billington@liv.ac.uk) or call +44 (0)151 794 2280.



## Guild gigs

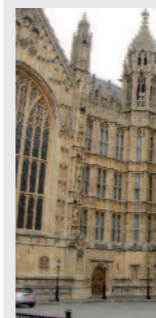
Liverpool Guild of Students, Mountford Hall shows:

Ellie Goulding	10/11/2010	£15.00
The Coral	20/11/2010	£19.50
Leftfield	25/11/2010	£24.00
Interpol	4/12/2010	£22.50
Ocean Colour Scene	19/2/2011	£23.50

Stanley Theatre shows:

Justin Townes Earle	6/11/2010	£11.50
The Doors Alive	12/11/2010	£10.00
K'naan	13/11/2010	£12.50
The Strawbs	15/11/2010	£15.00
The Real People	17/12/2010	£10.00

All tickets can be bought from LGoS Reception (formerly The Base) or can be bought online at [www.lgos.org/events](http://www.lgos.org/events)



## House of Lords

**Friday 1 July 2011**

Alumni and their friends and families are invited to attend a reception in the Peers Dining Room at the House of Lords. The event provides guests with a rare opportunity to tour areas of the Houses of Parliament that are usually off limits to the general public. A drinks reception will take place after the tours. Tickets for the event will be priced at £38.50 each, while tours are an additional £3.50 per person.

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## Friends and Convocation AGM and dinner

**Friday 15 July 2011, 6.00pm**

The next Annual General Meeting of Convocation will be held at Carnatic Halls of Residence on Friday 15 July followed by dinner. The agenda and full papers will be available at the meeting or upon request.

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# Destination Liverpool

Liverpool has always been known as a cultural melting pot, a vibrant city where the people are passionate about the place they call home.

**Depending upon your year of graduation, you may have very different memories of the city that has evolved dramatically over the last century.**

From the highs during the 50s and 60s when the music scene exploded and Beatlemania took over, to the lows in the 70s and 80s when the Toxteth riots and dockers' strikes were making the national headlines - Liverpool has always captured the world's interest.

And, since the announcement back in 2003 that Liverpool was to become European Capital of Culture 2008, a great period of renaissance has taken place and once again all eyes are on the city.



Mark Basnett (BA Hons Political Theory and Institutions 1987), Director of Investment at The Mersey Partnership

One person who knows about the interest that Liverpool is attracting is Mark Basnett (BA Hons Political Theory and Institutions 1987), The Mersey Partnership's Director of Investment, who is responsible for promoting the Liverpool city region as a place to invest, live, work and visit.

At University his research focused on the causes of the decline of Liverpool, analysing the deterioration of the maritime industry and multiple other contributing factors. This ignited his passion about regeneration in the city and bringing back its former glory.

His roles since University have all related to growing the region's business base and, for the last seven years, his role with The Mersey Partnership has been related to attracting private sector investment. He has had first-hand

experience of the changes that have taken place in the city as The Mersey Partnership has played an integral part in bringing many of them about.

"Capital of Culture was like a launch pad for the city," said Mark. "It has been a huge success and the people of the region really embraced the opportunity. Their support has paid off; I've witnessed a dramatic shift in the buoyancy, confidence and vibrancy of the city - it is almost palpable.

"Anybody who hasn't visited the region within the last five or 10 years will be amazed by the dramatic transformation that has taken place and I'd urge any Liverpool alumni to come back to the city to witness it for themselves.

"Some of the most noticeable transformations have taken place along the waterfront and in the last five years the vision to complete a major regeneration of that area has become a reality."

The Liverpool Echo Arena and BT Convention Centre is one of the largest developments on the waterfront. The 11,000 capacity arena and 7,000sqm convention centre which hosts more than 200 major events annually has brought more than £400 million to the local economy.

One of the most dramatic changes on the waterfront is the City of Liverpool Cruise Liner Terminal at the Pier Head, which enables more than 25,000

passengers to dock at the foot of one of the country's most famous skylines each year.

Adjoining the Pier Head at Mann Island, work is underway on the £65 million Museum of Liverpool, which will open in 2011 and will be one of the world's leading city museums.

Liverpool's retail landscape has also undergone a major overhaul, with the launch of Europe's largest retail-led regeneration project; Grosvenor's £1 billion Liverpool ONE retail development has firmly re-established Liverpool as a prime shopping location, covering 42 acres and comprising of retail outlets, hotels, apartments, a multi-screen cinema and restaurants.

Together with the Met Quarter, the development has ensured that all of the top name stores are located within the city.

In 2008, during Capital of Culture year, a surge of 15 million visitors headed to Liverpool and visitor numbers continue to remain high. A huge 95% of all visitors are likely to recommend Liverpool to others, which is higher than the UK's typical city rating of 88%. The city has also been voted as the fourth best UK city in the Conde Nast awards, finishing behind London, Edinburgh and Oxford.

To cope with the volume of visitors,

world-famous hotel chains such as Malmison and The Hilton have added Liverpool to their portfolio and smaller boutique hotels have been popping up throughout the city.

The region's infrastructure has also improved to make the city more accessible. Liverpool John Lennon Airport, the fastest growing regional airport in the UK, is connected to 650 destinations worldwide through its KLM service to Amsterdam Schiphol Airport.

Another gateway to the city, Liverpool Lime Street Station, has also undergone a major upgrade, earning the Grade II listed building the 'Station of the Year' title at the National Rail Awards 2010.

To continue the region's success, The Mersey Partnership is focusing on four main areas of transformational growth: the knowledge economy, the visitor economy, the low carbon economy and Liverpool SuperPort, which is based on building upon the city's founding strengths. The Mersey Partnership is working with both the private and public sector to deliver within these areas.

Liverpool SuperPort, which aims to rival New York, Dubai and Singapore, will once again turn the region into a world-class international maritime gateway.

Further plans are also in the pipeline in the dock area, both at Wirral and Liverpool. Peel Ports, owner of Mersey

Docks and Harbour Company and Liverpool John Lennon Airport, has announced plans for the largest regeneration schemes in the country. The £5.5 billion Liverpool Waters and £4.5 billion Wirral Waters schemes are set to totally transform a total of 300 acres of dockland on both sides of the Mersey.

The Wirral scheme has already been given planning permission and is expected to include more than 13,000 new homes, 422,757 square metres of office and research and development floorspace, and 60,000 square metres for retail uses. The Liverpool scheme is still at the planning stages, but is set to include 23,000 new homes, four hotels, a monorail for the city connected to the airport, a new marina, promenades and large areas of public space. The first phase of both developments will be over a period of 30 years.

Mark added: "It will be very exciting to witness the future transformation of the city region. We have already seen a vast improvement, but it is exhilarating to think what the future holds for Liverpool.

"University alumni can also play a role in supporting the future success of the city by bringing international conferences here, visiting as tourists, organising reunions in the city, acting as ambassadors for the city or encouraging potential students to consider Liverpool as a destination."

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Liverpool ONE, Europe's largest retail-led development

The University has awarded Honorary Degrees to 11 esteemed figures in recognition of their success and contribution to society.

**Mark Blundell**, who has been a member of the University's Governing Council for almost 20 years. Born into one of the oldest English Catholic families, he won a scholarship to Balliol College Oxford and became a solicitor, before returning to Merseyside in 1986 to take over the family estate. In 1988 he founded the Crosby Hall Educational Trust, an independent charity that operates as a residential centre for children. He is also involved with community work for Tate Liverpool and served for six years as a board member of the Heritage Lottery Fund.



**Lewis Booth (BEng Mech Engineering 1970)**, Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer of Ford Motor Company. A graduate of the University, he studied Mechanical Engineering before later qualifying as an accountant. After joining Ford in 1978 as a financial analyst, he held a succession of key positions around the world, before being seconded to Japan in 2002 to rescue the ailing Mazda Company. In 2008 he returned to Ford's headquarters at Dearborn, where he has been instrumental in driving the business forward.

**Terence Davies**, the award-winning British film director and screenwriter. His work draws on his experiences of growing up in Liverpool in a working-class Catholic family and his documentary, *Of Time and the City*, uses vintage newsreel footage to depict the post-war Liverpool of his youth. The film



was premiered at Cannes in 2008, and his other works, including *Distant Voices*, *Still Lives* in 1988 and *The Long Day Closes* in 1992 have received critical acclaim all over the world.

**Professor Zhou Hanmin**, the Deputy Director of the Executive Committee of Shanghai Expo. A Professor of Law, he worked in the Shanghai Institute of Foreign Trade between 1983 and 2000 before joining the Shanghai Pudong New Area People's Government as Deputy Chief Commissioner. In 2002, as Chinese delegate to the Bureau of International Expositions in Paris, he was instrumental in the bidding process for World Expo 2010. A Visiting Professor at many famous universities in China, he currently holds a number of significant positions in the World Trade Organisation and the China International Law Society.



**Professor Sir David Lane**, one of the world's leading cancer researchers and oncologists, best known for his groundbreaking work on cancer gene p53.



Currently Chief Scientist of the Agency for Science, Technology and Research in Singapore and Director of the Cancer Research UK Transformation Group at Dundee, he is also Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board of Cyclacel, which specialises in the development of new drugs. A Fellow of the Royal Society and the Royal College of Pathologists, he was knighted for his contribution to cancer research in 2000.

**Dame Lorna Muirhead**, the Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside who acts as the personal representative of Her Majesty the Queen at events



throughout the county. She originally trained as a nurse and midwife and moved to Liverpool in the mid-60s to take up a position at the Liverpool Women's Hospital. In 1997 she was elected to the Council of the Royal College of Midwives and five years later became its President. She was made a Dame of the British Empire in 2000 for services to midwifery.

**Dame Janet Nelson**, a distinguished historian whose research has transformed our understanding of the early medieval period. In 1990, she was appointed to a Lectureship at King's College London where she was later promoted to a Readership and then to a Chair. In 1994 she was made Director of the Centre for Late Antique and Medieval Studies at King's. A Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, she became its first ever woman President and in 1996 was elected a Fellow of the British Academy. She was made a Dame of the British Empire in 2006 for services to History.



**Professor Andrew Pettigrew OBE (BA Social Science 1965)**, Professor of Strategy and Organisation at the Said Business School at the University of Oxford. A graduate of the University, his current research interests focus on the study of innovation, change, organisational performance and corporate governance and he has held academic posts throughout the world. A Fellow of the British Academy, he received an OBE for services to higher education in 2009 and is the only non-American to be elected distinguished scholar of the US Academy of Management.

**Professor C. N. R. Rao**, a solid state and materials chemist whose research has helped to



further understanding of the relationship between materials and their structural chemistry. He is National Research Professor and Linus Pauling Research Professor of the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research in India and a visiting professor at the University of California. An elected foreign member of several major science academies throughout the world - including the Royal Society - he has won numerous awards and was also a founding member of the Third World Academy of Sciences.

**Professor Phil Redmond CBE (BA Social Studies 1977)**, one of Britain's best-known television producers, responsible for founding Mersey Television and creating the long-running dramas *Grange Hill*, *Brookside* and *Hollyoaks*. He has also written extensively for radio, television and stage and is a regular columnist for the *Liverpool Daily Post*. In 2007 he was appointed Creative Director of Liverpool's European Capital of Culture board and has now been appointed to lead the University's collaboration with Liverpool John Moores University, the Institute of Cultural Capital.



**John Whittaker**, the Chairman and Founder of The Peel Group, a leading infrastructure, transport and real estate investment company in the UK with assets approaching £6 billion. In 1987, the company acquired the Manchester Ship Canal, which was later followed by the acquisition of the £1.4 billion retail park in Manchester, the Trafford Centre, and more recently, the Mersey Docks and Harbour Company. Regarded as one of the UK's leading businessmen and entrepreneurs, he is also a keen philanthropist and in 2008 he donated £1 million to the Manchester Children's Hospital Appeal.



**Dr Paul Redmond, Head of Careers and Employability gives his take on the graduate job market.**

# Why everything you thought you knew about the graduate job market is probably wrong

It can't be easy being a new graduate. Practically daily, reports, surveys and op-ed pieces drone out from the media, each with its own unique take on the condition of the graduate job market.

First off for 2010 was the publication of the annual High Fliers survey. High Fliers always tends to generate lots of media buzz. This year was no exception - particularly when the overriding message was that after two years of cut-backs and recruitment freezes, the job market for graduates was bouncing back.

According to Martin Birchall, High Fliers Chief Executive, top recruiters this year are advertising 17% more vacancies than in 2009. Even investment banks, apparently, are dusting themselves off and calling for the jobs bulletin. City bankers will this year hire around a third more trainee bankers than in 2009. It seems that the ghosts of Lehman Brothers have been finally exorcised from the towers of Canary Wharf. For now, anyway.

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Salaries in the city are also up - this year by a Coalition-defying 10%. This takes the average starting salary for a new graduate to £42,000.

Only Law and the public sector are reporting zero growth in terms of job vacancies.

Up-beat messages such as these often confuse journalists, who rarely know how to handle them. Perhaps this is why press coverage of High Fliers' research was slightly more muted than in previous years. Fortunately for them, the 'green shoots of recovery' mood wasn't to last. Only days later, a frost had descended. The graduate job market was

back in recession.

The publication of new research by the Association of Graduate Recruiters (AGR) was widely covered by the UK's media and seemed to confirm the premature nature of the recovery. According to AGR, 70 graduates are now chasing every vacancy, and in some sectors, eg the media, ratios are exceeding 100:1.

Not surprisingly, employers are beginning to re-think their recruitment strategies. Once, employers were nonplussed about degree classifications. Not now. Degree classifications are back in vogue as employers turn to them as a handy way to reduce piles of application forms and CVs. According to AGR, eight out of 10 recruiters now only consider graduates with a 2:1 degree or above.

Recruiters are also targeting institutions far more than in previous years. In the past year, the number of employers who will only recruit from Russell Group universities, such as Liverpool, has trebled. Good news for us, perhaps, but bad news for others.

Salaries too are taking a hit. AGR reports that most salaries are frozen to 2009 levels, while the number of vacancies is actually 2% down.

So what are graduates to make of it? What are the real messages to come out of these studies? Is this year's graduate job market waving... or drowning?

In the Careers & Employability Service we are taking a more measured approach, particularly when advising new graduates on the state of the job market. We are also working to increase our contacts and networks with small and medium-sized businesses - organisations that are rarely consulted in the type of large-scale graduate surveys as described above.

We are also keen to help graduates from the University develop business-ready skills and knowledge - the type of skills that employers tell us they want from new recruits. To do this we are running an exciting new initiative called Gradvantage. Running throughout the summer, Gradvantage is a 'boot camp' for employability skills, covering everything from how to write powerful and convincing applications and CVs, to how to perform at interviews and assessment centres.

Added to this we are offering a range of paid internships lasting between four to six months. Available in Merseyside, these internships will provide graduates with a fantastic range of skills and experiences.

Today's job market might be difficult for new graduates, but the University is committed to doing everything it can to give graduates a headstart in the world of work.

**Dr Paul Redmond is Head of the Careers & Employability Service and author of *The Graduate Jobs Formula*. To find out more about how you can be involved in Gradvantage, email: paul.redmond@liverpool.ac.uk**

If you would like to win one of five copies of *The Graduate Jobs Formula* answer the following question: **According to the AGR, how many graduates are chasing every job vacancy?**

Please send answers to [alumni@liv.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@liv.ac.uk) with the word 'COMPETITION' in the subject line.



# June Furlong uncovered

Liverpool legend June Furlong has dedicated her career to the promotion of art in Merseyside, working with the University and Liverpool's hospitals to organise exhibitions of the work of influential local and national artists.



A former life model, she was at the Liverpool School of Art and Design for 50 years, becoming both muse and close friend to some of the city's most celebrated cultural exports, including John Lennon, Stuart Sutcliffe, Sir James Stirling and George Jardine. *insight's* Jenny Taylor went to meet the woman who has been named by the *Liverpool Echo* as one of the 800 people who put Liverpool on the map.

Stepping inside June Furlong's Georgian town house in Falkner Street on the edge of the campus is like discovering a perfectly-preserved slice of Liverpool history. Filled with pictures and memorabilia collected over generations, every piece seems to tell a different story about the life of the Furlong family. 80-year-old June has lived in the house since she was born and is now the street's oldest resident.

"I remember the University as a very different place when I was growing up," she said. "Falkner Street was a wealthy area then; my grandfather told me that when he was a boy the road was always filled with black handsome cabs. And in Myrtle Street, where the Management School is now, you could buy anything

and everything; there was no need to go into town to do your shopping."

"Some famous names grew up around here too; the artist Yankel Feather used to live where the Liverpool University Press building is now and George Melly the jazz musician was born in Chatham Street. Julia Carter Preston, a great potter, had a house in Bedford Street, but the family moved so that the University could buy the land. That's now the School of Music. It's amazing how the University has developed over the years; it's really blossomed."

June started modelling for the Liverpool School of Art and Design in 1947 at the suggestion of her artist friend Don McKinlay. By the 60s, she was widely considered to be one of the country's top life models and had become firm friends with Liverpool's most exciting new artists.

"I met John Lennon and Stuart Sutcliffe when they enrolled as art students at the college," she said. "John used to treat the classes like a big cocktail party; when the tutors were out of the room he'd distract everyone and make them laugh.

"Then one day he burst in and told me that there was this man called Epstein who

George Jardine, whose work she exhibited at the University's art gallery in Abercromby Square. She also organised regular exhibitions and private views at the Royal Liverpool and Walton hospitals, the University's School of Architecture, and held a major exhibition of more than 125 artists in Senate House.

"It was a busy time but I loved it," said June. "I knew some wonderful artists and it was a real pleasure to display their work."

June retired from modelling in 1995 aged 65, but her passion and commitment to the Arts is still an important part of her life. She is also deeply committed to the University.

"I've had a lot to do with the University over the years and I feel a strong connection with it," says June. "It's gone from strength to strength. You only have to look at the developments in the Victoria Gallery & Museum to see that – it's such a wonderful art space now. I remember when I was little my grandfather would nod towards the campus and say, 'there's good stuff going on over there' and he was right; I think it's one of the best universities in the country."

It was while she was modelling at the School of Art and Design that June herself started to put art exhibitions on in the city, primarily promoting the work of friends in the field, including lifelong companion

## Memories of Smithdown

I loved the article on Smithdown Road and all the information and facts! I lived in Rossett Avenue for 15 months or so in the late 1980s and found it an interesting area to be in.

I have been keeping busy, having recently written book reviews for *Cornish World* and designed a website for the Royal Air Forces Association. I have also turned my hand at running creative writing classes in Cornwall and property renovations.

**Neil McGinnis**  
(LLB 1990) Galashiels, Scotland



Smithdown Road 2009  
© National Museums Liverpool

## Keeping in touch with your alma mater

I've just read at leisure the spring 2010 edition of *insight*, which is a triumph. Well written, attractively laid out, informative and friendly in tone – very well done to you and the editorial team.

It would be so easy to allow one's connection with their alma mater to decline gracefully, but the alumni set-up at Liverpool now gives a real sense

that would be missing out on so much that is still going on in Liverpool and amongst its present and past student body.

I await the next edition with keen anticipation!

**Vice Admiral Sir Alan Massey**  
(BA Hons German 1975) Via email

### Do you know this person?

*insight* has been contacted by somebody who is looking to get in touch with Fiona Gail Hunter (BSc Microbiology 1984). Do you know her and are you still in contact with her? If so, please can you ask her to contact the Editor of *insight* (address below) so that she can be given the details of the person that is looking for her.

## Have your say:

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## Refreshing breeze of *insight*

I make a small monthly contribution to the coffers of the University of Liverpool (apparently I am a member of the Hartley Circle) and was phoned this evening by a third-year Medical student (she might have been called Lauren) from Northern Ireland (Armagh to be more specific, not too far from where my great grandfather came).

May I say that I greatly appreciate the University's efforts to thank me – this lady was an absolute model of charm, cheerfulness and genuine intent. I really did feel that I was being properly thanked. Somebody should tell her; she lightened my evening. Full marks to your student team.

I must also say how much I enjoyed *insight* this month even if I can't believe that friends from long ago are now professors, some in exotic locations on the other side of the world. I was led to the excellent obituary for Miss Zaina in the previous edition, and subsequently found a complete afternoon and evening consumed in surfing the disparate waves of student revolution and Carnatic and Officers Training Corp friendship blown onshore by the refreshing breeze of *insight*!

**Major Ian Riley**  
(BSc Hons Physics with Materials Science 1970)  
Via email



## Fiat Lux!

**I was disappointed that the University no longer sell blazer badges because of lack of demand. But the Alumni Office team sent me a complimentary lapel pin badge.**

It is so elegant that I wear it all the time, and was delighted when it was recognised at a meeting in London. It is the shape of a shield, not much larger than a tapered index fingernail, made of shiny metal, and embossed in white with three Liver birds and our motto, Fiat Lux ('Let there be light!'). The team kindly sent me two more – one for a friend (who fell in love with it immediately), and one for my brother's birthday. I hope all alumni will get one (if the University can afford it!) so those of us in far removed cities and lands can recognise each other.

Fiat Lux!

**Roger H Armour, (ChM 1965, Dip Tropical Medicine & Hygiene 1965)**  
Retired Consultant Surgeon,  
Lister Hospital, Stevenage

## Call for nominations for honorary degrees

Since its foundation in 1881, the University has awarded more than 870 honorary degrees to individuals who have achieved eminence in their chosen fields - including academics and those in public life - or those who have made outstanding contributions to the local community. Previous Honorary Graduates of the University have included Winston Churchill, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and Elvis Costello, to name a few.

Honorary degrees are awarded through a process of nomination. The University is currently seeking nominations for degree ceremonies in 2012. All members of the University community, including alumni, are able to nominate, and we would like to invite you to submit your suggestions for consideration.

The practice of conferring honorary degrees at ceremonies at which our students also receive their degrees certainly adds to those occasions, and the University seeks to identify individuals for the receipt of honorary degrees who will inspire and interest our students and their guests.

Those considered for honorary degrees could include distinguished academics, individuals who have achieved national or international eminence in public life or a particular field, individuals who have given a particular service to the University or made outstanding contributions in the city or region and 'popular' figures such as sportsmen and women and entertainers. It is always helpful to the success of a nomination if the individual concerned has a connection with the University or the region, or if a nomination is associated with a particular event such as a conference or anniversary. The University would not normally confer honorary degrees on serving politicians or vice-chancellors.

If you would like to nominate a person for an honorary degree, please contact Emma Leonard in the Academic Secretary's Office on +44 (0)151 794 2059 and ask for a nomination form.



## ULVAA Think Tank meeting:

A report by John Tandy (BVSc 1957)

Since the University of Liverpool Veterinary Alumni Association (ULVAA) was established some 20 years ago there have been substantial changes in society in general and the veterinary profession in particular.

The changes have affected practice, veterinary education, undergraduates, recent graduates, career opportunities and many other matters of interest to the profession.

Under the circumstances, the Organising Committee of the ULVAA decided this was the time to take a look at the future role of the Association. It was decided to organise a Think Tank for this purpose.

Chaired by Alan Leyland (BVSc 1968), Chairman of the ULVAA, the Think Tank was held at Leahurst in April. There were six speakers each covering a different aspect of the subject matter and all delegates were given an opportunity to join in the discussions which followed each paper.

Speakers included: John Tandy; Professor Malcolm Bennett (BVSc 1983, PhD 1986), Head of University of Liverpool School of Veterinary Science; recent graduate, Richard Sanderson (BVSc 2009); Nicky Paull (BVSc 1979), Senior Vice President of the British Veterinary Association; and Barry Johnson (BVSc 1969, HonDVSc 1994), Past President of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.



## New Alumni Board members

The Alumni Board welcomes two new members, Mark Basnett (BA Hons Political Theory & Institutions 1987), Director of Investment at The Mersey Partnership, who is featured in the *Destination Liverpool* article on page 26, and David Winstanley (BSc Hons Geology & Physical Geography 2006) pictured right.

The Alumni Board is a senior volunteer board consisting of graduates, academics and professional services colleagues. Its primary function is to provide focused support, access to important networks and to add strategic and creative impetus to the University's programme of alumni relations activities.

Over the coming year, the Board will be focusing on several key priorities for the Alumni Relations team, including the development of corporate alumni networks; and building relationships between the University, external agencies, and membership and professional organisations. Graduate employability and vacancy levels are significant areas of focus for the University so the Board will also be advising on the development of employer networks within the alumni population.

For more information about the Alumni Board, see [www.liv.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.liv.ac.uk/alumni) or contact [karen.brady@liv.ac.uk](mailto:karen.brady@liv.ac.uk) or call +44 151 795 2348.

## Friends and Convocation AGM and Dinner

Convocation and the Friends of the University of Liverpool enjoyed a midsummer evening at Carnatic House.

The joint annual general meeting and dinner, which attracted many new faces, took place in the Herculaneum Room at Carnatic House. During proceedings, elections took place regarding the governance of Convocation.

David Winstanley (BSc Hons Geology & Physical Geography 2006), who was voted as new Chair of Convocation for the next three years. The Convocation is a key part of the University's structure, representing all graduates of the institution, and contributing to the governance of the University through its seat on Council.

"The higher education sector is facing a number of challenges, not least financially, and the University is not immune to these. This makes the role of Convocation very important, speaking for the graduate body and ensuring its voice is heard as the University sets out its plans for the future."

One of the key tasks of the AGM is to elect the Representative of Convocation on University Council. The AGM voted not to elect the nomination of Standing Committee, leaving a vacancy in this post. Helena Hurt-Pinsent has agreed to continue in post for the time being but, as a result, it is very likely that Convocation will call an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) to elect its representative on Council before the new year.

Members are asked to check: [www.liv.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.liv.ac.uk/alumni) for details of this. Alternatively, if members without access to the internet would like notifying of an EGM by post, please forward your details to Karen Billington in the Corporate Communications department +44 (0)151 794 2280.

David Winstanley, Chair of Convocation



## Liverpool – the world in one university

**Did you know that the University now has 15,000 international alumni based in 160 countries around the world? From Afghanistan to Zimbabwe, the number of international alumni is expected to grow rapidly over the next five years. The University's strategic target is to grow the number of students from overseas by 25% and to have 25,000 students studying for a Liverpool degree in their own country by 2014.**

Alumni can help Liverpool become a truly global university by getting involved in the alumni relations programme. Whether it is developing a local group, organising events, supporting recruitment activity, offering career mentoring and internships to students, or contributing philanthropically, there are many

ways to get involved.

There are currently 21 international alumni ambassadors, three alumni associations and a number of key contacts working to develop networks to allow alumni to play an integral role in the University's international activity.

Alumni ambassadors maintain networks, organise events, and help alumni retain a connection with the institution. To get involved in your area, contact your ambassador using the details below or by visiting the ambassador webpages on the alumni website.

If your region or country does not have an ambassador or contact and you would like to find out about the roles, contact Andrew Morrison, International Alumni Relations Manager, by emailing: [andrew.morrison@liv.ac.uk](mailto:andrew.morrison@liv.ac.uk) or calling +44 (0)151 794 6940.

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\* registration pending

## Back on campus

**Siva Ponnudurai (LLB Hons 1990) and Dr Joyce Boudeville (BDS 1991) could certainly be forgiven for believing in the power of fate.**

Despite hailing from neighbouring countries Singapore and Malaysia, it took a 10,000km journey around the world to bring the couple together in Liverpool.



Siva Ponnudurai and Dr Joyce Boudeville outside the Victoria Building.

Married for 13 years, Siva, who now enjoys a high-profile role as second-in-command at the Football Association of Singapore, and dentist Joyce met through mutual friends outside Liverpool Guild of Students.

"There were no national societies back then so with Joyce and her colleague Sajar I formed the first Asian Society, and we met through that," Siva explained. "The University has played a massive part in our lives and there is a real sense of belonging here. Whenever we come back, we feel that we're coming home."

Siva was called to the bar at Lincoln's Inn in 1991 before returning to Singapore to practice law. After five years, he fulfilled his lifelong ambition to contribute to Singapore football when he was appointed in 1999 as the Director (Admin & Finance) at the FA where he is now Deputy General Secretary.

Although the English Premier League is dominant, domestic football in Singapore is becoming stronger and the FA has a strategic plan for its development.

Siva continued: "Our professional league was founded in 1996 and we want our national team to be in the Asian top 10 by 2015. Football is the number one sport – the industry employs 1,000 people and contributes \$220 million a year to the sports industry. Singapore reaching the World Cup is the holy grail and 2018 is the dream especially if England wins the bid to host the World cup."

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of their graduation, Siva and Joyce returned to the UK in May and visited their former Faculties. Joyce, who works for a large medical group in Singapore was amazed by Liverpool's transformation.

She explained: "Today's students are fortunate. The city is amazing and the University is transformed. There is a young and dynamic atmosphere although that sense of heritage and tradition is still apparent. It has been great to come back and visit the place we used to frequent as students."

Siva added: "Liverpool was the original redbrick university. I had to put my Manchester United allegiances aside, but it was the best decision I ever made!"

## Birthday honours

**Five graduates of the University of Liverpool have been recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours.**

**Dr Maurice Flanagan** (BA General Studies 1950, Hon LLD 2008), Executive Vice-Chairman of the Emirates Group, has received a knighthood for services to British aviation after working in the industry for more than 50 years.

He began his career at BOAC, the forerunner of British Airways, and in 1985 was subsequently invited by the Dubai Government to be the founding Chief Executive of Emirates, now one of the world's most successful airlines.



Maurice Flanagan, one of the alumni who featured in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours.

Retired statistician **Dr Frank Duckworth** (BSc Hons Physics 1961, PhD Metallurgy 1965) has received an MBE for services to the Royal Statistical Society and to cricket.

He worked as a mathematical scientist for the nuclear industry and is one half of the duo responsible for the Duckworth-Lewis Method used in cricket to calculate the target score for the team batting second in interrupted one-day cricket matches.

Consultant vascular and general surgeon at the Countess of Chester Hospital, **Dr Linda De Cossart (née Jones)** (MBChB 1972, ChM 1983) was awarded an OBE for services to medicine.

**Janet Mary Roe (née Ashworth)** (Cert in Advanced Study in Education 1998), a police constable in Lancashire, also received the OBE for services to the police.

**Dr John Talbot**, who received a Postgraduate Diploma in Prescribing Science in 1996, was awarded an MBE for services to healthcare. He is Medical Adviser and Associate Medical Director at the Salford Primary Care Trust.

## Guild news

**It's been another eventful year at Liverpool Guild of Students (LGoS), from national and local politics to volunteering and events.**

During the Spring Elections, former officers of the Guild were asked to provide testimonials, encouraging others to follow in their footsteps. More than 20 such alumni responded, including Elizabeth Gidney (née Bushnell) (BA Hons English Language & Literature 1938), Lady President in 1938. She sent an inspiring quote about how being President taught her to relate with ease to people of great influence and importance, and prepared her very well for her long and successful life.

LGoS also played a significant role in driving student voter registrations during the General Election. The campaign was so successful that LGoS came first in the North West and third overall in the country in the NUS Vote for Students campaign.

A generous gift from the Friends of the University has enabled the Guild to build up its media work, filming creative and informative pieces, such as drama productions, the alumni evening with Jon Snow and the alumni theatre group,

What We Did Next, production of *RENT*.

Performances in the year ahead include the pantomime, *Robin Hood* in the Stanley Theatre this winter, and future performances from What We Did Next. For more information go to: [www.lgos.org/lust](http://www.lgos.org/lust) or [www.wwdn.co.uk](http://www.wwdn.co.uk)

Thanks to staff and volunteers, the roof garden is now in full bloom. The beehives have had a busy two months since their arrival and our bees have provided us with their first batch of Guild honey. If you are interested in volunteering or have a project that you would like to work on, go to [www.volunteeringliverpool.org](http://www.volunteeringliverpool.org).

The list of top acts performing at the Guild goes from strength to strength with headliners James and Doves having played this year. Ellie Goulding, Plan B, and even The Manic Street Preachers will all be gracing the Mountford Hall stage this year. For tickets visit: [www.lgos.org/gigsandclubs](http://www.lgos.org/gigsandclubs)

Don't forget that the Guild welcomes back alumni at any time. Alumni of any age are welcome to attend the Graduation Ball – so why not come and relive those amazing times! [www.lgos.org/gradball](http://www.lgos.org/gradball)



The Liverpool Guild of Students roof garden when it was first opened

## Student eye

**Postgraduate qualifications can make a real difference to career progression and earning potential in today's challenging economic climate and tough jobs market. This is why so many graduates are choosing to return to university to ensure they gain the competitive edge that will help them to stand out from the crowd.**



Sarah-Louise Phythian-Adams is one such individual. Following a period of employment for a large blue-chip organisation, Sarah decided to return to the University to undertake a PhD in Economics at the University's Management School.

"There was a funded place available based around a study of Liverpool's 2008 European Capital of Culture year which provided a unique research opportunity," said Sarah-Louise. "The research looked really interesting and as I'd done a Master's at Liverpool some years earlier and recalled those days fondly, I decided to apply. On meeting my future supervisors I got really interested in the project pretty much straight away and it's been a whirlwind ever since.

"I've gained so much experience in so many areas, including some unexpected, since I've been here. I am now a project manager, a teacher, a scholar and even a consulting researcher; I just seem to acquire more and more skills. In fact I would go as far as to say that I've gained

more of what I'd consider transferable work skills in three-and-a-half years researching than I did working in a large blue-chip organisation for an equivalent period.

Returning to education after being in full-time paid employment can be a challenge in itself, but Sarah has enjoyed every aspect of her PhD, especially the new opportunities and flexibility that postgraduate study has given her.

"Outside of my PhD I am co-president of the University Band Society, which has meant that I've been able to perform at the University and organise events in the Guild and many other venues. Doing a PhD has also given me the flexibility to pursue another of my outside passions, feminist activism; I was on a radio show on Radio City every Monday for six months as their 'resident feminist'. I can't imagine being able to do that if I had been in any other job!

"If anybody is considering undertaking postgraduate research I'd say do it. Sometimes you think you're the luckiest person in the world and that your research is the most interesting thing to happen in academia ever, and at other times you will question the misery that is the all-consuming thesis! But at the end of the day, when you ask anyone who's just graduated if they think it was worth it, you'd be hard pressed to get any other reply than "hell yeah!"

If you are considering postgraduate study, there are a number of funding sources available such as scholarships, research councils, charity trusts and loans. Of particular interest to alumni is the Liverpool Affinity Award, worth £500 per academic year to non EU students who are children, siblings or spouses of current students and alumni. For further information on postgraduate research programmes and learning opportunities at the University of Liverpool go to: [www.liv.ac.uk/study/postgraduate](http://www.liv.ac.uk/study/postgraduate) and for specific information relating to funding opportunities go to: <http://pgf.liv.ac.uk>.

**Norman Wilson Allison**  
(BSc Hons 1932, DipEd 1933, MSc 1946)

**Dame Beryl Bainbridge**  
(HonLittD 1986)

**Geoffrey Frank Bannister**  
(LLB Hons 1952)

**Dr Heather Graham Benson (née Mathews)**  
(MBCbB 1951)

**Norman Charles Bernsen**  
(BA 1951, DipEd 1952)

**James Robert Branney**  
(LLB Hons 1967)

**Dr Michael James Arthur Britten**  
(MBCbB 1954)

**Eric Bromley**  
(BA Hons 1965)

**Ronald Arthur Chisholm**  
(BEng 1954, MEng 1958)

**Beryl Mary Cleminson (née Dover)**  
(BA Hons 1996)

**Michael Stanley Cohen**  
(BCom Hons 1948)

**Peter Collins**  
(BEng Hons 1966)

**Professor Neil Harrison Cox**  
(BSc Hons 1978, MBCbB 1980)

**Eleanor Marian Wyndham Crowe**  
(BArch 1949)

**William Stephen Cunningham**  
(BSc Hons 1970, MSc 1971)

**Jonathan Paul Dibb**  
(BA Hons 1995)

**Sir Kenneth James Dover**  
(HonLittD 1983)

**Michael Edwin Dunbabin**  
(BSc Hons 1983)

**Christopher Robert Ecob**  
(BEng 1972)

**Dr Geoffrey James Fairhurst**  
(BSc Hons 1959, MD 1967)

**Bernard Edward Gahan**  
(BEng Hons 1965, MEng 1967)

**David Robert Paul Graham**  
(BSc Hons 1979)

**Dr Duncan Joseph Greenwood CBE**  
(BSc Hons 1954)

**Shirley Hadley (née Dickson)**  
(BA 1950)

**Harold Frederick John Hadrill**  
(BEng Hons 1948)

**Caroline Hardy (née Baldwin)**  
(BA Hons 1976)

**Dr Edward Thomas Harrison**  
(MBCbB 1943)

**Simon Henley**  
(BA Hons 1947)

**James Michael Fearon Heslop**  
(BEng Hons 1949)

**William Joseph Heyes**  
(BSc 1948, BSc Hons 1949)

**Edward Houghton**  
(LLB Hons 1952)

**James Magnall Hoyle**  
(LLB 1961)

**David Ian Hunter**  
(BSc Hons 1976)

**James Kenneth Hyde**  
(BSc 1939)

**Dr Charles Neely Iland**  
(MBCbB 1940)

**Eric Reedy Ilingworth**  
(Dipl in Local History 1991)

**David Gary Jones**  
(BA Hons 1989)

**Dr John Walton Kellaway MBE**  
(Hon LLD 1983)

**Josephine Elizabeth Kennington (née Hardwick)**  
(BEd 1970)

**Professor Sir Frank Kermod**  
(BA Hons 1940, MA 1947, HonLittD 1981)

**Emeritus Professor Richard Lawton**  
(BA Hons 1948, MA 1950)

**John Frederick Griffith Lowe**  
(BA Hons 1947, DipEd 1948, MA 1960)

**John Stuart Macaulay**  
(BArch Hons 1950, MCivic Design 1951)

**Jean Arden Martin (née McLeod)**  
(BSc 1948, DipEd 1949)

**John Joseph Martin**  
(BA Hons 1932, Cert Ed 1933)

**Douglas Gordon Milroy**  
(BEng Hons 1948, MEng 1950)

**Patrick Joseph Murray**  
(MCivic Design 1959)

**Eric Trenchard Newton**  
(LLB Hons 1947)

**James Michael Obertelli MRCVS**  
(MRCVS 1946)

**His Honour Michael O'Donoghue**  
(LLB Hons 1950)

**Dr Joyce Mary Owen (née Scholefield)**  
(MBCbB 1938)

**Roy Howard Owen**  
(BArch 1953, MCivic Design 1954)

**Alan Lawrence Parratt**  
(BEng 1958)

**Elizabeth Mary Peacock**  
(BCom 1949)

**Professor Samuel Victor Perry**  
(BSc Hons 1939)

**Dr Anthony Pike**  
(PhD 1979)

**John Walter Punshon**  
(BEng 1960)

**Thomas Charles Randle**  
(BSc Hons 1947)

**Joan Hartland Riley (née Patrick)**  
(BA Hons 1944)

**Paul Ritter**  
(BArch 1951, MCivicDesign 1952)

**Dennis Charles Sharp**  
(MA 1963)

**Ronald Shaw**  
(BEng Hons 1950)

**Mary Isobel Shenton (née Tunnell)**  
(BSc Hons 1952)

**Edna Alice Sherlock (née Markland)**  
(BA Hons 1944)

**Stephen Telford Smith**  
(BA Hons 1982)

**Dorothy Staats (née Parker)**  
(BA Hons 1947, DipEd 1948)

**Robert Bernard Stevenson**  
(BSc 1934, BSc Hons 1935)

**Paul Stoner**  
(BSc Hons 1949)

**Dr James Calbeck Taylor**  
(MBCbB 1949, DipPubHealth 1955, MD 1962)

**Dr William Joseph Thompson**  
(MBCbB 1961)

**Dr Victor Ronald Tindall**  
(MBCbB 1951, MD 1962)

**Elizabeth Deborah Turner**  
(BSc 1968)

**Kenneth Lewis Vaughan MRCVS**  
(BVSc 1951)

**Dr Kenneth Walley**  
(MBCbB 1951)

**Dr Anthony Whiteside**  
(MBCbB 1966)

**Dr Thomas Darlington Williams**  
(BSc Hons 1948, MBCbB 1951, MD 1954)

**Dr Elizabeth Yates**  
(PhD 2000)

## 1940s

**John Percy De A'Echevarria** (BEng Civil Engineering 1948) wrote to say that the University has developed so much since his time here and learning of all the changes in *insight* is of much interest.

**Herbert Lomas** (BA Hons English Language & Literature 1949, MA 1952) has had a collection of poems published called *A Casual Knack of Living: Collected Poems* available from [www.arcpublications.co.uk](http://www.arcpublications.co.uk)

**Dr Alexander Gordon Mackinnon** (MBChB 1948) is a retired Consultant Anaesthetist. He was a member of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Choir from 1958 until 2000 and is an Honorary Life Member of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Society.

**Dr David Ivon Rowlands** (MBChB 1942) is a semi-retired GP in New Zealand. He emigrated to New Zealand in 1957 with seven children and revisited England every two years for postgraduate refresher courses. His hobbies include travel, photography and writing his autobiography. Now, aged 93, he is the oldest registered GP in New Zealand!

## 1950s

**Dorothea Ruth Etchells** (BA Hons English Language & Literature 1952, DipEd 1953, MA 1955, Hon LittD 2003) has been awarded the Chancellor's Medal 2010 from the University of Durham for outstanding service to the University in a long and distinguished career. She was Principal of St John's College, the Church of England Theological College, and is the first recipient of this award.

**Ian Val Lishman** (MBChB 1953, DTM & H 1999) has been awarded the Gold Medal by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (Australia and New Zealand) for outstanding service. He says there should be an award for one's long suffering spouse, burnt dinners and 3am calls! He also passed a milestone in February, with his 80th birthday and a celebratory lunch with fellow graduates of '53 including Dr Jim Leavesley, Dr Peter Woods and Dr David Alltree.

**Kenneth Gordon McColl** (BEng Marine Engineering 1952) is Managing Director of the Kilmelford Yacht Haven in Argyll on the West Coast of Scotland.

**Dr Colin Ware Mitchell** (MCivic Design 1952) until retirement was a geography lecturer at Reading University. He has published a book *Origins: Accident of Design* with the Stanborough Press, Grantham.

**Professor Eric Moonman OBE** (Diploma in Social Science 1955) is a member of the Three Faiths Forum, an interfaith and inter-communal organisation which brings together Muslims, Christians and Jews, working to promote an equal society where religions, cultures and secular society coexist, enrich and learn from each other. Visit: [www.threefaithsforum.org.uk](http://www.threefaithsforum.org.uk)

**Peter John Gerard Mullarky** (BA Hons History 1953) on retirement he went to China with the Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) and trained Chinese teachers of English for nearly six years. In 1998 he gained an MA in Chinese Studies (Distinction) at the School of Oriental and African Studies, London University. He has stood for parliament for Wokingham and was also a Liberal Democrat District Councillor in Horsham.

**Dr Zoe Phillips (née Kenyon)** (MBChB 1956) since retirement she has undertaken an MA in social anthropology, has carried out voluntary work with asylum seekers and taken up piano lessons.

**Anthony Lance Silson** (BSc Hons Geography 1959, MSc 1961, Cert Ed 1962) has published two books, *Elmet Hall in Oak Leaves* and *The Leather Industries*, in publications of the *Thoresby Society Volume 19*.

**Dr Robert Sydney Walton** (MBChB 1956) is a retired Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of British Columbia in Canada.

**Diane Mary Elizabeth Whitehead (née Jennings)** (BA Hons 1959, Cert Ed 1960) taught at Withington Girls School in Manchester for more than 30 years, which was top of *The Times* independent schools for many years including 2010. She is branch leader of the Mothers' Union in St Michaels Bramhall and has travelled extensively.

## 1960s

**Anthony Francis Hyde** (BSc Hons 1965, MSc 1987) is a teacher of Physics at the College Beau Soleil in Switzerland.

**Alan Jones** (BSc 1961, MMus 2000) was awarded an Honorary Life Membership of the Snow Sport England, the governing body of snow sports in England. In December last year his *Brass Quintet* was given its first performance at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester.

**Dr Sarah Rosemary Jones (née Venables)** (MBChB 1968) has largely retired to a small farm when not travelling around Australia in an off-road caravan.



**Dr Robert Kirby** (BSc 1964, BSc Hons Geology 1965), works within the modern sediment studies, oceanography and coastal/environmental engineering area and has recently returned to Liverpool to speak at the PIANC MMX World Congress. He has also been awarded the Telford Premier Award for his 'Outstanding Paper of the Year' by the academic journal *Maritime Engineering* for a joint paper in which the ecological consequences of the Rance tidal power barrage in Brittany with those of a Cardiff-Weston Severn barrage were compared.

**Anthony Rex Ostrin** (LLB Hons 1962) sits as a tribunal judge on mental health issues cases and as a Legal Assessor for the General Medical Council and Local Conciliation Officer for the Legal Complaints Service.

**David Leonard Port** (BEng Hons Electrical Engineering 1968) is a UK Client Services Director for an engineering consultancy and contractor firm. He is Chairman of the Mid-Sussex Football league and Vice-President of the Institute of Water South East branch becoming President in 2011.

**Geoffrey Christopher Sparling** (BSc 1968) is a member of the Exeter Cathedral Bell Ringing Band and competed in the National 12-Bell competition, coming fifth.

**Dr Jill Rosemary Webster** (BA Hons 1962, Cert Ed 1965) is an Emeritus Professor at the University of Toronto and is conducting research on medieval Spanish Franciscans, Poor Clares and Carmelites. She has been invited to join the University of Barcelona team to do research on the history of medieval Iberian women's religious orders and to contribute a chapter to a book.

## 1970s

**Philip Douglas Abbott** (MCivic Design 1976) is Head of Planning for Sheffield City Council.



**David George Croft** (BA Hons Sociology 1975) (pictured left) is Head of Television at the National Film and Television School in Buckinghamshire. He has directed and produced some of the most well-known entertainment programmes on network television over the past 25 years including *Live Aid*, *Crystal Maze*, *Top of the Pops* and *Shooting Stars*.

**James Dempsey** (BA Hons English Language & Literature 1976) is Administrator of Literary Studies and Adjunct Instructor of English in the Department of Humanities and Arts at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts. He has just published his latest book *Zakary's Zombies – a Fairy Tale*.

**Dr Neyhan Ergene** (PhD 1976) is a Professor in the Selcuk University Medical Faculty in Turkey and is President of the Turkish Society of Physiological Sciences. He will be responsible for organising the Federation of European Physiological Societies meeting in Turkey in 2011 in Istanbul.

**Dr Lynda Gratton** (BA Hons Psychology 1976, PhD 1982) is Professor of Management Practice at the London Business School and Director of the Lehman Centre for Women in Business.

**Phillip John Griffiths** (BA Hons History 1970), Headmaster of Solihull School in the West Midlands, is retiring this summer after 38 years at the school in its 450th anniversary year.

**Arthur Eric Harada** (DSE 1970, MEd 1975) is the lead member of the Children's and Young People's Services in the Cheshire West and Chester Council.

**Dr Alan John Hayes** (BEng Hons Electronic Engineering 1979, PhD 1985) is Managing Director of AMG Systems Ltd, an electronics equipment manufacturer in Bedfordshire.

**Philip John Kirkpatrick** (BSc Hons Geology 1972) is Director of one of the country's leading site investigation companies, Vinci Construction, employing around 30 BSc qualified geologists. He says as a chartered geologist it is disappointing to see the market reduction in Geologists or Engineering geologists coming from university due to the reduction in courses. Liverpool was a leader in this field.

**Christine Susan Millard (née Keen)** (BEd 1975) is a self-employed webmaster who is currently editing her fourth and fifth novels which she is hoping her publisher will accept!

**Apostolos Parpairis** (MCivic Design 1977) is an environmental planner in Greece and is a former President of the National Council of Spatial Planning and Sustainable Development.

**Christis Stylianakis** (BA Architecture 1976) is Senior Town Planning Officer at the Ministry of Interior, Department of Town Planning and Housing in Nicosia, and since 2007 has been the Planning Authority for the Nicosia District, Republic of Cyprus.

## 1980s

**Richard John Bolton** (BA Hons Political Theory and Institutions 1985) is Managing Director of Galileo Fund Services, a fund and corporate administration company in the Isle of Man.

**Elizabeth Coppard** (BSc Hons Chemistry 1981) is a freelance education consultant and supply teacher in Science Education, having gained an MA in Science Education at Kings College London.

**Ian Paul Debnam** (BA Hons Economics 1987) is Director of Brisbane Air Ltd, an air conditioning and refrigeration company in Australia.

**Clifford Andrew Green** (BSc Hons Computational & Statistical Science 1983) is Principal at the Rainbow International School, the largest international school in Uganda and has just published his first novel *Rainbow Academy*.

**Julie Carolyn Heathcote (née Williams)** (BA Hons Social Studies 1980, CertEd 1981) is a trainer/consultant in the use of reminiscence-based approaches and an editorial board member of *Nursing and Residential Care*. She has written *Memories are Made of This*, published by The Alzheimer's Society, and is currently working as co-author on a second book with two lecturers from University of East Anglia, Norwich.

**Simon Jonathan Henley** (BA Hons Architecture 1989, BArch 1992) is Principal at Henley Halebrown Rorrison Architects, based in London, who won a RIBA award for Junction, an arts and civic centre in Goole, Yorkshire. He is also the author of *The Architecture of Parking*.

**Simon Jonathan Hill** (BSc Hons Geography 1980) works as an educational consultant whose services offer a range of effective consultancy and training services for primary and secondary schools, following 28 years working in schools as Assistant Head, Deputy Head or Headmaster.

**Gary Douglas Kenworthy** (BEd Hons 1985) is a senior teacher and Head of Science at St Andrews Junior School in Essex.

**Rebecca Maria Conry Reynolds** (BA Hons English Language & Literature 1989) is based at the Victoria and Albert Museum, London, as Higher Education Officer for the Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning through Design (CETLD).

**Baroness Maeve Christina Mary Sherlock OBE** (BA Hons Sociology 1984) is currently at Durham University doing research for her doctorate. She has been made a life peer, having been recommended by former Prime Minister Gordon Brown for the honour, prior to his exit from Number 10. Until October 2006, Baroness Sherlock of Durham was Chief Executive of the Refugee Council, the largest charity working with refugees and asylum-seekers, and before that, spent three years as a member of the Council of Economic Advisers in the Treasury, advising on a portfolio of issues including child poverty, labour markets and the Third Sector.

**Heidi-Louise Thomas** (BA Hons English Language & Literature 1983), creator, writer and executive producer of BBC drama *Lilies* and scriptwriter of *Cranford*, has written a drama based on the life of prison reformer Elizabeth Fry, one of the eight famous women featured in the 'Noble Women' windows in the Liverpool Cathedral. *Walking Through Windows* celebrated the 100th anniversary of the consecration of the building of the cathedral's Lady Chapel.

**John Lewis Williams** (BA Hons Geology 1981) is a Manufacturing Manager at Smith International Inc, an oilfield service company in Houston, Texas.

**Mark Stuart Williams** (BA Hons English Language & Literature 1987) is Headteacher at High Lawn Primary School in Bolton.

**Dr Duncan Howard Yellen** (BSc Physics 1986, PhD 1990) is married with three children and running a small energy consultancy in Altrincham. He was awarded a small part share in Al Gore's Nobel Peace Prize two years ago!

## 1990s

**Fedon Antonakopoulos** (MSc Software Engineering 1997) is a Senior Consultant at Clarity Systems, a software house in Athens. He wrote to share his joy at the birth of his first child, a baby boy, and says he will definitely be encouraging him to come to the University of Liverpool for his studies!

**Emma Kate Bailey** (MPA 1996) qualified as a solicitor in England and Wales before working in New York for two years qualifying as an Attorney and Counselor-at-Law admitted in the State of New York. She returned to England to work for a city law firm and now works as an in-house lawyer at Northgate Arinso a global Human Resources software and services provider.

**David John Byrne** (BA Hons English & French 1994) is a musician in pop band Aphrodite, on vocals and guitar.

**Professor Peter David Campion** (PhD 1997) retired in 2008 and is now Chair of the Hull City of Sanctuary group. Visit: [www.cityofsanctuary.org/hull](http://www.cityofsanctuary.org/hull)

**Katy-Ann Crone (née Webb)** (BN Hons Nursing 1997) married **Matthew Crone** (LLB 1992) in 2008 and they have two daughters, Eleanor Margaret and Olivia Jayne. She works as a nurse practitioner for the Blackpool NHS Primary Care Trust.

**Nicola Susan Cunningham-Blain (née Blain)** (BSc Hons Movement Science & Physical Education 1999) is a primary school teacher at Rice Lane Infant and Nursery School in Liverpool.

**Paul Denton** (BSc Hons Information Systems 1994) recently married **Isis Hreczuk-Hirst** (BSc Hons Combined Studies 1996, MSc Information Systems 1997) (pictured below) at the top of Whistler Mountain in Canada after meeting at the University 16 years ago.



**Clive Frank George** (MSc Environmental Assessment 1995) has had a book published *The Truth about Trade - The Real Impact of Liberalization*. It is available from Zed Books.

**Melanie Holmes (née Turner)** (BA Hons English & German 1999) is Head of German and Head of Sixth Form at The King's School in Macclesfield and has recently given birth to Maia Violet.

**Tracey Patricia Elsie Holsgrove** (BA Hons Combined Honours 1995, MA Historical Research 1997) has set up Beyond the Blarney - a cultural tourism firm in Oldcastel, Co Meath, Republic of Ireland, which specialises in giving visitors an in-depth cultural

experience through tours and workshops on the history, culture and folklore of Ireland. Visit: [www.beyondtheblarney.ie](http://www.beyondtheblarney.ie)

**Paul Edward Kynaston** (BA Hons 1991, PGCE 1993) has been teaching at Malvern Primary School in Liverpool since graduation and as part of his Assistant Head Teacher role he is the school-based tutor for undergraduate and postgraduate trainee teachers.

**Ross Robert Leonard** (MSc Investigative Psychology 1998) is in private practice in Australia doing forensic and clinical psychology and has started a PhD. He travels regularly with the Royal Flying Doctor Service to outback towns to deliver services.

**Mark James Littler** (BA Hons 1991) was the winner of the Learn Direct Achievement Award North West Region and received the National Award for Learner Support in 2009. He is a tutor for lifelong learning at the Vale Royal Disability Service in Northwich.

**Dr Peter John Mumby** (BSc Hons Marine Biology 1992) has been awarded the 2010 Pew Fellowship in Marine Conservation, awarded annually to five outstanding global leaders who are working to preserve and protect the world's oceans.

**Caroline Molyneux** (BSc Hons Microbiology 1999) is Head of Science at Balshaws High School in Leyland. She has just received the Royal Society Hawksbee Award for excellence in supporting science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

**Dr Timothy Owen** (MA Sociology & Social Policy 1999, PhD Sociology 2006) won the Livesey Award Research Sabbatical at the University of Central Lancashire, where he is a Lecturer in Criminology. He will be taking research leave to write his third book *Criminological Theory: Beyond Postmodernism* for Palgrave MacMillan.

**Sudhakar Patel** (BSc 1995) is a qualified pastry chef.

**Janine Helen Porter MRCVS** (MSc Veterinary Parasitology 1999, BVSc 2004) is practice owner of the J H Porter Wildlife Veterinary Centre for wild and endangered animals in South Africa.

**Andrew Leslie Preston** (BSc Hons Orthoptics 1998) is a Company Director at Specsavers. After graduation, he worked for a year at Alder Hey Hospital as an orthoptist before returning to study Optometry at Bradford University, where he gained a first.

**Dr David Dean Sands** (PhD 1995) is an Animal Behaviourist at the Animal Behaviour Clinic in Chorley, Lancashire. He has released an album of his new songs under the name of Dogman Dave and tracks from *The Whisperer* are available from iTunes and Amazon.



**Gary Paul Shaw** (BA Hons Economic & Social History 1999) has published his third book *At the End of the Storm* – the remarkable story of Liverpool FC's greatest ever league title triumph – 1946/47, which has received a lot of media interest.

**Keith Herbert Shepherd** (BA Hons 1991) retired last year from the Ministry of Defence after having worked for the Liverpool University Officer Training Corps. His interests are history and his main hobby is collecting medals.

**Caroline Smailes (née Moss)** (BA Hons English Language & Literature 1996) has published her fourth novel *Like Bees to Honey* which is set in Liverpool and Malta.

**Joseph John Smith** (BA Hons English Language & Literature 1994) after 11 years at Monkton Combe School in Bath, teaching English and sport, he has become Headteacher at the Oratory Preparatory School in Goring Heath, Reading.

**Lissa Tam** (BA Hons Economics & Mathematics 1997) after gaining an MBA at Durham she is Production Control Manager at Yell Adworks Ltd, a multimedia advertising company in Scarborough.

**Dr Ian Logan Taylor** (MBChB Hons 1969, PhD 1976, MD 1994) is Senior Vice President for Biomedical Education and Research, Dean of the College of Medicine at SUNY Downstate Medical Center and President-elect of the American Gastroenterological Association. He was previously Associate Senior Vice President for Health Sciences and Dean of Medicine at Tulane University, New Orleans, where he received the Arnold P Gold Humanism in Medicine award, in 2006, for his work during and after Hurricane Katrina.

**Pamela Elizabeth Wilcock** (BA Hons Music 1993) is a self-employed opera singer and performed at the Glyndebourne 75th Anniversary Opera Festival.

**Jane Catherine Wolstenholme** (BA Hons History 1995) after graduation trained as a journalist and was editor of the *Liverpool Daily Post* from 2003-2007. She left to write fiction full-time under the pen-name 'Jane Costello' and this year she was the winner of the Romantic Comedy Award for her book *The Nearly-Weds*.

## 2000s

**Akram Abu-Remelieh** (MEd 2003) is teaching mathematics at the Ministry of Education in Israel.

**Dr Mohammed Yahya Ateeshi** (PhD 2008) is Vice-Dean at the College of Health Sciences at the Jazan University in Saudi Arabia teaching Medical Parasitology.

**Jamie Alexander Anderson** (BA Hons English Language & Literature 2000) is Senior Manager - Support Services at Age Concern, Wirral. He is also Principal of Technique at the Dance Factory and Technique @ Millingtons, two local successful competitive dance academies.

**Michael Austin Atherton** (BA Hons Combined Honours 2005) was selected to take part in a Liverpool vs Everton five-a-side Guinness World Record attempt for the longest continuous game of five-a-side football. The record was smashed as they achieved 31 hours of continuous football and more than £20,000 was raised for local Liverpool charities.

**Charlotte Margaret Bamber (née Pennell)** (BSc Hons Physiotherapy 2007) is junior physiotherapist at the Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen University Hospital NHS Trust.

**Gregor Gavin Michael Bowie** (BSc Hons Computer Science 2001) is an Application and Development Consultant at the University of Hertfordshire. In April, he ran the London Marathon finishing in four hours, 44 minutes and 39 seconds.

**Katharina Bryan (née Kaitan)** (LLM (T) Master of Law 2004) is working as an Auditor in the European Court of Auditors in Luxembourg. Before that, she was Head of the Managing Authority for EU Structural Funds Programme working for the Regional Government of Burgenland, Austria.

**Dr Shaine Gordon Francis Bushell** (BSc Mathematics 2001, MSc 2002 and PhD 2006) is Senior Lecturer in Mathematics Education at the University of Chester.

**Juvenio Da Silveira** (MBA 2008) is Sales Director at Sol Ambiente Ltd, a retail company in Portugal.

**Hannah Rachel Evans** (BA Hons 2007) is a Personal Assistant at S4C Television.

**Clare Elizabeth Furness** (BN Hons 2008) is a Staff Nurse in Neurology and Cardiology at York Hospital. She has taken part in a charity bike ride from London to Paris to raise funds for the Motor Neurone Disease Association. To view her journey visit: [www.justgiving.com/clares-tourdefrance](http://www.justgiving.com/clares-tourdefrance)

**Adam John Gabbatt** (BA Hons English Language & Literature 2006) was awarded a broadcast journalism bursary by the Scott Trust, one of only two awarded each year, he was subsequently given a job as a reporter at *The Guardian* last year.

**Afewerk Yohannes Germamo** (MBA 2005) is Managing Director of BCaD-Consulting Management, a business consulting and training company in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Since graduation his business is growing and he is building the first private sector development institute in Ethiopia.

**David Harper** (BA Hons Architecture 2006) is an Architectural Assistant at DK Architects in Liverpool. He is currently preparing for the RIBA part-three professional exam to gain full professional status as an architect.

**Derek Hufton** (MBA Business 2004) is Managing Director of Sudek Limited, an IT Consultancy company in North Yorkshire.

**Emily Jane Johnson** (BA Hons Geography 2007) after two years collecting blood for the Blood Service she is training as an adult nurse at Liverpool John Moores University and is hoping to specialise in haematology.

**Dr Robin Martin Kass** (MBChB Hons 2003) is State Secretary (deputy minister) for Petroleum and Energy in Norway.

**Siobhan Rosemary Lillis** (BA Hons English Language & Literature 2006) is Content Editor for Kuoni Travel brochures.

**John Stephen Lynch** (MPhys Physics 2007) is a Royal Marines Troop Commander and has just gained his solo skydiving qualification.

**Diane Claire Mason (née Rendall)** (BSc Hons Geology & Physical Geography 2004) has been promoted to Open Minds Team Leader at the Royal Society of Arts Academy responsible for the maths, science and technology curriculum. She is married to fellow graduate **Peter Mason** (BSc Hons Geology & Physical Geography 2004) and hosted a climate change debate with Professor Jim Marshall from the University of Liverpool as guest speaker.

**Rholo Mba** (BA Hons Business Studies 2008) was part of the Tesco graduate intake and made Store Manager in Ashton in Makerfield last year. He enjoys socialising with his friends and watching Liverpool Football Club.

**Rebecca Osborne** (LLB Hons 2010) and **Barnaby Procopiou** (LLB Hons 2010) shared the Rose Bowl prize awarded to top graduates in medical law after achieving the highest marks in their final year exams. The award is sponsored by city law firm Maxwell Hodge.

**Jane Louise Perkins** (BSc Hons Biochemistry 2001) is a Group Accountant at international farmers Spearhead International Ltd.

**Emma Louise Grace Perrin** (BSc Hons Geography 2006) is an Environmental and Planning Assistant for the Portland Harbour Authority in Dorset.

**Antonio Rosique** (MBA Football Industries 2005) is a Sports commentator for TV Azteca in Mexico.

**Emily Jane Starkie** (BA Hons Geography 2003) is a Geography teacher and sustainability co-ordinator at Ashby School in Leicestershire.

**Andrew Sukirtharaj** (MSc Information Technology 2006) is e-media Manager at the New Straits Times Press dealing with online content in Malaysia.

**Sin ad Margaret Abigail Wallace** (BA Hons Sociology & Social Policy 2002) is a Human Resources Manager at Tesco in Cheshunt.

**Caroline Jennifer Walsh (née Lambert)** (BA Classical Studies 2000, MA Classics 2001) has qualified as a staff nurse.

Business Focus Series 2009-10

**The Business Focus Series 2009-10 finished in March 2010, having covered topics including oil depletion, international finance, 20th-century leadership urban consumption, and with events taking place in both London and Liverpool.**

More than 70 people attended events across the series, with several alumni bringing guests and many attending more than one event. The series attracted 35 alumni who had never attended an alumni event before, and feedback gave a valuable insight into what events we should run in the future; how often and in what format. This feedback from the series has been very positive, and we are pleased to confirm that the events will become an annual series, full details of which can be found on page 22.

Graduation ceremony held in Shanghai

Liverpool alumni living in China, who did not attend their original graduation ceremony or who wished to process again in front of friends and family, had the opportunity to take part in a graduation ceremony held at the World Expo 2010 site in Shanghai.

As part of the event, honorary degrees were conferred, including one awarded to Professor Zhou Hanmin, Deputy Director of the Executive Committee of Expo 2010, and one awarded to John Whittaker, Chairman of the UK-based infrastructure, transport and real estate investment company, Peel Group.

More than 170 attended the graduation ceremony, which was followed by a celebratory dinner for the honorary graduates.



As part of the University's sponsorship of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra tour to China, alumni and guests were treated to a performance of the *John Lennon Songbook* in Shanghai and Beijing in October 2010. The concerts were preceded by private receptions which were also attended by honorary graduate Dr Vasily Petrenko, Principal Conductor, and other representatives of the Orchestra.

Beijing

As part of her trip to Expo Karen Brady, Head of Alumni Relations, met with some of the alumni committee in Beijing. The group enjoyed catching up on University news and sharing their experiences of Liverpool over dinner. Robin Tao (MBA Marketing 2004), Alumni Ambassador for Beijing, presented Karen with a model of a China Air Airbus; a real symbol of a UK-China partnership, as the wings of the original plane were manufactured in the UK.



Donor Reception held at Vice-Chancellor's Lodge



Every single gift to the University no matter how small or large is gratefully appreciated. Donors who donated more than £100 to the University in the last financial year were invited to a dedicated donors' day to thank them for their support.

Guests were treated to a tour of each of the libraries and rare collections led by University Librarian Phil Sykes. £134,000 has been donated to the libraries and the tour gave Phil an opportunity to show donors where some of the money has helped to generate a better and more sophisticated learning environment for all of its users.

After the tours, guests were transported to the Vice-Chancellor's Lodge where they enjoyed afternoon tea and the Dave Roberts jazz duo, and were thanked by the Vice-Chancellor Professor Sir Howard Newby for their support.

Astrid Kirchherr in conversation

**International Beatles Week and the Mathew Street Festival kicked off this summer bank holiday with an exclusive alumni meet and greet with Astrid Kirchherr.**

The artist and photographer Astrid Kirchherr, who was spending time in Liverpool to open her new exhibition at the Victoria Gallery & Museum, is perhaps best known for her association with the Beatles and her photographs from their early years.

In 1960 she met Stuart Sutcliffe in the Kaiserkeller bar, Hamburg, where he was playing bass with the Beatles. She was later engaged to him before his untimely death in 1962. Although Astrid has taken very few photographs since 1967 her early work has been exhibited around the world and she has published three limited edition books of photographs.

Alumni were treated to a talk with the artist herself and private viewing of the exhibition.



Head of Alumni Relations, Karen Brady pictured with Astrid Kirchherr

ALUMNI GOLF DAY – 16 April 2010

A light breeze on a sunny day promised a day of good scoring for the 57 alumni and guests taking part in the third annual Alumni Golf Day.

The group, who between them covered 55 years of the University Golf Club's 89-year history, gathered at the Royal Liverpool Golf Club, which has staged the Open 11 times.

Scores in the 70s or less were achieved by 12 players and 36 players accumulated more than 30 stableford points which spoke well for the former and present club members. The average

score was 30 points which was two down on 2009, although it was a larger field this year. The most notable performance was from Rob Stevens (BSc Medical Cell Biology and Biochemistry 1988), who shot a four under par 68.

The evening dinner completed the day and included speeches from Athletics Union President Gary Walker and Paul Cassidy, Captain of Royal Liverpool.

Next year's event will take place on Friday 15 April 2011.



From the left; Grant Middleton (BSc Hons Oceanography with Chemistry 2001), Tom Woodhouse (BA Hons Environment and Planning 2002) and Keith Jackson (Dip Environmental Management 2004)

Royal reception for New York alumni

A select group of alumni were in royal company for a special reception at a Manhattan cocktail reception in New York.

HRH Prince Edward, The Earl of Wessex, attended a reception for alumni of all UK universities who live in the New York area at the Former British Consulate.

Liverpool was represented at the reception by the former Alumni Ambassador for the East Coast, Anne Donnelly Bush (BA Hons Psychology 1990), and six other graduates, students and guests. Tina Evans (MBA 2008) has taken over the alumni ambassador role.



l to r: Eve Martin (BVSc Veterinary Science 1991), Tina Evans (MBA 2008), Wayne Evans, Anne Donnelly Bush (BA Hons Psychology 1990), Vasilios Chatzigiannis (current MBA student), Maxine Collins, Christian Soellner (MSc Information Technology 2009)

West coast

**The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sir Howard Newby, and Lady Newby hosted a private dinner for alumni and their guests at the prestigious Jonathan Club in Los Angeles.**

Co-ordinated by the University's Alumni Ambassador for southern California, Dr Brian Jones (BEng Hons Mechanical Engineering 1961, PhD 1965), the dinner gave the Vice-Chancellor an opportunity to update attendees about the establishment and fundraising priorities of University of Liverpool in America Inc, the University's not-for-profit Foundation in the US.

The evening also allowed the Vice-Chancellor to thank Dr Jones for his kind offer to make a contribution to the Foundation.

Dr Jones became an Alumni Ambassador for the West Coast of the US in 2008, and has recently been joined by a second Alumni Ambassador in California, Dr Simon Waddington (BSc Physics 1985, PhD 1988) who will work to develop an alumni network in the northern parts of the state.



Vice-Chancellor Professor Sir Howard Newby (third from right) with Lady Newby (fourth from right) with some of the guests who attended the private dinner in Los Angeles

Ford Executive Vice-President in Canada

Approximately 90 alumni and guests enjoyed an exclusive lecture and three-course dinner at the CN Tower in Toronto, Canada, on 18 September.

Dr Lewis Booth (BEng Hons Mechanical Engineering 1970, Hon LLD 2010), Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer of Ford Motor Company, delivered a thought-provoking and inspiring lecture about leadership and his experiences as an international businessman during the event, which was hosted by Vice-Chancellor Professor Sir Howard Newby.

The event was organised as part of a re-launch of alumni activity in Canada, where alumni ambassadors in Vancouver, Alberta, Toronto and the Atlantic Provinces have begun work to establish regional networks and build a sustainable programme of activity.

For more information, please contact Andrew

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Vice-Chancellor Professor Sir Howard Newby (centre) with Dr Lewis Booth and his wife, Catherine Booth

## Senate House occupation reunion

**More than 60 former students gathered in March to mark the 40th anniversary of the 1970 occupation of Senate House in protest against the University's links to apartheid.**

Several hundred took part in the two-week sit-in, demanding the removal of the Chancellor, Lord Salisbury, publication of the University's investments, and the relinquishing of investments in South Africa.

The result was the most severe disciplinary action of the time. Nine students, including Channel 4 News presenter Jon Snow, were suspended from the University. One student was expelled.

More than 60 'survivors' of the occupation came from Italy, USA, Canada and all parts of the UK to meet in the Victoria Building, scene of the trials back in 1970. There was an exhibition of posters, photographs and memorabilia, followed by audio-visual presentations and personal reflections. The current President of Guild, Danielle Grufferty, presented Life Membership of Guild to seven of the disciplined students.

Read more about the occupation and the reunion on the blog at: <http://senatehouseoccupation.wordpress.com/>.

View photos of the reunion on Facebook. Search for 'Survivors of the 1970 Liverpool University Sit In'.

The 1970 occupation of Senate House



## Class of '71 reunion

After the discovery of the death of one of their friends, 10 members of the class of '71 to '74 were inspired to organise a reunion.

The group assembled at a Bootle bed and breakfast on a May weekend, and on the Saturday evening during dinner raised a glass to him and other absent friends.

Two of the group still live in Liverpool so were able to offer current local knowledge plus some welcome home comforts. Others travelled from Harrogate, Manchester, Shropshire, Oxfordshire, London, and one from Monroe, Louisiana, USA.



## Liverpool Pub Quiz

More than 120 people joined the Alumni Relations team in the Liverpool Guild of Students for one of the closest-fought pub quizzes yet. The best team name went to 'Love Don't Trivia Anymore' and the winning team was 'Quizzical Jerks' with 80 out of a possible 90 points. The next Liverpool Pub Quiz will be on Wednesday 17 November 2010 at the Guild of Students. For more information, please see our events calendar on page 21.



## Singapore reception

Eden Hall, the residence of the British High Commissioner, was the venue for a sold-out reception marking the launch of the University of Liverpool Alumni Association (Singapore).

Hosted by Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sir Howard Newby and Lady Newby, more than 70 alumni guests attended.

The University of Liverpool Alumni Association (Singapore) has been set up with the support of an organising committee of dedicated volunteers. Singapore politician Lee Bee Wah (MSc Maritime Civil Engineering 1990) has agreed to be the Association's Honorary President.

If you would like to get involved with the Association, please contact the committee by emailing: [alumni.singapore@liv.ac.uk](mailto:alumni.singapore@liv.ac.uk).



Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sir Howard Newby, Lady Sheila Newby and Deputy British High Commissioner Amanda Brooks with the proposed Alumni Association's Organising Committee.

## 1962 Biological Sciences PhD Reunion

After 48 years, the 1962 Biological Sciences PhD group reunited for the first time since graduation.

The group of 10, made up of alumni and wives, attended the two-night reunion. The visit included a trip to the University's Biosciences Building, where members of staff had organised an informal reception, a slide presentation about recent changes in the department, and a Skype (video-phone) 'meeting' with one of the group members living in the US, who had been unable to attend.

After lunch at the University, the group enjoyed a tour of the city, followed by a 'gala dinner' in the Liverpool Albert Dock Building.



## London Pub Quiz

The third London Pub Quiz, which took place in the Railway Tavern, Liverpool Street, London, was a closely-fought contest between 15 teams made up of 59 people. The victory went to 'OU812' with 80 out of 90 and the best team name went to the very creative 'We never had Double Vision at the Time Tunnel, honest'. The next London quiz will be on Thursday 11 November 2010, at The Railway Tavern. It starts at 7.00pm and teams can be made of up to six people. Make sure we have your email address to receive more information nearer the time or email: [clare.wride@liv.ac.uk](mailto:clare.wride@liv.ac.uk) or call her on +44(0)151 795 4609.



## Malaysia gala evening

**The University of Liverpool Malaysia Alumni Association (ULMAA) was launched in grand style during a special gala evening for alumni at the Hilton KL Hotel in Kuala Lumpur in July.**

In the biggest event of its kind to be hosted by the University outside of the UK, around 300 alumni, friends, VIPs, esteemed guests, students and University staff enjoyed a drinks reception and dinner in the hotel's Grand Ballroom.

The night featured a speech by ULMAA Pro-Tem Committee President Chian Khai Tan (BEng Hons Electrical Engineering 1973), and a guest address by alumnus Professor Datuk Dr Ahmad Yusoff Bin Hassan (BEng Hons Mechanical Engineering 1980, PhD 1990), Vice-Chancellor of University Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM).

Pro-Tem Committee members Thorairaj Pillay (BEng Electrical Engineering 1973) and Azhar Qureshi (BEng Electronics 1974) provided entertainment as the masters of ceremonies throughout the evening, while a show-reel of old photographs took those in attendance on a trip down memory lane.

The launch of the association was the culmination of several years of hard work and effort by the Pro-Tem Committee and the Alumni Ambassador for Malaysia, Dr Yan-Goh Ng (BEng Hons Engineering Science and Industrial Management 1976, PhD 1983).

To find out more about the association, please email: [alumni.malaysia@liv.ac.uk](mailto:alumni.malaysia@liv.ac.uk)



Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sir Howard Newby and Lady Newby (centre) with members of the University of Liverpool Malaysia Alumni Association (ULMAA) Pro-Tem Committee and VIP guests.

## Carnatic reunion

Some of the first students to live in Carnatic Halls of Residence gathered at the James Munro restaurant in Liverpool to celebrate 40 years since graduation.

The graduates of many disciplines, including Sociology, Mathematics, Medicine, Engineering, Psychology, Russian and Life Sciences, resided at Carnatic between 1966-1969.

Some travelled from Australia for the weekend event. On the Saturday, small 'nostalgia groups' met to tour places that contributed to their memories of Liverpool and, in the evening, the whole group met for a very lively 'Carnatic Codgers' Reunion at the James Munro, organised by Dr Greg Richardson (MBChB 1971) and Jon Holmes (BEng Hons Mechanical Engineering 1969). A small group finished off the weekend with brunch at Alma de Cuba. Everyone vowed to meet again soon.

## Medics 40 year reunion

**Medics, qualifying in 1970 gathered in Liverpool for their 40-year reunion.**

Those who attended the weekend came from across the globe. On the first night, at the Liverpool Medical Institute they were entertained by comedian Ken Dodd, who joined them afterwards for a meal.

On the second day, the group met at Liverpool Anglican cathedral for a tour, followed by dinner in The Western Rooms. Many also used the day as an opportunity to explore the new and familiar sights of Liverpool.



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