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Keele’s distinctiveness stems from its history, characterises its present, and shapes its future.

Keele University has always been one of the ‘hidden gems’ in the UK’s higher education landscape. But we don’t want to be a secret known only to a few – we want the world to know about us and we want our alumni to be proud of our Keele story.

Our alumni are the proof that a Keele education works.

Our alumni are the proof that Keele really does offer an experience unique in the UK.

In 2013 we asked our alumni, “What words mean Keele to you?” Across seven decades your answers rang loud and clear. Keele is a beautiful green campus, a friendly and active community and Keele’s educational and research profile sets the University – and Keele graduates – apart.

If you are reading this, clearly you are also part of our present and not just our past, so, what does the future hold for Keele? All universities are reflecting carefully on their direction and vision for the next decade in what will be a time of challenge and change. We are doing the same - and we believe strongly that Keele’s distinctive character will fit us and our students very well for those challenges.

We invite you to keep in touch and to share the journey of a lifetime.

Professor Nick Foskett
MA, PhD, PGCE, FRGS, FRSA
Vice-Chancellor
Keele celebrates with the Lord Mayor of London

Fifty staff and students represented the University on the national stage as one of Keele’s alumni became Lord Mayor of the City of London. The Keele float and our wet-but-willing volunteers were cheered by a crowd of around half a million and watched live on the BBC by millions more.

Alderman Fiona Woolf, CBE, is only the second female Lord Mayor of the City of London. Her appointment was celebrated with the largest un-rehearsed pageant in the world and Keele was one of 70 floats touring a three mile long procession route, which transformed London into a swathe of music, movement and pageantry.

The theme of the procession was ‘the Energy of Life’ and, as the UK’s biggest green campus and one of the world-leading universities for research into environment and sustainability, this was a perfect theme for Keele’s float.

Students cycled alongside the float – and its frenetic Taiko drummers – while other Keele representatives waved to the crowds in ‘green-themed’ costumes, including solar panels, wind turbines, recycling logos and energy saving light-bulbs. They also gave tree saplings to children in the crowd for them to plant at home.

The busy weekend in London celebrating the election of Fiona Woolf as Lord Mayor of the City of London was also shared by Keele alumni. This year’s Keele in the City required a special venue and “Rendezvous on the River” offered a spectacular cruise along the River Thames. Nearly a hundred alumni dating from the 1960s to the 2010s joined current students and staff who had participated in the Lord Mayor’s Show earlier in the day, for a new perspective of the late-night lights of the capital.
Alderman Fiona Woolf CBE, is a Law and Psychology graduate from Keele and recent past President of the Law Society of England and Wales. She has always been very supportive of Keele, returning frequently to speak to students and to attend events held by the School of Law.

Fiona is a leading international energy lawyer and she chose the theme of this year’s procession to be ‘the Energy of Life’. Her theme mirrors Keele’s aspirations to become a sustainable and energy efficient community and Fiona was eager for Keele to enjoy a prominent position.

Fiona was in the spotlight and took every opportunity to speak highly of Keele in the media, especially in a long and enthusiastic interview with BBC television. Fiona said, “It is great to see my University playing a role in this year’s procession and supporting my appointment as Mayor. I have gone back to campus on a number of occasions since graduating and it is always a pleasure to speak to the students about their passion and enthusiasm for their future careers. Through the years, I have also seen Keele’s commitment to the sustainability agenda grow and given the theme of the procession, it is very fitting that they are involved.”
Keele shortlisted for awards

Keele was shortlisted in two categories for the prestigious Times Higher Education awards.

The University was nominated for the Outstanding ICT Initiative of the Year for its innovative immersive 3D learning space, Keele Active Virtual Environment, developed by staff in the School of Pharmacy. Keele’s Head of Chemistry and Forensic Science, Dr David McGarvey was nominated for the title of Most Innovative Teacher of the Year.

The annual Times Higher Education awards celebrate the excellence and amazing achievements of UK higher education.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Nick Foskett, said: “The KAVE is a phenomenal learning tool and a real sector first that we’re proud to have developed at Keele. I would also like to congratulate Dr McGarvey on his nomination. After twenty years at Keele, he continues to push the boundaries to innovate teaching and learning across all departments.”

Phil Baty, editor of the Times Higher Education World University Rankings, said:

“Times Higher Education’s World University Rankings use a trusted range of 13 rigorous performance indicators and are the only global rankings to judge world-class research institutions against all of their core activities – teaching, research, knowledge transfer and international outlook.”

“So, Keele University’s position in the top 350 is very impressive. The University’s international outlook appears to be its key strength and has helped it regain its position in the top 1.75% institutions worldwide.”

Keele was ranked 6th in The Telegraph’s, ‘Britain’s most beautiful universities’ guide.

Keele moved up three places to 29th in the prestigious Sunday Times University League Table 2013 for UK universities.

Facts and Figures

2ND

in the National Student Survey of UK universities for overall student satisfaction

4th

Our Students’ Union is ranked the 4th top Student Union in the UK for nightlife (‘Which?’ University)

2%

We’re in the Top 2% of World Universities in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings

43,000

We are in contact with more than 43,000 alumni living in 139 countries

TOP 10

We were voted in the top 10 of Britain’s most intellectually stimulating universities by the Telegraph (October 2012)

93%

Keele has 93% employability of graduates for 2012 in the Higher Education Statistics Agency graduate employment table

Keele Ranked Among WORLD’S BEST UNIVERSITIES

Keele moved into the top 1.75% of the World’s leading universities in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2013-14 (based on approximately 10,000 institutions recognised by UNESCO).

The University was placed, for the third consecutive year, among the world’s leading universities, moving into the top 350 of the world’s best higher education institutions.

The Times Higher Education World University Rankings are the only global university performance tables to judge world class universities across all of their core missions – teaching, research, knowledge transfer and international outlook.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Nick Foskett, said: “It is very pleasing that not only have we maintained a placing among the World’s best universities but we have improved our position. This is an excellent result for Keele, which shows that our achievements are being recognised, not only locally and nationally, but internationally.”

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The research of Professor Clare Holdsworth aims to unpick perceptions of how family relationships are affected by our supposedly mobile modern lives. Whether we’re travelling for work, holidays or visiting friends and family, there is no doubt that we live in a world typified by mass mobility and disparate social networks.

Despite the UK’s vast transport system, there remains a well-documented stigma attached to families who choose to live far away from one another or commute long distances to work, with a common perception being that they are isolating themselves from support networks, destroying communities and fracturing modern family life.

Professor Holdsworth’s research is the first major publication in a growing school of thought in social sciences that questions negative perceptions around modern mobility and aims to better understand how modern families communicate with one another. The research reveals that many UK families are not living any further away from their family relations in the 21st century than they did several generations ago. In fact, those individuals who do make a big move away from their family, either out of necessity or choice, tend to be better connected than previous generations. Not only is transportation more readily available, but the dominance of modern technologies such as Skype, social networks and smartphones makes it easy to stay in touch, suggesting that disparate living is not necessarily directly detrimental to family life. Being highly mobile may even be beneficial for modern life. Families who live apart from one another are more likely to develop ‘embedded networks’ - circles of friends, relatives and colleagues - that are built throughout an individual’s life, with every new connection made through their mobility. So, the more mobile people are, the more complex and rich their embedded networks, suggesting that increased mobility can actually enhance and improve our personal and family lives, reducing our risk of isolation.

Professor Holdsworth comments: “Mobility is actually a highly important tool for modern family life that should be used to strengthen families and communities rather than being viewed as the cause of their decline. This has significant implications when we’re reviewing the affordability of public transport in the UK. Mobility should not be a luxury commodity, only available to those that can afford it.”

Breathe

Keele Medical School is leading the way to establish breath testing as a non-invasive technique for early disease detection. Clinical diagnosis and therapeutic monitoring of metabolic disease is largely carried out via blood and urine analysis. However, ongoing research under the leadership of Professor David Smith FRS, with Professor Patrik Špaňel and Dr Josep Sule-Suso, at the Keele University Medical School is now investigating how simple breath testing can potentially be used as an early indicator of many diseases.

The team at Keele, in collaboration with clinical specialists, investigates the volatile compounds present in the exhaled breath of patients with a broad range of diseases, including lung cancer, inflammatory bowel disease, renal disease, diabetes and the opportunistic infections that can result from cystic fibrosis, especially Pseudomonas aeruginosa infection. Professor Smith concludes: “This will continue to be the focus of our work going forward, since the potential rewards in medicine are great.” By developing analytical technology that can identify the early signs of certain cancers and other diseases, the team at Keele could transform the way that these diseases are diagnosed in the future and help to save lives.

Pictured: “Dr Josep Sule-Suso and student Abigail Rutter try out the new breath analysis equipment.”

Keele Astronomers Push Exoplanet Tally Over 1000

Keele astronomers have pushed the total number of extra-solar planets known through the efforts of worldwide astronomers past 1,000 by announcing 12 new planets from the WASP (Wide Angle Search for Planets) survey Keele University operates the WASP-South survey cameras, scanning the night skies and watching for small dips in the light of a star when a planet passes in front of (“transits”) the star. The new announcements included WASP-100 and WASP-101, the hundredth and hundredth-and-first planets found by the WASP team.

The WASP planets are “hot Jupiter planets”, large Jupiter-size gaseous planets in tight orbits around their stars, transiting every few days. Among its 100 planets, WASP has found the largest known planet, the shortest-period hot Jupiter, and the first planet found in a retrograde orbit, and planets spiralling into destruction on their host star. The WASP project is the most successful of the teams searching for transiting exoplanets from ground-based observatories.
Keele’s unbeaten challengers

Four Keele alumni took part in the BBC TV University Challenge Christmas Special in 2013. Much was expected from a team of eclectic talents under the captaincy of a Rear Admiral and, most importantly, blessed with uniquely diverse Keele qualifications.

Our four intrepid Keeelites appeared on 23rd December. According to Francis: “We won against Aberystwyth, but there were 14 universities, and only four were going through to the semi-finals. Of the seven winners, only the four highest winning scorers went through, and we were the fifth highest.” So Keele was genuinely “unbeaten”, edged out by just a few points. And as reserve player Martin “Hamish” McArthur (1975 English & History) commented: “The outtakes were great too....”

Francis Beckett (1969 History & Philosophy) is an author, journalist, biographer and contemporary historian. He has written biographies of Aneurin Bevan, Clement Attlee, Harold Macmillan, Gordon Brown and Tony Blair. His 2010 book “What Did the Baby Boomers Ever Do For Us?” claims that the baby boomer generation inherited the good years, and pulled the ladder up after them. His plays have been performed on the London fringe and on radio, and his short stories appear in the Young Oxford OUP series.

Maggie Atkinson (2008 PhD Education) was president of the Association of Directors of Children’s services and became Children’s Commissioner for England in 2009. She is at the forefront of policy and practice for children. She also opened Keele’s brand new children’s nursery in October 2012.

Ian Moncrieff (1977 Geography & Geology) joined the Royal Navy in 1976 and gained 20 years operational seagoing experience in nine warships. He commanded British Forces in the South Atlantic, based in the Falkland Islands, and served as Commandant General of the Royal Marines at Plymouth. He is now CEO of the UK Hydrographic Office, which has been charting the world’s oceans for more than 200 years and providing navigational services to save and protect lives at sea.

Steve Jackson (1972 Psychology & Biology) has been described as a Game-Playing Titan and is featured on page 9 of Forever Keele.
Keele’s University Challenger Steve Jackson (1972 Psychology & Biology) has followed a fantastical path before and after Keele.

Getting lost in a gaming fantasy world is an experience enjoyed by millions across the world, but one Keelite transformed his quest into an empire. Steve Jackson co-founded Games Workshop in 1975 with Ian Livingstone and went onto create a line of fantasy role-play books called Fighting Fantasy, published by Puffin Books. They were hugely popular: translated into 20 languages, published in 30 countries and selling 18 million copies. Steve later created Lionhead Studios with Peter Molyneux, wrote a Games Page for the Daily Telegraph and in 1993 won the title of ‘Best Individual Player’ at the European Games Championships.

Steve is now Professor of Games Design at Brunel University, where he teaches a Master’s course in Digital Game Design. Recently he has been involved in the development of a series of interactive eBooks based on his ‘Sorcery!’ game books, first published in 1983. They have already sold around 100,000 copies – clearly a concept with enduring appeal despite being 30 years old.

Steve came to Keele in 1968 and founded the Keele University Games Society in 1970, believed to be the first board games society ever founded at a UK University. Steve chose Keele partly for its proximity to his home in Altrincham. But he was more interested in the excellent Foundation Year, which introduced him to subjects never encountered before, like Geology, Philosophy, Economics and Social Sciences. At school he had been in a special class which did O Levels at 15 and A Levels at 17 but the emphasis was on traditional academic subjects with no opportunity to discover other disciplines. Keele’s “FY” filled in all the gaps and added much more. At Keele he lived in a Lindsay block with a beautiful view over Staffordshire. His room was usually thronged with game-players so by his fourth year he journeyed to the safe and distant land of the Hawthorns, where he could concentrate on study and find some peace and quiet and pursue his quest.

Steve’s enduring memory of Keele is a counter-revolutionary episode. The notorious Edgar Broughton Band came to play a free concert celebrating Keele’s supposed status as a “Free University”. This was in the turbulent summer of 1969, and at the height of the worldwide student revolution. The concert began around 10pm outside, but fled into the Students’ Union when it started to rain. This caused major panic for George the doorman, who was looking forward to locking up and going home, as hundreds of students surged indoors. George called the police, but was informed it was “a matter for the students”. George got his hat and left them to it. As soon as Edgar Broughton heard that the doorman had abandoned the building and the police had surrendered to the power of the people, he proclaimed the victory as a revolutionary act. For one night, Keele had become the revolutionary capital of Britain.

Steve’s, can you describe Keele in one word?

INSPIRATIONAL!

Steve Jackson
A FANTASTICAL TALE
We all have reasons to love Keele, but did you know that almost 2,000 tweets have been posted in a student-led campaign to tell the world about the University?

Second year Music and Media, Communications and Culture student Kimmy Colombo decided to harness the power of Twitter to spread the love for Keele across the world.

Kimmy, who is social media officer for Keele’s student magazine Concourse, started the hashtag #keelebecause. This allowed people to post and view almost 2,000 tweets, including Keelites past and present, sharing great things about Keele.

We spoke to Kimmy to find out more about the campaign.

What gave you the idea for the #keelebecause campaign?

The Concourse committee held an online brainstorming session on how to involve as many freshers as possible with the magazine. Among other ideas, I thought of sharing some hashtags on Twitter to get new Keele students to interact with Concourse, and the University as a whole. Thanks to the involvement of the committee members, who helped spread the hashtag, the trend grew rapidly and became something I never imagined it would.

Current students and alumni got involved. Why do you think it was so popular?

Apart from the obvious answer that Keele is such a great place to go to, the #keelebecause hashtag can be used by all incoming students’, current and former students’ sharing why they came and what they enjoyed most.

What surprised you most about #keelebecause?

The sheer number of tweets! I am still amazed at how many people participated, and are still participating to this day! It was especially good to see alumni writing such nice messages as @johnvournous ‘#keelebecause even after 20 years memories remain indelible and will remain so for the rest of my life! Awesome Uni, teachers and friends!!’

What do you love most about Keele?

This is such a hard question, because my experience at Keele up to now has been so fulfilling. Getting involved with the Students’ Union, working as a student ambassador, starting as a Residence Support Assistant and, joining societies, but most of all Concourse of course! This being said, what I particularly love about Keele is the strong sense of community. People will take you for who you are, and this sense of community is not only felt within societies, but also within the campus accommodation or house sharing.

Interview by Hannah Hiles

Facebook
“Forever: Keele”
LinkedIn
“Keele University Alumni”
Twitter
@keelealumni

#Keelebecause dual honours and squirrels, who can say no to squirrels?!
read it I realised that so many past students have not only experienced the same excitement and challenge of writing, but the same experiences. Putting pen to paper for Concourse enables us to help others and to improve ourselves. Concourse has given us all a voice, past and present. Words are powerful and working alongside some of the energetic minds of my Keele generation is both exciting and humbling. If you wrote for Concourse then I hope, like me, that you value Concourse as one of your great Keele memories.

Concourse is for students and run by students and it was run by and for you too. Together we have reached our fiftieth birthday and we are as strong and important as ever. So, here’s to another fifty years of student writing!

If you would like to visit our website and continue to read some more of our articles then please visit: www.concourseonline.com

Esa Gurkan (2015)
Every year since 2007 we have announced great success for the Keele Key Fund. And we can do so again after the 2013 telethon!

Your support is making Keele even better as a place to live and study.

Thank you... from our student caller team and from all of our students!

Our team of student callers made 9,256 dialling attempts and had conversations with an incredible 1,018 people! Of the ones we managed to speak to, 31% agreed to make a regular or single gift. That is an astonishing percentage and we are so grateful to you for your support. This year you pledged over £85,000 over the phone and lots more is coming in daily by cheque and through our online giving page.

www.keele.ac.uk/onlinedonation

Keelites help in a BIG, BIG way

Forever Keele catches up with Amy Bourbeau, a student caller in the 2013 telethon team.

Amy, why did you choose Keele?
I was applying from Canada so I had to rely on online resources and what various universities sent to me. I have to say that Keele’s videos and pictures were the best and they inspired me to want to see the campus. The option of doing dual honours made it a perfect choice for me.

And why did you ask to join the telethon?
The idea of talking to alumni about their experiences of Keele sounded interesting. I like chatting and I am always curious about people. I hoped to talk to some people who went on to a career in the charity sector so that I could hear what they had to say. It was fun but also hard work – I developed my communication skills and I found out a lot about myself.

I enjoyed the conversations and was happy to ask for gifts, but I also learned that I am motivated less by targets and more by a desire to do things the right way and for a good purpose.

And do you remember any particular conversations?
Lots! One lady was an artist and talking about her time at Keele and her career encouraged me to expect and embrace unexpected opportunities. And I spoke at length to a man who had a great career in the charity sector, and he gave me some really helpful advice and encouragement.

What next?
I will graduate in International Business and Media, Communications & Culture in 2014 and I am eager to start work but I might also explore further study. I am intrigued by the idea of Corporate Social Responsibility so some kind of work experience in that field would be fantastic!

Tell me telethon tales
Since 2007, Keele’s Annual Telethon has raised over half a million pounds from our alumni to support Keele students and to enhance the campus.

But the telethons are not just about financial success. Our student callers gain authentic experience working alongside a professional campaign manager. Our partners, Buffalo Fundraising Consultants, are always on the lookout for great callers to manage their campaigns at other universities. So far, three Keele callers have gone on to become professional Campaign Managers for Buffalo.

Sam Hill  
Law 2013, Keele Campaign Manager 2014  
In my final year at Keele I wanted to give something back and the telethon gave me that unique opportunity. I had such a great time during the telethon. Not only was I able to raise money for a fund that supports students at Keele but I was able to gain invaluable advice from alumni who have gone on to fascinating careers. I saw first-hand what an incredible difference fundraising can make and I developed a real passion for it! Working at Buffalo has allowed me to turn that passion into a career, working alongside our clients to ensure every campaign is a success. The prospect of travelling around the UK and meeting new people at other universities was also very appealing.

Athena Wilson  
English and American Literature 2010,  
Keele Campaign Manager 2012  
The Keele campaign in 2012 was fun and exciting! It was great to meet current students and to encourage them in a job that I’d done myself only a couple of years before. I loved being immersed again in all the things that make Keele so wonderful; not just being on campus and enjoying the Bubble but discovering more about recent and upcoming improvements. It was good to see how the Keele Key Fund is enhancing the student experience and supporting those who need a helping hand. When I’m running campaigns around the country I often think back to Keele and how the experience of being a student caller was such a good opportunity. It gave me a great insight into how to manage teams effectively and really helped me to understand the importance of delivering a high quality service to all my clients. Buffalo gave me an opportunity to be involved in the world of fundraising in a unique and specialised way. It is a relatively small company that values its employees and plays to their strengths. In two years I’ve been promoted three times and I love each new challenge as it comes!

Alex ‘Frank’ Franklin  
Physical Geography and Geology 2011,  
Keele Campaign Manager 2013  
The telethon made me realise what a varied bunch Keeleites are, and gave me both inspiration and confidence in the skills Keele developed in me even before I entered the world of work. I remember one great conversation with a particularly successful Keele graduate who gave me excellent job related advice. Then Buffalo gave me a fantastic opportunity to develop my management and marketing skills, and a means to kick-start my career in the fundraising sector. Buffalo is a company filled with young people with talent and enthusiasm for what we do. Being based in Bristol’s vibrant city centre meant the offer to work for Buffalo was an offer I couldn’t refuse!
Some Key Projects
Supported by the Keele Key Fund

Geoscience Research Field Trip

Two students received help to travel to the Cantabrian Mountains in Spain for a field trip. They undertook ground-breaking research into overcoming problems caused by chemical alteration of stratigraphic units. The results of this project may guide oil exploration. Without the Key Fund they would not have been able to contemplate this field trip, and are most grateful for the support which they received towards their project costs.

Engaging People with a Learning Disability in the World of Work

Colleagues from Keele University led a project alongside local partners to create a high-profile occasion to inspire local people. The keynote speaker was Falklands War veteran, charity worker and motivational speaker Simon Weston OBE. He spoke about his experience and his approach to life, and the way he has become a role model for many. Other speakers represented national and local employers who have exhibited positive approaches to work and disability. Keele colleagues and students were also involved in presenting challenging views of disability and ability. Strong media coverage made this a high-profile event, enhancing awareness of disability and achievement both at the University and in the local community. Comments from those attending included, “A fabulous, engaging event, well done to Newcastle and Keele for organising it so well”.

Picture This

‘Picture This...’ is a combined arts project integrating photography and creative life writing to empower young people to consider how they might achieve their ambitions in the future. Students from a local school used disposable cameras to represent their sense of self. The Key Fund supported this exhibition, which was facilitated by Sharon Corbett, a Keele graduate and former social worker, and displayed at Keele. Sharon led motivational workshops with community groups such as Cheshire Carers, teacher development days, schools, colleges and universities to boost self-confidence, self-worth and self-belief through creativity. One observer commented: “The pictures and stories have a depth and quality to them that touches your soul. They resonate with feeling. I believe they awaken emotion and passion from within people and make them feel alive!” At the end of the exhibition period their own framed photo was given to each school student to take home and keep.

Outdoor Furniture

The Pig and Rat Bar (Barnes Hall) and Horwood Bar (Horwood Hall) are alternative social spaces managed by students. Each received funding from the Key Fund to buy new outdoor furniture. This has allowed students to enjoy good weather in a more comfortable environment. Former Horwood and Barnes residents can visualise the luxury lifestyle – previously only imagined – now enjoyed by their successors!

Chris Brennon
Chris is one of our elite student athletes who has recently been involved in trials for the GB archery team and is part of the GB talent pathway. In order to further his chances of selection the GB squad Chris’ coaches recommended alterations to his bow which have been funded in this project.

Cheerleading
With an ever expanding club, cheerleading were in need of more safety matting to carry out their routine practices safely. This has funded an additional roll matt allowing more students to train at one time. This has meant that the club has retained greater numbers of participants as they can engage with them for longer periods during each session.

Volleyball
Supported and match funded by Volleyball England this project aims to develop a 4v4 league to encourage non sporting students to participate in physical activity. The league will be student led by the Higher Education volleyball officer for Keele. While offering a competitive league the overall ethos will be fun and social.

Beginner running group
The funding granted will enable a beginner running group to be set up on campus. This funding has been matched through Sport England’s ‘Sportivate’ funding. It will provide vital safety equipment for running at night, incentives for sustained participation and qualifications for run leaders.

Archery equipment
The archery club were in desperate need to update their equipment. The club hosts regional/national events regularly and this equipment will allow them to do so for many years to come.
Shaping a Unique, World-Class and Values-Centred, Academic Community:

Our Vision for the Next 50 Years

At our foundation just over 50 years ago, Keele University developed a new model of Higher Education focused upon a campus-based community of scholars and students. We fostered a sense of togetherness within a single, dedicated campus, which reflected our founding ethos of “the pursuit of truth in the company of friends”. It is a model which has been much copied in the intervening years and has profoundly shaped major parts of the UK Higher Education landscape.

Today, we still hold true to this ethos. We have become a leading research institution with 85% of our research recognised as of international importance; and we have also become a major partner in our local region, generating £130 million of business for the regional economy each year.

Yet we have also proactively maintained the emphasis on a close-knit academic community working within our beautiful campus. With only 10,000 students – amongst the smaller universities in the UK – we are able to provide truly tailored, high quality and personal education for all of our students.

This approach is reaping rewards. Keele graduates achieved 93% employability in 2012 and students, have rated the University 2nd for student satisfaction. Now, as we look to our next 50 years, we are energised by the opportunities that lie ahead. In the last decade we have already invested £115 million in building a state-of-the-art School of Medicine, revamping our library, refurbishing our halls of residence and transforming our laboratory facilities.

This is a figure which includes £7 million in generous philanthropic donations. However, to forge ahead as a world-class, values-centred university, and alongside the outstanding work of the Keele Key Fund, we must invest further in specific areas of strength:

- We want to be able to continue to attract the very best students from around the world, ensuring the University is affordable and accessible, whatever their background.
- We must underpin much of our world-class academic portfolio by being in a position to recruit the leading scholars in their fields.
- We intend to enhance our global reputation for medical research by creating a unique home for our Research Institute.
- And we hope to transform the heart of our campus forever by developing signature buildings including a principal hub for student learning and regional cultural activity.

We are looking for visionary individuals who understand how their combined generosity can shape our blueprint for advancement and who can champion our development campaign. Above all, we hope to share with you, our vision and, through this, to gain the benefit of your advocacy and zeal.

Your active engagement with the Development Campaign will be a rare and special opportunity to shape Keele’s future and I look forward to welcoming you back to the University in the near future.

Introducing
THE DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR

“I join the University at an exciting time and I am delighted that our alumni are so involved through their gifts to the Keele Key Fund”.

The Keele Key Fund Disbursement Committee aims to use the fund to enhance the Keele experience, and to maximise our impact on the campus and the world around us.

As the new Chair of the Keele Key Fund Disbursement Committee, I look forward to continuing the excellent work of the Key Fund in supporting a broad and innovative range of projects, which make such a difference to life at Keele. Over the past year, the Keele Key Fund has attracted a record number of applications. The Disbursement Committee has awarded grants to a wide range of projects some of which can be found in these pages.

Keele University has a life-changing effect on the lives of our students. Our graduates are recognised as having qualities that make them stand out in an increasingly competitive global society. Keele also has a major impact on the economy and society locally and internationally.

Most importantly, we are deeply grateful for the generous support of all those who have given and continue to give to the Keele Key Fund.

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1982
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Simon Knock

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(Handrick)
Helen Hope (Moore)
Phil Isbitt
Catherine Martin (Davies)
Peter Sheahan
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1984
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Paula Blieck
Laurence Broyd
Neil Infield
Roger Jackson
Alison Prowse
Helen Ross
Christine Snaith
Geoff Walton
Jo Willis (Roberts)

1985
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Carol Gray
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Helen Jones (Underwood)
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1994
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Rachel McIntosh (Hayward)
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Marsha O’Mahony
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1995
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Pete Granby
Judith Harris (Midgley)
Peter Harris
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1996
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Tony Ball
Linda Beacom (Fiona Wilson)
Heather Bush (Dutch)
Steven Flanagan
Jennifer Gillan (Casey)
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Karen Kear
Rosemary Longden
Ruth McGregor (Parr)
Matt Russell
Ken Smith
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1997
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1998
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Steven Grainger
Jacqueline Harden
Trudy Jones
Warren Legg
Keith Pugh
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Sandra Haynes
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Sarah Richards (Lambourne)
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We thank those alumni who have indicated an intention to make provision for Keele in their Will.

Note
We have listed gifts received during the Calendar Year 2013 and not included many donors from the November 2013 Telethon - these will be listed next year.

Apology
We apologise to John McCartney (1974) who was missed from the list in Forever Keele 2013

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Keele's Arthritis Research UK Centre of Excellence status has, following extensive external review, been renewed for a further five years with funding of £2.2 million.

Green Week 2013 was a huge success as the University demonstrated its commitment to green living and sustainability. Among the highlights was the opening of the Wolfson Lecture Theatre at the Sustainability Hub by The Chancellor, Sir Jonathon Porritt, and a partnership with Nissan to provide an electric vehicle for University use.

David Webster, Chief Executive, Hanley Economic Building Society and a member of Keele University Council, unveiled a plaque to mark the opening of the newly re-furbished Darwin Building, which provides state-of-the-art facilities to accommodate the growth of Keele Management School.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Nick Foskett, had a successful visit to India during which he met with Keele alumni and outlined plans for the development of a ‘Keele in India’ group. The Vice-Chancellor also met with Professor S.Parasuraman (Director of TISS) in Mumbai and discussed the very positive links with Keele and developing student exchange in the future.

Broadcasting Jonathan Dimbleby hosted BBC Radio 4’s ‘Any Questions?’ in the Westminster Theatre. Questions from the capacity audience ensured a lively debate among the panel of The Rt Hon Patrick McLoughlin MP, Christine Hamilton, Yasmin Alibhai-Brown and Shadow Education Secretary Stephen Twigg MP.

An inaugural dinner was held in Keele Hall for the new Keele University College of Fellows. The College of Fellows is a distinguished group of high profile, actively engaged supporters of the University.
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**Keele Team Evaluates AgeUK’s National Programme**

A research team from Keele completed an evaluation of AgeUK’s Fit as a Fiddle £15.1 million programme. The programme, which spanned the nine English regions, consisted of a portfolio of activities that increased the opportunities for older people to undertake physical activities and improve their eating habits, with the aim of improving both physical and mental health. It consisted of two national and 24 regional projects, delivered by over 200 organisations, including 99 local AgeUK branches.

**Pharmacy Partnership with Boots UK**

The School of Pharmacy announced that it has been commissioned by Boots UK to be the sole provider of a postgraduate Diploma programme for Boots pharmacists. The Community Pharmacy diploma will be an important element of a structured development programme that will enable Boots pharmacists to pursue a clinical career pathway.

**£1M WiFi Investment**

With the rapid increase in the number of wireless devices which staff and students are now bringing on to campus, the University has invested over £1 million in a new wireless network infrastructure (WiFi). The network enables connectivity in all administrative and academic buildings, halls of residence and central outside spaces.

**New Leading Edge Facilities for School of Medicine**

Professor Vishy Mahadevan, the Barbers’ Company Professor of Surgical Anatomy at the Royal College of Surgeons of England, opened a new state of the art development at Keele which allows the School of Medicine to join a select group of institutions offering leading edge facilities which will attract surgeons from across the UK.

The new £2.8 million extension of the Anatomy Skills Facility at The David Weatherall Building improves facilities for students and offers senior surgeons the chance to improve high level skills in the most up-to-date teaching environment.

**Bet365 Foundation Scholarships for Keele Students**

Thirty-five Keele students were awarded bet365 Foundation scholarships of £1,500. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Nick Foskett, and Andy Pointon, Chief Operating Officer of bet365, presented the scholarships to students who have achieved academic excellence and come from a local town where there is a lower participation in higher education than the national average.

**Meet Sam: Keele Unveils UK’s First Virtual Student Adviser**

Keele launched a free virtual student advice service, available to the whole HE sector. The Student Advisory Model, or SAM, is a multimedia interface that brings together information and guidance in a student-friendly environment, signposted by the SAM avatar. The technology driving SAM was developed by Keele’s School of Pharmacy to support learning and teaching on programmes in the Health Faculty.

**Arts: Keele has reviewed and refreshed its programme throughout 2013.**

The Three Counties Exhibitions continue to attract high quality local artists and photographers while the Keele Concerts Society offers a programme of outstanding events. Literature, Drama, Film, Visual Arts, Music and Lectures also feature alongside Keele’s Hidden Treasures.

www.keele.ac.uk/artskeele
Jamie Aitchison is the Commissioning Editor for Sport for Channel 4 and oversees Channel 4’s coverage of all of these huge occasions, and many more.

Jamie and his production team won the BAFTA (British Academy of Film and Television Arts) Award in 2013 for their edgy and innovative coverage of the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

Like many, Jamie was drawn to Keele by the campus lifestyle and community and the option of a dual honours degree. He studied History and Politics between 1990 and 1993 and was a huge sports enthusiast. So much so, that in 1992 he was elected Athletic Union President. Jamie also met the author Araminta Hall at Keele. They are married and have three children.

But what does Jamie remember about Keele?

“It was a fine place to spend three years of my life. I had a great experience, met great people, had a great social life, played lots of sport and had courses.”

And Keele in one word?

“Unforgettable!”

A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

We met some great people and among them was Steve Cutts (1991 American Studies & English). Intrigued about his latest job we asked him a few questions for Forever Keele.

Steve, please tell us what you do.

I have held a series of senior positions in inter-governmental organisations, including the Chief of Staff and Head of the Secretary-General’s Office in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris; Assistant Secretary-General for Corporate Affairs at the Commonwealth Secretariat in London (where I joked that my boss’s boss was the Queen!). I am now an Assistant Secretary-General at the UN Secretariat in New York. I am told that I am the second highest ranking Brit in the UN system... that’s crazy!

Why did you choose Keele as your university?

Easy. The broad-based education on offer, which meant that I could study science and social science subjects as well as my arts majors. I was also attracted to the Foundation Year, which ended up exceeding my expectations – it was brilliant! I was slightly older than most students and I loved my opportunity to learn at such a wonderful place.

What is your lasting memory of Keele?

Friendships, some brilliant professors (especially in American Studies), a beautiful campus, squirrels, and rapid changes in the motivation of students and the management of the campus during my four years.

Can you describe Keele in one word?

“Nourishing!”
inspiring role models

Kerry Jones, Keele’s Arts Officer, is rejuvenating and extending the arts and outreach programme at Keele. She was delighted to discover one of our alumni has been performing with Goldfrapp, The Verve, Coldplay, Royksopp, The Proclaimers, Dido…. She asked Davide Rossi about Keele and his life in music.

After growing up in Turin and spending a large proportion of your life touring Europe, why did you come over to the UK?

In 1990 I started to study with legendary guitarist Robert Fripp. He was holding seminars called ‘Guitar Craft’ around the globe. In these seminars you could learn about his way of doing music, which involved a lot of polyrhythms influenced by Eastern European music. Robert Fripp has been the leader of King Crimson since 1969. I’ve always been fascinated by Eastern European music, so his approach served as a link from my classical education to my passion for pop and rock music. In 1994 he suggested I should move to England as it would be a much better place for me to grow up musically and so I did.

You studied Digital Music Technology at Keele from 1999 to 2000? What are your memories of Keele?

I loved the location. The Music School building was such a beautiful one, just a little bit away from the rest of the campus. I spent most of my time there: learning C++ gave me no time for socialising since I’d never done any kind of programming before in my life. I remember very well Diego Garro, fellow Italian and professor of Music and his wife Lily.

As more straightforward composers, after the obvious classics, I love Frank Zappa, Edgar Varese, Arvo Pärt and the American composer Hovhaness. As arrangers, I’m very much into the work of Angela Morley, who arranged all Scott Walker’s records and also Jean-Claude Vannier, the amazing arranger of French singer-songwriter Serge Gainsbourg.

You have worked with a long list of outstanding composers, bands, performers - Goldfrapp, The Verve, Coldplay, Royksopp, The Proclaimers, and Dido to name a few. What are the highlights of your career to date?

I guess the names you mentioned and a few more. Playing live with Neil Young was pretty awesome too! But to be honest I’m looking at what comes next. If one looks only at what has been done, the risk of self-indulgence is always there.

What’s top of your playlist at the moment?

I’m into some new artists like Lana Del Rey - not so new any more I guess. I like the new Arctic Monkeys album and I’ve enjoyed The Black Keys. For the rest it’s all oldies… Bowie, Funkadelic, Hendrix, Beatles and the list goes on.

Any projects in the pipeline?

Yes, a new band with Nick McCabe and Si Jones from the Verve called Black Submarine! Working on my solo album and various other collaborations… The new Coldplay album, Anastacia and more…
The Keene Oral History Project has fascinated alumni and students alike since it was launched in 2005. Apart from creating two audio-visual sets which tell “the story of Keene by alumni for alumni” from 1949 to 1973, there is now a treasure-chest of history, myth and legend on the website. The demand for talks and tours about Keene has grown so much that Heritage Volunteers have now evolved into Heritage Guides. Heritage Guides are student ambassadors trained to conduct a range of tours for students, alumni, visitors and other guests; they tell stories about the Keene estate and the Sneyd family, the origins and founding values of Keene University and some of the myths and legends of Keene.

www.keele.ac.uk/alumni/thekeeleoralhistoryproject

A Golden Graduate has celebrated fifty anniversaries since leaving the University College of North Staffordshire or Keele University. In 2012 we held the first Golden Graduates’ Reunion to coincide with the 50th Anniversary of the Royal Charter and in May 2013 we welcomed home the Golden Class of 1963 to join their predecessors among our golden ranks.

The Golden Graduates’ Reunion for the Class of 1964 and all preceding Classes will be held at Keele Hall on May 17th-18th 2014.

To find out more visit www.keele.ac.uk/alumni

Who was Clyde Applegate?

An almost illegible message on the gate-post of Keene Hall commemorates the American soldiers who built an army camp during the Second World War. Their barracks or “huts” later became very familiar to our Pioneer graduates of the 1950s and 1960s.

The graffiti reads:

Clyde Applegate
Fort Smith
Arkansas
5-9-44

Two Golden Graduates played Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson to find Clyde Applegate - a young man who briefly made Keene his home, far from home.

Peter Davis (1963) discovered the following in the Records of Yell County, Arkansas: “Quinton Clyde Applegate, age 27 died in Little Rock Hospital November 8, 1948 after a long illness and laid to rest in the National Cemetery at Fort Smith in 1948”.

Dr David Hampson (1963) was also hot on the trail and even made contact with the family: “His full name was Quinton Clyde Applegate. He was stationed on the Keene Hall estate during the Second World War. The name Quinton was an embarrassment for a young man in the US Army so, he went by the name of Clyde.

After the war he returned to Fort Smith and died after a two year illness. He was married, but had no children. His widow married Clyde’s younger brother - they had a daughter Katherine, who still lives in the Fort Smith area.” David even contacted Katherine, who was “fascinated to hear about her uncle’s inscription at Keene”.

Keele in the City 2014

Can’t get to Keele? Let us bring Keele to you!

Keele in the City is an informal night-out with your Keele friends in a city near you. In November over a hundred Keelites made a Rendezvous on the River and enjoyed a late-night cruise on the River Thames. We plan to meet again in 2014 at another interesting venue.

Keele alumni and students are getting together more and more often so you can share the experience and expertise you have gained in your journey since Keele. And nobody is better placed to help our students prepare for their next steps.

14th May 2014
Keele academic schools are increasingly asking former students to inspire and inform the students of today. Networking events will occur more and more often so check the Forever Keele e-news for opportunities.

Successful adults make a difference in their community; they make the most of their potential and make sense of the world – the process begins when they are students at Keele and continues throughout their lives. The professional Keele Careers Service may help you with career planning, information, postgraduate study and work experience, advice and access to the Resource Room for up to three years after graduation.

Our dream is for Homecoming to be a regular sunny date in the diary around which you can build plans for a get-together with your own circle of Keele friends.

In 2014 Homecoming coincides with the third annual Keele Community Day when we welcome people from the surrounding communities to enjoy the campus and to get to know the University better.

The day will have something for people and families of all ages.

Our ideas for Homecoming 2014 include:

**Saturday**
- Open House in the KPA – live music with “Parisian Youth Culture”, real ale and conviviality
- Open House in the Students’ Union

**Sunday**
- Forever Keele Meet-and-Greet Zone in the Union
- History and Mystery with the League of Extraordinary Keele Gentlemen
- Original Films by Keele Alumni and Students
- Live Music with contemporary musicians in partnership with Coffee House Sessions
- Networking with Keele Alumni

The best gift you can give to Keele students is your story!
- What did I do at Keele?
- What am I doing now?
- How did I get here?
- What did Keele do for me?
- What I would say to a Keele student wanting to follow my path?

The Homecoming tradition didn’t exist in the UK or at Keele – but it does now! The Keele campus and the Union are important in people’s memories so each year we invite you back to your old home from home.

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North Americans support Keele excellence

Keele in Canada Scholar 2013-14

Bianca Calascione-Tosco is the recipient of the 2013-14 Keele in Canada Scholarship, created by the generosity of our alumni in Canada. She graduated with a BA in Film Studies from Concordia University, Montréal, in 2013. While at Concordia, Bianca spent one semester at Keele in early 2012. We met Bianca soon after she arrived for her Master’s course.

“Keele is a study abroad partner for Concordia and when I looked at the available universities I preferred one nearer to London but when I saw the photo of Keele Hall I changed my mind. I love history and the photo made me think of Harry Potter, so Keele was my choice. I can get wherever I want to very easily so it worked out perfectly. I like the peace and quiet of the countryside and being in a campus community rather than a city.

I have joined the Drama Society and been elected as Social Secretary so I have to organise something for that quite soon. I have worked for eight years at the Rogers Cup Masters Tennis Tournament in Canada - won twice by Andy Murray – so I hope to play some tennis at Keele.

I am a native French speaker and first time around Keele put me in a house in Plantation Park with two French students and I was immediately reassured. Keele planned it all perfectly for us! I am interested in regional accents so when local people call me “duck” or “duckie” I love it!

Five years from now I’d hope to be working in England and living with my boyfriend Dan Horton. We met at Keele and we are now together in Newcastle. I’d love to work in something to do with tennis or history, perhaps in broadcasting. I want to specialise and be successful in gaining real expertise with this course so that I can build a career using my degrees. I love historic houses, especially from the Tudor era, so I will have to live in England to see more of them!

I want to thank Canadian Keelites for supporting the Keele in Canada Scholarship. They don’t even know me but they have helped me fulfil my dream. I wanted to come back to Keele so much and the scholarship has made all the difference. And it reassured my mum too – she visited Keele and saw at once why I wanted to come back”.

Keele in USA Scholar 2013-14

Olani Allen was awarded the 2013-2014 Keele in the USA Scholarship, created by the generosity of our alumni in the USA. She graduated from Appalachian State University in 2013 and spent one semester at Keele in 2012. We met Olani a few days into her Master’s course to see how things are going.

“I loved Keele so much when I came for a semester from Appalachian State that I wanted to come back for more. I really enjoyed the British way of teaching – there was more opportunity for independent thought than I was used to back home and I felt a lot more involved with the subjects and the professors and my fellow students. I’m ready to start my course alongside about twenty others, nearly all of them international students. That means we are going to study “global culture” in a genuinely “global” group and that will be so interesting! I’ve also signed up for lacrosse, volleyball and archery.

Other members of my family had done study abroad and they said it would be the best thing I could ever do at university – and they were right.

The photos of Keele excited me, and Keele was central so I knew I could travel around easily. I expected it to be old and there are some old parts like Keele Hall but some parts are very modern. I like the way the old and new sit side-by-side. And I like the way you can walk everywhere. It’s easy to get from place to place and walking helps to build a sense of community.

I know for definite that I want a job that I love, one that I won’t ever tire of. I hope to be creative and to do something that others enjoy and find inspiring. I am interested in photography and documentaries so I’d love to work in that area.

Studying in another country offers so much more than studying in a familiar place. It takes you out of your comfort zone and presents you with different perspectives and challenges. It also opens doors and helps you figure out things in new ways you never expected or imagined.

I’m super-grateful for the scholarship. I could have done a course in the USA but this is a much better opportunity and a much bigger challenge. I loved Keele the first time around so I am really happy to be here and ready to enjoy it even more!”

A Word from the President

The year has flown by and it’ll soon be time for a sparkling new team to come in with big ideas about how to move the Students’ Union forward next year. It’s such an exciting time – so many new faces, passionate about making a difference to students; what’s not to love? But it’s tinged with sadness too, I’ve called Keele my home for almost five years now and I’m tottering towards the big-wide-world at a rapidly increasing pace. I’m not the only one who’ll be getting the wobbles when it comes to leaving Keele this summer. We all look forward to the next challenge but we will miss Keele and our frantic, messy office. As a team we’ve had a brilliant year and I couldn’t have wished for better people to spend 70 hours a week with. We can read each other like a book and place tissues, coffee or beer in front of one another, without the need for a prompt.

One of my biggest passions is mental health awareness and I’m thrilled that the University signed the Time to Change pledge alongside the Union and increased training and awareness for students and staff. It’s fantastic to see something so precious to me coming together. We’re doing some really exciting work on our constitution and how we “do democracy” in a bid to get students’ voices heard.

I hope I’ll bow out gracefully in June and not try to cling on too tightly, but it’ll be tricky to let go of something that has been my life for the past year.

We’ve pushed for things this year that will lead to positive changes in the future – an off campus social space, the redevelopment of the Union middle floor and an even bigger fleet of safety buses.

All are within reach and that’s an exciting place to be!

Victoria Taylor, President, Keele University Students’ Union, 2013-2014
Keele alumni live in 167 countries around the world and there are Keele in the World networks in Brunei, Canada, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and the USA. Networks are being planned for Keele in Turkey, Keele in Australia, Keele in China, Keele in Singapore, Keele in Nigeria and Keele in Brazil.

**Keele in Canada**
Keele in Canada has its own website at [www.keeleincanada.org](http://www.keeleincanada.org) and many Canadian alumni support the Keele in Canada Scholarship.

**Keele in the USA**
The Keele in the USA Foundation is run autonomously by volunteer alumni, offering tax advantages for US philanthropists. The new website at [www.keeleintheusa.org](http://www.keeleintheusa.org) introduces the board and can help you contact fellow Keelites in the USA.

Many American alumni support the Keele in the USA Scholarship. The Neil and Gina Smith Student of the Year Award is also supported exclusively by Keele in the USA.

Find your Keele in the World ambassador at [www.keele.ac.uk/alumni/keeleintheworld](http://www.keele.ac.uk/alumni/keeleintheworld)

**The Board of Keele in the USA**
- President: Neil Smith
- Secretary: John McCarthy
- Treasurer: Mark Hill
- Adam Konowe
- William Bangert
- Mark Harding
1954
Stan Beckensall: I have produced two more books. ‘Northumberland Hills and Valleys’ and ‘Hexham Through Time’.
Bill Lighton: Now acting as an interviewer for Keele Medical School.
Pam Lloyd-Owen: I continue to live in my bungalow with panoramic views of the Malvern Hills. In my old age, I am cosseted by my daughter, son-in-law and four grandchildren and live a quiet life.
Bryan Waites: I researched at the University of London then served in the Royal Navy. Author of fifty books and three hundred articles.

1955
Brian Clark: In regular touch with Keele friends. At my age expect to meet up with many more fairly soon!
Jo Gatley: Since retiring as a psychiatric social worker and family therapist, I have enjoyed my home, garden and travelling.
K Parkinson: I keep busy through producing films.

1956
Philip Braithwaite: After forty years in the oil industry, working internationally, we retired to Dallas, Texas.
Stanley James: Still in touch with many Keele Student friends — a great joy!
Howard Mounsey: Started my own publishing business in 1981 with great success.
Martin Tunnicliffe: Still here.

1957
Susan Bobath: Retired, and I now enjoy playing golf, bridge and gardening.
Derek Evans: Long retired from teaching followed by 20 years of creative entrepreneurial woodwork.

1958
Judith Simms (Bryon): In Oxford after teaching in secondary schools. I have a large garden so am never short of something to do!
Mike Morris: Married to Sally for 53 years. Enjoying caravanning, gardening, dog walking and swimming in our retirement.
Jim Docking: My wife Anne (Pearson) died in 2012 suddenly and quite unexpectedly. I am now heavily involved in the USA and NADFAS.
Barbara & Jack Thomas (Pennell): We have a community shop in the village and work there on a regular basis. One main interest is caravanning and travelling to France.

1959
Pauline Hanna (Jones): Retired enjoying the cultural and friendly life of Bath — still see many ‘old’ Keele friends.
Ann Richards: Married to Brian and have three children. I’m currently a Swindon Borough Councillor.

1960
John Dixon: Pat (Pattison) (1962) and I continue to enjoy retirement. We love to go on the occasional cruise.

1961
Stephen & Gillian Biggins: Steve is on the interview panel for Keele Medical School entrants.

1962
Margaret Stevens (Edwards): I’ve set my German to one side and am learning Spanish.

1963
Bob Crockford: Apart from celebrating fifty plus years at Keele, I have celebrated fifty years with the French family I stayed with fifty years ago for my study year.
Wynne Gifford: Sadly, Tony Gifford died in 2011 after a brave battle against myeloma. I continue with bridge, as well as playing tennis and squash!
Barbara Newby (Jackson): I still do some indexing and editing occasionally.
Jim Whittaker: I spend as much time as I can in wild places and enjoy climbing.

1964
Gill Cox: I do voluntary work with young offenders.
Christine Francis: I am glad to have been at Keele in my formative years and I’d like to do it all over again now I’m 71.
Jehanne Mehta (Sylvia Mathews): I have been a singer-songwriter and poet.

1965
Tessa Harding: Now retired and living in Suffolk with regular visits to America.
Jennifer Harrower (Johnson): On my 68th birthday I taught my own circle dances in Cardigan, West Wales.

1966
Clarissa Donner: I am now an enthusiastic potter – which I started as an evening class in the potteries as a Keele student.

1967
Susan David (Herd): I worked as a psychodynamic counsellor and supervisor. I have a warm fellowship of good friends at Keele.
Roger Fellows: I retired for the second time in 2011 from the Essex registration service, having conducted some 1,000 wedding ceremonies.
Andrew Fletcher: OBE for Philanthropy/Charitable services in the Bath area.

1968
Maurice Hindle: I live in North London. I work on Shakespearean London theatres and continue to write and publish.
Judy Hollingsworth (Fletcher): My daughter is studying for a PGCE at Keele. I have one granddaughter aged four.
Terry Martin: I am still alive!
Dianne Moyes (Fazakerley): I still love cycling and keep busy with a local club and the charity Sustrans.
Sue Parkin (Eldridge): I got my PhD from Lancaster University. I have also opened a small home for street boys in Kenya.

1969
Christine Bull (Knight): I’m looking forward to a short spell with VSO in Tanzania.
Malcolm Clarke: I chair the Football Supporters Federation and am the Supporter Representative on the FA council.
Christine Hill (Leeon): My husband and I are members of the Ministry Leadership Team of St John’s Church in Selkirk.
Joan Taylor (Burnell): I have retired and have sung twice in ‘the Really Big Chorus’ at the Royal Albert Hall.

1970
John Clarke: Now retired and enjoy playing golf.
Philip Newall: Retirement has no attractions so I continue to work at Macquarie University in Sydney.
Jim Nicholson: Happily retired though I still work for an exam board part time.
Leo Pilkington: Writing philosophy, playing squash and travelling.
James Toon: Active in rock climbing, ski-touring and mountain biking.

1971
Robert Digby: I’m working for myself after thirty five years teaching in schools and universities.

1972
John Bowers: I work at a national park and as a volunteer with the Citizens Advice Bureau.
Jill Hairine (Clements): Would love to hear from any old friends.
Peter Lee-Smith: Peter and Sue have ‘semi-retired’ to Evesham.
John Roberts: I am a Parish Clerk in Telford.
David Swift: Happy memories of Keele; the Classics department, Hawthorns D-block and the Flats.

1973
Gillian Burgess (Hindle): Gill and Martin both now enjoy retirement after years as head teachers.
Dave Garry: I fully retired in October 2013 and it’s great!
Robert Henderson: Running two blogs - Living in a Madhouse and England Calling.
Anthony Smallwood: After nearly forty years abroad I have returned to Somerset where we watch the floods rise and fall.

1974
John Cantelo: Since retiring I am able to devote more time to editing the Crossbill Guides.
David Regester: I taught myself to turn wood, which I have been doing full time ever since.
Christine Spratt (Howells): Looking forward to retiring this summer and spending more time golfing, gardening, travelling and learning to paint!

1975
Betty Albon (Grear): One of my new interests is as an alumni trustee for Keele Students’ Union.
Sharon Barker (Young): I now spend my time gardening and enjoying my leisure.
Carol Linton (Lennox): Enjoying helping out with our three grandchildren.
Margaret Loxton: Still working in education!

1976
George Rogerson: My two sons are just embarking on their careers to support me as my reward for their great upbringing!
Rodney Thorpe: Continue to work in probation.
Glyn Thomas: Manager of Wales Great Grand Masters Hockey and goalkeeper (over 65s).
Maria Doherty (Stepek): I retired in 2012 with a diagnosis of Spinal Metastasis of renal cell carcinoma. I met my first target of being alive to attend my son’s graduation last June. The new goal is being here for his wedding and eventual grandchildren.

1981
Winifred Kind: My stay at Keele made a big change in my life.
Helen Lightfoot (Farres): I taught maths in local schools for 15 years starting in 1967.
Kevin Pattison: Grandfather-hood is imminent. Newly single and still in touch with at least 20 ‘old’ friends from Keele days. Swim and cycle when not at work.
Steve Razzetti: Himalayan seasons now sporadic on account of three young kids – Jonty is 16 months old. Enjoying being Daddy Daycare!
Michelle Summers: Time for a change of scenery? Best Wishes to all of you who were with me in 1981. I’m told we are due for an 80’s revival?

1982
Nicole Belchere (Laming): I work from home as a writer and I am an intercessor for England and to Bill Clinton.
Ian Bell: Married with two kids, still crazy about Springsteen and even more rubbish at football. I attended an open day recently with my eldest daughter and remembered how much fun I had all those years ago! Great to be back for a day.
Liz Hignett (Moorehouse): Alongside bringing up our three children, organising relocations and participating in church activities.

1983
Stephen Herbert: I became a professional clown and children’s entertainer. Life’s been good to me so far.
Helen Hope: I remarried in September 2013. I have started a new business so am very busy.
Ben Sinclair: Stained glass artist/artisan. Writing for English Heritage.
Charles Wood: I’ve just about managed to avoid wearing a tie to work or getting grubby. Self-taught documentary filmmaker and made a series of documentaries during the ‘90s and ‘00s. Proudly, in 2005, I was the first Englishman to win a documentary film award in the Republic of Moldova.
Pui Wong: I travel four months a year all over the world. Taking a real break!

1984
Mary Chapman (Theodore): I completed a Masters in occupational Psychology. Somehow I’m still married (4) and have three lovely daughters.
Vicki Taylor: I joined the NHS as a public health adviser.
Philip Wain: I am back working for Lloyds Register.

1985
Malcolm Ashton: Married to Helen (Thorogood), two sons, one graduated the other well on the way – happy and enjoying the trip.
Jessica Bone (Gardner): Teaching in Adult Ed and still love it. I now deliver courses in libraries across Hampshire. Still acting in amateur theatre! Two wonderful children.
Jon Powner: At the age of 50 and after many years of trying I finally have a little boy!
Susan Ralph: I work for Natural Resources Wales as a water resources business planner. I am married to Nick and we have two children, Georgia and Sam.
Amanda Seddon: I have two sons: 19 and 16.

1986
Simon Miller: It is now 30 years since I started at Keele, where I had a great time, met my wife (Kate Jenkins 1988) and made many friends, whom I still see a lot.
Richard Russell: I have recently been appointed Director Policy and Research at the Arts Council England.
Jonathan Wong: Jonathan and Judy (Leung) (1987) returned to the UK from Hong Kong in 2013. Love to hear from our friends.

1987
Alan Longley: After 20 years as an accountant, I now teach adults ICT and Maths in prison.
Duncan Maggs: I recently completed an MA in British Second World War Studies at the University of Birmingham.

1988
Philip Gillingham: I have been given a major Discovery Early Career Researcher Award by the Australian Research Council. I am a qualified social worker in England and Australia.

Philip Lucas: Still an inveterate role-player and Dr Who fan. Currently working on my first novel.

Jennifer Robinson: Living in Banbury with my 13 year old daughter and partner.

Neil Rose: I would like to try and contact some old and lost friends.

1989

Paul Browning: Head teacher of a challenging inner city primary school. I'm married and have two teenage sons. Apart from doing Dad's taxi service, I'm a keen swimmer and cyclist. I've not been back to Keele but like to keep abreast of what's happening there.

Adam Konowe: (Study Abroad): My article was published in PR News' Media Training Guidebook entitled “Media Training as a PR Catalyst: It's about Bucks, Not Just Buzz.”


Andy McDermott: After a career in magazine design and journalism, I quit my job in the hope of making a living as a novelist. To my relief it paid off! I am now a New York Times best-selling author of nine thrillers, with more books in the works.


1990

Marie Fogg: I have worked at the same school since 1991. One of my hobbies is local history research. I give talks to local history groups, which I thoroughly enjoy. I have Keele to thank for my love of history.

Kim Jackson: Currently editor on Petroleum Review. Living on the south coast with Tim Burton (1990) and our beautiful 3-year-old daughter Paige. Life is good!

Luisella O'Shea (Parietti): Recently appointed as a trustee on the board of Yardley Educational Trust.

Paul Wilder: After a period of upheaval, I have secured a permanent job and house in Farnborough. At Keele I developed a hobby of organising live role play events and have done now ever since on an even bigger scale (2,000 attendees this Easter) and now part of my job involves something very similar – running medical simulations using robot manikins and actors!

1991

Sarah Nunn (Cornall): I am looking for a route back into work following some medical difficulties. I am hoping to cycle 100 miles in August.

Helen Ogden (Belza): I am a full-time mum to Hector (4) and Laurence (3). My last job was as Manager of the National Pathology Benchmarking Service at Keele.

John O'Shea (Lave): I've fallen into politics and have become a councillor for Acocks Green in Birmingham. Still married to Luisella (Parietti) (1990) with four children, aged 3 to 17.

Jonathan Spurling: I've been an assistant head teacher for five years and I still love it after 20 years. Happily married to Helen for 11 years, with one daughter, Phoebe. Still regularly see mates from Keele.

Ian Stephenson: I recently transferred to teaching at PRU Wolverhampton. I have four daughters!

1992

David Carpenter: I completed a Masters degree in Waste Management. Happily married with a 9 year old daughter.

Mark Dunster: Recently spent some weeks hiking on the Rocky Mountains (USA) with Dave Vest (1992).

Chris Eglin: I am going to the North Pole with the Spitalfields Crypt Trust.


Anne Straight: Married, two daughters, working part-time for ERA Technology.

Louise Dinnage: Happily married to Harvey for almost 10 years. Decided not to do the kids and pets thing so we spend our income on trips abroad!

Muriel Meric: After a few jobs abroad with NGO's and teaching position in Greece, I met my husband and settled in the Netherlands.

Stanley Mussington: I used the knowledge and skills gained at Keele to help my company grow. Thanks to Keele, especially Professor Lee.


Neil Whittingham: Doing a PhD at Liverpool school of tropical medicine.

1993

Nina Bunton: I work as an English language teacher (home and abroad).

Sharon Cass (Reeve): I worked for British Airways as long-haul cabin crew for 15 years. I only meant to do it for a couple of years, but it was too much fun to give up! Then just before the big 40, I decided to retrain as a midwife, something I had always wanted to do, and qualified in 2013.

Helen Davey: Settled in West London with partner and two children both girls.

Haidee van Duynwedge (Mulkem): I am now the proud mummy of three sweet girls. I teach part-time and dash around – spinning plates with varying degrees of success! Life is hectic but not too much!

Christos Karamanlis: I am a lawyer in my family law firm in Athens, married and have a son 3 years old.

Caroline McGann: Running my own criminal law firm for the past nine years.

Michelle Symes: I travelled extensively around Eastern Europe and added to my accountancy qualification.

1995


Barbara Alexander: Worked for Staffordshire Probation and retired in October 2012.

Glyn Collins: I had to put plans on hold and looked after a poorly relative who died in 2010.

Mark Dowson: Entered education after a career in financial services. Married Katy, head of dance at our school in 2006. I have a stepdaughter Yasmin (15) and reside in Wolverhampton with a menagerie of animals.


Martyn Knox: Married, two kids. Managing Partner with medium sized Nottinghamshire law firm.

Dan Slattery: I moved to Liverpool in September 2001 on a career break to study for an MA.

Moufqa Surani: I am semi-retired but I still enjoy IR work including organisation and management work.

Nick Thompson: I married Alex in January 2014 and have two year-old twins, James and Robyn. Trying to write a novel whenever they give me a quiet moment.

Lee Wells: Married to Sarah and expecting our first child this year. After a fantastic three years at Keele, I trained as a commercial insurance underwriter, whilst studying to become a financial advisor.

1996

Donna Abbott: I returned to Essex and taught in two primary schools before teaching in America. I returned to Norfolk where I am still living with my partner and our 4 month old son.

Heather Bush (Dutch): Moved to London to work for a publishing company. Several jobs later, I ended up in fundraising and joined the Museum of London in 2004. Got married to Perry the same year. Now living in Ipswich with our two boys and life is good.

Anna Chapman (Woolston): Married John Chapman (1997). We have three children and are celebrating our 15th wedding anniversary this year.

Kate Hurley: I worked as a civil servant at MAFF and DEFRA for eight years and then trained as a teacher. I teach English and Maths in Sheffield.

Jan McLure (Brockhurst): I work in the automotive industry (Jaguar Land Rover for 12 years). I currently live and work in Shanghai.

Claire Surman (Bull): I now live with my three year old daughter, Ellie, in Glossop. I juggle a career as a freelance opera singer with a thriving singing teaching practice.

1997

Chris Cartwright: I live in Madeley and am engaged to Linda Bebbington (Keele Staff). Restoring a 1933 Cinema organ in my spare time.

Jen Short: Left Keele with prospects of a shattering legal career but that didn’t go to plan. Have been known to pop in to Keele when travelling past for old time’s sake and am still in touch with many Keeleites.

Paul Trevers: After becoming a senior leader in a Secondary School, I worked as a school improvement consultant for Warwickshire Local Authority.

Anthony Tudor: I was a lecturer at Hopwood Hall College. I took early retirement and I help out regularly at Bradford Bulls rugby league club.

Richard Webber: Moved to New Zealand, came back, had two kids, run my own business. All good fun!

1998

Robert Carmichael: I became a Health Care Assistant in an Orthopaedic Trauma unit at my local hospital. I loved it. A year and a half later, I trained in Adult Nursing at Birmingham City University. I also fell in love with a wonderful woman with whom I’m presently engaged.

Paul Grimley: I am a published writer of fiction and poetry, living in the USA.

Gwyneth Harding: Currently coming to the end of my master's degree in secondary education at Manchester Metropolitan University. Considering a PhD at Keele University.

Richard Hill: Married to Jessica (Silvester) We have a son, James. Anna Lindholm: I work as a volunteer with the Red Cross, Sweden.

Abderahman Sahib: I became Headmaster in a nursery school. I spent my best years at Keele and I would like to thank you for what you give.

Emma Sundblad (Betteridge): Lots of nostalgia in the latest Forever Keele. My eldest son spent three years at Keele nursery – now he’s about to go back to university as a student (sadly not at Keele). My husband and I have celebrated the 15th anniversary of our wedding in Keele Chapel.

Karen Whittle (Appleton): Total change of career from medical secretary to be a registered general nurse.

1999

Beata Moore: I have published several books, I am a photographer and writer.

Jagdp Rai: I work for an oil major in London. Married with two children.

Caryl White (Field): I live in Reading with my husband, Simon.

2000

Guided Bouchacour (Chebbi): I work as a teacher. I'm married and have two girls. I still live in France and enjoy travelling. I would be glad to get back to Keele and meet former students.

Amanda Hall (Cannings): In 2007 I married David Hall (Keele staff) and we now live in Rugby with our two beautiful children and a grumpy cat.

Joe Heppenstall: Thirteen years and counting as HR sourcing manager within sustainability sector, living on the south coast, married to Abi with twins Liana and Bella.

Megan Jenkins: Unfortunately I developed ME whilst at Keele. I somehow managed to graduate but relapsed and in 2005 I became very severely afflicted and bedbound. I remain bedbound eight years later. Life is very tough – yet I cope well, remain positive and remember Keele and my Keele friends.

Matt Smith: PhD at Durham University. I'm currently working across Europe as a business development manager for an advanced engineering company.

Susan Thomason: Now retired from nursing and hope to start a PhD in the history of Medicine soon.

Amy Stuttle (Bell): I went to Cambridge for a PGCE and met my husband. I taught for ten years before becoming a full-time mum. We have also bought and converted a disused church which has been very time consuming!

Constantina Tsikkouri: Has been very time consuming!

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2002

Silje Bratberg: Did MA in International Development at Fidinders University, Australia. Have travelled and volunteered in Africa twice since then.

Emily Brough: Moved to Stockport to work for the council nine years ago. Keep meeting people who are also Keele graduates. Recently bought my own flat and now have become dedicated to DIY.

Scott Kenward: Spent seven years as HSBC including a spell in Chicago, within corporate banking sphere. Moved on to a regional sales role at Lloyds in 2012. Still living in Reading with other half, attending my fourth Keele wedding in September.

Daniel Leow Vee Leon: Did MA in International Relations at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Spent a couple of years in Western Australia, but now back in London with Heart-FM, executive producing Jamie Theakston and Emma Bunton’s breakfast show.

Rhys Maybery: I left the legal profession in November 2007 and returned to the NHS as a Research Staff Nurse. I now work as an orthopaedic Surgical Assistant mainly working in Upper Limb Surgery. I was also appointed Magistrate to the Teesside Bench in 2012. I was married to Debbie and have a 16 year old son.

Varuna De Saram: Qualified as a Barrister-at-law of the Middle Temple in 2002 and practised law in London for five years. I moved back to Sri Lanka where I practice as an attorney at law. I live in Colombo with my beautiful wife and adorable son.

Victoria Ward (Tunstall): With a 16 year courtship that includes an 11 year engagement, my Fiancé Peter Ward (2001) and I were married in August 2013.

2003

David Allsop: I am an operations manager for Birmingham City University and studying MA in Classics. I want to lecture and recently set-up a blog to share my ideas.

Elizabeth Dryden (Morrills): Put my degree to use as a teacher of Psychology. Got married in 2007 and have two children – a son aged 4 and daughter aged 1.

Laura Greenwood: Still wondering what to do with my life... All I know is I'll get my PhD before I'm 40!

Maria Khan (Lockley): I married Salman Khan who I was at Keele with. We have been married six years and have a daughter aged 5 and a son aged 2.

Susan Row: After study abroad now settled in London and working in healthcare.

Christopher Tate: Working for the Environment Agency in Cambridge, happily married, bottomed some of the deepest caves in Europe.

Russel Thomas: Working as a head of ICT for a small rural secondary school.

Jacob Walton: I moved to London with my girlfriend (now wife) whom I met in my first year at Keele. We have two beautiful daughters and live in Wrexham North.

Gareth Whiteoak: Married Jennifer Coverley (Keele 2003). Working and living in East Anglia after an eight year stint in London. Hope all those I knew from Keele are well and enjoying life, as I am!

2004

Decklan Ahern: After working in the Civil Service I spent the last five years as a senior quality assurance advisor. I still live local to Keele and often visit the campus and the Union.

Paul Dacker: I'm doing my MSc in Health Economics at City University in London and hope to carry on being morally driven in my career. Anyhow, all I can say is I can't recommend Keele highly enough and glad to see other ex-students are doing well.

Rachel Hale (Woods): Eventually moved to the Home Office and got married in 2012.

2005

Jody Ball: I attended the College of Air Traffic Control, graduated with my student certificate and then went on to the London Area Control Centre where I fully qualified as a Radar Controller in Nov 2010.

Angie Woodbridge: I qualified as a Solicitor in 2011 and I had a baby girl in 2012.

Julie Gibson: Spent the last twenty years in various management roles in the voluntary sector.

Stefsy Hodgson (Timbrell): I stayed in Stoke-on-Trent, married another Keele graduate I met at the CU and now work in Sandbach at a training and development company.

Balraj Jagdev: I met my wife, Amajrit, at Keele in 2003. We married in 2007 and after almost six years of married life we are expecting a child together. Looking back at my years at Keele, I have to say they were certainly life changing and my formative years.

Ria Kelleher: I taught English in Korea for a year. I then worked for two and a half years at Centaur before teaching English and travelling around South America.

James Mason: I entered a Civil Partnership with my boyfriend of eight years in 2012, and I continue to study with the Open University as well as enjoying holidays abroad as often as possible.

Paul Mealling: I have set up a physiotherapy and running clinic. I continue to play the piano and guitar, I run regularly and plan to travel again as I did before Keele.

Sean Monaghan: Completed MSc in Aquatic Pathobiology and due to complete my PhD in Aquatic Veterinary Studies. Now work as a researcher for University of Stirling.

2006

Michelle Bradley: I met Marc at Keele University and married him four years after leaving. We were both in Lindsay S-Block in our First Year. I am still very good friends with a few of my fellow students from Keele.

Eva Cole: Went on to work as branch secretary of UNISON for 15 years. Retired at 65 in 2012. My Keele MA gave me invaluable help on the importance of research and accuracy.

Melissa Farleigh: After working at an advertising agency I decided to realise my dream of going back to university, (although I will never compare to my Keele days) and am studying for a BSc Adult Nursing degree. I am currently halfway through.

Rebecca Gatt: My Keele experience was great, mainly because I was only 21 years old when I started my MA and I was the only student from Malta on the course. The experience was challenging but unforgettable.
Amy Johnson: I got a job as a social landlord and secured several promotions in two years. I married Tom Johnson in 2011 and I attend Homecoming every year. I cannot wait for this year’s event, the best night out of my year! Long live the Keeleites!

Lucy Lugg: I’m now a science teacher, have been since 2006, and have two beautiful sons.

Claire McLennan (Fowkes): Part of the Hillbrow Disaster Disclosure project as an Archivist. Got married in 2013.


Hillsborough Disaster Disclosure project

Jessica De Freitas (Green): Made some amazing friends. after leaving and been here ever since.

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Tara Stott: Working as a solicitor in Manchester.

Amy Cushing: I have taught in Malaysia, Spain and Australia and just left a teaching job at the University of Sheffield to begin work in Nottingham.

Amanda Houssein: I was lucky enough to be accepted onto the Enterprise Rent-a-Car graduate management program at Keele. I have worked my way up to sales manager covering the North West and building a career for myself.

Rob Slinn: Working as a solicitor in Home Counties and London courts.

Most regularly with the Keele Football old boys.

Tara Stott: Worked in NHS hospitals for nearly five years and found my current role as permanent senior physiotherapist late last year.

Jen Williams (Johnson): I got married in August 2012 and live in Milton Keynes but my husband and I will soon be re-locating to Dubai.

Kimberley Benoy: Completed MA at the University of Liverpool. In April 2013 I married my Keele sweetheart Robin Starkie, my forensic lab partner.

Amy Brennan: Got stuck into work with a geo-consultants six months after leaving and been here ever since. Made some amazing friends.

Jessica De Freitas (Green): I went on to an MSc at Bradford. During my last months there I bought a ticket to Hong Kong and travelled Asia for eighteen months. Now, back in the UK. I’m married and we’ve recently bought a house in Ashbourne.

Amanda Faulker: Currently working as a physiotherapist in Melbourne, Australia.

Khin Fung: I’ve ventured into Education. I was a teaching assistant for two years and am about to become a qualified English teacher for secondary schools. My dual honours degree was one of the reasons why they hired me. Thanks Keele.

Jessica Gelder: I am working for a teaching agency working in primary and secondary schools around Leeds. I have also worked for language schools over the summer holidays teaching English and leading activities for foreign students.

Martyn Harris: Returned to Coventry, Married and bought sweet heart. Worked in admin for a bit. Off to see the world with my wife.

Rich Hill: I work at the University of Roehampton helping to develop the student experience – using what I learnt as my time as a Keele sabbatical officer.

Kate Jackson: I’ve just finished a PhD focusing on Victorian poetry and am going to start teacher training in September.

Alison Lawrence: I currently provide case management to adults with an acquired brain injury.

Theresa Li: I got on the Japan Exchange Programme (JET Programme) and went to work aboard in Japan for three years. Now back in the UK.

Matthew Sutton: Living in Suffolk, teaching Geography at a local high school, running marathons and ultra-marathons across Europe. Miss “the Bubble” massively!

Phyllipa Douglas: Robert Mogrifice (2009) and I are getting married later this year after hooking up at Keele in 2006.

Candisa Outridge: Gaining my MA opened doors for me. I look at my work now with a different perspective and Keele helped me to gain that confidence. I am hoping to start a PhD in October – Keele gave me that opportunity – it was one of the best times of my life.

Rob Shuffebothan: Returned to the family farm, which I now co-manage.

Daniel Brown: Completed training as a junior doctor and went on to train as a Neurosurgeon at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital.

Samara Hyde: I got a full bursary from Shell to study an MSc in Geophysics at Leeds. I now study an MSc in Engineering Geology at Portsmouth.

Kathryn Kimberley: I started my own social enterprise in 2010 with offices counselling and animal assisted therapy (AAT). Working with animals to help people. In Nov 2012 HumAnimal CIC won the Social Enterprise West Midlands prime award for innovation.

Claire McDonald: I secured a graduate trainee role with a large corporate AgChem manager. I have recently secured a role in regulatory affairs at the world’s largest biotech company Agena.

Keeley Monsen: Went on to study an MSc at UCL. Been with my Keele boyfriend – John McCann since a few weeks into my first year. Now happily living together for three years.

Kathy Soragna: I am currently studying Marketing and French.

Charlotte Glenn: I worked as a sessional lecturer at the University of Reading. In 2012 I joined a business intelligence consulting firm focussed on political, operational and security risk in sub-Saharan Africa. I haven’t looked back since. Without Keele University this wouldn’t have happened.

Catherine Herod: Having gained a Keele First in Mathematics I went on to MSc Mathematics in Leeds. Couldn’t have done it without all the help from the maths department at Keele. I am now a financial analyst for Phones4u.

Hemma Mistri: I started working as a junior doctor in Warrington Hospital. I am going to Thailand for yoga teacher training.

Thomas Norris: I moved to Liverpool where I studied a Masters in Contemporary Literature.

Laura Oseland: When I first started as a paralgal I was doing residential property, once I mastered this area I moved onto commercial property.

Benjamin Shuker: Went on to graduate entry medicine at Warwick University, due to graduate 2015.

Dominique Smith-Hart: I have just been chosen as Youth Goodwill Ambassador of Denmark, the Nordic country often referred to as the world’s happiest nation. It is an honour and very exciting. I miss Keele so it would be lovely to have some contact...

Kristina Tamane: I worked as a graduate assistant at Keele... it’s a great way to start a career.

Jennifer Bampton: Keele was an amazing university; the distinctive community atmosphere is unique to Keele. Joined the Police force.

Lauren Dodgson: I’m Dodge! Rather than escape the horrific exam environment, I decided to work within it now supporting online exams at the University of Nottingham. It’s a cool place, but it doesn’t have a patch on Keele!

Simon Dutton: Working a full time job to help pay the bills while looking for better work.

Erik Hughes: I spent the summer cycling from London to Paris in aid of Kidney Research UK. I also managed to get a postgraduate course at Birmingham University studying medical materials... but I’m still a Keelie through and through!

Daniel Jones: Got a job as a software developer, and now just enjoying life while saving for my own place.

Rachel Lee: Being at Keele was like having a second family, everyone is so friendly and helpful it’s hard not to get on with people. I met so many amazing people that will be my friends for life!

Stephanie Mersh: I have started to study towards being a chartered accountant and working in Birmingham.

Rachel Pass: Currently studying MRes Bioscience at Bath with a view to do a PhD in Neurodegeneration.

Emily Sage: I went to Tanzania where I successfully summited Mount Kilimanjaro.

Bryony Sauer: I have been working as a learning support assistant in a primary school. I have been accepted on to a PGCE course at Roehampton.

Kane Smith: Recently returned from touring the world, now looking for a job in the law sector.

Kate Soragna: I continue to be Chair of Governors at a local primary school. Still teach Italian occasionally.

Zoe Tweddle: I’m happy doing a Nuclear Chemistry PhD with the University of Manchester.

Keeley Monsen: Keele First in Mathematics I went on to study an MSc at UCL. Been with my Keele boyfriend – John McCann since a few weeks into my first year. Now happily living together for three years.
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