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We have a group, Keele Society, on Facebook (www.facebook.com) with more than 1,300 members – we often use the group to announce events and other news so if you want to be first with the news, do join! We also have a page, Keele University, with more than 2,400 fans. University events are listed on the page and it has a direct newsfeed from the Press Office site at keeleuniversitypressoffice.wordpress.com

We also have more than 400 members on the Keele University Alumni LinkedIn group (www.linkedin.com/e/gis/139256/7DE8526C69F6) which is great for professional networking. All members are approved by a member of the Alumni Office team so you can be sure of bona fide Keele connections.

And if all that isn’t enough, you can also follow Keele on micro-blogging site Twitter (twitter.com/keeleuniversity) to keep up to date with news from the University in no more than 140 characters.

Alumni who were actively involved in the Students’ Union tend to sustain a stronger than average interest in the activities of the University. Whatever trials and tribulations they may have endured while at Keele, KUSU officers are more likely than other alumni to remain in contact and to make a donation – or to be very definite about NOT donating!

416 Students’ Union Officers (President, Deputy or Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer) are logged in the database

317 (76%) of these remain mailable – the database average is under 65%

182 have email addresses (57% of those mailable) – database average 24%

Alumni and Sports

Sports are one of the most powerful factors used by North American institutions to inculcate an “alumni spirit” and sustain the loyalty and goodwill of alumni. While this is not directly transferable to the UK, sport is an important part of the experience of many students and is a stimulus for strong bonds and lifelong relationships. This is definitely true at Keele – a recent analysis showed that former AU officers are twice as likely as other alumni to remain in contact and twice as likely to make a donation.

More than 8,700 Keelites are already subscribed to our monthly e-zine, with more than 5,000 also receiving the weekly email from the Alumni Office.

There is an unmoderated mailing list called alumni-chat, designed for free discussion of days at Keele, personalities, bars, demos, whatever you like!

For graduates of the 1950s and 1960s there is our Pioneers mailing list for lively discussion and nostalgia, and alumni living in North America have their own designated list, Noram.

You can sign up for the monthly e-zine online at www.keele.ac.uk/alumni/alumni_foreverkeele.htm

If you would like to join any of the other mailing lists send an email to j.c.easom@kfmc.keele.ac.uk giving your name, name when at Keele, years at Keele, subject(s), postal address and telephone number.

You can also sign up for email or RSS updates from the University Press Office at keeleuniversitypressoffice.wordpress.com
Welcome

I am delighted to introduce the fourth edition of forever:keele to all our alumni and honorary graduates.

Keele forms our futures not just intellectually but also socially and emotionally. Friendships and memories made here last a lifetime and we seek to strengthen our lifelong connections with our alumni.

The second Keele Key Fund telethon recently enabled a team of skilled and sociable student callers to speak to alumni from the 1980s and 1990s. Once again your affection for Keele was very apparent – as was your desire to keep in touch and to support current students generously through the Keele Key Fund. Launched in 2008, the Keele Key Fund is now beginning to have a real impact on the lives of students and we share some of its early successes in this issue of forever:keele.

As we approach our 60th anniversary we can now see the emergence of many family connections – many students now attend in the footsteps of parents or relatives – and we have been moved by the stories of family loyalty to Keele in this issue. We have enjoyed meeting many of you at our varied events for alumni – at the thrilling University Re-Challenge event, at ‘Keele in the City’ and at our Pioneers’ Reunions. The innovative Homecoming event attracted a marvellous attendance and we aim to make this a flagship event in the future. Homecoming may appeal in particular to our more recent leavers but the programme will offer something for every generation of Keelites.

The University is looking forward – we have bold plans to become a ‘green’ campus in all meanings of the word. Keele University is aiming to become ‘carbon neutral’ on its energy consumption and to reduce our ‘green’ campus in all meanings of the word. Keele University is aiming to become ‘carbon neutral’ on its energy consumption and to reduce dependency on the National Grid using a range of alternative energy sources. Directly related to the University’s teaching and research expertise, these technologies would contribute to an innovative research hub for the study and development of sustainable forms of energy. Improvements to the appearance of the campus and its special heritage features, such as the Arboretum, are also moving ahead in tandem with the exciting new development site to the left of the University entrance.

We are also improving our excellent academic reputation and the quality of our unique student experience. Despite gloomy economic forecasts we remain proud of our achievements and confident about our plans for Keele. We trust that you will continue to be part of our vision of Keele as the Ultimate Campus University for the 21st Century.

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‘Virtual Patient’ helps train pharmacists of the future

Keele University has developed a ‘virtual patient’ to help train pharmacists of the future. Students in the University’s school of pharmacy interact with the computer-generated characters to gain experience in effective communication and decision-making.

Learners talk with the ‘patient’ via voice recognition technology or by typing questions into a standard computer interface and the ‘patient’ responds verbally or with a range of non-verbal gestures to indicate emotions such as pain, stress or anxiety. At the end of the session the ‘patient’ gives feedback to the trainee about their performance.

The Virtual patient can be used to explore a number of different conditions, including dyspepsia and hypertension. When ethnicity, age or gender are relevant to the treatment of the patient, the case can be designed to demonstrate to the learner how such factors are clinically significant.

The Keele team are now working on a £50,000 project for Monash University in Melbourne, Australia, developing a new set of four avatars for their new undergraduate pharmacy programme.

They have also developed a ‘virtual doctor’ to help with the training of pharmaceutical sales representatives. The system can be used in a classroom setting or for distance learning via the internet.

Professor Stephen Chapman, head of Keele’s School of Pharmacy, said: “Training students to carry out one-to-one interviews is very resource-intensive as you need to get people to role play the part of a patient or doctor. It is also difficult to standardise the process so that the students all get the same experience.

“Using the Virtual Patient allows us to explore the full patient consultation and to let the student learn from mistakes in a safe environment that would not be possible in real life. For example, the Patient can be programmed to be allergic to penicillin and can suffer anaphylactic shock if the student forgets to check. It really hard-wires the learning into the brain in a way that is not possible with textbooks alone.”

Third year Pharmacy student Rajiv Pandya added: “The Virtual Patient helps you develop clarity when communicating as it forces you to speak in a way that the patient can understand what you are saying. A great deal of thought has obviously been put into patient reactions and the amount of information that patients are willing to reveal to a pharmacist. I feel reassured that Keele has this unique facility to ensure that future pharmacists can be confident in being able to practise the best consultation and communication skills.”

For more information about the Virtual Patient, contact Professor Stephen Chapman, head of the School of Pharmacy, on 01782 734131 or s.r.chapman@mema.keele.ac.uk or Luke Bracegirdle, IT development director, on 01782 734135 or l.bracegirdle@mema.keele.ac.uk
Keele University aims to become ‘carbon neutral’ on energy consumption

Keele University is aiming to become ‘carbon neutral’ on its energy consumption and reduce dependency on the national grid using a range of alternative energy sources.

Directly related to the University’s teaching and research expertise, these technologies would contribute to an innovative research hub for the study and development of sustainable forms of energy. The plans were unveiled at an event on campus attended by local residents, staff and students from the University, representatives from local and regional organisations and potential development partners.

The University’s plans for the development of sustainable energy builds on its strong track-record on energy saving and research expertise in renewable energy sources. Keele recently achieved the Carbon Trust standard after reducing its carbon output on energy consumption by three per cent. The Carbon Trust standard is the world’s only initiative that requires an organisation to take action themselves by reducing their own carbon emissions year-on-year.

For more information about the plans see www.keele.ac.uk/facs/SCI/keelehub/ and www.keele.ac.uk/feature/energyplans.htm

For Keele University’s position as a university whose research is of world leading and of international standard has been confirmed by the results of the UK-wide Research Assessment Exercise (RAE). The RAE assesses the quality of research in all higher education institutions in the UK through a process of peer review. The RAE 2008 found that 85 per cent of the University’s research is now classified as world leading and of international importance. Keele has top rated departments in all its three Faculties: Health, Humanities and Social Sciences and Natural Sciences, and the RAE results reveal the University’s world-class research activities across a wide spectrum of subject areas.

The results represent a step up in Keele’s performance from the very good results the University achieved in the last RAE in 2001. Then, six per cent of submitted research achieved the top grade. Now, some 11 per cent is judged to be 4* or ‘world leading’, the highest available category score. Subject areas where research at Keele has been rated world-class in terms of originality, significance and rigour are Primary Care, Physics, Applied Mathematics, Business and Management, Law, Politics, Russian, English Language and Literature, Social Policy and Administration, History, Music and General Engineering (which includes Biomedical Engineering and Environmental Engineering).

The University is investigating sources of funding for a £20M development comprising a research centre and enhancements to the campus environment including £5M for sustainable energy research and technology. The University’s Faculty of Natural Sciences has already received some £0.75M from the Higher Education Funding Council for England to fund energy research.

If work with potential commercial partners goes ahead, the University aims to halve its consumption of external sources of energy and generate much of its own power from renewable sources on campus.

“The emphasis will be on a mix of energy sources rather than a reliance on any one single source,” said Professor Patrick Bailey, Dean of the Faculty of Natural Sciences. “We aim to reduce external energy consumption by 50 per cent within five years and to become completely ‘carbon neutral’ in our energy usage within 10 years. In addition, we will create a campus community with sustainable energy at the heart of its ethos and values. There are exciting possibilities for joint enterprises with industry and government, the development of courses and training programmes and the development of research expertise with UK and international partners.”

Energy saving initiatives on campus have so far included a major boiler and control replacement programme, improvements to building fabric, upgrading of lighting and considerable replacement of aged water mains.
Major boost for primary care research at Keele University as national arthritis charity awards £2.5m funding

A major new centre promoting research into primary care has been created at Keele University with funding of £2.5m over five years from a leading arthritis charity.

The Arthritis Research Campaign National Primary Care Centre at Keele will have a direct benefit on the thousands of people in the UK who suffer from painful joint and muscle problems.

Around 20 per cent of UK adults consult their GP about arthritis or a related musculoskeletal condition every year. Despite this, research into the most appropriate methods of investigation and treatment in primary care, which is carried out by physiotherapists and nurses as well as GPs, has attracted little funding and attention.

The new centre will not only investigate the most effective treatments for people with musculoskeletal conditions but also test new ways of delivering these treatments in everyday clinical practice, so making a real difference to the lives of patients.

One of its top priority areas will be to tackle the problem of ensuring that people with arthritis stick to exercise regimes, in order to reduce their pain and maintain their ability to do everyday activities.

Director of the new centre, Professor Peter Croft, said he hoped that it would have a considerable impact on the way people with conditions such as back pain and osteoarthritis are treated, and increase the status of primary care research.

“Primary care – where most people with painful joints and muscles are treated – has often been the poor partner in the NHS, lacking the size and focus of the hospital,” said Professor Croft.

“Until recently, research in primary care has been very much a second class citizen receiving only a fraction of the funding that hospitals can attract.

“Our new centre will give a strong message that primary care is important and that a major national charity values research in that setting.”

NEW DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR FOR KEELE UNIVERSITY

Rama Thirunamachandran took up the post of Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Keele University in June 2008.

He was formerly Director for Research, Innovation and Skills at the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) with overall responsibility for the strategic direction of HEFCE’s research, knowledge transfer, and employer engagement and skills policies.

Before joining HEFCE he was Head of Research and Enterprise at Royal Holloway (University of London) and Director of Royal Holloway Enterprise Ltd. A Cambridge graduate in Geography and Natural Sciences, he has also held posts at the University of Bristol and King’s College London.

Keele University Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dame Janet Finch, said: “Rama Thirunamachandran brings to Keele an unrivalled experience of the higher education sector and its interactions with government, and a very broad understanding of how universities operate.”

Commenting on his appointment Rama Thirunamachandran said: “I am honoured and delighted to be joining Keele at this exciting time in the University’s development. As the first higher education institution established after the Second World War, Keele led the way with a distinctivie mission to promote broad based higher education with dual honours programmes and multi and interdisciplinary research. Despite considerable changes in UK higher education over the past 60 years Keele has maintained its distinctive mission and character true to its founding principles. I look forward to working with my new colleagues and contributing to Keele’s development into the ultimate 21st century campus university.”

QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY HONOUR

for Keele University Vice-Chancellor

Keele’s Vice-Chancellor Professor Janet Finch was awarded a DBE, Dame Commander of the British Empire, in the Queen’s Birthday Honours List for services to Social Science and to Higher Education.

In her 12 years as Vice-Chancellor, Professor Finch has seen the University expand substantially, masterminded the introduction of a new Medical School and overseen the development of a Science and Business Park which is widely recognised as making a major contribution to the regeneration of North Staffordshire.

She has also been a member or chair of numerous education-, regeneration- and health-related bodies, as well as being a member of the BBC Charter Review and chair of the Council for Science and Technology.

Professor Dame Janet Finch said: “I am surprised and very honoured to have been granted this recognition. I have been fortunate, in my professional life, to have been given opportunities to provide leadership not only of the University, but also in national bodies where there is an opportunity to make a difference. It is a privilege to have been able to make a contribution in the development of social research, in advice to government on science issues, in the relationships between Universities and the health service, and in embedding the diversity agenda in the University sector. I hope to go on making such contributions for many years to come.”
In 2008 Keele University awarded Honorary Degrees to a group of people who have made outstanding contributions within their fields of expertise. They range from significant work over many years in medicine, the public understanding of HIV and AIDS, law, sociology, community relations and entrepreneurship. They were: Sir Nick Partridge, Chief Executive of the Terrence Higgins Trust; Lord Turnberg, one of the UK’s leading clinical academics; Fiona Woolf CBE, former President of the Law Society of England and Wales; sociologist Professor Richard Sennett; and businessman Mo Chaudry. Sir Nick Partridge (1978 International Relations) and Fiona Woolf (1970 Law/Psychology) added their honorary doctorates to their Keele undergraduate degrees.

Keele University has been rated amongst the best in the country for student satisfaction. The University, with an overall satisfaction score of 88 per cent, exceeds the national satisfaction rate of 82 per cent in the National Student Survey 2008. Teaching satisfaction was rated particularly highly by students, at 87 per cent, and Keele was also well above average in Personal Development, Academic Support and Organisation and Management. Keele University Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dame Janet Finch, said: “I am delighted that Keele has been so highly rated by our students in the National Student Survey. Keele is a very special place in which to study and develop and this survey underlines our commitment to the student experience at the University.”

Keele students among most satisfied in the country

A Dutch citizen, Professor Ong has worked at Keele since 1989 and is Professor of Health Services Research at the Arthritis Research Campaign National Primary Care Centre. She leads the qualitative research group, focusing on patients’ experiences of living with musculoskeletal conditions. The group also carries out research on perceptions of health care professionals and diagnosis and treatment of these conditions, and the way in which new developments are adopted and embedded in routine practice. Honorary decorations and awards are granted to people from other countries who have made a significant contribution to relations between the United Kingdom and their own country. These awards are granted on the advice of the Foreign & Commonwealth Office.

OBE FOR PROFESSOR PAULINE ONG

Professor Pauline Ong has been awarded an honorary OBE for services to healthcare.

Tiny Magnets Offer Breakthrough in Gene Therapy for Cancer

A revolutionay cancer treatment using microscopic magnets to enable ‘armed’ human cells to target tumours has been developed by researchers.

Research published in the journal Gene Therapy shows that inserting these nanomagnets into cells carrying genes to fight tumours, results in many more cells successfully reaching and invading malignant tumours. Using human cells as delivery vehicles for anti-cancer gene therapy has long been an attractive approach for treating tumours, but these cells usually reach tumours in insufficient numbers to effectively attack them. The new ‘magnetic targeting’ method has been developed to overcome this problem by Professor Jon Dobson at Keele University, with colleagues from the Universities of Sheffield and Nottingham.

The technique involves inserting nanomagnets into monocytes – a type of white blood cell used to carry gene therapy – and injecting the cells into the bloodstream. The researchers then placed a small magnet over the tumour to create a magnetic field and found that this attracted many more monocytes into the tumour. The team are now looking at how effective magnetic targeting is at delivering a variety of different cancer-fighting genes, including ones which could stop the spread of tumours to other parts of the body.
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The 23-year-old, who has cerebral palsy, has now won the University’s Owen Powell Student Prize as well as the Politics Best Student Prize after being awarded a first-class degree in International Relations and Politics.

Maria, who comes from Wilmslow, has some physical difficulties but has always been determined to reach her full potential in every respect.

She said: “It was an incredible surprise and a real honour to be awarded the prizes. When you have people knocking you back sometimes, it can be hard, but I have always just wanted to keep going and reach as high as I can go. Keele has enabled me to achieve my potential.

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The £100 prize, which Maria shared with Tom Coupe of Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire, is named in honour of Owen Powell, the founder and leader of the Keele World Affairs Group, who became an MBE in 2006 for his work with adult education.

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Keele University announces Student of the Year 2008

The 2008 winner of the prestigious Neil and Gina Smith Student of the Year Award was Rachel Wiggott.

Rachel has achieved a first-class degree in Sociology and French at Keele and is now continuing her studies at Keele with a Master of Research (MRes) degree in Sociology.

In addition to her strong academic performance, Rachel, who comes from Lincoln, has contributed both to Keele and to the wider community in her extra curricular activities.

During her gap year, she worked as a careworker in a charity near to her home caring for children with special needs. While at Keele, she was active in SPEAK, a chapel-based Christian social justice group campaigning on a number of issues.

Rachel has also been committed to her work as a volunteer in a NACRO youth inclusion project in Stoke-on-Trent, facilitating group sessions for teenagers deemed by police and/or social services to be at risk of offending.

Rachel’s background — living as a child in Niger before moving to the UK — and her Christian faith drive her to optimise her contribution both to society and to the academic community.

She said: “I have been infinitely blessed during my time at Keele University and by all the experiences it has afforded me, so I am thrilled beyond words to be given the chance to be a contender.

“The show was billed by Sky as a David and Goliath battle as I’m only 5’3” and nine stone and my opponent and all the other Gladiators towered above me. I was up against Battleaxe on the Duel and she’s eight inches taller than me and four stone heavier!

“The events were much harder than I thought they would be. Between each event they cover all your cuts and bruises up with stage make-up; as it’s a family show they don’t want the kids to know you actually get hurt doing it!”

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She donated her £5,000 prize money to Help For Heroes, a charity which helps rehabilitate servicemen and women who are injured on operations such as in Iraq and Afghanistan, Jenny will return to the Royal Logistics Corps as a doctor on completion of her five-year degree.

Gladiator glory for medical student

First year medical student Jenny Hands battled her way to glory in a Gladiators television special screened in November. She was chosen to represent the Army in the Gladiators Battle of the Forces special that was filmed in May.

Jenny, who was in the Army for nine years before starting her studies in medicine, said: “As a childhood fan I’d been to watch the live show ten times before so I was over the moon to be given the chance to be a contender.

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“The events were much harder than I thought they would be. Between each event they cover all your cuts and bruises up with stage make-up; as it’s a family show they don’t want the kids to know you actually get hurt doing it!”

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She donated her £5,000 prize money to Help For Heroes, a charity which helps rehabilitate servicemen and women who are injured on operations such as in Iraq and Afghanistan, Jenny will return to the Royal Logistics Corps as a doctor on completion of her five-year degree.

ANDY’S GOT TALENT

A Keele University graduate has picked up a major award at a ceremony designed to highlight the top young creative media talent in the country.

Andy Ward, who graduated from Keele last year in History and International Relations, scooped the Off-Air Radio prize at Channel 4’s 4Talent Awards.

The 22-year-old, who lives near Tunbridge Wells, was a member of Keele’s student radio station KUBE Radio throughout his three years at University. He won the 4Talent award with a series of extracts from comedy ghost stories written while at Keele and performed on his KUBE Radio show Llamageddon.

Andy, who enjoys performing stand up comedy in his spare time, was previously one of three winners in a comedy writing competition for E4 Radio and his KUBE show, Llamageddon, was recently shortlisted for the Best Interview prize at the Student Radio Awards.

He said: “I’m hoping that the awards and the backing of Channel 4 will allow me to get into the comedy industry, be it as a writer or performer, as that’s where I would really love to work.”
To find out more contact John Easom on 01782 733370 or j.c.easom@kfm.keele.ac.uk

The KOHP website already features several stories collected from alumni but the first major achievement will be the launch of a DVD and CD set at the Pioneers reunion in April 2009.

The DVD and CD set called 'First Decade' describes the experiences of students during Keele's first decade, 1950 to 1959, as the University College of North Staffordshire.

The DVD, presented by BBC journalist Gerry Northam (1970 Philosophy/Physics), provides an audio-visual account of Keele's early years with a wealth of contemporary photographs and an affectionate account of the Keele experience by Keele's pioneers.

In the CD 'Keele Voices' Brian Walker recalls the early years through interviews recorded with pioneer alumni between 2006 and 2008. A bonus CD 'The Keele Experiment' was produced by Gerry Northam with David Harding in 1972 and features interviews with original members of staff including Sammy Finer, Harry Taylor, Paul Rollo, Tony Flew and many more Keele 'legends'.

Gerry says: "The first decade of The Keele Experiment, before it was even called Keele, was one of the most remarkable innovations in British education. It is important that it should be remembered in all its imaginative, muddy glory. Those of us who followed soon after recognised that Lindsay and his fellow pioneers, both staff and students, had made history."

First Decade is the result of hundreds of hours of work by alumni volunteers and we acknowledge their support:


We also thank the anonymous Pioneer whose generous donation has made possible the production and manufacture of 'First Decade'. You can obtain a copy by mail order from the Alumni Office. Contact John Easom on 01782 733370 or j.c.easom@kfm.keele.ac.uk

The Keele Oral History Project originated at the first Pioneers Reunion in 2005. We thank all who have contributed stories, photographs, ideas, memories, memorabilia, ephemera or publications; or recorded interviews to create a precious archive of their experience of Keele.

Weelites Abroad

Keele's exchange programme began with two American colleges (Reed and Swarthmore) in the 1950's. Study Abroad experiences are now offered at 48 separate partner universities around the world – and last semester 73 Keele students took part. The newest partnerships have been made with San Diego State University in the USA, Lingnan University in Hong Kong, and in South Africa at Rhodes University and the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

The Study Abroad Alumni Friends programme has been extended to cover Australia, Canada and the USA. It offers students the opportunity to meet Keele alumni living in the vicinity of their partner university. Each year several students enjoy meeting their 'forebears' to extend their experience of their host country.

New website for NAFKU

The North American Foundation for Keele University now has its own website at www.nafku.org. Alumni volunteers are preparing events to celebrate the 60th Diamond Anniversary of Keele's Foundation in California and Ontario, while Australian alumni are also working on a special occasion in Canberra for the 50th Anniversary of the University Charter in 2012.
They are Rich who have True Friends

Recent research from the University of Nottingham suggests that people who have long-established friendships are more likely to be happy than people who do not. No surprise there, perhaps! But the research went on to say that you can only keep and strengthen friendships by actively maintaining them...

Class of...

1955 David Lindsay
1960 Brian Wall, John Arrowsmith
1961 Marian Cazalet
1964 Christine Katona
1965 Helen Gammage, Helen Thompson, Marylyn Shaw, Susan Garrard
1966 P M Chambers, Stephen Lacey
1967 David Davies, Julia Cornelius, Kevin Chambers
1968 Kenneth Graham, Neil Thompson, Philip Chetwynd
1969 Janie Lawson, Keith Lindley, Robin Brown
1970 David McDougall, Islay Curtis, Miranda McKelvey
1975 Sur Girvan
1981 Carl Chapman, Nicky Carr, Richard Shrimpton, Timothy Ward
1982 Jeremy Orrell, Julie Parkes
1983 Amanda Oakes
1984 Iain Bodie, Iqbal Muhammed, Rachel Wilson
1985 Jo Tipping
1986 Amanda Latham, Anita Lane, Chris Wakefield, Sara Hall, Tracey Maxwell
1987 Jacqui Allen, Mike Sinclair
1988 Malika Horsman, Sally Wilkinson
1989 Sarah Keegans
1990 Martin Pike, Rada Kemp
1991 Shirley MacDonald
1992 Helen Briggs, Karen Dodman, Michelle Beviere
1992 Scott Lloyd
1994 Angela Caunce
1996 Peter Watt
NK Cathy Grant, Dave Ferguson, David Cunningham, David Ma, Eileen Thwaite, Fran Davis, Herb Bhatia, Hilary Benson, Ingrid Andersen, Jane Ruthven, John Elson, Nicky Tucker, Patsy Marshall, Sue Cross, Tom Ashibende

SHOCK DEFEAT FOR 1968 CHAMPION UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE TEAM

Keele University’s victorious University Challenge team from 1968 were stunned by a shock defeat against a team of current students in a charity re-match chaired by original quizmaster Bamber Gascoigne.

The teams went head to head to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Keele’s only win before a packed audience in the Westminster Theatre. Members of staff and the local community joined current students and a vocal contingent of alumni to cheer on their favoured squad. All proceeds from ticket sales (£1,155) and substantial additional donations were donated to local children’s hospice charity the Donna Louise trust.

The veteran quizmaster managed the proceedings impeccably and with consummate wit – launching the contest with the legendary words: “Fingers on the buzzers, your starter for 10.” There was early trouble for the ’68 team as they fell to minus five points at the first hurdle and at the halfway stage they trailed by 95 to 45.

They showed their true form as they powered their way into contention, leading strongly with five minutes to go, by 135 to 90.

Bamber announced that there would be just three more ‘starters’ and the ’08 team still trailed 145 to 100. For each one they were fastest to the buzzer and edged ahead as 155 to 145 winners on the very last question. Even though the deciding question was one about ‘resident evil’ the gang of ’68 were gracious in defeat.

Bamber spoke of the game: “We lost it at the very last question. Even though the deciding question was one about ‘resident evil’ the gang of ’68 were gracious in defeat.”

Larry Lawrence said: “Thanks for everything the University, KUSU and our vanquishers on the 2008 team did to make the event so enjoyable. We had a great time – the biggest problem was reining the whole thing as dumbed down to suit a less knowledgeable generation. I argued against it then and now I’ve been proved to be right.”

The victorious student team of captain Ben Hockenhull, Kathryn Ambrose, Bob Russell and Adam Cook were each presented with a framed print of Keele Hall. They were ably supported by reserves Andy Hodder and Patrick Kidd.
COMING HOME TO KEELE

Homecoming is an annual tradition at American colleges and universities. People come together to welcome back alumni and friends to their institution at the start of the new academic year.

While the homecoming tradition doesn’t exist in the UK, we want to welcome you home to Keele in our own way. Keele’s Homecoming falls at the end of the academic year, and we invite all our alumni, alongside our current students, to come back together for the sad journey home. Can’t wait for the next one!

David Gentleman (1993 French/German/Law)

“I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped make this happen. The planning and organisation have been conducted with enthusiasm, determination and a great deal of good humour. Thanks to the KUSU’s Events team – all your efforts have been greatly appreciated.”

Clare Ward, Events Officer, KUSU

“Thanks so much for organising a great bash on Saturday night. Our gang thoroughly enjoyed it. Being the totally authentic trip down memory lane, it was, accordingly, a rather boozy one. And you even laid on some Sunday sunshine behind Keele Hall for us – to where we repaired after another pilgrimage to Castle Oatcakes for breakfast! A blissful way to spend a few hours getting our heads back together for the sad journey home. Can’t wait for the next one!”

David Gentleman (1993 French/German/Law)

“Thank you for an absolutely fantastic night. It just goes to show that it wasn’t all rose tinted specs (or beer goggles) that made the Union so fab! Am really looking forward to Homecoming 2009 and the date is firmly in my diary – I’ll see you on the dance floor!”

Janet Webster (Thompson) (2001 French/Business Administration)

WHAT SONG MEANS KEELE TO YOU?

Our DJ for the night, KUSU’s Jayne Winstanley (2001 Biochemistry/Neuroscience), is going to put together a playlist of Keele songs especially for Homecoming. We would like you to nominate the songs that mean Keele to you - top of the pops at the moment with alumni is Never Forget by Take That. But is that the song which brings Keele back to you when you hear it?

Suggestions so far:

Mmmbop – Hanson
Set You Free – NTrance
Place Your Hands – Reef
Naive – The Kooks
Never Forget – Take That
Out Demons Out – Edgar Broughton Band
The One And Only – Cherney Hawkes
Reach – 5 Club 7
Don’t Stop Me Now – Queen
Rhythm Is A Dancer – Snap
(I’ve Had) The Time Of My Life – Bill Medley and Jennifer Warnes
Livin’ On A Prayer – Bon Jovi
Girls Just Wanna Have Fun – Cyndi Lauper
Wanna Dance With Somebody – Whitney Houston
Mr Brightside – The Killers
Star Trekkin’ – The Firm
Hotel California – The Eagles
LK – DJ Marky
Feat Stamina
Pretty Vacant – Sex Pistols
Hymn Of The Big Wheel – Massive Attack
Loaded – Primal Scream
Love Shack – 852s
Groove Is In The Heart – Dee-lite
World In Motion – England New Order Brothers In Arms – Dire Straits
The Lady In Red – Chris de Burgh
Groovy Train – The Farm
Rebellious Jukebox – Various Artists
Fix You – Coldplay
Take On Me – a-ha
I’ll Be Ready (Baywatch Theme) – David Hasselhoff
We Are The Champions – Queen
Don’t Leave Me This Way – The Communards

Praise You – Fatboy Slim
Mr Tambourine Man – The Byrds
Build Me Up Buttercup – The Foundations
I’m Not In Love – 10CC
Layla – Derek and the Dominos
White Light, White Heat – Velvet Underground
Public Image – Public Image Ltd
Come Up And See Me (Make Me Smile) – Steve Harley and Cockney Rebel
Insomnia – Faithless
Leader of the Pack – The Shangri-Las

To suggest a song, reply to the discussion in the Keele Society group on Facebook or contact Hannah Hiles on h.e.hiles@kfm.keele.ac.uk or 01782 733857.
Red Sky at Night

U2 tribute band Blood Red Sky – featuring Keele graduates
Mark Davenport (1981 Geography/Geology) and

For more information about Blood Red Sky see www.bloodredsky.co.uk

For more information about the event, see www.keele.ac.uk/alumni/alumni_inthecity.htm or see www.tigertiger-london.co.uk for venue details.

Can’t get to Keele? Keele in the City informal events bring Keele to you!

We like to imagine it as ‘the Union transplanted’. No speeches, no presentations – just a chance to mingle, rub shoulders, exchange gossip and memories, and rendezvous with old Keele pals.

If you have ever said to one another: “We must get together”, and then struggled to fix a date and a place, KItC is the solution. You can drop in any time – stay all night or go on to a club, a show or a meal.

Keele in the City IV is on Thursday, 30 April, 2009 at Tiger Tiger, 29 The Haymarket, London SW1Y 4SP, from 6pm ‘til late.

Guests for Keele in the City have exclusive access to The Club – a lounge bar with dance floor, music and a separate bar. All guests will be offered a discount voucher on the night for 50 per cent off meals in the Tiger Tiger restaurant. A door charge of £5 will apply for entry after 10pm. Tiger Tiger’s dress policy is smart casual.

You must be confirmed on the Guest List to attend Keele in the City – either via the ‘Keele Society’ Facebook Group (which has a photo album from previous KItC events) or directly by email to the Alumni Office at j.c.eason@kfm.keele.ac.uk

Mark, tell us a bit about Blood Red Sky.
The band formed in 2005. Working as a five-piece band we bring alive the spirit and the sound of U2, faithfully reworking the classic material from I Will Follow to Vertigo via New Year’s Day, Pride, With or Without You, Angel of Harlem, Beautiful Day and many many more. So, we cover all the big hits that appeal to young and not so young alike!

The band has worked hard to recreate the image and sound of U2 including a stylish and powerful live performance. To complement the traditional four-piece vocals, guitar, bass and drums, we include keyboards to build up the sound to recreate that ‘stadium’ feel!

What do you do when you are not being Bono?
After graduating in 1981 I spent three years working as a geologist in the oil industry. Since 1984 I have been working as an air traffic controller. Although I’ve worked at Farnborough, Gatwick and West Drayton I now work at the Swanwick Centre near Southampton predominantly working aircraft in and out of Gatwick and Stansted.

I met Stuart when he started as a controller at West Drayton in the mid-1990s – we graduated from Keele 10 years apart.

Are you and Stuart looking forward to coming back to Keele?
Yes, we are. Although I have attended several reunion events over the years I’m really looking forward to being a major part of this event!

Many years ago K2 used to be called the Allright Bar and it was at this very spot that I first set eyes on my wife Carol in 1978. We married in 1983. She’s also looking forward to the event and all the memories that I’m sure it will bring back. Our youngest son is now the same age as us when we first met... I think he has other plans for that weekend (although he has said that he wants to study Medicine – so you never know!). Our eldest son is at Bournemouth Uni studying Psychology.

Stuart is also looking forward to the event. He married Kirsten 10 years ago... who he met at the wedding of the guitarist with whom we both played in a funk/soul band at the time.

Were you involved in bands while you were studying at Keele?
I used the occasional breaks from working extremely hard on my degree to try to improve my singing and guitar skills... this was quite tough on my flatmates and friends! I knew Nigel Sewell from legendary Keele band The Man Upstairs quite well – he lived in the flat downstairs in Barnes. TMU played at Carol’s 21st (with guest appearance from me and a soppy love song I’d written!). Two years later they played at our wedding. I didn’t really get involved in bands again until about 1986 after I’d qualified as a controller.

Have you ever met the real U2?
No... can you arrange this?!
Grateful thanks to all our alumni who supported the Keele Key Fund this year! The Disbursement Committee were very encouraged by the number of new applications for grants to add to the three projects awarded funds in the first round back in March – KUBE Radio (£3,000 for the re-equipping of the studio facilities, including mixing desk, telephone system and PC), the Arboretum (see page 16), and the Geo-Soc residential field trip to Northumberland (£500). Chairman of the Committee, Professor Tony Dugdale said: “We are delighted to be able to make these grants and while they are not huge amounts, they do make a real difference to the extra-curricular activities of the University. Your ongoing support for the Key Fund is not only welcome but vital in enhancing the student experience and other University good causes.”

Grants awarded Autumn 2008

International Cultural Experience – £3,500
The purpose of ICE is to encourage new students to integrate as soon as they arrive, to attract current overseas students to become more involved by celebrating their own cultures and also promoting greater understanding and engagement with the UK culture here at Keele.

Volunteering at Keele – £420
VE @ Keele is working with members of Keele University student volunteering society ActiVE to provide regular social events in the form of coffee mornings and afternoon teas to residents of Keele village in an effort to develop positive community links.

KUSU Dancesport Team – £2,360
Dancesport’s ‘beginners’ team achieved places in the top six in every competition they attended and won a Silver and Bronze in just the first weeks into the competition semester.

Andrew Bailey and Hannah Hankey

The team is looking forward to the Intervarsity Dance Association Competition at the famous Blackpool Winter Gardens! The money from the Keele Key Fund enabled the team to purchase new competition outfits and coaching.

Moot Court Project – £1,680
The Law School would like to create a Moot Court Room which will not only develop students’ research, drafting and presentation skills but will allow them to compete in the inter-university mooting competitions.

Athletic Union Honours Board – £400
This grant will enable the Keele Athletic Union to update the existing Presidents’ and Deputy Presidents’ Honours Board including the mis-spelling of some of our honoured alumni’s names!

Keele Oral History Project – £1,100
The grant will help with the costs of creating a DVD and CD for the 60th Diamond Anniversary of the foundation of Keele. It will be launched at the 2009 Pioneers Reunion.

Sixth Biennial International Conference on Music Since 1900 – £1,500
The grant will assist around 150-200 students and scholars to attend performance events at this innovative event which is a first for Keele.

The Keele Observatory

Work is now progressing at the Observatory with a project team led by Professor Nye Evans. Planning permission for phase one (refurbishment of the existing observatory and telescopes and extension to the lecture room) and two (new lecture room for Physical Sciences) is being sought with a decision expected in spring 2009. We hope phase one will be completed in autumn 2009.

Progress on restoring the top lake

Wrekin Construction has now commenced draining the top lake as part of the work for the Lakes and Valley project. The objective is to dredge, clean and restore the top lake by Keele Hall and to repair the weir so that sufficient water is held to maintain the integrity of the lake. This work is fundamental to the improvement of the drainage as well as the ornamental function of the lake system. Testing of the ground around the weir has also begun to identify appropriate improvements. The work means that the path from Keele Hall to the bottom of the lakes has been closed temporarily to pedestrians. The work can be observed from the east bank of the top lake.

As part of the project, the former boathouse, currently consisting only of a brick foundation, will be rebuilt, with financial support from the Friends of Keele. The White Well has been drained and is also being restored, with the Minton tiles visible for the first time in decades. At the same time, the outlet of the spring will be repaired to make it fully functional again. Wrekin Construction is restoring the White Well as a sponsorship project.

Future enhancement projects will be supported by alumni donations to the Keele Key Fund Heritage and Environment.
Ringing in the new with the old

The Athletic Union can now ring in the changes at celebrations thanks to a Pioneer alumnus who has presented them with an historic bell.

It is believed that the AU bell was originally one of a set of hand-bells belonging to the ringers at St John’s Church, Keele.

When the St John’s ringers split up in the 1950s, they each took with them a share of the set of hand-bells. Twenty of these bells, by then in a derelict condition, were recovered for the Keele University ringers in the early 1970s. All but the largest one of these derelict bells were sold to help finance the purchase of a new set of hand-bells for the University Change Ringing Society. It carries an inscription recording that it was cast by P Rogers & J Symondson. They were successors to Henry Symondson, whose initials appear on the crown of the AU bell.

When the AU bell was returned and shown to Phil Gay, a member of the Keele band since 1963, he immediately made the connection with the inscribed bell in his possession.

It seems likely that most of the old band of ringers at Keele had been workers on the Keele estate, many of whom were taken on by the University. One of them must have left one of his bells in Keele Hall.

Legend has it that the AU bell was found discarded and derelict in Keele Hall by one of Keele’s earliest students, Keith Clement, on the night before his graduation in 1956. Keith returned it to the University with the wish that it should serve a useful purpose. The bell was accepted by Keele University Athletic Union to be rung in celebration of honours and colours awarded to Keele students.

The mounting of this bell was organised by Phil Gay, a student at Keele from 1962 to 1965 and subsequently a long-standing member of the academic faculty. He received help from others, notably Graham Barnes of H E Butters (Engineers), and Stuart James who did the woodturning.

Enhancing the student experience

With its attractive grounds and a very high proportion of Keele students living on campus, the quality of student life is key to our continuing success.

Volunteering programmes enable our students to engage with the wider community, enhancing their experience and developing their skills for future employment. Our graduate employment rate remains among the best in the country.

The University continually works towards providing more social spaces, improving our sports facilities and ensuring that the Keele experience remains memorable and distinctive for all our students.

Sports, Arts and Leisure

Our Talented Athlete and Coaching programmes allow our students to perform in a variety of sports, both nationally and internationally, and we always require funds to provide or upgrade our facilities and equipment.

The arts programme is thriving at Keele with regular concerts, exhibitions, poetry readings, workshops and public lectures. Your support will enable us to develop the cultural programmes here at Keele for the benefit of students and the wider community.

Bursaries & Scholarships

Keele offers a range of financial support packages to assist students from lower-income backgrounds or communities currently under-represented in Higher Education. The Vice-Chancellor’s and the Dean’s Scholarships support and retain students who attain the highest marks in their academic qualifications prior to entry to Keele. Scholarships and bursaries range from £500 to £1,000 per year.

Academic Excellence

Our commitment to high quality education requires continuous investment in creating innovative new courses, expanding our research work and the purchase of new cutting edge equipment.

Heritage and Environment

Our distinctive campus has over 600 acres of green spaces, woodlands, lakes and parkland surrounding the historic Keele Hall, the Clock House, the Fountain and the Arboretum.

The Heritage, Lakes and Valleys project aims to restore these attractive features, improve the water quality of the lakes and increase public access to the woodlands.

Special Project – Keele Observatory

Each year the Keele Key Fund will support a special project. We need to raise £600,000 to refurbish the Observatory, improve its facilities and broaden its activities into space and science education for students, schools and the public understanding of science.

If you require more information on the Keele Key Fund, please contact us at:

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Bob Lee  
John Thomas  
Ann Whitehead *(Male)*  
Henry Woledge

**1955**  
Dick Bomford  
Bob Miles  
John Rumsey  
Reginald Ward

**1956**  
Stan Cooper  
Margaret Homeyer *(Roberts)*  
Bill Hanna  
Jos O’Sullivan  
Barbara Ryder *(Hawkins)*

**1957**  
Bob Collicutt  
John Fletcher  
Pat Fletcher *(Glayzer)*  
Bernard Lloyd  
John Periton  
Barbara Thomas *(Pennell)*  
Jack Thomas

**1959**  
Margaret Collicutt *(Brown)*  
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Peter Maybank  
Ann Richards *(Buchanan-Smith)*

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John Dixon  
Derek Edwards  
John Elson  
Evanthia Green *(Tallianos)*  
Jim Pierce

**1961**  
David Jeremy  
Barbara Laurie *(Moss)*

**1962**  
Anne Mary Parker *(Morley)*  
Fos Rogers  
Pin Schreiner  
David Winter  
Alan York

**1963**  
Jill Budd *(Garnett)*  
Tony Budd  
Sheilah Da Silva *(Cresswell)*  
Peter Davis  
Helen Percival  
Graham Tyler  
Joseph Sowerby  
David Wiseman

**1964**  
Kay Bailey *(Smith)*  
Elizabeth Cropp *(Gillies)*  
Faith Flower *(Heathcoote)*  
Val Hazelwood *(Bryan)*  
Jill Rogers  
Sylva Woods

**1965**  
Lin Holroyd *(Barron)*  
Michael Rowley

**1966**  
Michael Appleby  
Hilary Gee  
Elizabeth Key *(Sloan)*

**1967**  
Bernard Balderston  
Roger Bayes  
Sue David *(Hend)*  
Monica Eden-Green *(Davies)*  
Roger Fellows  
Ian Taylor  
Barbara Thomas *(Stagg)*

**1968**  
Geoffrey Hooker  
Jill Liddington  
John Meager  
Bill Proctor  
Josie Wheeler *(Smith)*

**1969**  
Ann Felsky *(Parker)*  
Kaye Larbi  
Clare Radstone *(Woodward)*  
Philip Soar

**1970**  
Margaret Booker *(Clay)*  
Keith Bradshaw  
Linda Friis *(Foster)*  
Connie Robertson  
Daniel Wiles  
Sister Felice Anne Wright *(Formerly St Mary Anslem)*

**1971**  
Irene Hampson  
Alan Harvey  
Andy Khan  
Frankie McGauran *(Show)*  
David Petch  
Alec Spencer  
Mick Stringer  
Diana Wright

**1972**  
Gillian Craig *(Brown)*  
Ilze Mason *(Ulimans)*  
Will Montgomery  
Marian Small *(Smith)*  
Andrew Yates

**1973**  
Warren Colman  
Jim Fisher  
Sue Fisher *(Jones)*  
Xandra Gilchrist  
Mark Lovett  
Caroline McNab *(Williams)*

**1974**  
Peter Bradley  
Steve Johnson  
Andrew Packer  
Sarah Packer *(Phillips)*  
Derek Parry

**1975**  
Ruth Benson *(Amery)*  
John Burton  
Nici Hildebrandt  
Hamish McArthur  
Chris Newby

**1976**  
Tom Fraser  
Gina Hall  
Alison Nicolson *(Atkins)*

**1977**  
Robert Williams

**1978**  
Thomas Fry  
John Layzell  
John Rowley  
Steven Russell

**1979**  
Sally Ann Austerberry  
Steve Botham  
Teresa Macleod  
Rosemary Nash *(Baggott)*  
Philip Simpson  
Martin Webster  
Alan Whitely

**1980**  
Carol Botham *(Sutton)*  
Heather Brice

**1982**  
Timothy Hunt  
Kath Parsons *(Riley)*

**1983**  
Amanda Croft-Pearman  
Andrew Esiner  
Jonathan Glover  
Wayne Goodwin  
Charles Gould  
Phil Isbitt  
Catherine Martin *(Davies)*  
Jeremy Sogno  
Annabel Thomas *(Knibb)*  
Raymond Walker

**1984**  
Roger Jackson  
Elizabeth Sanderson

**1985**  
Anne Smithson  
Rohit Talwar

**1986**  
John Hill  
Andrew Hiscocks  
Richard Hirt  
Paula Leach *(Garvey)*  
Barry Newson  
Jill Thomson *(Bland)*  
Beverley Whittal-Williams *(Coates)*  
Wendy Preston *(Bates)*

**1987**  
Jane Burns  
Alan Combes  
Jayne Conway  
Susan Lewis *(Jones)*  
Deborah Ollett *(Driver)*  
John Rudge  
Caroline Walton *(Boller)*  
Tracy Yates *(Glennon)*

**1988**  
Philip Lucas

**1991**  
Richard Tinsdeall

**1992**  
Janet Barnett *(Harrison)*  
Benjamin MacKenzie  
Amanda McLean *(Bryan)*  
Penny Richards

**1993**  
Charles Byatt  
Donna Clancy  
Andrew Freeman  
Claire Haslam *(Cartridge)*  
Julia Ann Hough  
Caroline Long  
David Morton

**1994**  
Rachel Mackintosh *(Hayward)*  
Farah Maqbool  
David Pecox

**2000**  
Oliver Bonkat  
Clair Norris

**2001**  
Jame Bomford  
Dianne Suherlan

**2002**  
Robert Addison  
Stuart Smith

**2004**  
Fin O’Leary

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Graduate returns after 30 years to donate equipment

Keele graduate Tim Cole (1978 Biology/Chemistry) returned to the University for the first time in 30 years to officially donate a piece of analytical equipment worth about £24,000 to the School of Physical and Geographical Sciences.

Now head of his own scientific supply company, Integrated Scientific, Tim decided to donate the equipment after an inquiry by Professor Jim Howell, who said: “I had telephoned to ask for a quote for this piece of equipment. I got a phone call the next day from Tim who told me he had studied at Keele and he wanted to donate it to the University”.

Tim said: “Keele gave me a good education in chemistry and it has been my pleasure to come back today and give something back to the University”.

The equipment, which is the same as used in oil refineries, measures various properties of liquid fuels and will be used within the school to analyse bio-fuels.

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First-time visitors to Keele’s campus are always struck by just how green it is – and graduates who have been away for some time never fail to comment on how much the trees have grown. Staff, students and alumni alike value the trees that give the campus so much character and provide a home for the ubiquitous Keele squirrels. The landscape we see today owes much to the work of Ralph Sneyd (1793-1870) who began planting on a grand scale in 1830, after inheriting the estate from his father. Throughout its development, the University has been careful to preserve as many mature trees as possible and has maintained an ongoing programme of tree planting. It is said that the Hornbeam Building was built around the fine specimen you can still see today, rather than it being felled.

Since its formation in 2001 the arboretum working group has identified and catalogued all the trees on campus. Information is recorded on girth, height, and health of the tree as well as its location in terms of both Ordnance Survey grid reference and compartment. The trees are all numbered – number 0001 is an oak close to the Chancellor’s Building – and you can access an interactive map via the arboretum’s website to tell you what is growing where. Interesting trees on campus include: a horse chestnut planted in 1901 near Keele Hall to commemorate a visit by Edward VII; a sweet chestnut by Sneyd House with a girth of five metres which was part of the 400-year-old driveway belonging to the first Keele Hall built in Elizabethan times; a number of Giant Sequoias; and a Cedar of Lebanon from Ralph Sneyd’s collection.

The arboretum has received £3,000 from the Keele Key Fund, which will be used to improve the labelling and naming of the trees, as well as possibly provide information boards. The money will also enable the creation of three circular waymarked trails around the lakes and woodland once restoration work on the paths is complete. There are also plans afoot to update the current information leaflet, which can be downloaded from the website.

David Emley, a technician in Earth Sciences, started working at Keele in 1974 and has been looking after the trees and wildlife on campus ever since. He said: “The arboretum is important because it is one of the largest collections of named trees in the area. It’s easy to access and it’s a good educational resource, as well as being a nice place to go for a stroll.”

“We will soon have the largest collection of named flowering cherries in the country, some of which are not available anywhere else. We have 120 varieties at the moment and will eventually have more than 140.”

Eighty of these flowering cherries were funded by alumni in memory of former student John Ivinson (1967 American Studies/Geography), and there are a number of other memorial and commemorative trees on campus.

For more information about the arboretum see the website www.keele.ac.uk/university/arboretum/, where you can find an interactive map of the campus and a list of all the memorial trees at Keele. Any volunteers who would like to get involved with marking out the trails through the woodland or other conservation work should contact David Emley on d.w.emley@esci.keele.ac.uk or by phone on 01782 733618.

### Eighty Trees in Memory of John

Eighty varieties of Flowering Cherry have been planted at sites around the campus in memory of John Ivinson (1967 American Studies/Geography).

The trees have been funded by donations from Keele alumni in his memory. They include Rosemary Billings, Roger Buckley, Michael Corby, Ian Cutler, Jack Emery, Ann Felsky, John MacArthur, Terry Oliver, Philippa Paquett, Bob Riddett, Ian Taylor MP and Sir John Vereker.

These trees, together with those purchased three years ago, and with another 40 being grown at a nursery, will give Keele a collection of cherries of national importance. Many of the varieties are rare and cannot be seen elsewhere.
A tree for Rachel

Sarah Davnall (Norman) (1970 Psychology/Sociology and Social Anthropology) and her friends planted a tree in memory of fellow Keelite Rachel Parker (1974 English/History).

Sarah says: “For more than 30 years, a dozen Keele graduates and their steadily increasing families have kept in touch, so when one of us, Rachel Parker (1974 English/History), died of cancer in 2000, we agreed we would like to find a ‘Keele’ way of commemorating her.

One of us remembered the Keele arboretum and another made enquiries, with the result that on 15 February 2008, 10 graduates and three family members, including Rachel’s daughter Ruth, assembled at Keele.

After a tour of the campus (still recognisable despite the changes) with the Alumni Officer John Easom, and a most enjoyable lunch at the Terrace Restaurant in Keele Hall (recommended), we met Dr Peter Thomas and went down to the lakeside where ‘Rachel’s Tree’ had been planted.

It is an Atlantic Cedar, which Peter explained would grow about a metre a year for the next 50 years and thereafter thicken out for a further 400 years or so. The intention is to turn that part of the lakeside into a Pinetum, of which this tree will be a centrepiece, visible from the lawn across the lake.

It was marvellous to think that although Rachel was deprived of a long life, she would have a very long-lasting, and truly magnificent, memorial; and as she was a horticulturist for much of her working life, she would surely be very pleased to be part of this venture.

Peter’s team had left out the last level of soil and a couple of spades, so we took turns to photograph each other doing the final planting, including putting in some snowdrops that one of us had brought.

As we finished, the sun glimmered through the clouds for the first time that day, a horticultural blessing perhaps. Then it was time to quietly remember Rachel, chat about our time at Keele, and take a last walk round the lakes before dispersing for our journeys home. We had come from widely-distributed places, Glasgow, Guildford and points between, but everyone’s trains ran on time – another blessing.

It was a most wonderful day, not least because of the warm welcome we received from John, Peter and team. We would heartily recommend to others a ‘Keele tree’ as a way of remembering a loved friend with Keele connections.”
1. How did you get to where you are now?

Ever since I heard the Beach Boys’ song *Surfing USA* I had a secret fascination with California. My older brother was a lecturer in physics at the then new University of California in San Diego, so when he heard I was looking to do graduate work in Russian history he told me to go over and visit. I moved to California in the summer of 1972. With what was then a tidy sum of 600 dollars, I rented a tiny beach shack in an avocado grove. My English accent was seen as exotic, a far cry from the teasing I had endured at Keele because of “me Yorkshire by gum” accent. This was California dreaming in the 1970s. Beach parties, surfing, occasionally working, doing the ubiquitous “house painting” that people resort to when they have no skills; I really thought I had hit the jackpot.

I did apply to UCSD to do a PhD in Russian studies, but I was too having too much fun, so I never followed through. For a couple of years I had a wonderful time just living by the beach, perfected my surfing and crewed a tiny sailboat to Costa Rica. I was able to travel to Mexico, surf in exotic places and learn rudimentary Spanish.

I painted a house for a psychiatrist and became fascinated with psychology, which I had done as a subsidiary at Keele. After a couple of years of having mindless fun, I realised I needed to become serious, so I attended UCSD to obtain my necessary prerequisites before studying for a PhD in clinical psychology.

About nine years ago I got a telephone call from the producers of a new show that was being developed called *Survivor*. They knew of my textbook on personality assessment and wanted a psychologist to screen applicants to cast interesting, unique, ‘big personalities’ who were psychologically stable.

As well as helping cast *Survivor*, I was involved in *The Apprentice*, *The Amazing Race*, *Big Brother* and a fascinating show called *Black* White, in which a black family was made to look white and a white family was made up to look black.

Once I was involved in TV work I was able to grow my practice in personality testing so I have been an expert witness in a number of high profile criminal cases and now also help companies hire suitable candidates for executive positions.

Understanding personality across the spectrum, from reality TV applicants to the personality of criminals all the way to high level executives, has been fascinating. Local TV news stations use me as an expert to give an opinion in situations where issues of personality seem important.

Now I live in a cottage overlooking the ocean in a quaint beach town named Del Mar. My office is a block from the beach and I take two-hour lunch breaks every day so I can surf whenever possible. As I write this, the surf has come up due to a storm in the Pacific North West and I can hear it from my room. I plan to get up early and surf just as the dawn breaks. It is truly beautiful to surf as the sun rises with the dolphins blowing and playing in the waves. I feel very grateful and lucky.

2. What has been your biggest achievement so far?

I feel I have been extremely lucky as I have been in the right place at the right time and I have had a lot of great mentors. If I can give Keele students some advice, I would say: “Develop an interest in something and find mentors to guide you. Prove yourself and learn from them.” I am also proud that I have co-authored three books on personality assessment, one of which has been translated into Japanese. I was a slothful student at Keele, so it has meant a lot to me that, in the midst of a distracting, beautiful, sunny environment, I was able to sit in my study and peck away at the computer to help write a text that is regarded as a standard in its class.

3. And your biggest mistake?

I have made many mistakes in my life. For one, I wish I could return to Keele and redo my Foundation Year because I didn’t take full advantage of what was probably the best education then available. I would give a lot to do it now, but back then getting up for 9am lectures was difficult.

I also made a big mistake about the time I was working on the first *Survivor* episode. I took a wrong turn while skiing on Mammoth Mountain here in California. You wouldn’t imagine that anywhere in California is desolate, but where I blundered was. I spent two nights out in sub-freezing temperatures with helicopters looking for me, flying overhead without seeing me. I feel bad that I put my family through the torment of not knowing if I was all right. I was eventually rescued by a helicopter, terribly embarrassed to have caused such a fuss. Americans are very different from the English. I was asked to speak about my ordeal as if I had done something heroic and I felt humiliated to have made such a ruckus due to my stupid mistake.

4. What are your ambitions now?

I have collected a lot of material about personality and I would like to write more popular books on the subject. For example, one book I would like to write would combine my Keele history and politics background and my psychology knowledge to describe how psychopathic individuals can benefit society by questioning the rules and by innovative risk-taking behaviour that can develop new paradigms. Yet society also needs to develop rules to safeguard us against psychopathic leaders. I have screened a number of adventurous, exciting and risk-taking individuals who can be very successful for periods of time until their lapses of judgment lead them into trouble.

5. What advice would you give to someone wanting to work in a similar field?

Psychology is an amazingly open field of study. Students interested in personality dynamics should be mindful of all the opportunities of combining various disciplines with psychology. For example, one could study the psychology of economic decision-making or apply psychology to enhance marketing and product development.

6. What made you choose Keele University?

When I applied to Keele it was a new University with a four-year degree rather than three and had a reputation for great campus life.

7. How has Keele influenced your life?

Keele was one of the best experiences of my life. It was an excellent education, even though I didn’t utilise it as much as I should have. Keele’s emphasis on integrating disparate subjects allowed me to switch careers without being intimidated. Keele was also an amazing social experience and I’m still close to my old classmates!
Jonathan Hulme may have graduated from Keele in 2006, but he is still closely connected to the University through his Science Park-based company Digipigeon Limited, which recently transformed the Students’ Union website www.kusu.net.

**1. Tell us a bit about Digipigeon.**
I set up Digipigeon Limited during my final year at Keele. I had the idea from a previous business I ran before I went to University. Digipigeon specialises in online business to business services. Included in our suite of services is business management software, website development, consultancy and Voice-over Internet Protocol (VoIP).

**2. The company has strong Keele connections, doesn’t it?**
Being based at Keele Science Park I have continued to develop my connections with the University, primarily with Research and Enterprise Services and the School of Mathematics and Computer Science. I still attend social events around the University and enjoy helping out with the clubs and societies I participated in as a student. Presently Digipigeon employs four graduates from Keele; myself (2006 Business Administration/Computer Science), Lisa Andrews (2007 Finance/Management Science), Jon Ellis (2008 Computer Science/Neuroscience) and Sujith Pitadeniya (2008 MSc Information Technology and Management).

**3. And you’ve also transformed the Students’ Union website! That must have been a fun project to work on.**
The KUUS website was an excellent project; both in terms of providing KUSU with the best solution possible and for the development of the company. We transformed the Students’ Union’s website over summer 2008. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to develop a system using the latest technologies; for example, creating a Facebook application and the soon-to-be-launched e-shop to sell Keele memorabilia.

**4. What’s next for Digipigeon – and for you?**
As we all know, the credit crunch is upon us, and Digipigeon’s services will have to be tailored to survive through this difficult period. We are planning on deploying more VoIP systems over the coming months and we hope to land contracts with larger companies as well as London 2012 Game tenders.

I am also a co-director for Access Global Services Limited, an online disability specialist. The initial launch of the company was less successful than hoped.

At present we are re-implementing a new strategy and hope to take advantage of the opportunities created by the London 2012 Games. As the IT Director of Picture Nation Limited (an online image stock library; with over 63,000 images and 4,000 users), we have utilised Digipigeon’s skills and resources to develop a new website. We hope to increase traffic and registered clients, such as national newspapers, TV Corporations and international companies seeking British imagery, again for London 2012.

**5. What made you choose Keele University as a student and how has your experience at Keele influenced your life?**
I chose Keele University due to the atmosphere, the ability to take a dual honours course and the location. During my time at Keele I met friends who I will keep for ever, learnt skills which have allowed me to get to the place I am today and will no doubt take me to where I want to be in the future.

**6. What are your best and worst memories of Keele?**
My best memories of Keele are from my final year when I lived in Horwood O Block. I loved being in the centre of the Keele community and having the freedom to partake in numerous activities with my friends at any time. My worst memories of Keele were when my degree came to an end and although I am still around the University to enjoy the campus, it will never be the same without my friends there to share it with me.

For more information about Digipigeon see their website: www.digipigeon.com/
A Keele Family Album

Coming to Keele University is a family affair in some households, with parents, children and siblings all choosing to study here. forever:keele looks into the family album to discover why, for many, Keele is truly a home from home.

Rebecca Morgan (2005 Law/Criminology)
My father Alun and I attended Keele University some 30 years apart. My father was much involved in the rugby team (and all that entailed!). He is now an advisor to schools in Shropshire in History and RE. I am now working for a firm of solicitors in Telford where I am undertaking the Legal Executive training programme. I also am a huge rugby fan.

I went to Keele for my own reasons rather than after hearing stories from my father, but I couldn't have been prouder to have my photograph taken in Keele Hall when I graduated, knowing that my father had stood in exactly the same place some 30 years previously.

Ian Cameron (1967 English/Psychology)
I attended Keele 1963-67. I met my wife at a hop in the Students' Union – she was a student at Crewe College of Education and we had our 40th wedding anniversary in 2008. Our daughter Helen, who is now a teacher, attended Keele 1993-96.

She met her husband Christopher Smith there; he is a barrister and they had their second child last year. As their best man and chief bridesmaid were Keele graduates, five of the eight of us on the top table at their wedding were BA (Keele).

Alexandra Tankard (2003 English/Philosophy)
My cousin Graham Jackson graduated from Keele in 1993 in English and Philosophy. He met his wife Catherine there; they both took me to an open day during my A-levels and I loved it so much I refused the offer I had for a very pretentious Scottish university and came to Keele instead. I did exactly the same course as my cousin too.

John Sutton (1958 History/Politics)
I can certainly claim to have a number of family members following me to Keele! I was at Keele from 1954-58; I was followed by my eldest son, John Anthony Sutton (1985 History/Geography); my nephew, Geoffrey Sutton (1990 History/Law); my niece Victoria Shutt (1990 English/History); and another nephew, Stephen Lewis, (although he did not complete the course). As far as I am aware, each of the other four made the decision to apply to Keele without any pressure from me and all of them enjoyed their time there.

Kristina Gibson (Brynjolffssen) (1974 Biology/Chemistry)
I don't know if four siblings and two spouses at Keele is a record, but you ought to be aware of the Brynjolffssen family!

David graduated in 1971 and is a teacher. He met his wife Jitka at Keele. Jitka was the first ever Keele student not to have completed the Foundation Year. She joined P1 in 1968 having just left Czechoslovakia with her family in a hurry and spoke limited English at the time.

Jan dropped out after two years in 1970, but later gained an OU degree and currently works for RM. I graduated in 1974 and stayed on for an extra year to do the PGCE and became a teacher. I met my husband Phil at Keele. Terry graduated in 1977 and became a teacher. Sadly the youngest sibling, Simon, let the side down by not going to Keele.

Although our paths through Keele overlapped in part, we saw very little of one another. I think we all liked the idea and the security of the campus University and the rounded education provided by the Foundation Year. We all remember fondly the head cleaner in Lindsay called Irene shouting: "Room cleaning day, ducks!"
Chris Cartwright (1997 Computer Science/Electronics)

My gran Marjorie Cartwright used to be a cleaner in Lindsay O+P and Sneyd blocks. She started in the late 1960s and retired aged 67 in 1987. Within two weeks of finishing she was asked back to do two weeks’ cover duty as the housemaid for the then Vice-Chancellor Brian Fender and his wife in the Clock House. The initial two weeks passed, and eventually she retired again aged 82!

During my studies at Keele, I used to visit the Clock House kitchen for a morning brew with her between lectures. I still take her for an occasional lap around the campus on a Sunday afternoon on our way back from lunch out.

Michelle Parry-Slater (1996 American Studies/International History, 1997 MA American History)

We are a family of Keelites! I went first in 1992; after lots of visits to me, my sister, Annette Parry loved Keele and arrived to study in 1997.

Annette graduated in 2000, the year I married my husband, Jamie Slater. We married in Keele Chapel and held our reception in Keele Hall. We married at Keele because we met there in 1996, while I was doing my MA and Jamie his PGCE.

He was a Biology and History undergraduate at Keele from 1993 to 1996 and we had been together as a couple for a while before we realised we’d had a class together for one term. I was somewhat mortified to find out that my shaven headed handsome boyfriend had been that greasy metal head!

Jamie’s sister Ruth followed him to Keele in 1996, and there she met her now husband, Stephen Grier. It was a bit weird bumping into your new boyfriend’s sister in the Union while plastered! Stephen’s sister Elizabeth also followed him to Keele.

So that is six siblings, all loving Keele. Jamie and I have three children. After the birth of our first child, Annette gave her a T-shirt: ‘When I grow up I want to go to Keele University’. We hope so!

Karen Musk (1983 Geography/Biology)

I studied at Keele from 1979 to 1983, following in my father’s footsteps (Gordon Musk) who attended when it was still the University College of North Staffordshire.

My father was kind of against my going to the same place in case he had put any pressure on me, but he never did, and it was entirely my choice as I really wanted to do the Foundation Year. I think he was very proud when I graduated and what I achieved meant a lot to him. I felt really happy that when he came to visit and, especially when he came to graduation, it seemed to give something back to him.

Andrea Horton (1986 Computer Science/Mathematics)

I was at Keele from 1983 to 1986 but my mum was there far longer than me and never graduated. She was a cleaner at Hawthorns from the early 1970s up to her retirement in 1994. She’s seen lots of students through their university lives and will no doubt be remembered by many.

I lived on campus for three years but mum was only an internal phone call away. She must have saved a fortune on stamps as all my mail arrived in the internal post!

Mike Moran (1977 Economics/Geography)

My wife and I graduated from Keele in 1977, then I stayed on and did my PhD. In 2008 our daughter, Chloe, started her first year doing Law and Marketing.

At first she was a little reluctant to take up our suggestion of looking at Keele as an option, probably wanting to plough her own path rather than follow ours. Now she loves the place – the word ‘awesome’ has been used.

Visiting the campus to drop her off was an interesting experience – all the new buildings, and there seemed to be so many trees.

Christine Ball (Walch) (1974 Law/ Sociology and Social Anthropology)

My husband Peter and I met at Keele. When the time came for our children to look at universities we took them to Keele open days particularly since Keele is only 40 minutes drive away. Simon opted in the end to go to Warwick but Caroline decided to follow in parental footsteps and go to Keele to study English and American Studies.

We were delighted when we heard she had been allocated a room in Lindsay where we had both spent four years but highly amused when we took her there to find that she had been allocated her father’s old room in G block.

We all loved our time at Keele and Peter and I certainly enjoyed visiting Caroline during her time there and seeing old haunts.
what happened to...?

1954 Stan Beckensall: Stan became a great-grandfather in May 2008. This year he will have two books published: one, 'Unquiet Grave', is a historical novel for young people; the other is 'Northumberland From the Air', with detailed comments on 170 air photographs mostly taken by Stan from light aircraft and microlights.

1955 Gordon Musk: Gordon has now been retired for 18 years and enjoying every minute! He spends his time golfing, hiking and holidays and is still in regular contact with John Wheeldon (1955), Howard Mounsey (1956) and Aileen and Courtney Rice (1956) and they regularly talk about their great times at Keele.

1958 John Pearson: John retired in 1995 but continued on the governing body of his local school and various church councils until 2000. He volunteered with a well-known telephone helpline until last year (2007) when he left after 23 years of service. He still helps out with his local hospice charity shop.

John Sutton: Retired after a career in teaching, John was General Secretary of the Secondary Heads Association for 10 years. Author of books on American and British Government and education management, he is a director of The Times Educational Supplement. Created CBE in 1996 for services to education. Married to Carmen (née Grandoso), three sons and 11 grandchildren.

1962 Colin James: I led a wandering life after graduation, working in universities in the USA, Canada and the UK. I retired in early 2008 and am now professor emeritus doing contract work at Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, Canada (and still enjoying myself). I am married to Kathryn (Kate) and we have one daughter, Heather, who is currently in Australia.

Christine Johansson (Robinson): After leaving Keele I did a PGCE and worked as a teacher in a language centre for immigrants for three years. I then went to Cyprus and worked for the British Council for two years. There I met my future husband, a Swedish civilian policeman working for the UN. I then went to live in Sweden, and worked teaching adults English. We both retired early and moved to Spain in 2000, where we live in a small Spanish town on the Costa Blanca.

1965 John Kings: We’ve lived in Adelaide since 1992 and I retired from further education lecturing this year. My wife of 44 years, Margi, and I have a son living in Adelaide and a daughter in Melbourne. I do voluntary work now, helping migrants to settle in and find work, as well as playing almost full-time in a band and writing cabaret shows and satirical songs.

Ron Stott: Together with his wife Berhane, Ron has set up a charity: the Ethiopian Female Student Assistance Fund, the prime object of which is to provide grants to girls from the provinces who are studying at Addis Ababa University. See www.efsaf.org.

1967 Elizabeth Morgan [Craig]: After marrying and in 1981 moved to Durham where I ended up as Head of the Modern Languages department at Durham High School for Girls. I retired in 2003. My husband, Harry, was also a teacher and we have a son who was born in 1983 and is now a pharmacist.

1968 Andy Gudgeon: Recently appointed Professor of Organic Chemistry at Ateneo University, Manila, but now preparing to lead teams of teachers at two separate school projects, providing education to street kids, teaching the best kids and also the science teachers. Anybody fancy a gap year or new project?

John Howkins: In 2006 the Shanghai city government set up the John Howkins Research Centre on the Creative Economy and I spend half my time in China working with students, artists, entrepreneurs and officials.

1969 Christine Bull (Knight): From 1990 until 2005, I was Assistant Principal of an FE college. I went to Namibia with Voluntary Service Overseas in September 2007 for a placement to develop management qualifications for people working in NGOs. All being well, I shall clock up more than 12 months, if not in Namibia in some other country where VSO thinks my skills and experience can help. To top it all, I’ll be back for Christmas when our first grandchild is due!

Roger Wollen: I have been living in Newcastle upon Tyne for the last 23 years, now freelancing in the arts and teaching part-time at the School of Art and Design at Newcastle College. Still married to Sophia from Greece.

1970 Frank Davies: I retired from my post at Lincoln University in August 2008. Hopefully I will have time to learn to play some of the musical instruments I have collected over the years – as well as the recorder. However, Juliette and her three granddaughters. Mike has been a consultant in leadership and people management for nearly 30 years, working in Holland at the moment, and Nicky is a consultant and trainer in business communication. Her book ‘Communication’ is a set text in many universities and colleges.

1971 John Boyd: Spent his twenties wandering the world doing various casual jobs and misbehaving in the UK, Oz and NZ and some teaching in Sierra Leone. Developed a career in sales and marketing in the pharmaceutical industry in NZ before crossing the Rubicon into the public service to become a civil servant in health.

Frank King: My ‘Chronicle of World History’ was published in 2002 (see amazon.com). A more comprehensive four-volume version is now also available.

1972 Alison Rideal (Buchanan): After some years as the south West’s Principal for the Dyslexia Institute based in Bath, I led an MEd in Educational Psychology at Bristol five years ago and am now working as an educational psychologist for Wiltshire Local Authority.

Roderick Riesco: I’m a full-time translator and part-time poet. Married for (third) time. My wife, Sue, works for Wigan Council as a training manager. We enjoy walking on the West Pennine moors and tending our allotment (Sage Generation stuff). My son Chris has just graduated from Manchester Metropolitan University. I have a married step-daughter, Laura, and, thanks to her, one grandson and another on the way.

Jackie Westwood-Demetriades: I have lived in Cyprus for 29 years and loved every moment of it. Varied and challenging life – from management consultant to world traveller; own business in antiques to bar owner to teacher. Currently teaching English in an international school. Eileen, Carol and Nancy, where are you?


Robert Willan: Spent 23 years with the Antarctic Survey. Relocated to rural Scotland in 2003 and am now very busy with freelance work in Africa, Greenland and the Caucasus. Currently working in Nigeria and doing appraisals of parts of Papua New Guinea. Am married to Hanni, with Susanna (16) and Alastair (11).

1975 Liz Hirst: Liz manages the Transmission and Scanning Electron Microscopy Suite at the National Institute for Medical Research and has been supporting research programmes in parasitology, virology, developmental biology and neuroscience. She also won the 2007 Wellcome Image Award.

Stephen Martin: Retired from IBM in 2006 to travel, write a first novel now being published, and take on non-executive posts. Married with two boys.

Stephen Pask: After almost four years of post-doc work at the Technical University in Munich I started work for Bayer in 1984. After Bayer split off their rubber activities as Lanexx I took up the post of VP of Research and Development for the technical rubber products group. As of last October I have been self-employed and working as a consultant...
for a number of companies in the rubber industry. I'm married and have one son.

**Nick Wright:** Teamed up with Rosie Tilley (1976) and went to Australia for 10 years working in politics and with Aboriginal Australians. Returned after 10 years and set up our own business designing and marketing plain English software (StyleWriter). Married Rosie in 2006 after 13 years living together and have produced two daughters.

1977 **Jean Maddox:** Thirty years on still working as social worker now with the Youth Offending Service.

**Matthew Wilde:** I spent my career in book-selling, IT and with the Ministry of Defence and was delighted to finish work in 2005 aged 50. I find it completely satisfying to wake in the mornings, knowing that I can stay home all day, pottering in the garden or on the Internet. I spend a lot of time working on my wildlife garden, photographing dragonflies and butterflies, and talking to the old cat who recently adopted me.

1978 **Julia Barnsley (Ingrow):** I was a lecturer in Basic Skills both in prisons and FE colleges when in London. I am now happily retired in Shrewsbury with an allotment and am writing a novel.

**Mario Barnsley:** I was a software engineer for the Bank of America and am now happily retired and living in Shrewsbury.

**Alex McKee:** After having done too varied a range of jobs to mention here, I'm now working as the Technical Instructor to the BSc Psychology at Southampton Solent University. In February 2009 I will start to give talks about the recovered wreck of King Henry VIII's flagship Mary Rose, including the next stage of the project to house her in a brand new museum by 2011. The project was started by my father www.maryrose.org/project/index.html and it is wonderful to see it making such progress.

1979 **Marianne Abrams (Powell):** Rolf and I will be moving to Istanbul this summer for a period of between three and five years. We are quite excited about this, living on the crossroads between Europe and Asia, Islam and Christianity. Paul, our youngest, will be joining us in 2008 after a period of between Europe and Asia, Islam and Christianity.

**Ian Neal:** I've recently been made Professor of Higher Education and am now Head of Research, External Engagement and Resources of the Faculty of Education and Society, and Associate Dean of Faculty, at the University of Sunderland.

**Michael Stokes:** Currently in Dubai since 1999 representing banking and financial information software firms across the Middle East. Married to Gayle (Warner 1977). Managing Director, Exquisite Homes (www.exqhomes.com) a leading real estate agent in Dubai.

1980 **Stephen Fisher:** After graduation in 1980, spent seven years in London and then emigrated to the USA. Sony Electronics was my career home for 17 years, first in New Jersey, then in San Diego. Most recently I've experienced the thrill of working for an internet start-up company. I love living in San Diego with my wife Amanda and two boys.

1981 **Paul Gorsuch:** After leaving Keele, Paul spent 18 years in the Royal Navy before taking an MBA at Cambridge and joining Norwich Union. He became a bursar in 2006 and is now an operations director at Altogether Care. He worked as a volunteer in Columbia in 2006 and Namibia in 2008.

**Nick Myton:** Currently employed as management accountant at an eco furniture outlet in Moreton-in-Marsh selling high quality furniture made from reclaimed teak.

1982 **Peter Bird:** I have recently acquired a bicycle that I do not actually want.

**Jonathan Schoop:** After leaving Keele I went to Chester College of Law and subsequently qualified as a Solicitor in 1981. I am a partner and head of the private client estates department of Pretys Solicitors in Ipswich and Chelmsford. Went to Cambridge University to study for a postgraduate diploma and qualified as a Notary Public.

**Alan Taylor:** Currently based in Berlin, lecturing at JKF-Institute. Books published 2005 ‘We, the media… and 2007, ‘Jacobean Visions: Webster, Hitchcock and Google Culture’. Next up is or should be ‘American Yodas’ (2010) dedicated to Charles Swann. Married to Diana, she’s the one with the PhD in Nuclear Physics. I got mine in Cinema Studies at Mainz. German still hopeless.

1983 **Margaret Reid (Martin):** I got married on 26th July 2008 to Hugh Reid.

1984 **Paul Byham:** Three years in to being self employed and bringing up a child with Down’s syndrome. Both are thriving.

**Stephen Field:** Stephen qualified as a chartered accountant in 1989. He has spent the last 15 years working in the motor trade and has recently been appointed as Operations Director for Westlands Toyota. He remarried his wife Mandy in June 2002 and now lives happily in Worcester.

**Mark Lichtenhein:** After 15 years of working for various technology companies in Germany, France, Spain and the US, Mark has since moved into the world of sports marketing for golf where he now manages the television, new media and technology rights of the PGA European Tour, based at Wentworth Club in Surrey.

**John Newman:** Moved to the peace and tranquility of West Wales in 2006 and have effectively retired from public life! Learning Welsh as my fifth language is more than challenging enough these days!

**Kalpana Parajuli (Dhital):** I have lived in seven countries since leaving Keele, moving with my three children and husband who works for the UN. I have been teaching at the international school which my children attend for the past 10 years.

1985 **Peter Foley:** I am Acting Chair and Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Arizona. In 2006 my book on the German theologian Friedrich Schleiermacher’s secular theory of sociability was published, for which I was awarded the Adele Mellor prize for a distinguished contribution to scholarship. In autumn 2008 I shall be back in the United Kingdom, when I shall be Canon Symonds Memorial Scholar at St Deni’s Library in Haswaden, Wales. I am married with three bicycles.

**Jerry Nowers:** Kiki and I are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Susannah Lucy Katherine Nowers, to be known as Sukey on 23 April 2008. Her five siblings are as delighted as we are!

1986 **Nick Barnett:** In the last 22 years... I’ve married and divorced twice, but have three wonderful and talented children from my first marriage; worked as flying instructor and ‘buzzed’ keele a few times. I’ve run my own business for about eight years now. I returned to Keele in 1991 for a Masters and as often happens, found most of the lecturers looking younger!

**Jane Grenfell (Bush):** Joined the Home Office then the Charity Commission. Now based in Somerset, still working for the Commission (specialising in advising education charities). Married with two children. Writing (as yet unpublished) historical fiction in my limited spare time.

**Martin Whatley:** Worked in production finance at BBC Bristol for over 18 years, including stints on two major David Attenborough series and Planet Earth. Left at the end of 2006, worked in NHS finance for over a year while completing a part-time acting academy course at Bristol University. Now following a career as a professional actor.

1987 **Jane Burns:** I am the Assistant Chief Executive at Gloucestershire County Council. I live in lovely Cheltenham and often go back to Chester, my home town, for horse racing, shopping and socialising.

**Jaye Conway:** Married Nigel Bending (1987) who has his own soil science business and is currently working on the Olympic Park. I am head of English in a high school in Hereford. One son – Jamie.

**Paul Mifsud:** In 1986 I quit teaching, took a managerial course and became consultant in housing to the Minister for Social Policies in Malta. After that I have occupied various administrative posts within Ministerial Portfolios. Finally, in 2002, I was appointed CEO of the newly formed Malta Council for Culture and the Arts. I retired in August 2007.

1988 **Shibeer Ahmed:** I am the managing partner for Lovells LLP, Middle East practice.

**Gordon Ross:** After 10 years as senior lecturer in Sound Technology at the Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts I have been music programme manager for Liverpool’s European Capital of Culture programme for three years.

**Philip Lucas:** Relocated to Kent to teach, now at Ramham School for Girls. Keen role-player and science fiction and fantasy fan. Still playing the same D&D issue : four : April 2009 forever keele
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1989
Martin Adamu: I joined the Nigerian Foreign Service.

Ian Duncan: Since 2000, I have been working for a Japanese company in Tokyo. Married to Hiyori, with one daughter, Hannah, I spend much of my free time considering the oxymoronic nature of the term "Japanese Efficiency".

Alistair Hindmarsh: Married to Sally (Dobbie 1988). Twin boys, Cyrus and Alex.

Adam Konowe: Recently promoted from director to vice president of public relations at Sullivan Higdon & Sink, in McLean, Virginia, where he represents an array of aviation, aerospace and defense companies. Also the only Canadian to teach PR as a member of the adjunct faculty at American University in Washington, DC. In his spare time, he serves a variety of functions contributing to live television and community theatre productions.

Sai Yeong Ng: Practising law doing commercial litigation in Kuala Lumpur.


1990
Philip Ashwell: Well, I am now living back with my parents in the UK, am fluent in Spanish, single and would like to hear from Keele alumni who studied with me.

Paul Charlesworth: After completing my PhD in 1993, I completed post-docs in Ohio and Iowa before taking a position as chemistry professor at Michigan Technological University in 1997. I received tenure in 2003 and was married in 2004.

Dave Darrall: Work in IT in Reading. Now divorced, with three children and living in Reading.

Nathalie Howewyken (Yeung Men Kow): I moved to the United States in 1991 and completed my Masters degree in Systems Analysis and Management. I am currently employed by Accenture and have been with the company for nine years now.

Kay-Kay Odogwu: Resides in Auckland, New Zealand, and is working as a commercial property lawyer for a top tier firm.

1991
James Byrne: I am currently the Company Manager at Grant Thornton, Gibraltar. Happily married to Patricia since 1993 and we have a 10-year-old boy, Michael. My son and I are both looking forward to participating in the 2008 United Nation Bushido Ju-Jitsu Championship as part of the Gibraltar team.

Lesley Durkin (Hall): I teach German and French at a secondary school in Middlesbrough. I married in 2000 and have six-year-old twin boys.


Zailani Malik: I am married with four children. I currently work with the Authority for info-communications Technology Industry of Brunei.

Josephine Smith (Cussen): Special needs teacher, technology Industry of Brunei.

2000

1992
Natalie Ashby (Cope): I married Mark Ashby, who attended Keele 1989-1994 – we have one daughter.

Andrew McCarter: Went to the United States for a PhD which I didn't quite manage to finish. A series of unsuccessful interviews led to a managerial position running a large IT department for a multinational pharmaceutical company where I presently remain.

Simon Oulton: I am an English teacher in Accra, Ghana.

Francisco Palazón Avila: I graduated at UJ (University of Castello) in English Studies and I work at my home town De La Salle School.

Henrietta Spalding: Working for the leading UK charity campaigning for fair and equal treatment for individuals with disfigurations, using personal experience to drive a passionate call for action and government and national level. Book to be published in October by OUP with an eminent professor of neuropsychology.

1993
Alison Cowan: After Keele I did a Postgraduate Diploma in Marketing at Kingston University and worked in marketing agencies for eight years. I then moved into the charity sector and am currently Director of Fundraising & Marketing at the charity Missing People. I am also Vice Chair of the mental health charity Mind.

Ken Rose: Ken came to Keele to do a doctorate. He is a retired schools' inspector and at 89 quite probably one of the oldest working tennis coaches in the country.

Rebecca Hyder (Mitchell): I am part-way through a seven-year career break from my job as Health and Safety Inspector with the Health and Safety Executive, taken to stay at home with my two small children. Jason Kavanagh: In 2005 I fulfilled a dream by traveling overland from China to the USA back in the mining game now and after a stint in Zambia copper mine, I am once again on a gold mine, this time in Ghana.

Michael Sneyd: I have written a book about the Sneyd Family of Keele based on my MA. I have set up a website at www.users.waitrose.com/~msneyd/about my book.

Orhan Tatar: I teach geology at Cumhuriyet University. I have engaged in several national and international scientific projects. I am currently working on earthquake geology and risk assessments.

1994
Nina Bunton: Nina has just returned from five months living and volunteering overseas. She lived in Australia and New Zealand. She worked voluntarily in the Adekadea Wildlife Sanctuary and taught English in India. Read about her adventures at: careerbreak-nina.blogspot.com She is currently working on developing her own secretarial and editorial business.

Leonie Howe: Leonie went on to complete a PhD in Law at Warwick University and became co-editor of the British Journal of Forensic Practice in 2006. She currently works on the University of Greenwich as a Senior Lecturer in Criminology.

Philip Keenan: Worked in FE and HE and then with the very successful Dyspel Project working across the criminal justice system specifically in North East London with offenders who were shown to be dyslexic. Now working in FE as a Learning Support Co-ordinator (Dyslexia).

James Power: I moved from Wales last year and now live in Cheshire. I am teaching near Manchester and have been Assistant Principal at Oasis Academy MediaCity: UK since September 2008. My kids are now nine, six and nearly three. I still try to write music but haven’t been in a band for years.

Bruce Strong: Qualified as a Chartered Surveyor in 1998 and now work for the Berkeley Group on commercial property development and investment acqisitions.

Daniel Whitehead: I joined Ashurst Morris Crisp as a trainee solicitor, qualified in 1999 and now work as an in-house lawyer at Citibank in London.

1995
Andrew Austin: I am currently working as a lecturer in music and music technology at Andover College in Hampshire. Prior to that, I was teaching music at the English College in Dubai.

Andrew Barton: Just before graduating in 1995, I moved to Los Angeles, married a girl who I loved heart, worked in non-profit fund-raising, enjoyed southern California and was blessed to have a son. We spent four years in England [London] before returning to Los Angeles in 2007, with a daughter, and resuming fund-raising now work at a private university in southern California.

Elizabeth Forsyth (Holmes): Elizabeth joined the RAF after leaving Keele and spent 12 years as a military search and rescue pilot. She now works for a civilan search and rescue company for HM Coastguard. She is happily married to Gary and they have two year-old daughter called Emma together as well as Gary’s three older children.

Scott Langley: After graduating I moved to Japan for five years to study karate. I graduated from the Japan Shotokan Instructors’ course, only the fifth Westerner to do so in its 55 years history. I returned to Europe and moved to Dublin where I teach at the largest karate school in Ireland. I have written a book to be published next year and I married an old Keele friend Victoria Hocking (1994). We’ve just had a baby girl.

Christian Orf-Leisinger (Orf): I live in Frankfurt with my husband and children (we have two daughters, aged three and five). I am currently working in the accreditation office at the German Ministry of Education.

Simon Pryde: I’ve been covering the Olympic Games for the BBC (as a TV and radio reporter, mainly doing interviews with competitors across various sports) and I remain in Beijing for the Paralympics. Bumped into an old Keele mate, Adrian McCarten, out here – he’s working for an Aussie production company – and we spent a few days travelling China together between Games.

1996
Sabina Bauer (Khan): I am the mother of three girls, juggling family life with teaching here in Munich.

Adrian Hirst: I married Marie Campbell (1995). We moved immediately to New Zealand and have two daughters keeping us busy.

Luo Jun: I have been working closely with the British Consulate General in Guangzhou.

Zaiton Ahmad: Continued working as a councillor at UiTM until 1998 before becoming a lecturer. Now an Associate Professor, Zaiton was appointed Deputy Dean for 2008-2010.

Brian Hewitt: Started working as soon as I graduated at Clatterbridge on the Wirral as a Therapy Radiographer. Spent a year travelling round Oz in 2002/2003.

Maria King (Dolley): I qualified as a solicitor and worked for several years in practice. After marriage and having twins I decided upon a more flexible career and I am currently training trainee solicitors and foreign lawyers wishing to qualify in England and Wales.

Jens Martin: Currently living in Luxembourg and working as a financial consultant for Brown Brothers Harriman.

Sue Roberts: In 2007 I set up my own business, Westwood Roberts Limited, a Human Resource, Research and Development Consultancy which is based in Cheshire. I am now working nationwide with a range of different customers and also fulfilling my wish to help and support other women starting up their businesses.

Oliver Teixe: Still working for American Express, but have taken the plunge after 10 years of living in Brighton and moved to Sydney, where the weather is slightly better. The beer, not so much.

Tom Woodman: I am now a librarian (yes, a librarian) at an FE college in Bristol. Got married to Paula Howley (1994) in 2005.

James Rivers: I met a young lady on the Internet who, quite by chance, is also from Keele and we married in 2002. Quite a romantic story. We now live in Manchester where I am in business development for a major charity while my wife Lisa is a hot-shot lawyer. We have two kittens.

Kristine Brayford-West: I have just been promoted at South Staffs and Shropshire NHS Foundation Trust.

François Forney: I married Cécile Vichery who I met at Keele while she was an Erasmus student. We now live in Rambouillet (south east of Paris) and are expecting our fourth child in March 2009. I’m now working in the Ginger Group as Business Manager.

Robert Freeman: Went to work on a political campaign in Minnesota in the US, met my wife [an American] and stayed, and am now a lobbyist for a health care company.

Tim Sandle: I am a microbiologist working for the National Blood Service.

Andrew Earnshaw: Am working in London for the Department of Health as a Government Faststreamer.

Martin Gallagher: Spent seven years teaching physics and maths, now researching particle physics at Birmingham University.

Christopher Marcoux: Completed doctoral study in political science at University of Massachusetts Amherst. Now a visiting assistant professor in the department of political science at Virginia Tech.

Sofia Papageorgiou: I am still working in Athens, Greece as a home manager/psychologist for people with learning disabilities.

Amy Stuttle [Bell]: After Keele, I went to Homerton College, Cambridge, to train to be a primary school teacher. There I met my future husband and decided to stay in the area. After four years of teaching, I took a gap year where I travelled to the Middle East and Africa, before returning home and getting married.

Simon Holford: After my degree at Keele I made the short trip down the M6 to Birmingham to do a PhD in Earth Sciences, then after graduating in 2006 and contemplating getting a real job, I was lured to make a much bigger move to the University of Adelaide, where last year I won a prestigious fellowship from the Australian government to keep me here researching and teaching. Geology until 2012.

Caroline Jauffret: I have been involved for the last eight years in the humanitarian and development field. After graduating, I spent time in Kosovo, then after graduating in 2006 and contemplating getting a real job, I was lured to make a much bigger move to the University of Adelaide, where last year I won a prestigious fellowship from the Australian government to keep me here researching and teaching. Geology until 2012.


Tricia Madge: I joined the Transport for London Graduate scheme in 2001 and am currently Performance Manager for the Central Line managing around 900 staff and all the stations on the central line.

Sharon Moore [Byrne]: I am now working for the Local Safeguarding Children Board as an Inter-Agency Training Officer. I’ve been in this position for seven months now and am enjoying the change of pace. I am still happily settled in Norfolk with my husband.

Katherine Gemmell: Completed a PGCE in 2002 and am now a teacher in a primary school in West London.

Emma Bacon: In February 2008 I completed my paramedic training. It’s all good fun as you never know what is coming next. Delivering babies is the best! My partner Gary and I have just bought a house together, and will be moved to Sandiacre, Nottingham, in whose debut album Scares will be released in 2009. Luke also plays bass and double bass with Chester-based The Invisible Wires, whose claim to fame was having previously recorded with Duffey before she found stardom.

James Beardsmore: I am doing a PhD at Keele investigating a computational approach to the study of aluminium in the blood. I met my girlfriend in our first year of our undergraduate course, and we are still together, saving up to get married and buy a house after my current postgraduate studies have been completed.

Nicola Bonner: I am currently working in a health outcomes company providing consultancy for pharmaceutical companies.

Meghan Johnson: I finished undergrad school at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, USA. I am now a second and third grade reading teacher.

Diana Mendoza: Graduated in 2006 with a major in Information Systems. Currently working for an Information Technology company in San Antonio, Texas.


Natalie Spence: Settled in Leeds and working for npower.

Heather Timbrell [Standbridge]: Having got married this summer I am now looking forward to another busy year at work as we are going through a recruitment campaign for firefighters. As well as that I am saving hard so we can try and buy our first house.

Kirsty Ward: I have returned to London and after working for a short period at Entertainment Rights Plc I am now working for a paralegal at Endemol UK.

Siti Zubaidah Zakaria: Got married in 2006 and had a handsome baby boy name Adam Zubaid in 2007.

Amanda Glenedenning [Edmonson]: Currently looking after my 19 month old daughter.

Mark Jones: I am currently completing a masters in Social Work, specialising in physical disability, pain management and palliative care. Hope to return to University to undertake a PhD. I teach excluded GCSE students English and Mathematics and remain involved in early years projects for animal welfare, environmental protection, vulnerable people, privacy and liberty.

Michael Sparrow: Living back in Leeds and working/studying towards AQA.

Rachel Abbott: I am now an accredited drug and alcohol professional working as a Criminal Justice Drug Worker for Addiction. I am part of the drugs intervention programme and my main role is in arrest referral based at police stations. The aim of the project is to get drug users out of crime and into appropriate treatment.

Matt Condick-Brough: Moved to London in August to work for Accenture in their Technology Consulting division.

Rehinde Eboigbe: I am currently working with npower Ltd, Retail Services and I enjoy my job.

Victoria Howells: I decided to move to Stoke-on-Trent to be near my boyfriend at the time and with the church I’ve been attending. Since then we have split up but I’ve decided to stick around.

Jennifer Johnson: Currently working as a marketing assistant.

Noah Konig: I travelled around Europe with my girlfriend who I met at Keele, across 26 major cities for three months and I am now a Media Project Manager for a careers film production company in Cambridge.

Adrian Lim: Got a job as a graduate environmental consultant for WSP Environmental doing Due Diligence (Contaminated Land) auditing for the commercial sector. Been there ever since and am aiming to stay, as well as working towards chartership with either the Geological Society or the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment.

Stephen McSawley: Still studying at Keele, MRes international Relations.

Antonia Mey: Now doing a PhD in Theoretical Physics at the University of Nottingham.

Hayley Parker: I decided I loved Keele too much to leave, so my parents moved to the area and I started a PhD at Keele.

Josephine de Whytell: I have now moved to Canada where I am unofficially articling until I get the approved visa to enable me to be admitted to the bar.

Yang Sung Pil: I work for the Korean Tripartite Coalition as the director of the general management division.

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At the end of last year we asked subscribers to our forever:keele e-zine to send us photographs of their Keele scarves or sweatshirts in unusual locations.

We enjoyed seeing the photographs and it’s great to know that you still wear and love your Keele kit.

The winners of a Keele University calendar are:

David Hampson (1963 Chemistry/Physics), who wore his scarf at President Barack Obama’s inauguration and at one of the inaugural balls.

Howard Dewhirst (1964 Geology/English) whose Keele scarf is pictured on Hansen’s Peak in Tasmania.

Louise Gibney (2006 Environmental Management/Geography), who is pictured in New Zealand standing next to a natural geyser; and former editor of Concourse, Dave Lee (1982 Education/Mathematics), who sent in two photographs of himself wearing his Keele sweatshirt – 30 years apart!


To help us commemorate the occasion, the Alumni Office is appealing for images that capture the spirit of Keele – from every generation, every season and every occasion.

We are still planning how we will use the images but possible outcomes include: a calendar to celebrate the Golden Anniversary of the University Charter 2012; a selection of images to be published in forever:keele magazine in 2010; or a display at an event on campus.

Anyone wishing to submit an image should contact alumni officer John Easom on 01782 733370 or J.C.Easom@Kfm.Keele.Ac.Uk for further information.

The deadline for submissions is 30 September 2009 and the final selection of images will be announced by 31 December 2009.

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