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THE FIRST WORD

It's our final *insight* magazine before the party starts here in Liverpool to mark the city's status as European Capital of Culture 2008. We love a good party so we've dedicated plenty of space this issue to tell you about the many events on offer in the coming year. If you've been looking for a chance to visit the city again, now's the perfect opportunity!

The University is proud to be at the forefront of the events on offer in 2008 – not least because of the opening of the Victoria Gallery and Museum in our beautiful redbrick Victoria Building. We're also involved with literary and science festivals, public lectures, concerts and art. Take a look at pages 12 to 14 for more details.

If you can't make it back to the University for a specific Capital of Culture event, we've got loads on offer to tempt you over the coming year. From prestigious dinners at the stunning Knowsley Hall, or fun informal get-togethers, there's something to appeal to all tastes. We're also busy organising our annual alumni reunion weekend which is growing every year so perhaps that's the perfect excuse for you to pay us a visit! As usual, the events listings are on the final pages of the magazine, along with a handy booking form. Alternatively, you can book online at www.liv.ac.uk/alumni



A great selection of graduates took time to chat to me for our alumni profiles this issue. David Liddiment is renowned in the television industry; Mark Johnson has a glittering career in the glamorous world of diamonds, and Lewis Booth and Terry Leahy are leading two of the world's most famous business names – Ford and Tesco. Make sure you let us know what you've been up to since leaving the University – you can email us or send your details on the enclosed carrier sheet.

One final note – please take a look at the back page of the magazine. We're planning a fantastic project for 2008, but we can't do it without you. We want to use a selection of your photos in a new book which will showcase the great and the good, as well as the crazy and quirky side of life at the University!

Suzanne Elsworth
insight editor

I am really pleased to report on a huge number of developments this year, not least the mailing of more than 25,000 graduates with whom we had previously lost touch. There has been a fantastic response and, when we add those who have subsequently been 'found,' in addition to the recent July graduates, we now have a record number of contactable alumni on our database. On behalf of the whole team I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new or reacquainted alumni.

We are also very excited about the much anticipated launch of our interactive community, University of Liverpool Online, which heralds a change in the way we communicate with those of you with computer access, although you will still receive your copy of *insight* through the post. See page 21 for registration details. We are really looking forward to receiving your news, stories, photos and feedback.

I was honoured to meet several of our alumni in China during a visit there in August. The response we had to the events was overwhelming, and, along with the events earlier in the Summer in Beijing and Shanghai, we have had very positive feedback about the formation of associations in China – see page 40 for photos from the events.

We have also received a fantastic number of applications for our new Alumni Ambassadors programme. We rely very heavily on our volunteers to help



build and maintain links throughout the UK and the world, so the appointment of these key contacts has proven to be of vital importance. See pages 26 and 27 to meet your Ambassadors and find out more.

"We are very excited about the much anticipated launch of our interactive community, University of Liverpool Online, which heralds a change in the way we communicate with you."

Finally, I want to take the opportunity to thank all of you who have supported the Benefactors' Fund, in particular those who responded to the recent mailing. The generosity of our alumni is overwhelming and we do hope that many more will

join our current donors in supporting the University when our first telephone campaign starts in October – see page 28 for details.

Karen Brady
Alumni Development Manager

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13th VC announced

The University of Liverpool will welcome its 13th Vice-Chancellor in September 2008, when Professor Drummond Bone retires after six years in the top role.

Sir Howard Newby is currently Vice-Chancellor of the University of the West of England (UWE) in Bristol, having previously spent five years as the Chief Executive of the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE). He has also previously been Vice-Chancellor of the University of Southampton and Chairman and Chief Executive of the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC).

From 1999 to 2001, Sir Howard was President of Universities UK, the UK body which represents the university sector. He was also President of the British Association for the Advancement of Science for 2001-2002. He was made a CBE in 1995 for services to social science and knighted in 2000 for services to higher education.

Sir Howard said: "I am delighted to have been appointed to such an exciting and challenging role. Liverpool is one of the UK's most dynamic and forward-thinking institutions with a growing global reputation. Drummond Bone has made a major contribution to Liverpool's success and I am looking forward to building on his excellent work."

Professor Bone added: "Sir Howard will bring a great deal to the University of Liverpool in terms of energy, experience and leadership. I wish him well in his new role - he is a person of great vision and his credentials are unmatched."



Boost for small animal care



A £9.6 million Small Animal Teaching Hospital (SATH) has officially been opened by His Grace The Duke of Westminster, placing the University at the forefront of small animal veterinary care in the UK.

The 86-room referral-only hospital, based at Leahurst, Wirral, services the whole of northern England and North Wales. The facility is also used to train the 600 students on the University's Veterinary Science degree programme.

The facility includes Europe's first Hill's Pet Mobility Centre to enable a range of orthopaedic and musculoskeletal research projects that could lead to improved treatments for conditions such as arthritis in cats and dogs – a condition which affects 20% of adult dogs and 50% of cats over 10 years of age.

Treatment for cancer in small animals will be provided by the Johnson Foundation Radiotherapy Unit – the only radiotherapy unit in the UK supported by both a therapeutic radiographer and a specialist veterinary oncologist. The radiation equipment will bring additional benefits to students on the radiotherapy degree course in the School of Health Sciences who have limited access to NHS treatment facilities.

The SATH houses four operating theatres – one for key-hole surgery – and imaging facilities unrivalled in the UK, with two digital X-ray rooms, two ultrasound rooms and a dedicated

echocardiography room for scanning hearts. The hospital is the only one in the UK with both an MRI and CT scanner in-house.

Professor Sandy Trees, Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Science, said: "The SATH is a European centre of excellence in researching, treating and managing illness in small animals. Our veterinary



students will be trained in the most-up-to-date techniques available, which means our graduates will consequently have a significant impact on the quality of animal health and welfare in the UK."

The University is grateful for the support of Sir David and Lady Barnes, Hill's Pet Nutrition, the Johnson Foundation, Lord Leverhulme's Charitable Trust, the Pet Plan Trust, the Westminster Foundation, and the Weston family and numerous other generous donors.

Vice-Chancellor
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Sir David Barnes,
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£6.2m investment in Biomedical Sciences

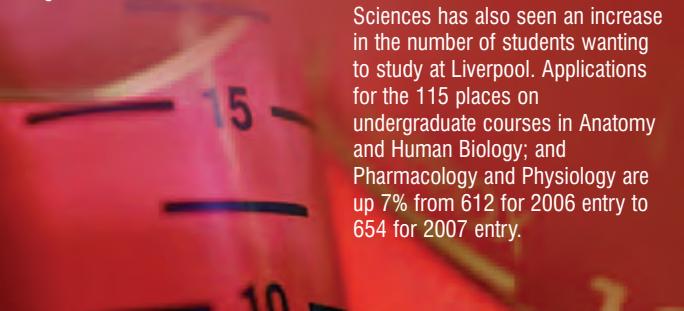
An investment of £6.2 million in Biomedical Sciences at the University has seen a surge in student applications and the appointment of additional world-class researchers.

The funding comprises awards from the Government's Science Research Investment Fund (SRIF), Cancer Research UK (CRUK), the Medical Research Council (MRC), Diabetes UK and the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC).

Dr Ulrike Gruneberg has joined the University from the Max Planck Institute in Germany to further her research into the mechanisms that control cell division – an important aspect of cancer research – with particular focus on identifying drug targets.

Scientists who have recently joined the University from the US include Dr Bettina Wilm from Vanderbilt University, whose work focuses on development of the gut, and Dr Silvia Mora from Kansas State University who researches type II diabetes. New faces from Europe and the UK include Dr Evie Vereecke from the University of Antwerp in Belgium, whose work centres on the evolution of primate locomotion, and Dr Steve Royle from the University of Cambridge who studies the cell cycle. Three new Research Councils UK (RCUK) Fellows will be appointed in the next few months plus four additional lecturers and an additional Chair in Pharmacology.

Investment in Biomedical Sciences has also seen an increase in the number of students wanting to study at Liverpool. Applications for the 115 places on undergraduate courses in Anatomy and Human Biology; and Pharmacology and Physiology are up 7% from 612 for 2006 entry to 654 for 2007 entry.



Preparing for Liverpool

The first students began their studies at the Liverpool International College in September in a new collaboration between the University of Liverpool and Kaplan, the educational and career services provider.

The new institution, which will be run by Kaplan International Colleges in collaboration with the University, will give international students a chance to study in the city before entering University.

Liverpool International College, located on the University campus, provides a full range of programmes across a wide range of subjects including engineering, management, science and social sciences. The programmes provide students with a solid academic foundation in their chosen area combined with intensive English language preparation and study skills. After completing their studies at Liverpool International College, the students will be eligible to study for undergraduate or postgraduate degrees at the University of Liverpool, subject to meeting the required academic and English language standards.

Happy anniversary XJTLU!

Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University (XJTLU) has celebrated its first anniversary with a celebration in Suzhou.

The British Ambassador to China, Sir William Ehrman, was guest of honour, alongside representatives from the Chinese Government, and academics and alumni from the parent universities in Liverpool and Xi'an.

XJTLU marked the occasion by launching three new university initiatives. The Centre for International Higher Education will address issues around the internationalisation of higher education and promote best practice by drawing on global experience; the Centre for Energy and Electric Power will conduct research into energy and power systems alongside the Suzhou Research Institute; and the Centre for Overseas Student Exchange will oversee placements enabling Liverpool students to work for industrial partners in Suzhou.

20 Liverpool postgraduate research students received scholarships to work at XJTLU during the summer as part of an effort to build the research environment at the university.



University expands international collaboration

The University is expanding its unique partnership with Laureate International Universities, one of the world's largest networks of private higher education institutions, to create the next generation of international programmes for students worldwide.

The expansion builds further on the close collaboration between the two parties which already involves the provision of online degree programmes and the establishment of a new University, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, in China.

The new agreement includes a variety of international initiatives including study abroad opportunities, a summer school at the University for students from Laureate institutions overseas and the opportunity to study for a dual degree. It will also include the possibility of developing University of Liverpool on-site programmes at existing Laureate institutions in Europe, Latin America and Asia.

Laureate Online Education has served as the e-learning partner of the University of Liverpool since 1999. Around 2,000 students are currently engaged in the programmes.

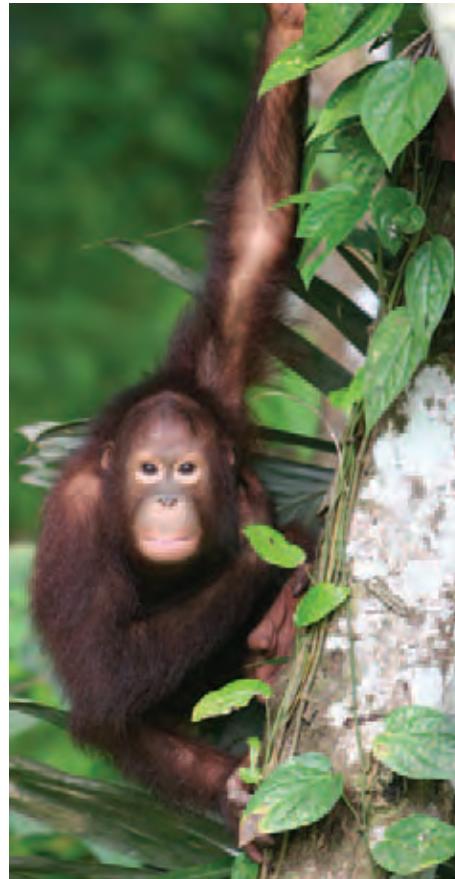
SCIENCE

Scientists have found that humans' ability to walk upright developed from ancestors foraging for food in tree tops and not from walking on all fours on open land.

It was traditionally thought that humans became upright walkers in a slow process which had its origins in 'knuckle-walking' – movement on all fours – just as chimpanzees and gorillas walk today. It was believed that this developed once human ancestors moved out of the forests into the savannahs of East Africa.

Research at the University, in collaboration with the University of Birmingham, into the behaviour of the orang-utan, now suggests that knuckle-walking evolved quite recently in chimpanzees and gorillas, as a way of moving on the forest floor. Meanwhile, walking on two legs – assisted by the support of tree branches – is an older trait and evolved from tree walking. The study suggests that walking on two legs was always a feature of great-ape behaviour and human ancestors never passed through a knuckle-walking phase.

Professor Robin Crompton, from the School of Biomedical Sciences, said: "Our ancestors made use of the way they moved through the trees to adapt to their life on the ground. Ancestors of chimps and gorillas, however, tried to maintain access to the canopy as well as the ground by developing very strong arms to climb vertically up and down tree-trunks and as a consequence became 'top-heavy'. When they are on the ground, therefore, they move predominantly by knuckle-walking, propping themselves on their long, heavy forelimbs."



VETS

Researchers are developing techniques to help horses regenerate damaged tissue.

Damage to both joints and soft tissue structures, such as ligaments and tendons, is common, but the ability of the body to repair the injury is limited and often the injured site heals by filling in with a form of scar tissue. This 'scarred' repair tissue is both mechanically and biologically very different from normal tissue. It is also prone to re-injury and could result in further pain and loss of performance.

Professor Peter Clegg in the Division of Equine Studies, said: "In recent years there has been much interest in techniques which can be used to influence the repair process so the body can reproduce 'normal' tissue. The ideal scenario is that the body regenerates rather than simply repairing. Techniques which are being developed to positively influence this regeneration process are known as tissue engineering."

As part of their research, Peter and his team are also investigating how to improve outcomes following orthopaedic injuries. He added: "In particular we are focusing on techniques to repair articular cartilage loss following joint injury and osteoarthritis, as well as tissue engineering to the suspensory ligament and superficial digital flexor tendon. A number of these techniques have reached the point where we are able to start introducing them as treatments for clinical cases. These are exciting times as there is hope for real progress."

For more on this story visit www.liv.ac.uk/vets/about/news.htm and follow the links to Equine News, Summer 2007.

SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Liverpool is flourishing as a result of its forthcoming status as European Capital of Culture, according to a study by Liverpool academics.

The first report to assess the impact of 2008 on the city has revealed widespread benefits to Liverpool's economy, employment rates and cultural sector.

The highlights of the report include:

Tourism

- New visitors - 41% of tourists have never visited Liverpool before
- Visitor expenditure is in excess of £400 million.

Employment

- 138% increase in jobs in architecture and engineering
- Jobs in the city's visitor infrastructure such as hotels and bars have risen by 29%

- 50% more jobs in the creative industries
- Total value of economic activity in Liverpool has grown from £5.5 billion to almost £7 billion between 2000 and 2004.

Image and identity

- National newspapers produced four times more positive stories about Liverpool's arts and culture scene than in 1996.

Commissioned by Liverpool City Council, Impacts 08 was set up by the School of Sociology and Social Policy, in collaboration with Liverpool John Moores University, as a means of establishing a benchmark model to evaluate the effects of major events such as the London Olympics in 2012 on cities and their surrounding areas.

For more Capital of Culture news see page 12.



ARTS

The University is to establish a £5 million Tony Blair Chair in Irish Studies in honour of both the former prime minister's instrumental role in helping to end the troubles in Northern Ireland, and the world-leading research and teaching carried out by its Institute of Irish Studies.

The Blair Chair has been awarded by the Irish Government which, along with its British counterparts, drew on the expertise and experience within the Institute of Irish Studies when developing peace programmes in Northern Ireland.

Tony Blair said: "This is a great and unexpected honour. It is also one shared by the very many people in Northern Ireland and beyond who had the vision,

courage and commitment to work towards a peaceful future."

Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern TD, said: "The Chair is a fitting way to mark Tony Blair's immense and historic contribution in helping bring peace to Ireland. It is a contribution that will be remembered by Irish people all

over the world for as long as the history of our country is read and written."

The endowment will fund several postgraduate studentships and a new undergraduate programme in British and Irish Politics, to be launched in 2008.

Director of the Institute, Professor Marianne Elliott OBE, added: "The endowment will enable us to build on the work we have carried out in Ireland over the past 20 years and introduce our knowledge to other countries with similar issues."



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Parliament

ENGINEERING

A major new initiative is underway to change the learning environment for the engineers of the future.

Engineering teaching methods will change and also, crucially, the spaces in which teaching and learning are carried out.

Peter Goodhew, Professor of Materials Engineering and the academic lead for the Liverpool Engineer project, said: "Many universities decide to change the way they teach things and many have rebuilding programmes, but for the two things to come together at exactly the same time is very unusual and means that we have the opportunity to do something very special."

The Liverpool Engineer project reflects an international engineering education movement called CDIO – Conceiving Designing Implementing Operating: the four stages that encapsulate almost every engineering activity. A key element of CDIO is 'active learning', where students participate rather than simply passively absorb information in a lecture theatre.

The Faculty of Engineering's new

accommodation will include an Active Learning Laboratory able to accommodate a total of 250 students simultaneously – an entire year's intake, which is almost unprecedented in any engineering department. The spaces can be set up in a variety of ways – one week it might be a design studio, another a manufacturing facility with workbenches and machine tools, and the next a completely open space where teams of students can test robots or cars that they have conceived, designed and built themselves.

Despite all the changes, Professor Goodhew stresses engineering will remain an academic discipline and that scholarship is an important element of the course. "There is an important intellectual side to engineering and this will not be lost with the Liverpool Engineer," he said. "As well as being a vocational subject and a profession, engineering is an academic pursuit that is intellectually fulfilling and our aim is to develop multi-faceted engineers and not simply to produce people who will be good engineering employees to the exclusion of everything else."

MEDICINE



Epidemiologists at the University of Liverpool have found that approximately half the recent fall in coronary heart disease deaths in the US are due to positive life style changes and the other half to medical therapies.

From 1980 to 2000, the US death rates for coronary heart disease (CHD) fell from 543 to 267 per 100,000 population among men and from 263 to 134 per 100,000 population among women. Overall there were 341,745 fewer CHD deaths in 2000 than in 1980.

The team from the University's Division of Public Health, with colleagues from heart disease charity, Heart of Mersey, found that this decrease was attributed to reductions in risk factors such as total cholesterol, systolic blood pressure, smoking and physical inactivity. Prevalence of smoking, for example, had fallen by 12%.

However, they found that this reduction could have been 15% more had it not been for an increase in obesity and diabetes. Approximately half the fall in CHD deaths was also attributed to medical treatments, including medications for heart failure and emergency treatments for heart attacks and angina.

Professor Simon Capewell from the University said: "We have recently seen similar falls in heart disease here in the UK. These changes mainly reflect healthier diets, though, not tablets. However, the increase in obesity and diabetes are a wake up call for us all."



Sp



University College Football team, 1897



Sport has been part of the lives of Liverpool students since 1882, when a group of like-minded young men from University College formed the first cricket club, and the ladies followed suit, playing hockey in voluminous long skirts.

Today, the city is synonymous with sporting achievement, from its two rival football clubs to the prestigious Grand National at Aintree Racecourse. Now, the University is aiming to take student sport up a level with the launch of a new initiative to encourage potential sports stars to study here.

In August this year, the University unveiled its new Sports Directorate, which brings together all recreational

activities for staff and students under one umbrella – Sport Liverpool. The man tasked with implementing this new vision is Andy Craig, the University's first Director of Sport, and he is determined to make the University of Liverpool a sporting force again.

'Performance' is one of the areas the strategy aims to address, i.e. how well our students are doing in the British Universities Sports Association (BUSA) leagues and other competitions.

Andy said: "We have set ourselves a target to be in the top 15 within three years. Since we are currently ranked 31st in the BUSA league table this is a huge challenge, but we all believe passionately that an institution like the

University of Liverpool, with its proud sporting heritage, should be competing much better on a national scale."

The launch of Sport Liverpool means that student sports clubs will no longer be managed by the Athletics Union (AU) but will be centrally run by a new Sports Development Team. Initially, this caused some concern among students that they would have less control over their clubs but the appointment of Stuart Wade, former AU Administrator and now in his 20th year at Liverpool, as the new Sports Development Manager helped to ease the transition.

"Students will still have a central role in the design and delivery of club sport at Liverpool," said Andy, "but they

Sport Liverpool

University is aiming high as it launches initiative to attract sports stars of the future

will benefit from the support of professional sports staff on matters such as club administration and development planning, as well as more external coaching staff and help with training."

One example of an external partnership is with rugby union giants Sale Sharks. The club is providing a member of staff to become Director of Rugby at the University. Another high-profile collaboration will provide opportunities for professional coaching for students at Royal Liverpool Golf Club at Hoylake. Similar club links are being developed in other sports such as netball, hockey, lacrosse, volleyball and swimming.



As if this wasn't incentive enough for talented young sportsmen and women to study at Liverpool, the University is also offering one of the best athletics scholarships in the UK with 150 places up for grabs over the next three years.

Sport Liverpool represents the best of both worlds, according to Andy: "We have a new, dynamic vision and innovative ideas coupled with experienced staff and a fantastic sporting heritage. As well as improving our standing in student sports tournaments, the Olympics in London in 2012 gives us the added possibility of seeing our students competing for their country at the highest level. The future is very exciting indeed."

Liverpool leaders



Many sporting stars have studied at the University over the years. Here are just a few:

Athletics

Lucy Elliot (BSc Hons Biochemistry 1987) – distance runner who represented England in the 80s and 90s

John Heap – (BSc Hons Computer Science 1992) cross country for England in the 90s

Ian Hudspith (BSc Mathematics 1993) – cross country runner and fell racer

Hugh Jones (MBChB 1978) – the first British man to win the London Marathon in 1982, represented England and Great Britain at long distance running.

Cricket

Kenneth Cranston (BDentSurg Dental Surgery 1940) – captained Lancashire and England in the 1940s, died earlier this year as the oldest surviving England Test cricketer

Steven Knox (BA Financial Economics 1995) played for Scotland in the early 2000s

Jude Mahadanarachchi (MBChB 1998) – played for Wales, now a GP in Liverpool and playing for Formby Cricket Club.

Football

Brian Hall (BSc Mathematics 1968) - played for Liverpool from 1968-76, after playing as an amateur while studying

Steve Coppell (BA Hons Economics and Economic History 1976) – former Manchester United and England player and current manager of Reading FC

Barry Horne (BSc Chemistry 1983) – played for Everton from 1992-96, captained Wales, and former Chairman of the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA)

Helena Philips née Wade - (BSc Human Movement Science – 1990) – played for the Wales women's team in 1992.

Hockey

* **John Bell** - Played for England in mid 1990's.

Lacrosse

* **Sarah Roberts** and **Jane Bennett** (née Sandys-Renton, LBSc Hons Mathematics 1987, PhD 1992) - both played for England in 1989

Ellie Davey (Present medical student) and **Gabriella Watson** (present student) – both played for Junior Scotland in 2006/07.

Sarah Monks (BSc Chemistry 1987) - played also for England

Kirsty Ridley née Atkinson (BSc Geography 1992) – played also for England

Judo

Christopher Johnson (BSc Movement Science 1999) – represented England and Great Britain.

Rugby League

Phil Clarke (BSc Human Movement Science 1992) – former Wigan Warriors player and England captain in the 1990s, later became Sky Sports Rugby League pundit

Barry-Jon Mather (BSc Human Movement Science 1995) – played rugby league for Wigan Warriors and Great Britain, later played rugby union for England.

Rugby Union

Jasper Bartlett (BEng Civil Engineering 1946) – one cap for England

Reg Bazley (BEng 1951) – 10 caps for England

Thomas Brophy (BSc General 1963) – played for England

Gill Burns (BEd Hons PE and Maths 1986) gained 73 caps for England, was the first woman to referee at Twickenham and the first woman player to be welcomed into the Rugby Hall of Fame. She received the MBE for her services to sport.

Maurice Colclough - part of the 1980 Grand Slam team – didn't graduate

* **Richard Guest** – 13 caps for England, made his debut while still an undergraduate

James Hayter (BA Economic and Social History 1999) – played for England Under 21s

Jack Heaton (DipArch 1936) – nine caps for England, made his debut while still an undergraduate

* **Andy Lewis** – played for Wales in the 1980s

Roy Leyland (BA 1933, CertEd 1934) – three caps for England

Rob MacNaughton (BArch 1991) – played for Scotland

Fiona Neary (MBChB 2002) – played for the Irish women's team in 2003

Tony Neary (LLB 1970) – captain of Lancashire while an undergraduate, won 43 caps for England between 1971-80

Ann O'Flynn (BSc Physiology 1994 and BVSc 2001) – played in the England women's team, competed in the World Cup in 2002 in her final year

Samuel Perry (BSc 1939) – seven caps for England

Victor Tindall (MBChB 1951) – four caps for England during his final year at Liverpool

Stuart Turner (BSc Physics 1994) – current Sale Sharks and England prop forward.

Rifle

Craig Miles (BA Economics and Social History 1996) – Air rifle team for Great Britain.

Rowing

Alison Mowbray (BSc Hons Microbial Biotechnology 1992) – learned to row at University, won a silver medal at the Athens Olympics in 2002.

Shotokan Karate

Lee Williams (BSc Maths with Management 1995) – competed for Great Britain in the 1990s.

Water Polo

Gerry McQuillan (MBChB 1992) competed for Northern Ireland

Colin Povey (BA Hons Modern History 1983) – captained England and later played for and coached the Great Britain side. Currently Chairman of Warwickshire County Cricket Club.

* We are looking for more details about these alumni – can you help? Telephone the Alumni Relations team on +44(0)151 794 2271 or email alumni@liv.ac.uk

Do you know of any more Liverpool legends? Have you had sporting success yourself? We'd love to hear from you.

The University's Special Collections and Archives has a wide range of sport-related material available for research. Please contact Adrian Allan on +44(0)151 794 2093.

Football fans have the man who designed the Birkenhead Tunnel to thank for one of the sports world's greatest inventions.

Liverpool academic Professor John Alexander Brodie invented the goal net in 1891 after watching a match at Everton. A dispute had erupted over whether the ball had passed through the goal posts or not. His net 'pocket', attached to the goal posts, was first used in a game between Nottingham Forest and Bolton Wanderers and The FA soon made it compulsory.

Brodie began his career in the Engineering Department of the Mersey Dock Estate. In 1898, he was appointed Liverpool's City Engineer. He suggested the installation of an electric tram system, designed the city's first pre-fabricated homes, and the Liverpool ring road, Queens Drive, and created the scheme for building the East Lancashire Road. In addition, Brodie became an expert in the field of town planning. International recognition came in 1912, when he was invited to help select the site and planning of the new capital of India at Delhi.

During his lifetime, Professor Brodie (1858-1934) became the President of the Institution of Civil Engineers, President of the Liverpool Engineering Society and Associate Professor of Engineering at the University of Liverpool.



Dr Frank Duckworth (BSc Hons Physics 1961, PhD Metallurgy, 1965) is one half of the duo responsible for the Duckworth/Lewis method used in cricket when play is affected by weather.

Frank, along with Tony Lewis (both are English statisticians and cricket enthusiasts), devised the mathematical formula to be used during one-day matches to set run targets for the second team up to bat.

The method is generally accepted to be a fair and accurate way of setting a target score as it takes proper account of the run-scoring resources lost when overs are lost to the weather, these resources being a mathematical combination of overs remaining and wickets down. Previous methods of setting target scores had serious flaws. During one notorious game during the 1992 Cricket World Cup, the 'best-scoring overs' method required the South African team to get 22 runs from one ball - an impossible task as the maximum score from one ball is generally six runs!

But rain interruptions haven't been the only reason for using the method. It has also been used in cases of floodlight failure, crowd disturbances, a sandstorm, snow (in Durham) and even sun! This was due to the reflection off glass of the setting sun; there have been two cases at Derby in the last two years.

The Duckworth/Lewis method was first used during the second game of the 1996/1997 Zimbabwe versus England One-Day International series and since then has been used in more than 700 matches. It was formally adopted by the International Cricket Council in 2001 as the standard method of calculating target scores in shortened one-day matches.

Cars ... it's a dream job for

“The first year I travelled in from home, then the last two years I stayed in Rathbone Hall. Living in halls was great, in fact, the whole University experience was great – but it made me realise I didn’t want to be an engineer!”

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When Lewis Booth, the Executive Vice President of Ford Motor Company, decided to pursue a career in the motor industry, he knew he was making the right decision.

He's the first to admit he has the car business in his blood. His father sold cars; his twin brother also has a vehicle dealership. He even says he dreams about cars – preferably ones which sell in their thousands!

“I think about the cars of today and tomorrow,” said the Liverpool graduate. “I love ‘volume cars’ that lots of people own. I wake up in the night thinking about Fiestas and Focuses!”

His passion may be the cars of the future but which car does he think stands out in history?

“The Mini,” he says with little hesitation. “It was such a great concept that had substantial influence on small cars worldwide. It was a pretty special car and its engine lasted forever, but it was flawed which meant it had character. It was also the first car I drove, owned and was a product planner on.”

Lewis's career has taken him across the world to Japan, South Africa and two stints in the US and Germany, but he hasn't forgotten his Northern English roots.

“I grew up in Widnes,” he said, “where my dad was a self employed motor dealer and my mum had a great scholarly record. She had studied Chemistry and came to Widnes as part of the war effort. I wanted to study Engineering close to home. I had really bad asthma and I actually made my decision to come to Liverpool while I was in bed with suspected TB.

“The first year I travelled in from home, then the last two years I stayed in Rathbone Hall. Living in halls was great, in fact, the whole University experience was great – but it made me realise I didn’t want to be an engineer! Cars are in my blood and I knew I wanted to work for a big business with lots of scope. I started my career with British Leyland and did a management accountant qualification on a distance learning course.

“My dad was a car dealer and he had the opinion that if I went to somewhere like Ford I would be consigned to drawing head lamp cowls and he thought that was an awful idea. My twin brother took over a car dealership in Widnes – they sell Peugeots, I haven’t persuaded him to sell Fords yet!”

He says his first job gave him a great grounding in the business.

“Someone at British Leyland said I was never going to make it because I hadn’t been trained by Ford,” said Lewis. “By coincidence, my next job was at Ford. I knew Leyland had troubled times ahead and I didn’t want to go down with the ship. I couldn’t have had a better start in the business than at British Leyland. The company was under huge pressure and you learn most when you are under that pressure.

“I joined Ford at management level and I felt a long way behind my peer group. But when you change company you can reinvent yourself – and I advise anybody who goes to a new company to do that. Think about what you do that works and discard the stuff that doesn’t.”

Lewis says every day brings new challenges: “The Ford Motor Company has been going through tough times recently, looking at the future of Jaguar and Land Rover. I have lots of personal sentiment but you can’t let sentiment cloud doing the right thing for Jaguar Land Rover, the employees and Ford Motor Company. Ford needs to simplify the business and, if we do it in the way we expect, it is good for both businesses.”

And what does he think is the future for the motor industry and engineering in Britain?

“One of the saddest things has been to watch the British Motor Corporation and British Leyland go from being the dominant force in the UK,” he said. “There has to be a way forward for a great future for engineering in Britain. I don’t believe Britain is just a service industry. We have got to have

John Fleming, President & CEO Ford of Europe, and Lewis Booth, Chairman, Ford of Europe, with the Car of the Year 2007 trophy for the Ford S-MAX



great engineers. The risk is that engineers will never quite have the professional reputation that they do in other countries. In Asia, for example, an engineer is a well respected position and you know when you meet someone that it will appear on their business card. We run the risk of engineers going elsewhere. We also run the risk of people being like me and going to do other things, but my degree has helped me tremendously."

And the industry is also a major player in the environmental debate. Lewis says cars are being vilified for being the worst polluters, when, in fact, they are responsible for only 10-12% of the total emissions.

He added: "We are going to lower CO2 by reducing weight and improving engineering. Hybrids are going to play a part, and, in a long, long way in the future – 30 or 40 years – so is hydrogen."

And he says there is one complication in the future of biofuels – agricultural capacity. He added: "We have got to recognise what land is for. It has to feed people.

"We have got to work with all stakeholders, from fuel companies to governments, and also look at how people drive – you can cut CO2 by changing the way you drive. However, you can't always educate people to do the right thing; you have got to make it easy. We are already seeing vehicles in which the engine stops when you come to a standstill – but we've got to stop customers getting nervous when that happens!"

After completing his bachelor of engineering degree with honours in mechanical engineering at the University of Liverpool, Lewis Booth started his career at British Leyland before moving in 1978 to become a financial analyst in product development for Ford of Europe.

During the 1980s and early 1990s, he held a series of management positions in Britain and in Germany. In 1992, he moved to the United States, then from 1993 to 1996, held a variety of positions for Ford Automotive Operations before accepting the position of Group Managing Director at SAMCOR in South Africa. He became President, Asia Pacific and Africa Operations for Ford Motor Company in 2000, then was named

President and CEO of Mazda Motor Corporation based in Hiroshima, Japan, where he oversaw the implementation of the company's highly successful Millennium Plan and the return of the rotary engine in the RX-8.

He is now Executive Vice-President for Ford Motor Company, overseeing Ford of Europe and Premier Automotive Group. He was formerly Chairman and CEO, Ford of Europe and, to ensure continuity, remains Chairman, Ford of Europe. He is also Chairman of Volvo Car Corporation.

A qualified chartered management accountant, he lives with his wife in London. They have two children.



Cultureextravaganza



With less than 100 days to go until Liverpool is officially crowned European Capital of Culture 2008 preparations in the University - as well as the city itself - are hotting up for the big year of celebration.

With a packed calendar of events this autumn the University hopes that once alumni, from near and far, hear about the range of events, from maritime heritage and architecture to music, art and literature, they'll be eager to enjoy what's on offer during the year.

The fun has already started with events during 2007 which helped celebrate Liverpool's 800th birthday, but the party really starts on New Year's Eve with a massive firework display.

The University is playing a major role in the Capital of Culture celebrations.

The centrepiece is the creation of the Victoria Gallery & Museum which in July 2008 will see the opening of the iconic redbrick Victoria Building to the public for the first time.

(See page 30 for more details.)

And there will be a great range of events throughout the year. Check the Alumni Relations website later this Autumn at www.liv.ac.uk/alumni, or contact Alumni Officer Emma Smith on +44 151 794 6940 or via emma.smith1@liv.ac.uk for more information.

Acclaimed actor Pete Postlethwaite (Hon LittD 2006) is returning to his roots to play King Lear at the Everyman theatre, a production which is sponsored by the University.



The University is also the main sponsor for the National Museums Liverpool commission of artist Ben Johnson's iconic cityscape of Liverpool which will be displayed at the Walker Art Gallery. His work is world-renowned due to its detail, precision and the significant scale of the work involved. The work will be completed live in the Walker Art Gallery from early 2008 alongside an interactive exhibit from the University's School of Architecture.

Alumni will have the opportunity to meet Ben during the Alumni Weekend Reunion 2008 from September 12-14.

The University's Shipping Lines Literary Festival from November 7-9 will showcase a selection of high quality contemporary writing with events for readers and writers alike with lectures, workshops, readings and debates. Authors speaking at the event will include Philip Pullman, Doris Lessing, Seamus Heaney, Monica Ali, Roger McGough (Hon

LittD 2006), Carol Ann Duffy (BA Hons Philosophy 1977, Hon Litt D 2007) and Melvyn Bragg.

The British Association's Festival of Science will take place at the University from 8-12 September with 250 events including debates, talks, workshops, exhibitions and field trips. Professor Lord Robert Winston, one of the world's most respected medical academics and researcher of the human reproductive system, will be delivering one of the University's 2008 public lectures during that week.

Meanwhile, the School of Music's concert program will include first performances of works by Hugh Wood (Hon D Mus 2006) and John McCabe (Hon DMus 2006), a commissioned work for the Liverpool Symphony Orchestra, and concerts involving student composers past and present.

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Drummond Bone, who is on the board of Liverpool Culture Company, said: "We are excited to be part of the celebrations for 2008. The University's plans are well advanced and will add to the diverse range of cultural activity in the city. The transformation of the Victoria Building will provide a wonderful space to exhibit our art and heritage collections, while the BA Festival of Science and the Literary Festival will bring internationally renowned figures from the world of science and literature to Liverpool. It's going to be a great year and I hope many of our alumni come and enjoy the events with us."



Artist Ben Johnson, the Liverpool Echo Arena and the Tall Ships



Across the city, there promises to be an event to capture the imagination of every visitor, not least the commissioning of new music, museum exhibitions, films, books and plays.

Two of the musical highlights will be concerts held at the new 10,600 capacity Liverpool Echo Arena, a concert and conference venue sited on the city's historic waterfront. The Liverpool Sound will be broadcast across the globe and its organisers promise to feature performances from world-famous artists playing the music Liverpool has exported round the globe. The Arena will also host The Number 1 Project Live, a concert celebrating Liverpool's 56 number one hit singles, more than any other city in the UK. Every living Liverpool artist who has enjoyed a number one

has been invited to take part.

Visitors can step back in time at the Maritime Museum with a Magical History Tour which will take visitors on a journey of discovery told through the lives of ordinary people, the famous and infamous.

Rediscovered photographs of The Beatles are to go on show for the first time at the National Conservation Centre. Michael Peto was one of the great photo journalists of the 1960s. No-one knows how he secured such unfettered access to the most famous group in the world.

Sir Simon Rattle will be conducting both the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra and the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra. The RIBA Stirling Prize described as the Oscars of British Architecture - and the World

Firefighter Games will also be held in the city.

The People's Festival will celebrate the city's working class culture and heroes, and the Liverpool Nativity will be performed in the city's streets and broadcast on the BBC. With a

maritime history as strong as Liverpool's, the Mersey has to play a part in the special year. The end of the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race and the spectacular start of the Tall Ships Race are expected to attract a million spectators to the banks of the river, and there will also be the only European showing of an international exhibition celebrating the power and impact of the railway on art in Europe and North America, featuring artists including Turner, Monet, Van Gogh and Hopper.

And sport hasn't been forgotten; the Open Golf Championship comes to Birkdale, there's European amateur boxing at the Arena, the finale of the Tour of Britain cycle race, and powerboat racing on the river.

For listings about city events visit www.liverpool08.com.

The University is fundraising in support of the redevelopment of the Victoria Building into a Museum and Gallery. For more information about this fundraising initiative, please contact Amanda Price in the Development team on +44(0)151 795 4618 or at amanda.price@liv.ac.uk

Royal approval for twins art

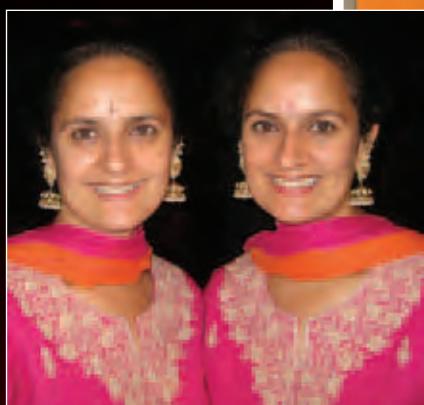
Twins, who are University of Liverpool alumni, have been commissioned to create two paintings to mark Liverpool's 800th birthday and the Capital of Culture year.

Amrit and Rabindra KD Kaur Singh (pictured below) completed their Combined Studies Degree in Ecclesiastical History, Western Art History and Comparative Religion from Chester College in 1987.

They unveiled the spectacular birthday painting (shown right), which includes a reinterpretation of the city's Coat of Arms, to Prince Charles, a renowned artist himself, earlier this year. It shows 800 years of Liverpool - from pre history, through the slave trade and its peak as a trading and shipping destination, to the present day as a diverse and cultural city. The watercolour painting, 20 inches wide and 30 inches long, took more than 700 hours to complete. It is on show in St George's Hall.

The second painting will be unveiled in 2008. It will document Liverpool celebrations of the European Capital of Culture Year.

For more on the twins' work go to www.singhtwins.co.uk



Supermarket chief buys in to united view of North West

He's currently one of the most famous names in British business, he's been signed up to two experts' panels by Prime Minister Gordon Brown, and his company is one of the biggest retailers in the world.

But Tesco Chief Executive Sir Terry Leahy, who was awarded an honorary degree by the University this Summer, hasn't forgotten his Liverpool roots.

"I was very pleased to receive my honorary degree," he said. "Because it is from your home city it is always going to be very special.

"I know the University well. I used to pass it on the bus and called in to use the library to study when I was at school. I also visited the Student Union a fair bit and I had a lot of friends at the University. It seemed that quite a lot of people from Liverpool stayed there to go to the University.

"I considered that too. I was the first of my three brothers to go to University and I did my degree in Manchester but I wasn't happy there because I was homesick. I told my tutor I was leaving to study Law at Liverpool but he persuaded me to stay."

Sir Terry, a lifelong Everton fan, grew up on a pre-fab estate in

Belle Vale and went to school at St Edward's College. He studied at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (UMIST) where he gained a BSc (Hons) in Management Sciences and his affinity with that other great city down the M62 has remained. He is now Co-Chancellor of the University of Manchester, alongside newscaster Anna Ford.

And he laughs at the rivalry between the two cities.

"I look at the world view that the North West of England is a very important part of the country that needs to see itself as a single place," he said.

"Liverpool has had a difficult time. It was very exciting in the 1960s with the music and the culture, but the Seventies and Eighties were very depressed. Those people growing up in Liverpool then could be forgiven for thinking that the great days were behind the city. That is why it is so wonderful now to see that Liverpool's future is going to be better than its past. It is undergoing the largest rebuild in its history. From a distance now, people can see that something good is happening here. Capital of Culture has helped – it gives an

emblematic signal that people need to take a fresh look at Liverpool."

Sir Terry was knighted in 2001 for services to food retailing. He has worked his way up the ranks, stacking shelves in Tesco during his school holidays, then starting at the Co-Op in Manchester after graduation. He moved to Tesco, working first in marketing, and was appointed to the board in 1992.

"I hated my first job," he said. "I was stuck in a windowless room with piles of computer print outs.

"But I was found there by a person who took an interest in me and gave me challenging things to do. That memory always reminds me what you can do with young people who show leadership and it is something I have instilled at Tesco."

So what are his aims for the supermarket giant in the future?

"We will see Tesco expand in other countries," he said. "We have gone from serving 60 million people in the UK to serving 2 billion people in the US, China, Asia and Europe. But in one sense it will stay the same because we will always try to understand the lives of ordinary hard-working people."

And with supermarkets coming under increasing pressure to cut

their impact on the environment, green issues are also at the forefront of Sir Terry's mind. Halving carbon emissions from the stores and transport fleet, reducing packaging by 25%, using windmills and solar power, and detailing every product's carbon impact to customers are all on the agenda.

Education is also one of his passions – Gordon Brown has asked him to sit on the National Council for Educational Excellence, as well as the Business Council for Britain.

Sir Terry says he is delighted to get involved: "I think that it is very important that whatever start you have in life, you have the chance of getting on. University can provide those skills and give you an advantage."

Read more about all this Summer's honorary graduates on page 39.

TERRY LEAHY



Pulling back



(Above) Frank H Kerr wearing his robes as President of the Guild of Undergraduates and carrying 'Sister Jane' in the Quadrangle behind the Victoria Building on Panto Day, 21 January 1933



(Below) Students in costume with collecting boxes, 1925



For those of you who think the days of getting dressed up, covering each other in flour and pushing prams through the city streets for charity are a thing of the past... oh no, they're not! From the early days of Panto to the RAG activities of today, Liverpool students have raised thousands of pounds for worthy causes over the years and, it seems, a bit of silliness in the name of charity never goes out of fashion.

1897

The first Panto Night took place in Liverpool's Shakespeare Theatre.

1914

The February procession to the theatre was considered such a successful event in the city's calendar, it was 'bioscoped' and shown at the Lime Street Picture House.



Liver Bird float in front of the partially-built Metropolitan Cathedral, 20 February 1965

1915

Panto was suspended for the duration of the First World War.

1920

The profits from Panto Night were given to local charities for the first time.

1922

The Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Miss Cummins, presents the Guild with a rag doll known as 'Sister Jane'. From then on, the doll was presented from a cart in the middle of the quadrangle to the Faculty that had collected the most money. A pitched battle would then ensue as each Faculty struggled to secure possession of the doll. After many adventures and many necessary incarnations, Sister Jane disappeared from history in 1935.

1925

Panto Sphinx, a special edition of the student magazine, is first published.

1928

Panto raises enough money to buy a Daimler motor ambulance, which is presented to the Voluntary Hospitals organisation.

1933

The tradition of going to a pantomime ends; instead a Pre-Panto Ball at St George's Hall and a Post-Panto Ball at the Tower Ballroom in New Brighton become the main fundraising events.

panto curtain



Panto Night, 1919

1938

Panto is held in January and, despite University authorities banning women from wearing fancy dress, five defy the ruling. The torch procession is cancelled due to heavy winds. The Guild takes the strange decision to hold future pantos in November to avoid adverse weather conditions.

1939

Panto Week is cancelled due to the outbreak of war.

1940

Panto goes ahead but in a very subdued way with fancy dress outlawed and no procession allowed. It is not held again until 1947.

1958

Panto activities get slightly out of hand with the Liverpool Echo blasting "Tommy Steele Panto wrecked by students":
"Sir – If this is the sort of thing they teach them to do at the University, thank God I did not go to a university. I did not have much of an education but at least I was taught manners, propriety and not hooliganism. And what shocks me is that it is people like myself who are paying the way of a lot of maniacs at Liverpool University.

"When the students come to discuss what I'm sure they consider a victory, I hope they will remember their 'victory' over crippled spastic children and old age pensioners, whom they prevented from getting a little enjoyment on a cold February afternoon."

Tommy Steele

1959

Panto is washed out by the rain but the world pram pushing record is broken.

1961

Senate bans any future parades after violence mars the event. The rugby club and Chemistry Society are banned from Leeds Union following hooliganism.

1966

The Daily Post pronounces Panto "much more orderly than in previous years. There were no flour bombs or water bombs thrown at onlookers and police reported there were no incidents."

1972

Panto stunts include a (failed) attempt at a manned flight across the Lake in Sefton Park. Meanwhile, Women's Lib and the Socialist Society disrupt the Panto Slave Auction. A delighted Daily Mail reporter is on hand to capture the moment.

1976

Panto elects a Panto Rag King and Queen. The fundraising publication, Panto Rag Mag, is denounced as racist and sexist by the Vice-Chancellor, who threatens to ban it.



1978

Mrs Elizabeth Johnson of Greasby describes Panto Rag Mag as "verging on pornography". Panto raised more than £12,000 for charity.

1985

Panto Rag ends the year in the red. The employment of a full-time organiser and the purchase of £2,000 of fireworks are blamed.

1987

Four students on the Panto Paris Hitchhike are engulfed in CS gas while sleeping in a Calais ferry terminal.

1999

The triumphant return of the Rag parade after an absence of several years.

2000

In its quest to find ever more unusual fundraising stunts, Rag Week this year includes three-legged rugby, abseiling and glass-walking.

2001

Students from across the city combine their fundraising efforts for the first time, producing the Liverpool Students' Rag Mag, with contributions from the University of Liverpool, Liverpool John Moores University and Liverpool Hope University.

2004

The combined Liverpool Students raise a record £50,000 for charity.

2005

Vet students take a leaf out of the WI's book and produce a naked calendar to raise money during Rag Week. It's not clear if people gave money to avoid having to look at it or not...

(Below) A lot of effort went into creating a Panto Day float



From Panto to RAG

The very first Panto Night saw a procession of excitable students, led by the Vice-Chancellor, attending a pantomime in the city's Shakespeare Theatre with all money raised going to local charities. It later became known as the Pantopera and the annual production was followed by a torchlit procession.

Panto, as it was shortened to, grew over the years with a larger daytime procession of floats, and regular fundraising events and stunts like the annual Pram Race and flour battles. Several universities started referring to their fundraising activities as 'Rag' and Panto duly became Panto Rag and activities extended to fill a whole week.

According to the Oxford English Dictionary, the word 'rag' was originally used to describe "an extensive display of noisy disorderly conduct, carried on in defiance of authority or discipline". The true origins of the term 'Rag', as used in universities, are unclear. It could be from the Victorian era when students took time out of their studies to collect rags to clothe the poor. Another suggestion is that it comes from the verb "rag" meaning to badger or pester someone, and early Rag collectors may have "ragged" passers-by until they made a donation.

More recently, 'Rag' has come to stand for 'Raise and Give', possibly to reflect the more professional status given to fundraising in universities today. The pantomime and procession may have long since been resigned to history, but Liverpool Rag Week, complete with madcap stunts, dressing up and tin-rattling, remains an integral part of University life today.

1955

In 1955 the rugby was cancelled because of frozen grounds so I was able to join a float from Abercromby Square simply as an excuse to run riot.

During the parade I spotted a particular young lady whom I'd met at the Saturday 'hop' at the Union some weeks previously. I plucked up courage, jumped off the float and invited her to the Rag dance that night. She accepted and we have now been married for more than 48 years.

I think it was the same year when my very good friend Maurice Lancaster decided to attend the dance in his pyjamas. This was fine on Rag Day and, later, when he took a young lady home to Crosby. Unfortunately, he missed the last bus and wasn't quite as comfortable travelling into town on the Sunday morning!

John Adderley (BCom 1957) and Peg Adderley, the young lady watching the parade. Via email

1958

As a staid and well-behaved Law student, normally wearing either university blazer with 'Fiat Lux' badge or sports jacket, white drip dry shirt and tie every day, I well remember Panto day in February 1958.

I borrowed a girl's nightdress, put lipstick and make-up on my face and wore a silly hat and little else. I was given a cardboard collecting box and a bundle of magazines to sell. I proceeded to board buses, collecting from the passengers with the approval of the conductor! Thankfully, the passengers found my presence funny or unusual and it was great fun.

As the afternoon wore on it started to rain. My make-up ran and I got dishevelled, cold and wet. By the evening I had recovered sufficiently to have a thoroughly good time with a "tottie" at the Panto Ball! The next day I resumed my life as a quiet, sensible Law student.

Peter Brostoff (LLB 1960)
Leeds

University Rifle Team
at UAU
Championships,
Leeds May 1964



Grahame Atkinson (BVSc 1969) sent *insight* a great selection of photos from his time at the University. Here's just a few of them. If you would like to share your old photos or reminiscences, contact the publications team at the address on the inside front cover.

Panto 1964.
Rathbone Hall Float
(The Beatles)
Cathedral under construction in background



Medics at MSS men v women football match, October 1966



Panto 1965 Rathbone Students
Worshipping Fred (Phredd) The Statue
on Lewis's

1967

For the year 1966-67 I was Deputy Panto Secretary, with Alan Taylor (BEng Metallurgy 1968) as Secretary and Mike McCarthy (BCom 1957) as the brilliant editor of Pantosphinx (he is now the Environment Editor of the *Independent*!).

The highlight of Panto week was the staging of a full-scale ox-roast and fair on St George's Plateau, an event which must surely be unique in the city's history!

Alan Thomas (BA Social Sciences 1969)
Via email

1992

As my previous knowledge of hitchhiking came from the Rutger Hauer film 'Hitchhiker', it was with some trepidation that we (my lovely companion, nursing student Kate, and myself) set off on the Rag Paris Hitch.

After 30 minutes of waiting we were starting to think we would be spending the entire weekend on the hard shoulder of the M62, but we were finally picked up by a fruit and veg van. Unfortunately, there was only room in the back with the veg, but the driver took us to the M6 where we had another 30 minute wait until a guy in a BMW picked us up. This was more like it - traveling in style now!

For the next lift we hatched a cunning plan; Kate would try and hitch and I would hide my ugly mug.

jumping out at the last minute. Bingo! Within five minutes we had a lift from an initially bemused Mercedes driver (well, we were used to luxury by now) who said he was going near Paris so we could go with him all the way.

The journey back turned out to be more eventful, however. It involved suspected car criminals, directing a Dutch driver up the A1 instead of the M1, a 25 mile walk from the A1 to the M1 only to be saved by a couple coming back from a Bruce Springsteen concert, and sleeping for three hours in a TSB cash machine area outside Warrington train station.

All this, and I still never asked Kate out!

David 'Dougie' McDougal
(BSc Mathematics 1994) Manchester

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MORIES



Harold Wilson, Feb 1965 at opening of new students union



Panto 1965 Flour fight Pierhead someone had just asked if the police radio could pick up Radio Caroline



Rathbone hall formal dinner dance November 1965



Panto 1966 Rathbone Hall float 'Gulliver'

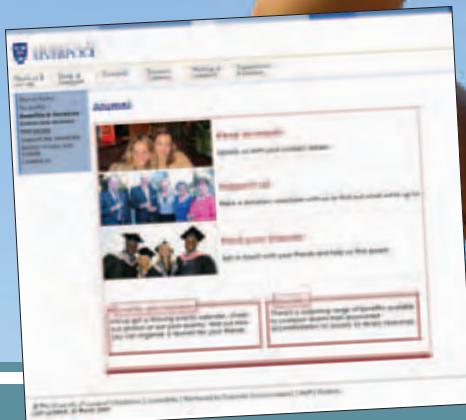
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“The launch of the online alumni community has been a long-awaited development in the University’s alumni relations programme.”



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- Secure login area exclusive to registered users (UOnLine)
- Individual profiles which alumni can change themselves
- Searchable database for locating friends and contemporaries
- Opportunity to receive email offers and event details before the wider alumni community
- Class Notes message board section
- Links to alumni association pages across the world
- Online event registration

PLUS all the regular features of the established Alumni Relations website

- Benefits and services
- Fundraising
- Events and reunions
- Contacts

ADDITIONAL FEATURES UNDER DEVELOPMENT

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- You will be asked to complete or update your profile – tick boxes on the right hand side of the page allow you to choose whether to keep these details secure or available for others to view
- Profiles can be updated at any time and the information will be uploaded securely within 72 hours
- If you lose or forget your username or password simply email us for a reminder or click on 'request my password'.

Happy days for new alumni



Rain failed to dampen the spirits of new alumni during this year's graduation celebrations.

The terrible weather forced the Alumni Relations Team to cancel plans for gazebos and ice cream in Abercromby Square – so they diverted to the Guild to greet graduands and graduates with gifts, refreshments and a jazz band, where the graduates could find out more about the benefits of staying in touch with the University, as well as meeting the representatives from the Careers and Employability Service.



Join the Women's Club

Alumni are invited to join the University of Liverpool Women's Club.

Lectures, lunches and visits are on offer to any women associated with the University, along with their friends, family and partners. Events take place during the day and in the evening, in and around Merseyside.

Call +44(0)151 670 1413 or visit www.liv.ac.uk/womensclub for information about the current programme of events.

Your chance to be a Friend of the University

The Friends of the University are inviting readers of *insight* to help them help the institution.

Membership is open to people who studied or worked at the University, anyone who believes that the University is good for the city and the region, and all those people who feel the University represents world-class learning, scholarship and research.

The Friends committee, chaired by Emeritus Professor John Tarn (Hon LLD 1999), meets four times a year and one of its main functions is to discuss grant applications. The Chancellor of the

University, Lord Owen, is president of the Friends, while the Vice-Chancellor is a vice-president, and the President of the Guild of Students is a committee member.

The Friends have made regular grants in support of all aspects of University life. This has included widening access towards facilities for disabled students, equipment for the Children's Centre and bursaries for mature students in financial need. The group's financial assistance has also helped to refurbish and improve parts of the University campus and grants for sporting equipment and activities. They have also contributed to the

academic and cultural life of the University, granting funds to support research, to help mount exhibitions in the art gallery.

One of the most recent grants has included £67,500 for the purchase of display cases in the Victoria Gallery and Museum. £5,000 was granted to the University Boat Club towards the cost of buying a new boat, to be named The Reg Davies after the late Chairman of Friends, Reader in English and Warden of Roscoe and Gladstone Hall (Hon LittD 2000). A further grant of £4,542.60 went to the Liverpool Law School for the creation of the Liverpool Law Clinic.

Cloggers march forward

Typically at this point every year, awards are bestowed on the deserving few who turn out for the University of Liverpool's alumni football club, the mighty Convocation FC.

The football played is done so very much in the Corinthians spirit, so one might not expect a flood of trophies to appear in the minuscule cabinet that is the Convocation trophy room. However, as Chairman John Flamson (BA Hons Geography 1973, MCD 1975), who is also Chair of the

Alumni Board, would have it: "Convocation is a lifestyle and a brand associated with far more than winning."

John is both Chairman and, like his colleagues in the club, a cultural attaché for Liverpool, helping other global cities celebrate our unique people-led offering, particularly when on tour.

Last season's exploits included a trip to Cologne to celebrate Carnivale. In the only game played, owing to the annual festival celebrations, the match

finished 1-1 with Convocation winning on penalties 5-4 - not your typical result when England compete against Germany.

Convocation will be hoping to shake off their 'cloggers' tag when they face up to the coming season and whilst the name hurts, plans for tours to the 2008 Euro Championships, Majorca, and a trip to Cuba should wipe away the memories of last season's poor run of form.



The annual subscription is £10 per annum, although many choose to give more. Members receive the Friends' Newsletter twice a year, along with invitations to social events. These have included a trip to Speke Hall and a visit to the new Sydney Jones Library extension in the former Senate House.

For more information about the Friends, or to make a donation, contact Elizabeth Adams, Stewardship Officer, on +44 (0) 151 795 4639 or email elizabeth.adams@liv.ac.uk

A question of strategy for Board

Alumni strategy – home and abroad – has been high on the agenda of the new Alumni Board.

The group met in May and September and have welcomed two new members, Stuart Hancox, who has succeeded Vincent Hutchinson as representative of Convocation, and Professor Murray Dalziel, the Director of the University's Management School.

Chaired by John Flamson, (BA Hons 1973, MCD 1975), the board discussed progress and strategy. A presentation was given by Alumni Development Manager Karen Brady

regarding responses to the questionnaire survey which was sent to 30,000 alumni last Autumn. A further 30,000 will be distributed in January 2008. Alumni Officer, Emma Smith, explained plans for development of the Benefits and Services programme.

September's meeting gave the board an update on the progress of the Annual Giving Programme (see page 28) and the Government's new £200 million matched funding scheme.

The next board meetings will take place in January and May 2008.

New alumni networks

You don't need to have studied on campus to enjoy a long and fruitful relationship with the University.

The University's graduates, who completed their Masters degrees as a result of the University's partnership with online learning provider Laureate, are increasing their alumni activities.

Two new alumni associations have been proposed for online graduates. More news will be available on the website in due course.

Alumni Development Manager, Karen Brady, said: "It is increasingly apparent that our online graduates can offer a refreshing perspective on the student experience off campus, as well as valuable insights into career prospects and opportunities after studying remotely for their Masters."

Membership to these alumni groups will be open to all graduates of the University's online degree programmes.

If you are interested in online degree programmes, further details can be found at www.uol.ohecampus.com

Meet the Alumni Relations team



The Alumni Relations team can offer a range of advice and assistance.

It's always great to put a face to a name, so here's your chance to meet the team.

Pictured anti-clockwise, from front left:

■ Karen Brady Alumni Development Manager

Karen oversees the Alumni Relations team and is responsible for the implementation and development of the alumni relations strategy, along with managing overseas alumni activity, Alumni Ambassadors and volunteers. Contact Karen about any ideas you may have about getting involved with the University. Email karen.brady@liv.ac.uk or call +44 (0)151 795 2348.

■ Emma Smith – Alumni Officer

Emma helps to organise the alumni events programme, maintain the web site, source and handle benefits and services, and helps to reunite alumni. Emma came to the city 10 years ago to the then affiliated Liverpool Hope University College. Email emma.smith1@liv.ac.uk or call +44 (0)151 794 6940

■ Lisa Hannah-Stewart – Annual Giving Manager

Lisa manages the University's Annual Giving Programme and her main responsibility is co-ordinating the development of the Benefactors' Fund. Lisa returned to the University this year after studying here as both an undergraduate and a postgraduate student. Email lisa.hannah-stewart@liv.ac.uk or call +44 (0)151 795 4638.

■ Sue Evans – Database Assistant

Sue, who has been with the University for 18 years, deals with general alumni enquiries and updating the records of more than 86,000 graduates on the University's database. Due to a recent mailing this number will soon increase to more than 120,000 records. Email sue.evans@liv.ac.uk or call +44 (0)151 794 2270.

■ Elizabeth Adams – Stewardship Officer

Elizabeth looks after the overseas and UK donors who give their money and time to the University, ensuring that they are kept up-to-date on how their money is making a difference. She is also responsible for liaison with the Friends of the University and Convocation. Email elizabeth.adams@liv.ac.uk or call +44 (0)151 795 4639.

■ Sue Irvine – Alumni Coordinator

Sue has worked at the University for nearly 24 years. In 1994, she became Secretary of the Friends of the University, and was responsible for the administration of the University's first telephone fundraising campaign in 1998. She now has responsibility for managing the Alumni Database. Email sue.irvine@liv.ac.uk or call +44 (0)151 794 2269



Focus group feedback leads to online action

The Alumni Relations team has been holding focus groups to find out more about graduates' relationships with the University.

The aim was not only to find out what participants had gained from their time in Liverpool, but also to see what their relationship had been like since leaving the institution.

Questions were asked about the range of services, benefits and events on offer, the communications they have received from the University since graduation, how they felt about alumni providing financial support, and their own perceptions of 'what matters'.

The results showed their student experience was very positive, with comments referring to the life experience in general as well as the city and its people. Some alumni requested more ways of keeping in touch with their classmates.

Karen Brady, Alumni Development Manager, said: "We are launching the University of Liverpool Online this October, an interactive online community which includes a searchable database and message board, as well as allowing alumni to change their own online profiles (see page 21 for details).

"We are also working planning more events for younger graduates, including joining forces with external companies such as those who are organising 'The Big Liverpool Reunion' aimed at new alumni (see page 51)."

A number of suggestions were made for new benefits and services. An alumni discount card or 'passport' was a popular suggestion and other suggested benefits included a recent graduates NUS style discount scheme and young 'Time Tunnel' reunions.

Karen added: "An alumni card is currently being investigated, possibly working alongside the current lifetime Guild membership. The benefits and

services offered to alumni will continue to expand - particularly outside Merseyside and the UK."

Feedback was also given about the alumni website and links with social networking sites such as MySpace and Facebook. It was suggested that they may boost the amount of younger graduates taking an interest in the University. Online bookings for events and links to external professional bodies were all suggested.

"The team would like to thank all participants for their time and their ideas," said Karen. "We will be using the responses to help guide our future initiatives and will be holding more focus groups again soon."

If you would like to get involved, call Karen on +44(0)151 795 2348 or email karen.brady@liv.ac.uk

Benefits and services

Convocation appointments

Convocation has made two new appointments to its Standing Committee.

Stuart Hancox (BSc 1969) takes over the role of Chairman from Brian Harrington (MEd 1987), while Dorothy Cockerill (LLB Hons 1978) hands over the Clerk's position to Phil Gray (BAHons Classics 1991).

Stuart said: "I, on behalf of all Convocation members, want to extend thanks to Brian and Dorothy for their hard work over the past few years.



Stuart Hancox



Phil Gray

"Over the next few months, the whole committee will be working on how Convocation can best interact with and complement the work of the Alumni Board, and give support to the Alumni Relations team, in addition to continuing with its statutory role for members. The committee hopes to be able to report our proposals in the next edition of *insight*."

Elizabeth Adams, the University's Stewardship Officer, can answer any Convocation enquiries. Call her on +44 (0)151 795 4639 or email elizabeth.adams@liv.ac.uk Alternatively email Stuart at convocation@liv.ac.uk

Accommodation

Why not step back in time and stay at your former Halls of Residence? Conference Services offer discounts on group bookings. Contact: conference@liv.ac.uk call +44 (0)151 794 6440 or visit www.liv.ac.uk/conferenceservices

The Alumni Relations office has teamed up with The Mersey Partnership to get fantastic hotel deals. Contact their accommodation booking line on 0844 8700 123 to receive great discounts on hotels across the city.

Discount schemes

Alumni Subscriptions offer price cuts on leading magazines including The Economist, National Geographic, Time, Vogue, GQ and more. Save up to 70% by applying online www.alumni-subscriptions.co.uk/

Blackwell book store (Brownlow Hill, Liverpool ONLY) is giving 10% discount on non-sale books and stationery. Quote 'University of Liverpool alumni'. Email liverpool@blackwell.co.uk or +44 (0)151 709 6653.

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The **Liverpool University Press** portfolio includes texts on politics, sociology, arts and culture and local history. Receive 35% discount by quoting 'University of Liverpool alumni scheme'. Email sbelle@liv.ac.uk call +44 (0) 151 794 2231 or visit www.liverpool-unipress.co.uk

Ness Botanic Gardens is offering 10% discount on all standard price* garden admission to University of Liverpool alumni. Please quote 'insight' to receive your discount. Ness will also negotiate discounts on its conference facilities. Your alumni status will be confirmed by the Alumni Relations team, as long as your contact details are up to date. Email kfhreid@liverpool.ac.uk or visit www.liv.ac.uk/development/projects/ness.htm

*excludes invitation only or ticketed outdoor events

The **University of Liverpool Sports and Fitness Centre** offers various discounts. Download your application form online: www.liv.ac.uk/sports

	Graduate	Graduated in the last 12 months	Non-graduate
Standard	£108.00	£80.00	£198.00
Premium	£186.00	£135.50	£228.00

Library access

Continue or renew your access to the University libraries. Apologies, but online journals are not available. Applications must be made in person. £25 per year/£12.50 for the first year following graduation. Visit www.liv.ac.uk/library

Lifetime membership of the Guild

Lifetime membership of the **Guild of Students** entitles you to the same access rights to events as current students for a one-off £25 payment. 10% of your total contribution goes to the Friends of the University who provide an invaluable link between the Guild and the University and £5 gives you associate membership, allowing you to stay in touch with your old clubs and societies. Visit www.lgos.co.uk/

MBNA Affinity Credit Card

The University of Liverpool credit card through MBNA has, to date, raised more than £27,000 for the Benefactors' Fund. Be one of the first to carry the new MBNA card, complete with the new logo and University image. Go to www.liv.ac.uk/alumni to see the terms and conditions.



Meet the Alumni Ambassadors

A growing band of alumni across the world are spreading the word about the University of Liverpool.

The Institution has more than 2,500 international students from 100 countries across the globe. Now Alumni Ambassadors are being recruited to bring together fellow graduates who are living and working in their countries, as well as promote the University to students of the future.

One of the newest Alumni Ambassador recruits is Sudeep Pattanayek. He said: "For any University, alumni are the biggest ambassadors who are responsible for branding their institution to the world. That's what distinguishes a good university from an average university. So, friends and fellow alumni, let the flag and the name of the University fly high, and remember that we all are the good-will ambassadors of our University!"

The first Alumni Ambassador to sign up was Mahesh Rajapakse. He took on the post in Sri Lanka six months ago and is already involved with families who have children considering coming to Liverpool to study.

He told *insight*: "During recent months I have had meetings with many parents whose children are going to the University this year. My advice seems to have helped many parents to make decisions about their

children's higher education and they have praised this service which enables them to receive first-hand information."

The Alumni Relations team would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like more information about becoming a regional ambassador – in the UK or worldwide.

Contact Laura Martin
Email alumni@liv.ac.uk
or call +44 151 795 2348.



Name: **James (Peng) Yu**
(MA Applied Linguistics 2004)
Country: **China (Beijing)**
Email: ambassador.china@liv.ac.uk

Now working as an Associate Professor, James enjoys playing table tennis, is interested in history and reading books about the subject, and also enjoys dining out with friends.

"I want to use all my knowledge of teaching students in China to educate them on a personal level about Liverpool life and social activities to enrich their studies abroad. As a scholarship recipient of the University of Liverpool Graduate Association, I am eager to find a chance to contribute to the development of the University. I hope to use my connections with our Hong Kong alumni to create more business opportunities and tell prospective students about the social life in Liverpool."



Name: **Dr John Edward Hutson**
(MBChB 1961)
Country: **Canada**
Email: ambassador.canada@liv.ac.uk

Now retired, John has many published works throughout his long career in Medicine since leaving the University. Now that he has more spare time, he is enjoying helping raise the profile of the University throughout his region of Canada.

"I'm very proud of my association with Liverpool and now that I'm retired, I have the time and inclination to reciprocate in view of the benefits I received as a student and graduate of the University."



Name: **Carlos J Llaque Gálvez**
(MBA Industrialisation & Development 2000)
Country: **South America**
Email: ambassador.southamerica@liv.ac.uk

Carlos is the owner and director of a seminar and event company.

In his spare time, he has a passion for writing songs, playing guitar and watching films.

"I am so enthusiastic about building, using and keeping networks. Somehow I want to stay connected to that wonderful time when I was a University student abroad. I want to use my expertise to motivate and encourage students and expand the profile of the University through my fond memories of Liverpool."



Name: **Professor Dr Ram Kewal Shah** (M ChOrth Orthopaedic & Trauma Surgery 1992)
Country: **Nepal**
Email: ambassador.nepal@liv.ac.uk

Professor Shah is a Head of Department at Nepal Medical College, a training hospital. In his spare time, his interests are dance, music and reading books and journals.

"I want to be aware of the current activities of my parent institution and keep in touch with fellow alumni. I will be promoting the activities, programs and courses of the University, as well as organising local get-togethers and providing help and support to the local students and give them better opportunities."



Name: **Sudeep Pattanayek**
(MBA Human Resources Management 2004)
Country: **India**
Email: ambassador.india@liv.ac.uk

Sudeep is a Human Resources Manager. He enjoys visiting new places, spending time with family and friends, and dining out.

"I take massive pride in being able to represent the Management school. It is a really big honour to be an Ambassador of such a prestigious University. I am honored to be an Alumni Ambassador. I am excited about the new task and a bit nervous too, as it is a big responsibility. This means a lot, and gives me a feeling of recognition and inclusiveness."



Name: **Mahesh Rajapakse**
(LLB 2004)
Country: **Sri Lanka**
Email: ambassador.srilanka@liv.ac.uk

Mahesh is a customer support manager for Rooms Net. He enjoys watching football, supporting Liverpool FC, volunteering for British council.

"Being an Ambassador to the University of Liverpool is something to be proud of. I not only represent the institution, but help in building a society around it with past and present students. Helping students in this way has proved to be a success. In fact, one parent I met said: 'I want to buy a house and send all my three sons to University of Liverpool.' This is such a convincing level of response."



Name: **Herve-Didier Deza**
(MBA Business Finance & Management 2004)
Country: **West Africa**
Contact Email: ambassador.westafrica@liv.ac.uk

Herve works as a Finance Manager and is a keen collector of antiques. He enjoys a wide range of music and sport - tennis and swimming in particular.

"I feel I can raise the profile of the University in the business world and I feel great pride to be associated with the Management School in particular. I spent a very fulfilling time at the University and being an Ambassador will give me the opportunity to give something back."

"For any institution or University, their alumni are their biggest ambassadors who are responsible for branding their institute to the world. That's what distinguishes a good university from an average university."



University's Mexican ambassadors

Two of the University's Mexican alumni have been doing their bit for international relations by taking part in an exhibition held by the British Council.

Rogelio Roa (MBA 2005) and Antonio Rosique (MBA 2005) were guest speakers at the event. It was held in Mexico City and included a series of presentations on an education theme which were aimed at people considering studying in the UK.

Jen Whetstone, International Officer in the University's International Recruitment & Relations Office, said: "The 50-strong audience found their presentation inspirational and informative - Antonio's experience as a sports commentator has given him excellent public speaking skills! Rogelio and Antonio are fantastic ambassadors for the University and did a great job of promoting not just the institution but the UK as a whole as a study destination."

Singapore plans prove popular

Plans to set up an alumni association in Singapore are proving popular.

As reported in the Spring 2007 edition of *insight*, graduates got together for a reunion dinner hosted by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Drummond Bone. As a result of this successful event, three alumni, Cassandra Hoe (LLB Hons 1994), Chris Chua (LLB Hons 1996) and Heng Yuen Chun (BEng Hons 1980) have volunteered to assist in the establishment of a more formal association in the city.

The association is still in the early stage of formation, but anyone who wants to get involved should contact Karen Brady, Alumni Development Manager, +44 (0)151 795 2348 or email karen.brady@liv.ac.uk

FUNDRAISING

Up and running

Thousands of pounds have been raised this Summer by alumni who are backing the University's Benefactors' Fund.

The aim of the Annual Giving Programme is to provide sustainable, flexible and unrestricted funds which can be used to directly enhance and enrich the lives of the University's students. The Fund will build on the success of the institution's previous telephone campaigns which have raised more than £1 million since 1999.

The Annual Giving Programme was launched in June this year with a direct mail appeal to 36,000 alumni. This is the first time that such a large number of alumni have been approached in this way. The next phase will be a seven-week telephone campaign, which starts in October, when a team of student callers will make contact with 5,000 graduates in the UK. Mailings are also planned throughout the year to our overseas alumni, starting with

the United States. US tax payers can make donations tax efficiently through the British Schools and Universities Foundation Inc, www.bsuf.org

Lisa Hannah-Stewart, Annual Giving Manager, said: "The Fund is an opportunity for all our alumni, friends and supporters to have a direct impact on the University and its students. All gifts, however large or small, are greatly appreciated."

Call Lisa on +44 (0)151 795 4638 or email alumni@liv.ac.uk for more details.



£2m injection

The University has received a £2 million boost for a project which will save lives – and breathe new life into one of the city's landmark buildings.

The Wolfson Foundation, a charitable organisation founded by Sir Isaac Wolfson, Chairman of Great Universal Stores in 1955, has granted the money towards the creation of a Centre for Personalised Medicines. This world-class facility will be housed in the former Royal Infirmary; the Grade II listed Victorian building.

Its Liverpool-born architect, Alfred Waterhouse, was responsible for many of the country's iconic buildings including the University's redbrick Victoria Building, Manchester Town Hall and London's Natural History Museum. The Infirmary was constructed between 1887 and 1889 and still retains many of Waterhouse's classic features; red bricks on the exterior, an emphasis on natural daylight, and heavy use of glazed tiles for ease of cleaning. Some of its wards were designed by Florence Nightingale.

The site was vacated in 1978 when the current Royal Liverpool University Hospital opened. The Regional Health Authority handed it over to the University in 1994.

The facts about legacies

A new brochure is available for anyone interested in remembering the University in their will.

Elizabeth Adams, Stewardship Officer, said: "Legacies are a vital source of philanthropic income, often being the largest gift an individual leaves to a charity. However, even the smallest gifts can also make a very significant difference to the life of a student."

"There are a range of activities around the University which can be supported with a legacy, keeping the memory of the donor or a family member alive for years to come. These include new library books, bursaries and scholarships. New seminar rooms, lecture theatres, or entire laboratories can also be named in memory of a loved one."

To request your copy, or to arrange a confidential conversation about including the University in your will, please contact Zofia Sochanik 0151 795 4637 or email zofia.sochanik@liv.ac.uk.

**One of the University projects which has benefited from a legacy is the Centre for Better Births. See page 31*

Legacy | 'legəsɪ |

noun (pl. -cies)

• an amount of money or property left to someone in a will

• a thing handed down by a predecessor



from Wolfson Foundation

The new Centre for Personalised Medicines will revolutionise research into pharmacogenomics. This aims to identify the genetic differences that determine whether a drug benefits a patient, has no effect or, at worst, causes a severe side effect. In the future, medication will be bespoke, targeted specifically according to our genetic make-up. Currently, adverse drug reactions cost the NHS half a billion pounds a year. They cause around 10,000 deaths per year and are responsible for 6.5% of all hospital admissions.

The Centre for Personalised Medicines will be led by Professor Munir Pirmohamed, Professor of Clinical Pharmacology. He said: "The immediate benefit of pharmacogenomics is that the patient is given the right drug at the right dose, but the benefits are far-reaching. We are going to learn more new biology which will lead to the development of better drugs. We may also be able to learn more about how our genetic make-up decides who is predisposed to other conditions, for example, asthma, which is linked to environmental pollution."

The Wolfson Foundation has challenged the University to try to raise the remaining £450,000 for the building

(phase I) of the centre by November of this year. Fundraising for phase II (equipment and additional research staff) has also commenced. Please contact us if you feel that you can help.

The Wolfson Foundation has also awarded the University of Liverpool two grants to enhance library provision. A total of £254,000 has been awarded to the Special Collections and Archives department, whilst £230,000 has been given to the refurbishment of the Harold Cohen Library.

If you would like to know more about the Wolfson Centre for Personalised Medicines, call Richard Nicholls on +44 (0)151 794 6987 or email richard.nicholls@liverpool.ac.uk



Changing face of University landscape

The University is investing £3 million to enhance its campus for students, staff and visitors.

The project will revitalise public spaces across the precinct. It will include new hard and soft landscaping, lighting, pedestrian, vehicular and cycle routes, and art work. The hard landscaping should be completed by December, before new trees and shrubs are planted in the Spring.

The project will encompass several main areas, including the newly-named University Square. This is the area bordered by the Electrical Engineering building, Victoria Building, Foundation Building, Blackwell's bookshop and the Guild. The main routes outside Abercromby Square, the Oxford Street crossing and the pathways which run between the Harold Cohen library to the Sydney Jones library will also be targeted.

The project will create links with the Eastern Quarter/Hope Street region of the city. The University is working with Liverpool City Council to reflect the landscaping and footways.

A major new signage initiative is also underway which will reflect the University's new corporate identity, implemented at the start of this year. The main 'gateways' to the campus will be prominently signposted and new maps and finger-posts will guide visitors around the campus.

Andrew Burgess, Deputy Director of Facilities Management, said: "Our key objective is to create a clear identity for the campus within its surrounding area. There are six gateways into the University precinct and the project will establish clear routes, particularly for pedestrians.



Eye on the clock

The University's most famous building is cocooned in a net of scaffolding and protective coverings before its metamorphosis into the Victoria Gallery and Museum.



The Victoria Building and its impressive clock tower are undergoing major refurbishment. It's a delicate task - the beautiful tiling, carved stonework and ornate clock with its mosaic tiles all need to be carefully preserved.

The gallery, which will house the University's art and heritage collections, is due to open in July 2008. The building will also be home to the Widening Participation team. For more about this project, visit www.liv.ac.uk/artgall/vgm/

It's not just the campus which is undergoing a major transformation, the rest of the city is experiencing a rebirth, as the number of cranes on the skyline show. This photo (left) was taken from the top of the Victoria Building tower by Sir Neil Cossons (BA(Hons) Geography 1961, MA 1969, HonLitD 1989), who is leading the fundraising campaign for the VGM.

"Another new move is our wayfinding scheme which takes into account access for the disabled and incorporates signposts and maps which will see all buildings of 'relevance' named after a prominent person.

"The project also aims to establish a clear identity for future landscaping works. The campus currently has a mix of landscaping from different eras and we want to create a cohesive plan for future works and improvements."

Engineering project takes shape

The University's skyline is changing shape as major work takes place on the £36 million engineering project.

The tower on Brownlow Hill has now disappeared - taken down piece by piece so as to preserve the main building below it. Now a new wider and shorter tower is being built and the rest of the Faculty building is undergoing massive refurbishment to accommodate the new Active Learning Laboratory and the rest of the teaching, research and office space.

For more on this major capital project visit www.liv.ac.uk/erp/

Mum's the word

Centre to focus on a world of safer pregnancy and childbirth

A new baby should bring happiness and joy – but for millions of families it can cause heartache, devastation and even death.

Now the University and Liverpool Women's Hospital are working together on an initiative which aims to change all that. The Centre for Better Births will bring together world-class researchers, exceptional medical and scientific skills, and the cream of the University's academic talent with a single aim – to make pregnancy and childbirth safer and easier for women and babies across the world.

The centre will also benefit from prestigious leadership. Professor Susan Wray is an internationally recognised expert and pioneer in uterine physiology – the science of how the womb works. She will work side by side with Dr Siobhan Quenby and Professor Jim Neilson – academic clinicians with excellent track records in getting their research results quickly into clinical practice.

Susan explained why this Centre is so important.

"When labour does go wrong, the consequences for mother or baby can be devastating," she said.

"Premature labour, caused by the womb contracting too early, is the largest cause of death in newborn babies.

"In addition, around 10% of mothers will experience such a difficult labour that they have to have an emergency caesarean section: about 50,000 unwanted operations each year are carried out on

otherwise healthy women in the UK alone. Emergency surgery is not the way women or their midwives and doctors would choose for their babies to enter the world, but it is still the only option for mothers suffering difficult labours.

"Miscarriages, often repeated, blight the chance of pregnancy for many couples throughout the world and complications immediately after birth, such as infection and blood loss, can also have a terrible effect on newborn babies and their mothers.

"There is an overwhelming need for more research and Liverpool is perfectly placed to lead this project. It has an unequalled reputation in women's and children's clinical care with the largest women's hospital in Europe, which is attached to the Faculty of Medicine, delivering more than 8,000 babies every year.

The city also has one of the largest recurrent miscarriage clinics and the largest NHS-funded IVF service in Britain. Any other university and hospital would struggle to achieve the same research results within 20 years."

The University's Faculty of Medicine has a proud and distinguished history, with some exceptional facilities. The Department of Physiology at Liverpool has the highest rating for research excellence in the UK (5**) and has topped every league table produced for research. Researchers at Liverpool Women's Hospital and in the Department of Physiology, as well as at Alder Hey Children's Hospital, have worked together for several years to build up a research focus on pregnancy and labour.

The Centre for Better Births is one of the University's fundraising projects. An exceptionally generous legacy has already been pledged to the project by Professor Geoffrey Barber-Riley, who graduated from the University of Liverpool with a BSc in Physiology in 1955, and went on to work within the Faculty of Medicine. Professor Barber-Riley has also made a donation in advance of the project's launch to help get it underway. He gave the money in memory of his late wife, Nell.

Professor Barber-Riley said: "For me, the union of physiology with obstetrics is very persuasive, as it was with Nell. If I had died before she did then I am sure she would have done exactly what I have chosen to do."

For details of how you can support this project, or to be kept in touch with its progress, please contact Kate Robertson, Director of Development & Alumni Relations, +44 (0)151 794 2133 or email kate.robertson@liv.ac.uk



The magical media world of David

David Liddiment (BA Hons English Language & Literature 1974) has done everything there is to do in the world of television. He started his career at Granada TV where he worked as a researcher, investigative journalist, director and producer, as well as Head of Entertainment and Director of Programmes. After moving to the BBC as Head of Entertainment, he joined LWT as Deputy Managing Director and Director of Programmes, then was appointed Director of Programmes at ITV. He left in 2002 to become Creative Director of independent production company All3Media. He is now a consultant to and non-executive Creative Director of the company as well as Producer at The Old Vic Theatre Company, working alongside its Artistic Director, Oscar-winning actor Kevin Spacey. Last year he became a founding member of the new BBC Trust. He spoke to Suzanne Elsworth about his life.

Do you ever visit Liverpool?

Regularly. I was there just last week for a meeting with Lime Pictures, one of the production companies owned by All3Media.

You grew up in Yorkshire – why did you choose the University of Liverpool?

Liverpool was also the closest I wanted to be to home – Leeds and Manchester were too close! I went to grammar school in Huddersfield and I wanted to do English. I had set my heart on London but because I had done my O-levels in four years instead of five I didn't even get an interview because

they said I was too young. A year later I applied to Liverpool because of the course and the reputation of the English Department – Professors Kenneth Muir [King Alfred Chair of Modern History and Literature 1951-74] and Kenneth Allot [poet] were there then. Hermione Lee [critic and biographer] and Nick Shrimpton [now Vice Principal of Lady Margaret Hall at the University of Oxford] were the young bucks of the department.

Did you enjoy your time at the University?

I didn't work as hard as I should have done. The great thing about University is not just what you learn. What I loved was that it was like a microcosm of the world and you had a whole range of opportunities that, in adult life, would take you much longer to do. I was acting, writing, setting up programmes for Radio Merseyside; we did a half hour show called Campus every week which we recorded in the University's language labs. One of the interviews we did was with Steve Coppell who was a student at the time, but also played for Tranmere Rovers. I was also the film critic for the Guild Gazette so two mornings a week you would find me seeing a new movie rather than in the lecture theatre. Chris Graham [Director General of the Advertising Standards Authority] was Editor. I was also arts secretary for the Students Union – I used to book visiting theatre groups in the Stanley Theatre. There was a famous production of *The Tempest* – Kenneth Muir played Prospero and Hermione Lee was Miranda. We didn't go to the pub, we used to go to each other's houses and drink Hirondelle wine – there were lots of parties.

Did you live in Halls?

I stayed in Gladstone Hall. It was OK but I wanted to get out. I used to get annoyed at the narrowness of musical tastes and play T-Rex's *Electric Warrior*



Liddiment

really loud to wind people up. One of my flats was above a deserted butcher's in Edge Hill. My landlady was called Mrs Blanchard; her husband had died and she kept his shop exactly as it was when he was alive – you had to go through the eerie empty shop, with its counters and meat hooks, to get to the flat.

Did you always plan a career in TV?

I knew from being a teenager that I wanted to work in television – though I didn't really know what that meant. There were few jobs in TV then – only the BBC and ITV – and there were very few ways in. I eventually took a job at an advertising agency in London but I didn't like it so I decided to leave and become a teacher which is the only other thing I wanted to do.

Before you took to the classroom you got your lucky break with a job at Granada Television in Manchester...Did you enjoy the move back up North?

I loved Manchester and I loved Granada. I spent 18 years at Granada. It was great fun, hard work and very stimulating, but in the end you are the servant of other people's ideas. You want to affect what goes on television and I knew that if I was given the opportunity to run a channel that's what I wanted to do.

Weren't you the man who knocked down the Baldwin's Casuals' factory on Coronation Street?

I was, while I was the programme's Executive Producer. I was also the one who increased it to three shows a week. It was a fun job; I loved it and still watch it now.

What direction did your career take next?

I worked for 18 years at Granada but was then approached by the BBC. I am really glad I did that. If I had stayed at Granada I would have been a less compelling candidate to go to ITV. I left because the BBC was a difficult place to join mid-career. Coming from outside was a culture shock and the politics of the organisation were not for me. I then went to run the programming at LWT, then moved to the ITV Network. It was my dream job. When I decided to leave in 2002, I had done my time and I was hugely proud of what I had done there. I don't think you should outstay your welcome. Colleagues talked about doing something together but I didn't want to start a production company. We came up with what has turned out to be a good idea – creating a group of companies that are owned by us but run by the people who set them up.

You've been involved in countless projects which are household names – *Pop Idol*, *Cracker*, *Fat Friends*, *At Home with the Braithwaites*, *I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here*, to name but a few. Are there any achievements you are particularly proud of?

I can't name any one programme. From a commissioning point of view I set up *This Morning* in its very distinctive location at the Albert Dock in Liverpool – it was exciting to create such a fixture in the schedules. *Who Wants to be a Millionaire?* stands out as a show that changed things. People had written off the game show and no-one had run one before five days a week at peak times. It was very exciting to do that. There's lots of drama I'm proud of – *Bloody Sunday*, and *Othello* with Christopher Eccleston, who also starred in *Second Coming*



The BBC has had some difficult times recently after being forced to apologise to apologise to the Queen for a documentary -maker's mistake and also the row over fake phone-in competitions. Could this cause permanent damage?

I don't know if it will be damaging long-term. It will depend on the action the management take. The management moved very quickly to be open and apologise and take steps to ensure that it doesn't happen again.

How are you enjoying being a BBC Trustee?

I'm putting 30 years of experience to good use! It's fascinating because of the changing times.

Why did you decide to move from TV to theatre and take the job at the Old Vic?

When I was offered the opportunity by Kevin [Spacey] I jumped at the chance because it was out of my comfort zone. It was aligned to my world but it has its own way of working. I was a theatre-goer, I had acted at the University and I was a Governor of the West Yorkshire Playhouse on a voluntary basis, but this was new and exciting. The first season was a baptism of fire. There was horrendous press reaction even though we had a phenomenal public reaction, but that was one thing I had going for me; I had experienced that before. Things are going brilliantly now and Kevin says he will carry on there as long as he is still enjoying it.

So any regrets about not becoming a teacher?

I think I would have been a good teacher, but no, no regrets!

Wonderful Spring issue

I have just finished reading the Spring issue of *insight* magazine, and had to tell you how wonderful it is. I found the whole thing interesting but especially all the news about developments in the City, and also the University. It has now made me plan to come for a weekend and revisit old haunts. So congratulations on a wonderful magazine - I eagerly await the next one!

Any chance of features on Mulberry Court residences, and the MPA course?

Larissa Chambers
(MPA 1992)

Tied in to my University

As an alumnus of the University of Liverpool, I am delighted to receive your outstanding *insight* magazine and I applaud your efforts in regards to fund development through alumni relations. On the other hand, as an alumnus, I find it regrettable that it is almost impossible to purchase the insignia so readily supplied by other academic institutions.

About 10 years ago, I spotted a battered polyester Liverpool Medical School tie round the neck of an individual riding a lift in the Toronto General Hospital. He turned out to be none other than Alex Deutch – a demonstrator in Anatomy when I was a first year medical student at Liverpool. Alex was by then a General Surgeon in Israel. We had a long nostalgic chat and I felt proud to be an alumnus. Without the tie, I would not have recognised a fellow alumnus. These are the little things that are important to alumni development. You would do well to encourage their use.

J Brian Boyd, Torrance, California
(MB ChB 1972)

Editor's Note: You are not alone in your request for University merchandise. The University will be opening a new online store in early 2008.

Bequest by Gladys

I am writing to inform you of my mother, Gladys Dunn (nee Lishman) (BSc 1922, DipEd 1923) died last year aged 105. You may recall she had been the oldest living graduate of the University. She bequeathed her body to the Department of Anatomy and it was accepted, with a small financial bequest. This may be of interest to the readers of *insight*.

Rowan Rothwell (nee Dunn), Cheshire
(BSc Hons Zoology 1950, PhD Zoology 1952)



STAR LETTER

insight saved me money on cottage holiday

I just wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed the Spring 2007 issue of *insight*. Although I was only at Liverpool for a year, I really enjoy catching up with the University news and the updates on the city itself. The news on what people are up to is always fascinating, even though I never know anyone mentioned. The jobs are so varied that it makes my life seem incredibly boring!

The Benefits and Services page for alumni also meant that I saved money on a holiday cottage booking! Last week I booked a cottage through Cottages4you for this summer, then, two days later, received *insight*. I found I couldn't do anything since I'd already booked it, but they deducted 5% from the balance to pay which was great - so a big thank you for that!

Keep up the interesting and varied articles and I look forward to reading the next issue.

Lucy Wright, via email
(MBA Football Industries 2001)

STAR LETTER (Lucy wins a copy of *Unfamiliar Journeys*, a compilation of dramatic photographs of Liverpool by local photographer Alan McKernan)





Saved ... historic navy picture

I have been throwing out papers and my friend Olive Keidan persuaded me not to bin the enclosed photo, but send it to you. My late husband Donald Coulthard is the one civilian in the picture. He was warden of the Naval Division Hostel in Ullet Road for a year or two. I think he moved to Derby Hall in 1944.

He told me this Hostel was run by a triumvirate; Millican-Smith for the navy, Donald for the University and a lady cook and bursar for the Mersey Missions to Seamen, who looked after their feeding etc.

Margaret Coulthard, Nottingham

A trip back in time

The regular arrival of *insight* takes me back 60 years. I arrived in Liverpool straight from school on a foggy October day in 1947, only two years after the end of the war. Coming from Essex, and never having been further north than Buckinghamshire, it was a culture shock to arrive in a huge city which was still a world port, with countless ships' sirens echoing across the bomb-damaged wastes. I was determined to read Hispanic Studies under the renowned Professor E Allison Peers for four years but I felt a long way from home.

Many of my contemporaries were ex-service and much older, and with the advantage of far more generous grants than we teenagers enjoyed, but I soon found that by selling programmes at the Philharmonic I could also receive a free musical education, the libraries and theatres were a revelation, and my friendships through the Christian Union with medics, vets, and mathematicians were life-changing.

I had two enjoyable years in Derby Hall, which maintained a traditional collegiate style, with formal dinner, Latin grace and both students and High Table wearing gowns, all for £30 full board per term with week-day lunches extra at 8d (3.5p) per day!

A Warden is in charge of the Hall, and students are subject to his authority in matters of discipline. He is assisted by a number of Tutors, each of whom takes a special interest in a group of students. The Bursar and her assistant supervise domestic arrangements.

Social and cultural activities are encouraged and are largely controlled by a Students' House Committee elected annually.

Students are admitted for the whole Session of three terms at the following fees :—

Single rooms	...	...	...	...	...	£
Double rooms	...	...	...	...	...	90
Rooms occupied by 3 or more Students	...	...	...	...	...	85

These fees do not include lunches on weekdays; when lunch is supplied, a charge of 8d. per head (not including tea) will be made. The charge for out of term accommodation for junior and senior residents is pro rata on the fees paid during term.

A subscription of fifteen shillings a year is collected from each student for the Recreation Fund.

All communications regarding Derby Hall should be addressed to: The Warden, Derby Hall, North Mosley Hill Road, Liverpool, 18.

Now a lifetime further on I look back fondly to the Liverpool of old, and am delighted that at last it is recognised for what it has always been for me – the European Capital of Culture.

**John Barfield, Westcliff-on-Sea
(BA Hispanic Studies 1951)**

Fascinating read

I was fascinated to read the history of the Geography department in the Spring 2007 edition of *insight*. I found the 1960s a very exciting time to be in Liverpool. The move to the Roxby Tower was impressive, despite the wind tunnel effect between the library and the Tower. However, we were all a bit sad to leave Abercromby Square, a very beautiful house, with an intimate atmosphere quite missing in the new Tower, even if it was originally paid for by the slave trade! The two staff who made the biggest impression on my thinking about the subject were Richard Lawton and Brian Harley. The latter gave me a life-long interest in the history of maps. As you say in the article, fieldwork was a great part of the degree course and never to be forgotten, whether it was a day in the docks or sail testing on the Denbigh moors or interviewing local people in Corsica and coming back laden with gifts of oranges and honey. I made some great friends at Liverpool and have always been grateful for my choice of University.

Miss M A Hughes, Surrey (BA Geography 1967)

David dips into archives

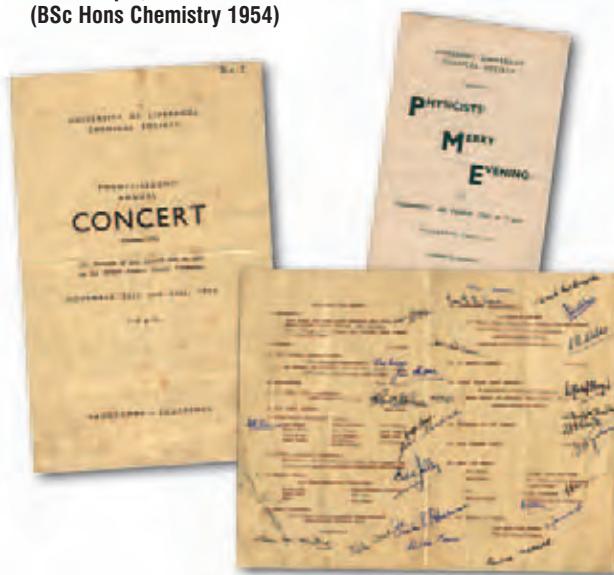
Here are bits and pieces hoarded since 1954. My wife is delighted that at least some of my rubbish is being cleared!

Each edition of *insight* is very welcome. Living in the depths of rural Lincolnshire can be constricting at times, and news of dramatic doings in the University and City of Liverpool brightens the day!

David Inkpin, Lincolnshire (BSc Hons Chemistry 1954)



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Editor's Note: We're looking at including historic photos on our website too. Please keep sending them in!

Flying Flea appeal

As a local aviation enthusiast I am researching the history of a small homebuilt aircraft, an HM 14 Pou de Ciel or Flying Flea. These homebuilt planes were built from plans prepared by Henri Mignet, an early French aviator. Quite a few remain today in museums and collections around the UK.



The aircraft I am interested in was built by a local motor vehicle engineer in St Helens in the 1930s. For some time it was kept strapped to the rafters in the Middlehurst family garage in St Helens. On contacting the current garage owners I was advised that the aircraft was donated to the University sometime in the 1950s.

The University has confirmed that when the Mechanical Engineering building was opened there used to be a museum of aero engines and associated items in the ground floor entrance hall. On development of the building the contents of the museum were dispersed back to manufacturers or private collections.

I would therefore be grateful if you could put out a request in *insight* for more information. It would be nice to know if it is still in existence.

Any information should be emailed to: iang@merseymail.com

Ian Griffiths, St Helens

Capital advice on our new logo

I recently noticed in the *Guardian* an advertisement for a position at the University accompanied by a strange version of the University's crest which I took to be some form of printing error. To my dismay, I see from the Spring issue of *insight* (New look for logo) that, far from being an error, this version of the crest has been devised, doubtless after payment of thousands of pounds to image consultants, to reflect 'the University's history and tradition but also communicates that it is forward-thinking and vibrant'.

Am I alone in thinking that this bastardisation of the two previous designs, reminiscent of the Norman shields portrayed in the Bayeux Tapestry, has precisely the opposite effect? The shield has been narrowed as far as possible, the motto 'Fiat Lux' is indecipherable, the Liver birds have white blobs below their beaks instead of holding a spray of leaves, and the secondary motto of 'Haec Otia Studia Fovent' (a response to the City's 'Deus Nobis Haec Otia') has disappeared altogether.

In my, perhaps old-fashioned, view, the new crest (in itself a word preferable to the commercial 'logo') lacks dignity and is unworthy of an academic institution with over a century's tradition of excellence.

Regretfully, however, what else can be expected when your publication has a title which ignores the grammatical rule that a proper noun should commence with a capital letter?

David N Max, London (LLB 1958)

Editor's note: We knew that in updating the University's corporate identity we wouldn't please everybody and it has been great to hear different opinions! Overall the new logo has proved very popular and we hope its critics will, with time, come to love it as much as we do. To address a couple of specific points; we took the shape of the shield from the original style which appears to this day on the University's ceremonial mace – a nod to history and tradition, I hope you agree! The full Latin wording still appears on the University's formal coat of arms used at graduations, which was redrawn by the College of Arms so that it is true to the original design granted more than 100 years ago. The last University logo, with its wavy ribbons and river design beneath, was not, as many people think, the institution's coat of arms – it was simply another logo. I'm afraid I make no apology for *insight*'s lowercase masthead. You shouldn't find any missing capital letters in the magazine itself – though please tell me if you do!

An online thank you

This is a quick email to thank you for the *My Love Affair with God* article in the last edition of *insight*. I was very pleased with the way it came out, so thank you. It's amazing how many people have told me they have seen it – obviously the whole world is full of Liverpool graduates!

Sr Mary Helen, Carnforth (BSc Chemistry 1984)

A sparkling new venture



MARK
JOHNSON

Diamonds... They've been described as a girl's best friend; they're the ultimate token of love; they are the most coveted and mysterious stone on Earth and there's a million metaphors to describe their beauty.

Yet beyond the glitz, glamour and sparkle, these treasures have a dark side – the blood diamond. Now, thankfully almost eliminated, profits from this trade were used to fund conflict and weapons in war-torn areas.

One man who knows the power diamonds hold is Mark Johnson (BA Archaeology 1994) who has worked with the precious stones since leaving the University.

Mark told *insight*: "For the best part of 12 years I worked for a polished diamond merchant in Birmingham's historic Jewellery Quarter, selling to the jewellery industry. We purchased diamonds from all over the world, from the major polishing centres including Antwerp, Mumbai, New York and Tel Aviv.

"We sold all sizes of diamonds from fully faceted stones less than 1mm in size, up to 10 carats and larger, in all shapes, colours, and purities. It's incredibly detailed work. Every diamond is unique in terms of size, colour, purity and weight. Even within a very large parcel of diamonds, very few will look the same. Their beauty lies in the complex relationship with light – how light strikes the surface, how much enters the diamond and how it returns to the eye.

"From time to time we would be commissioned to provide diamonds for special occasions, such as a set of

diamonds we provided for Victoria Beckham's wedding tiara."

Then a year ago, Mark decided to set up a new venture, Serendipity Diamonds.

"Having the opportunity to work at the heart of the jewellery trade has provided me with a wealth of contacts, all specialists within their sector of jewellery manufacturing," said Mark. "The last 12 months have been a challenge, moving to a new part of the country and managing a new business, and we are continually learning. We hope to build on what we have achieved so far and continue to excel in providing the complete package when it comes to diamond jewellery."

And he is backing the fight against so called 'blood diamonds', which were brought to the public's attention this year in the film *Blood Diamond*, which starred Leonardo diCaprio as an ex-mercenary searching for a rare pink diamond.

Mark added: "All the diamonds we purchase come from legitimate sources which are not involved with funding conflict and are in compliance with United Nations resolutions. We guarantee that our diamonds are conflict-free, based on personal knowledge and written guarantees."

"Thankfully, the trade in conflict diamonds is dying out – the flow of these diamonds has been reduced to less than 1%."

DIAMOND FACTS

- Diamonds are measured and valued by 'The Four Cs' – cut, colour, clarity and carat
- One carat is equivalent to 0.2 grams
- Diamonds are the world's hardest natural substance
- An estimated 5 million people have access to healthcare globally thanks to revenue from diamonds
- Around 10 million people around the world are directly or indirectly supported by the diamond industry
- An estimated £8.4 billion worth of diamonds – approximately 65% of the international trade – come from African countries each year.

Mark is offering a 10% discount on jewellery to all University of Liverpool alumni. Contact him at: enquiries@serendipitydiamonds.co.uk or visit www.serendipitydiamonds.co.uk

Alumni weekend 2007



Dr Eric Toke (MBChB 1950) with his wife Estelle, enjoying their meal in the Crypt

Alumni, friends and family gathered in Liverpool in September to celebrate the University's second annual Alumni Weekend.

More than 150 guests attended a Friends of the University and Convocation dinner held in the Crypt Hall of the Metropolitan Cathedral where the after dinner speech was given by award-winning broadcaster Roger Bolton (BA Hons English Literature and Philosophy 1967).

Guest speakers over the weekend

included Sir Neil Cossons OBE (BA Hons Geography 1961, MA 1969, HonLittD 1989) the former chairman of English Heritage, and BBC Radio 4 presenter Winifred Robinson (BA Hons English 1979) who interviewed Professor John Belcham, a University Pro-Vice-Chancellor and author of the seminal work *Liverpool 800*.

Activities around campus included a hard hat tour of the Victoria Building which is being transformed into the Victoria Gallery and Museum; tours of

the Sydney Jones Library and its new extension, the Abercromby Wing; the Liverpool Medical Institution; the new Small Animal Teaching Hospital at Leahurst; and the Garstang Museum in the School of Archaeology.

Some of the more adventurous alumni tried out their flying skills in the Faculty of Engineering flight simulator.

The team look forward to another successful event next year.



John Hampton (BArch Hons 1985) met his wife Judy Hampton née Bailey (BA Hons Combined Honours 1983) whilst studying at the University of Liverpool



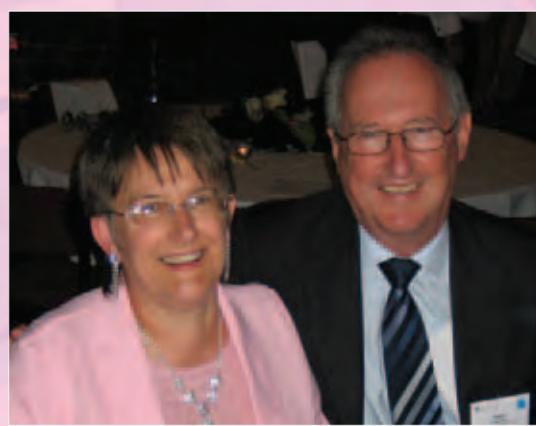
Alumni Officer Emma Smith and Russell Race (BA Hons Economics 1967)



David Hanson (BArch 1957) and June Hanson enjoy their dinner in the Crypt Hall



Karen Smallwood née Dawkins (BA 1982) and Andrew Smallwood



Speaker, Roger Bolton (BA Hons English Literature and Philosophy 1967) was reunited with his friend Carol Hayes née Jones (BA English Language and Literature 1967) for the first time since completing their degrees



Emeritus Professor Herbert Gilles, Sir Neil Cossons OBE (BA Hons Geography 1961) and Professor Andrea Varro

Winifred Robinson (BA Hons English 1979) and John Flanson (BA Hons Geography 1973, M.Civic Design 1975) enjoy lunch at Madison's cafe



"Great to be 22 again!"

Dawn Reynolds
(BA Hons French and German 1982)



Roger Bolton and Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Graham Dockray



Pro-Vice-Chancellor John Belcham who was interviewed about his book *Liverpool 800* by Winifred Robinson (BA Hons English 1979)



Dr Ann Burns, Peter Farrelly (BDentSurg 1977) and Mitzi Farrelly - Peter brought a table of alumni and friends to the event



David Tebbs (BA Hons Architecture 1986),
Rory Meldrum (BEng 1987) and Ian Draycott
(BEng Hons 1986) have all been friends
since their time at the University



Samkeliso Mabena (BA 1982)
and Michael Ncube enjoyed the
weekend's events

"What a fantastic evening – as one of the University's more recent alumni, it was great hearing about what those who had gone before me got up to; and believe me, they were no better behaved!"

David Winstanley
(BSc Geology and Physical
Geography 2006)



Betty Wakefield née Billows (BSc Hons Biochemistry 1975) and Tony Wakefield



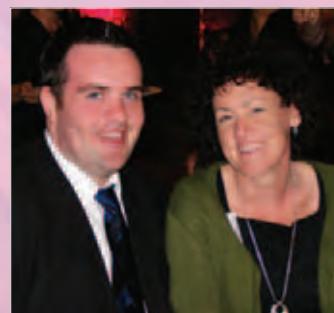
Dr Bob Allen (BSc Hons Physics 1967), Dr Keith Gibbins (BSc Hons Physics 1967, PhD 1972), Flora Allen and Carolyn Gibbins, members of the Sloman Loungers, a group of Physics graduates who meet annually



Friends of the University of Liverpool, Doreen Bowsher née Arthur (BA English Language and Literature 1952), Peter Johnson and Maureen Jones (BA General Studies 1951)



Kate Robertson, Director of Development and Alumni Relations with Jeff Hughes (BA Hons Psychology 1981) who attended with his godfather, Sir John Charnley (BEng Hons 1942, MEng 1945, HonDEng 1988)



David Winstanley (BSc Geology and Physical Geography 2006) and Elizabeth Adams, Stewardship Officer

Would you like to get involved in helping to organise the 2008 Alumni Weekend? We would welcome comments and contributions from all our alumni. To have a say in what you want out of your Alumni Weekend, please contact Karen Brady, Alumni Development Manager on +44 151 795 2348 or karen.brady@liv.ac.uk.

2008 ALUMNI WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 12-14

Join the team and fellow graduates
to celebrate the city's European
Capital of Culture Year in 2008

Preparations are underway for the next Alumni Weekend, which will be held from 12-14 September 2008. The event is open to all graduates and we do hope you will be able to join us for what promises to be a memorable and exciting year for Liverpool and the University.

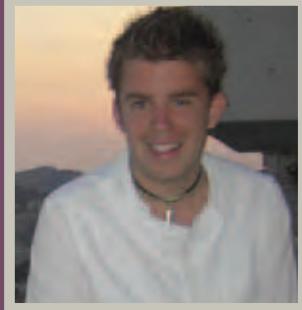
More details will be available soon. For further information on any events for 2008 please contact Emma Smith, Alumni Officer.

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STUDENT EYE

Tom escapes the 'student bubble'

Tom Whelligan-Fell has taken a sabbatical year to take on the position of Vice President Communications at Liverpool Guild Of Students.



After much thought I took the decision to take a year out from my studies as a BA Geography student.

I had already been heavily involved with the Guild as a member of Guild Council. I had also been active in my first two years in numerous activities and campaigns, including being the Liverpool Universities Sexual Health project leader. Much of my spare time was spent as an active volunteer and the Vice Chair of Liverpool Student Community Action (LSCA), a registered charity based within the Guild. I decided to run for VP Communications because I was keen to build bridges between the Guild and the volunteering movement.

During my first year at Liverpool, I had relatively few hours of lectures each week - although this changed in the second year. This meant that I had the time to throw myself into a number of extra curricular activities at the University. I wanted to gain the 'complete student experience'. Too many students do not obtain the maximum benefit from their time at University. This is a great shame because these are such important formative years for us all.

I very much enjoyed practical volunteering projects such as working with disadvantaged young people in Liverpool and running tea dances. I was keen to become involved in the running of a voluntary organisation and in 2005 was given the opportunity to be co-opted on to LSCA's

management board. At first this was a daunting prospect; aged 18 I had all the responsibilities in law of being a trustee of a charity. I soon realised that I was not alone. The

support that the LSCA and Guild offered was comprehensive, from trustee training through to essential team building exercises. Being part of LSCA has not just given me experience as a trustee but has provided me with a crucial life skills, including large-scale project planning, time management and public speaking experience.

During my time as a sabbatical officer, I want to utilise all the skills that I have acquired over the last two years within the LSCA and the Guild. I am passionate about enhancing the student experience.

My experience at LSCA and the Guild has helped me develop as a rounded individual more than anything else that I have done. University should not just teach you geography or law, or physics - it should also teach you how to live and think. University should be so much more than studying, partying and sport. University is about experiencing new environments. We should all try to escape the traditional 'student bubble' - engage in our new community and learn important life skills.

As with life, university is what you make of it.

Honorary graduates

In July, the University awarded honorary degrees to 10 outstanding individuals, eight of whom have strong Liverpool connections – a fitting way to celebrate the year of Liverpool's 800th birthday.



■ Liverpool-born Chief Executive of Tesco, Sir Terry Leahy, is credited for developing the UK's leading retailer into a global brand which is now the fourth largest supermarket chain in the world. In 2002 he received a knighthood for services to the retail industry and was awarded Freedom of the City of Liverpool.



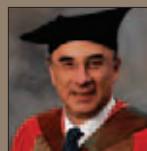
■ Poet Carol Ann Duffy graduated in Philosophy from the University of Liverpool in the 1970s and her poetry and playwriting flourished in the company of Adrian Henri, Willy Russell and Alan Bleasdale. She published her first collection of poems when she was just 17. She was made a CBE for services to literature in 2002.



■ Professor Sir Alasdair Breckenridge, Chairman of the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency, was honoured for his work in improving the safety of patients through the regulation of medicines. Sir Alasdair held the University's Chair in Clinical Pharmacology for 28 years, during which he helped the Pharmacology Department become the highest rated for research in the UK. He received a knighthood for services to medicine in 2004.



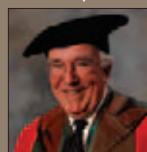
■ Leading molecular biologist, Professor Joseph Sambrook (BSc General 1961) is internationally renowned for his studies of DNA tumour viruses and the biology of normal and cancerous cells. A University of Liverpool graduate and native of the city, Professor Sambrook is currently Director of the Family Cancer Centre at the Peter McCallum Cancer Institute in Melbourne.



■ The University honoured two distinguished legal professionals. The Senior Presiding Judge for England and Wales, His Honour Lord Justice Brian Leveson, was born in Liverpool and is a former lecturer at the Law School. He has acted as prosecutor in some of the country's most high profile cases including the trial of Rosemary West and the Strangeways prison riots.



■ Her Honour Judge Elizabeth Steel (LLB 1958) is a Circuit Court Judge in the Northern Division. She studied Law at the University of Liverpool and, as a solicitor in the city, became renowned for her work on equal opportunities and race relations legislation, locally and nationally. She was at the forefront of legal issues around the Hillsborough disaster in 1989, and was the first woman President of the Liverpool Law Society.



■ Michael Potts is a former High Sheriff of Merseyside. He served on the University

Council for 27 years, as both Treasurer and President. He was Pro-Chancellor until 2006. His links with the University go back to the 19th century as family business, Potts of Leeds, was responsible for the famous clock on the Victoria Building.



■ Professor Akbar Ahmed has acted as adviser to HRH The Prince of Wales and President George W Bush on Islamic issues. He currently holds the Ibn Khaldun Chair in Islamic Studies at the American University in Washington, DC. A distinguished anthropologist and filmmaker, he has previously served as Pakistan's Ambassador to the UK.



■ One of the world's leading racehorse trainers, Martin Pipe, pioneered a scientific approach to training regimes which has had major impact on the racing industry. He has celebrated 4,000 winners, has been named leading trainer 15 times and was made a CBE in 2000 for his contributions to horse racing.

IN MEMORIAM



■ Recently awarded an honorary degree for developing the concept of charitable

donations through pay-roll giving, Fred Freeman, sadly died in August. Born in Liverpool, the pioneer of charitable giving had a distinguished career in the army before joining the family department store in the city. United Way, the charity he created, is now part of the national consortium of charities known as Give as you Earn.

Queen's Birthday Honours 2007



■ Dr David Prior, Director for Regional Projects at the University, has been awarded the MBE for services to higher education. For many years, he has steered the development of the University's growing regional role.

■ Anne Marks (BSc 1962) is a mature PhD student in the Faculty of Science. She has been awarded the MBE for services to Physics.

High Sheriff of Merseyside



■ Former Vice-Chancellor Professor Philip Love has been appointed to the historic Office of High Sheriff of Merseyside.

Professor Love continues the University's connection with this prestigious appointment, as he succeeds former Pro-Chancellor Dr Michael Potts. Professor Love retired from the University in 2002 after 10 years as Vice-Chancellor.

ALUMNI REUNIONS

Royal Ontario Museum venue for Canadians

Canada was the location for one of the biggest alumni events of the year, thanks to the newly-formed University of Liverpool Canadian Alumni & Student Association (ULCASA).

The Royal Ontario Museum was the venue for the opening of ULCASA's first national conference.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Drummond Bone, was one of the guest speakers for the conference itself which was held at the Park Hyatt in Toronto. The event had the theme of Modern Day Competitiveness and included lectures, networking sessions and an evening cocktail reception.

"It was great to catch up with both the bricks and mortar and the virtual sides of the University. You don't hear too much about the University's online MBA program out here in the west, despite all the good things people are saying about it in the UK."

Andy Gillam (PhD 1979)

Other speakers included Stu Finnigan, Managing Director of Laureate Netherlands, the University's e-learning partner; Professor Paul Leng, who leads the University's e-learning programme; and John Koopman, past president of the Empire Club of Canada speakers' forum and a partner in Spencer Stuart International Management consulting firm.

A presentation was also given by John Distin (BCom 1949). ULCASA's Premier Association member.

ULCASA President Keevin Cheung (MBA 2006) said: "Professor Bone's speech focused on competing effectively in the new world, while Stu Finnigan's presentation of success stories from the students around the world gave a fascinating view of the online Masters degree program and the struggles of our fellow students, many of whom are without the technology that many of our North American counterparts take for granted.

We were astounded to hear of new educational developments at Liverpool that were entirely new concepts to us, and considerably boosted our pride in our alma mater.

Eric Jolley (BSc 1950 PhD 1953) Wilmington, USA

"Conference attendees came from all corners of Canada as far as from British Columbia, New Brunswick and Alberta. Dr Eric Jolley - an American Liverpool alumnus (PhD 1950 & 1953) drove 650 Miles from Delaware, USA. Other international visitors include Dr Kathleen Kelm who flew in from Milwaukee, USA, and one MBA alumnus, Nabil El-Tannir (MSc 2005) came all the way from the United Arab Emirates for this event."

ULCASA is hoping to host regular networking and social events throughout Canada. For up to date information email membercare@ulcasa.ca or visit www.ulcasa.ca



Beijing



Shanghai

Summer celebrations in China

Alumni from across China were guests at a Summer of events hosted by the University.

All the events had a great celebratory atmosphere and graduates were keen to hear news from Liverpool. Plans are now well underway to set up a network of alumni associations to encourage more connectivity with Merseyside, as well as across China.

The first event was held in Beijing at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. It was hosted by Pro-Vice-Chancellor Kelvin Everest. More than 70 alumni enjoyed drinks and a buffet dinner.

The Shanghai event, at Le Royal Meridien, was hosted by the Vice-Chancellor and attended by a number of senior staff from the University of Liverpool and Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University. Other VIPs included the British Ambassador to China, Sir William Ehrman, Carma Elliot, British Consul General and members of the Hong Kong Graduates Association. The guests, who ranged in age from 24 to 84 enjoyed dinner followed by speeches from His Excellency the Ambassador, the Vice-Chancellor and alumnus Sir Robin Saxby (BEng 1968), Emeritus Chairman of

Engineers' Class of '47 mark their diamond

In July 1947, 54 young men – but no women – were awarded the degree of Bachelor of Engineering in five disciplines of engineering – Civil, Electrical, Mechanical, Metallurgy and Naval Architecture – by the University of Liverpool.

This Summer, 60 years on, the Class of '47 came back to the city to celebrate the diamond anniversary of their graduation.

One of the attendees, John Caldwell, said: "In July, four Civil, one Mechanical, one Electrical, one Metallurgical engineer, together with two Naval Architects, gathered at the Staff House bistro in Abercromby Square for a convivial lunch, followed by a presentation about the University's vision for the future of engineering education.

"Unsurprisingly, for a largely octogenarian occasion, the lunchtime conversation took us back to a bombed and battered Liverpool still recovering



from wartime privations. Among our academic mentors at that time, Professors Batson, Scholes and Teago



Guangzhou



Shenzhen

ARM Holdings and President of the Institute of Electrical Engineers.

The Guangzhou reunion was held at the Garden Hotel, where a group of alumni enjoyed dinner with University hosts Ursula Henry, Deputy Director of the International Relations and Recruitment Office, and Karen Brady, Alumni Development Manager.

The final event took place in Shenzhen at the Intercontinental Hotel. Karen and Ursula again greeted dozens of alumni from across the region who tucked into a buffet dinner.

Karen said: "All of the events were really popular and we were delighted to receive such a great response to the idea of our alumni associations. We already have a number of Alumni Ambassadors in place but are keen to hear from anyone who is interested in getting involved, particularly in organising social and networking events in their area."

For more details, call Karen on +44 151 795 2348 or email karen.brady@liv.ac.uk

Meet your international Alumni Ambassadors on pages 26 and 27.

1957 medics reunited

Medics from 1957 got together for a golden reunion this Summer.

The alumni enjoyed a weekend of reminiscences, as well as learning more about current life in the Faculty and the city.

Organiser John Bennett (MB ChB 1957, MD 1966, FRCP) said: "We went to the superbly appointed teaching centre constructed in Cedar House, the old nurses' home, where two bedrooms now equal one seminar room. The Dean, Professor John Caldwell, gave us a talk and was very upbeat about Liverpool's many successes.

"After a brief interlude – for some of us, in the Philharmonic pub – members assembled in the Medical Institution for Scouse, drinks and nostalgia.

"On Saturday morning we had a guided bus tour. It was good to see many of the old features, but notable were the many developments – warehouses into apartments, docks into marinas.

"In the evening, 39 of us assembled for a black tie dinner at Blackburne House, across the road from the Hope Street Hotel. There was talk of trying again in five years, perhaps in Llandudno – but who knows!"



anniversary



and Dr Kearton were well-remembered for their pedagogic skills, and also some of the more junior staff, such as Dr

Calvert and his pet donkey, as well some rather other-worldly mathematicians such as Dr JCP Miller, whose favourite

pastime was rumoured to be the mental calculation of logarithms to seven decimal places.

"There was a keen rivalry between engineering and medical students, which found expression not only in the production of water-bombs for dropping from the drawing office windows on to passing medics, but also in some aggressive singing by engineers in the students' union to mark their distinctive presence. An engineering song-book was compiled in 1946-47 and included a wide variety of brash and bawdy ballads. Does it still exist?

"Perhaps our elderly spectacles have become somewhat rose-tinted; but our memories of student days were good. To the question whether we would recommend a career in engineering, the answer was very positive. Alas, with but a few exceptions, our advice has not been taken; and herein lies a key problem for the future of university schools of engineering – how to attract more bright young people. But if our contribution to the future population of

engineers has fallen short, our overall productivity cannot be faulted. The nine Liverpool graduates present at our luncheon have had between them a total of 28 children and 56 grandchildren!

"Our own alma mater is still a pioneer in engineering education and aspiration. May its graduates, 60 years on, have, like us, good cause for celebration."



Left to right: Stan Lewis, Brian Cox, Peter Morton, Alan Glover, Gerry Galletly, Norman Fisher, Ted Roberts, Pat Pound, John Caldwell

ALUMNI REUNIONS

Golden jubilee

There was one very special reunion this Summer as the last all-male year in the Faculty of Engineering celebrated 50 years since graduation.

The Civil Engineering class of '57 met at the University's Botanic Gardens at Ness, Wirral, with two visitors and their wives travelling across the world to attend.

Organiser Bernard Marsden said: "Following an interesting tour of the gardens we adjourned to the Brook Meadow Hotel for a formal dinner and a very convivial evening to make a memorable golden jubilee celebration. The event was only the second since our graduation and followed an equally successful and

well attended 40 year reunion.

"Only 14 civil engineers graduated in 1957. Sadly Chris Terry died many years ago and Roger Curtis died shortly after our 1997 event. All our surviving members in the UK gathered for this occasion and Jim Metcalf and Alan Glyn-Woods and their wives travelled from South Africa and Zimbabwe especially to be with us.

"The celebration concluded with a trip down memory lane the following morning when we took a ferry across the Mersey and recalled exploits which are perhaps best not publicised! We shall meet again in 2017!"

Narrowboat holiday for sixties group



First for Dubai

The new Grosvenor House Hotel in Dubai was the venue for an inaugural alumni dinner.

Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to meet and mingle with fellow alumni at the event.

Louise Atak (BA English Language and Literature 2006), Suhaila Ayod Haron (BA Accounting, 1995), Andrew Nolan (BSc Biological Sciences 2000), Badry Bawady (MSc IT 2005), Sahar Saleh (BEng Electronic Engineering 1980), Afram Kouz (BEng Engineering 1984), and Zohoor Hussain Al-Sabbagh (MPhil Education 1991)



Sir Neil Cossons (BA Hons Geography 1961, MA 1969, HonLittD 1989) (right) talks with Dr Peter Smert (BSc Metallurgy 1964)



Wendy Beetstone (BA Hons Philosophy 1984) a US attorney with Charlie Smallbone (BA Hons Philosophy 1975) Chairman of Smallbone of Devizes, the bespoke kitchen, bathroom and bedroom company

Big Apple get together

Alumni living in the US had the chance to swap memories of their time in Liverpool at a special event in the Big Apple.

The University invited the former students, along with other friends of the University who live in the US, to the exhibition, *George Stubbs: A Celebration*, at the Frick Collection – one of New York's most beautiful galleries.

The event was organised in conjunction with National Museums Liverpool, who put the Stubbs' exhibition on show at the Walker Art

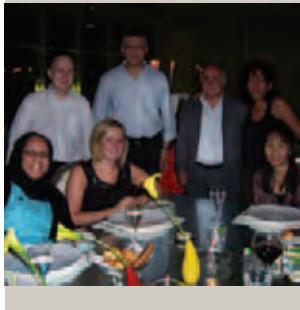
Gallery in Liverpool last Summer.

The speakers included Loyd Grossman, who is known in Britain for his television shows *Masterchef* and *Through the Key Hole* and is now Chairman of the Public Monuments Association, the Campaign for Museums and National Museums Liverpool.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Drummond Bone, said: "It is hoped that, with the support of the Alumni Relations team, graduates in and around New York will now be galvanised into organising more gatherings of their own."



Director of Development, Kate Robertson, with Professor Peter Bullough (MBChB 1956)





One group of old University pals from the Sixties have chosen holidays as a great way of keeping in touch.

The friends, most of who studied Engineering, have just enjoyed a narrowboat holiday along England's Grand Union Canal. Earlier this year some of them jetted off for a tour of the south west of the USA, and last year their big trip was to South Africa.

One of the gang, Gordon Drury (BEng Electronic Engineering 1967), said: "One way or another after graduating we kept in touch in small groups. We used to meet regularly and went on holiday together and our children all grew up knowing each other. Now some of us are retired and have more time, we have the chance to meet more often in larger groups"

Scottish tour for footballers

A squad of graduates headed to Scotland for a football-themed reunion.

The men played in the interdepartmental leagues at the University during the past four years and decided to dust off their shin pads for a trip north of the border. They played a pre-tour warm-up against their former University Physics team, winning 7-0, which gave them a good start.



Scotland's national stadium at Murrayfield to watch Hearts play Barcelona in a pre-season friendly.

"We all enjoyed the game at Murrayfield and it was great to see Ronaldinho and Thierry Henry showing us how football is meant to be played!" said Adam.

"We had success in our football matches, winning two out of three matches, and the trip itself was fantastic. All the teams we played joined us for a few beers so we got to experience the nightlife too – it was a lads' week away after all!"



I really enjoyed myself and meeting you and the others at the event last week. I look forward to seeing you at future events.

Charles Boyle (LLB Hons Law 1993) re Pitcher & Piano event

Fun in Liverpool and London



Graduates in Liverpool and London had the chance to get together at two lively city events.

These evenings, at the Pitcher and Piano in Mayfair, London, and Alma de Cuba in Liverpool, allowed graduates to meet and reminisce. The informal settings and friendly atmosphere allowed everyone to mingle, while a free drink helped the evening get off to a fine start!

Alumni Officer Emma Smith said: "These events are informal and free to attend. They are great fun whether you attend on your own or with a friend."

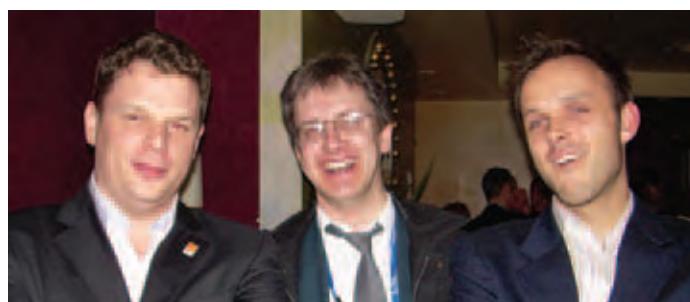
It really was a good evening. I wish I had stayed out later!

Robert Newton
(MA Philosophy 2003)
re Alma de Cuba

"The Pitcher and Piano event encouraged three friends, who had not seen each other for years, to reunite. Other alumni attended alone and made friends with people on the spot.

"These events keep on growing – perhaps we'll see you at the next one?"

Similar events will be held in November this year and all alumni are welcome. Email invitations will be sent to alumni who graduated in the last 25 years and live in the North West, London and the Home Counties although they will be open to all. Please update your email address so we can send you all the details.



ALUMNI REUNIONS



UEFA Cup Final for 50 graduates

More than 50 graduates marked the 10th anniversary of the MBA Football Industries programme (FIMBA) with a celebration in Scotland.

The two-day Glasgow event included a formal dinner, a visit to Scotland's national stadium at Hampden Park, a 'professional update' session at Celtic Park with leading figures from the Scottish football industry, and a trip to the UEFA Cup Final between Sevilla and Espanyol.

The graduates of the programme have been enormously successful in obtaining jobs in the sports industry. They represented organisations

from across the sporting world including UEFA, FIFA, Arsenal, Everton, Rangers, Galatasaray, the Dutch FA, the Scottish Premier League, Deloitte's Sports Business Group, Soccerex, SportFive, Yahoo! Sport, UK Sport, the PFA, and Nike UK.

Professor Murray Dalziel, the new Director of the University's Management School, welcomed the alumni. He said: "This is what I want to see happen with all alumni groups from the Management School - a chance for ongoing networking that is relevant to the graduates' roles. It is a chance to refresh their business know-how, and active conversations about the school, our

students, curricula and research."

The event concluded with the election of a steering committee for the FIMBA Alumni Association, convened by Jeff l'Hote (MBA Football Industries 2005). The next event is planned for June 2008, to coincide with the Euro2008 finals in Austria or Switzerland.

The committee would like to hear from any FIMBA graduates who were not able to attend the event, as well as other University of Liverpool graduates who work professionally in the sports industry. Email jefflhote@fcinternational.com

Vets meet again

Veterinary alumni from five decades ago enjoyed a reunion in Thornton Hough, Wirral, this Summer.

The graduates – 17 from 1957 and three from 1956 – and their partners travelled from far and wide to attend the event. One flew in from Australia, while another came from Canada.

As well as visiting the University's new Small Animal Teaching Hospital, the guests and their partners enjoyed a formal dinner – and a humorous step back in time!

Organiser John Tandy said: "One of the group, Roy Ashcroft, chaired a session which used humour aimed at each member. He remembered me and my friend Ian Hughes had taken part in a Christmas panto at Leahurst and had sung a song taking the



Michael out of the professors at that time. Roy even knew the words to one of the verses!"

The alumni have enjoyed many reunions since their graduation with the next one due to take place in five years' time.

Roy Ashcroft, Keith and Barbara Ashworth, Keith Bolger, Cliff Butler, Philip Crabb, Roger Ewbank, Frank Hilder, Geoff Hobson, John Howell, Ian Hughes, Alan Knifton, Jack Menear, John Tandy and Alan Williamson.

MISSING ALUMNI

Thomas R Clugston (B.Eng Electronic Engineering 1959) is trying to trace his classmate Peter Hughes who graduated in the same subject and in the same year.

Thomas knows Peter went to work in Transitron in Boston, Massachusetts, then returned to the University of Liverpool University a few years later to study for a Ph.D on the subject of lasers which he completed around 1964/1965. He then returned to the USA and Thomas last spoke to him there in 1967, but lost his address.

If you can help, contact the Alumni Relations team on +44(0)151 794 2269 or email alumni@liv.ac.uk

Please check our online lists of lost alumni too. Visit www.liv.ac.uk/alumni

ALUMNI

A Daniel Abrahamson
(LLB Hons 1934, LLM 1936)

David Stockdale Allen
(BArch 1959)

Bernard John Armitage
(BSc Hons 1959)

Professor Geoffrey Herbert Arthur
(BVSc 1939, MVSc 1945, DVSc 1957)

Elizabeth Beever
(BVSc 2003) died tragically in a train crash in Sardinia. A charity fund has been set up in her memory. To donate visit: www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/news/localnews/display.var.1507533.0.lilles._fund_to_help_autism_unit.php

Mr Brian Nicholas Bennett-Cowell
(MEng 1965)

John Edward Broughton MRCVS
(BVSc 1948)

Calum Lewis Cannings
(BA Hons 1989)

Burnett Harrison Clarke
(BEng 1953)

Petronella Clarke (née Leighton)
(MB ChB 1962)

Wilfred Connor
(PhD 1974)

Damian De Aspey
(MSc 2004)

Gladys Dunn (née Lishman)
(BSc 1922, DipEd 1923) died aged 105, one of the University's oldest graduates.

Alan Hugh Edwards
(BArch 1958) was formally Director for the Civic Trust for the North West.

Nicholas Flaherty
(BSc Hons 1995)

Sidney George Fogg
(BSc Hons 1949)

Frederick Freeman
(Hon LLD 2007)

Tammy Gillison
(BSc Hons 2001, CPD Health Sciences 2006)

Stephen James Gillgrass
(BA 1981)

Martin Gladman
(LLB Hons 1980)

Barry Christopher Goldsmith
(BA Hons 1968)

Mita Harris (née Samuels)
(BA Hons 1984)

Dr John Hastie
(BSc Hons 1965, PhD 1970)

Elizabeth Houston
(BEd 1990)

Joan Hughes
(BA 1946, DipEd 1947)

Denys Gwynfor Jarvis-Evans MRCVS
(BVSc 1944)

Susan Mary Jeffcoate (née Dransfield)
(BEd 1985)

Dr David Michael Johnson
(BSc 1970, BSc Hons 1971, PhD 1975)

Kenneth Michael Kennedy
(BA 1951, DipEd 1952)

William Leonard King
(BA Hons) 1931

Frances M Lawton (née Midwood)
(BSc 1993)

Andrew Lewis
(BSc Hons 1993)

William Henry Lloyd MRCVS
(BVSc 1946)

Richard Murray Loosmore MRCVS
(BVSc 1943)

Dr James MacGregor
(BA 1936, CertEd 1937)

Janie C McDougall
(BA 1946)

John Callam James Metford
(BA Hons 1938, MA 1940)

Walter William Mills
(BEng 1934)

Kevin Morris
(BSc 1950)

Dr Amith Munindradasa
(PhD 1999)

Josephine Murgatroyd (née Briggs)
(BSc 1954, BSc Hons 1955)

Brian Carl Lloyd Nordgren
(LLB 1949)

Patricia O'Hare
(BSc Hons 1976)

Dr Colin Macleod Ogilvie
(MB ChB 1944, MD 1954) former Editor of the ALMS Newsletter.

Christopher Pace
(BA Hons 1990)

Guy Parsons
(BSc Hons 1994)

James Patten
(BSc Hons 1957)

David Anthony (Tony) Peart
(BA Hons 1957)

Philip James Noel (Jim) PinSENT
(BVSc 1950), a member of staff in the Faculty of Veterinary Science from the 1950s until 1961. He was instrumental in the establishment of the University's Veterinary Field Station at Leahurst.

John Edward Portmann
(BSc Hons 1962, PhD 1966)

Leslie Ryder
(BA Hons 1947, CertEd 1948)

Peter Ryrie
(BA Hons 1967) was President of the Guild of Students 1967-68

Ian Cyril Shapter MRCVS
(BVSc 1972)

Ian Gardner Shaw
(BVSc 1942)

James Hignett Smith
(BA 1994)

Harold Oliver Spencer
(BEng Hons 1948, MEng 1951)

Jude Stanley Philip Spruce
(LLB 1968)

Mohammed Irfan Sulaiman
(MBChB 1999)

Muriel Grace Sykes (née Robinson)
(MBChB 1955)

Lorna Thomas
(BSc 1956)

Dr John Thompson
(MBChB 1950)

Beryl Brenda Tuley
(BA 1960)

Geoffrey Vincent Turner
(BA 1939)

Richard James Brears Walker
(BVSc 1948)

Cherith Joy Watson
(BA 1993)

Dr Tessa Whitton
(PG Trop Med Dip in Trop Med & Hyg 1993)

Gillian Anne Yates
(BA 1975)

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Lecturer and later Senior Lecturer in Education 1958-1981.

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Curator in Special Collections, University Library 1945-1955.

T McCooey

Technician in the School of Architecture from 1970 until his retirement in 1999.

Julie Moorland

A Catering Assistant at Carnatic House for 10 years.

Dr W R Hugh Muirhead

Reader in the Department of Physics 1957 -1982.

Professor Nelson Polsby

(Hon LittD 1992)

David Pope

A mature student on the Aim Higher programme in the Faculty of Arts.

Dr Christiane Sourvinou-Inwood

Lecturer in Greek Archaeology from 1976-78.

Isobel Wood

2nd year BA Accounting in the Faculty of Social and Environmental Studies.

Emma Worsley

(BSc 2006) was also studying for an MSc in Science.

Sir Brian Wolfson

(Hon LLD 2002), businessman and entrepreneur who was an active member of the University's Foundation Leadership Team and played a vital role in securing the funds for the creation of the University of Liverpool Management School.

Mitzi Cunliffe

Sculptor and designer whose work can be seen on campus.



1930s

Joan Bone (née Wilson) (BSc Plant Science 1937) was Secretary to the RNLI for 20 years until leaving the position at the age of 80. She is interested in local history and archaeology in addition to being a keen gardener.

Colonel James Graeme Bryson (LLB 1932, LLM 1935), aged 94, he has achieved great success as a soldier, lawyer, judge, academic and prominent Catholic, he has met both the Pope and the Queen. He celebrated his 90th birthday with a big party, and guest of honour was his great friend Ken Dodd. He has had an 80-year-old association with Liverpool's Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King detailed in his book *A Cathedral In My Time*.

Mary Elizabeth Ryan (BA 1939) has just celebrated her 90th birthday and still keeps in touch with many of her friends who she was in Halls with.

1960s

Professor Augoustinos Anagnostopoulos (PhD Chemistry 1965) is a Professor of Inorganic Chemistry in the Department of Chemical Engineering at Aristotle University in Thessaloniki, Greece. He was a member of the select committee for the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1991, and has been awarded by the National Academy of Athens for his contribution in the prevention of Environmental Pollution.

George Fred Atkinson (BA Classics 1960) is a retired Latin and French teacher who now relishes life in Windermere.

David Ian Bell (BSc 1966) retired after a successful career working for BNFL, Sellafield. He has run County Junior Cricket for the past 28 years.

Dr Michael Richard John Claxton (MBChB 1961) has been made an Honorary Fellow of the Australian Medical Association, of which he has been a member since emigrating to Tasmania in 1965.

Julian Cope (BSc Geophysics 1969) is working as an Assistant Headteacher at Walton High School in Stafford. He enjoys wrought ironworking and has his own forge.

Gillian Ann Elias (née Colquhoun) (MA 1967) is retired after a career in curriculum development and now designs large needlepoint canvas pieces, rubber stamps and book illustrations.

John Michael Graham (PhD Biochemistry 1968) is a Research Consultant to centrifugation companies and has helped to develop new technologies for the purification of viruses and cells in particular with gene therapy, HIV and diabetes.

Clive Russell Kennedy (PhD Zoology 1961, PhD Zoology 1964 and DSc Parasitology 1978) is a retired Professor from the University of Exeter. His book *Ecology of the Acanthocephala* was published by CUP in 2006.

Michael Joseph McGee (BEng Civil Engineering 1969) is Managing Director of Cardigan Sand and Gravel Co Ltd, and is Chairman of the Quarry Products Association (Wales) 2006-2008.

Graham James Parker (BA Hons Modern History and Politics 1968) works as an army careers adviser. He was awarded an advanced diploma in History of Art in 2007.

John Cecil Parkinson (BSc Chemical Physics 1964) has retired after 40 years of service as Head of Physics at St Brendan's 6th Form College in Bristol. His hobbies include walking, cycling and wildlife.

Vaityalingam Thamotharalingam (MEng 1969) is currently a Senior Engineer with the Australian Capital Territory Government on Approvals of Development Applications after having been to places including Iraq, Nigeria and Singapore after his graduation.

Jill Rosemary Webster (BA Hons Hispanic Studies 1962) is an Emeritus Professor at the University of Toronto and is also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

1950s

Dr Geoffrey Brian Bishop (BEng Hons Mechanical Engineering 1956) married Frances Margaret Laycock (BSc Biochemistry 1956) in April 1957. The couple has just celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary.

Peter Wilfrid James (BSc Hons Botany 1952) was Head of the Lichen Section with the Natural History Museum and has been on various expeditions all over the world as part of his scientific studies. He writes to thank the University for its first class training in Botany which laid the foundation for his achievements - especially Dr Margery Knight, Dr Frank Round and Dr Donald Coulth who provided the excellent botanical background.

William Neil Kellett (BEng Mechanical Engineering 1958) is Technical Director at St Marys Burghill Manco Ltd, dealing with land management. He is Herefordshire county singles and triples champion at indoor bowling.

Brian Needham (BVSc 1951) a retired veterinary surgeon at Stratford-on-Avon Racecourse for 47 consecutive years, is delighted that his grandson Thomas Righton is a first-year student at the Faculty of Veterinary Science at Liverpool. He is also an active member of his village flood prevention team.

Dr Robert Sydney Walton (MBChB 1956) semi retired surgeon working in Boundary General Hospital in Canada.

1970s

Charles Belcher (BA Ancient History and Archaeology 1971) is Virgin Rail North West's Managing Director and has been working in the railway industry for 35 years.

Lesley Ann Brankin (née Hague) (BSc Hons Physical Geography/Geology 1979) is a freelance award winning needlecraft designer and has recently been assistant Editor of the *British Patchwork & Quilting* magazine.

James Dempsey (BA English 1971) has spent 20 years as a journalist in the USA before returning to academia and is now a Professor of English at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Massachusetts. He has recently published a small book of translations of Geoffrey Chaucer's lesser-known court poetry - *The Court Poetry of Chaucer: A Facing-Page Translation* in Modern English is available from www.mellenpress.com/mellenpress

Caroline Foster (née Toobe) (BSc Chemistry 1978) is now an Academy Director at the Bournemouth and Poole College, and a magistrate.

Dr Frank Harris (PhD Modern History 1978 and a former tutor in Rathbone Hall) is the University of Liverpool Representative for the British Schools and Universities Foundation, Inc. He lives in the State of New York with his wife Lidya and younger son Eduard. His elder son Anar is at university in Russia. He was, until his recent retirement, an Assistant District Attorney in the Office of the District Attorney of Nassau County and is now an Assistant Professor of History at Farmingdale State College of the State University of New York. Old friends and former students may contact Frank by e-mail at frankwjh@juno.com or via the alumni@liv.ac.uk. For further information about BSUF and how US taxpayers can make a charitable gift to the University visit www.liv.ac.uk/alumni or go to www.bsuf.org

Romesh Gunesekera (BA Hons Combined Honours 1976) is a novelist from Sri Lanka whose debut novel *Reef* was shortlisted for the Booker Prize. His most recent novel, *The Match*, traces its protagonist, Sunny Fernando's, passion for cricket from a Colombo childhood, through teen years in the Philippines, to adulthood in Britain.

Keith Labbett (BCom Commerce 1971) is the head of audit for British Waterways.

Julia McLaughlin-Cook (BA Oriental Studies 1974) is a member of Merseyside Archaeological Society and was one of a team who researched and wrote *The Changing Face of Liverpool 1207-1710*, in celebration of Liverpool's 800th Birthday. The book is available from the Society c/o 3 Carlton Avenue, Liverpool, L18 1EL, priced £5, £2 p&p.

Christine Susan Millard (née Keen) (BEd Hons English Literature 1975) works as a computing lecturer at the University of Central Lancashire. She received 1st prize in the Lakeland Book of the Year Awards in the Business and Industry for her book *Hoofprints in Eden* documenting the Fell Pony breed and breeders at the start of the new Millennium.

Donald Edward Platten (MEd 1978) was a former secondary school headteacher and now works as an Education Consultant with the Welsh Assembly and the University of Chester, amongst others.

Peter Anthony Robinson (BSc 1977, BSc Honours Chemistry 1978) is a lecturer in the School of Management at the University of Surrey. He married **Marlene** (née Pryor) (BSc Hons Chemistry 1978) in 1984, their eldest of two daughters has gained a place to read Chemistry at Oxford.

Malcolm Ian Smith (BDentSurg Denatal Surgery 1977) is a dentist and is spending six months working for Queensland Health, going out with the Flying Doctor service and diving on the Great Barrier Reef.

Michael Smith (BA Hons Philosophy and Politics 1970) is Head of Secretariat working in the general secretary's office at the Trades Union Congress after six years as Head of the Press Office.

Dr Arumugam Thillaisundaram (MBusAdmin Business Studies 1976) is an Associate Professor at the Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman in Malaysia. He has five children, the eldest is a doctor at Glasgow Royal Hospital, the second an Engineering undergraduate at Edinburgh University and the rest are at Cambridge University studying Mathematics.

Mark Francis Fitzsimons (BSc Hons Oceanography/ Chemistry 1989) is a Senior Lecturer in Organic Geochemistry who was admitted to the FRSC in 2006.

Dr Joubert Gama (MBChB 1981) has worked in the pharmaceutical industry since 1997 after a career as a GP in Liverpool, and is currently medical Director with Solvay Healthcare, an ethical pharmaceutical company which is part of the Belgian Solvay Corporation.

Dr Rousseau Gama (PG Pathology MD Chem Pathol 1993) is a consultant at New Cross Hospital Wolverhampton, he is also an honorary professor of Medical Laboratory Sciences at Wolverhampton University.

John Jeffrey Hampton (BA Architecture 1982 and BArch Hons 1985) is an Associate Director at AFL Architects Ltd in Manchester. His recent projects include designing and managing the Chelsea FC Academy and Training Facility, and Everton FC training facility at Halewood, and he has designed various other projects for Liverpool and Manchester United over the last 15 years.

Susan Anne Henshaw (BA Combined Honours 1981) is a trust and foundations fundraiser for Hope and Homes for Children, an international charity. In her spare time she is an ever hopeful but misguided Southampton FC fan as well as being an amateur chocolatier and epitaph collector.

Peter Anthony Hogan (BCom Economics 1981) is Headmaster of Llandovery College and is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

Michael Hughes (BA Hons Political Theory and Institutions 1989) trained as a news journalist via a BBC trainee reporter scheme and after spending time at various radio stations up and down the country, came back to BBC Radio Merseyside as a sports reporter/producer.

Innocent Akharegheme Ifigen (Dipl in Tropical Child Health 1989) retired from government service to establish the Anna Maria Hospital in Lagos, Nigeria which he runs with his wife.

Dr John Walton Kellaway (Hon LLD 1983) has retired after a career in finance. He has held various voluntary positions including being the chairman of the committee responsible for the construction of the Royal Liverpool University Hospital and was involved with the Liverpool Personal Service Society for more than 30 years.

Philip Patrick Kelly (BA Combined Honours 1986) after completing an MBA and the NPQH, he was appointed Headteacher of Higham Lane School in Nuneaton, a business and enterprise college.

Gary Douglas Kenworthy (BEd Education 1985) is Head of Science and IT at St Andrews Junior School in Essex.

Riyaz Ahmad Malik (M Orth Surg 1987) enjoys DIY and gardening, he dedicates his time to the development of orthopaedic and trauma service in Gibraltar.

Michael Marsh (BA Hons Economic History 1985) is the head of Sterling International Brokers, a treasury consultancy in London.

Dr Nomsa Mbere (BDS Dentistry 1988) is a member of the Botswana National Sports Council.

Evelyn Mary Elizabeth Needham (née Ross) (MA Latin American Studies 1986) is a retreat facilitator and is self employed, having just finished a diploma in spiritual direction at the Milton Institute in Dublin. For more information visit www.quietgarden.co.uk

Anne Pastuch (née Crocker) (BVSc 1983) is a veterinary surgeon who in her time away from work enjoys walking on the hills or coast with her two border terriers. She is happily married and has two gorgeous daughters, Sarah and Rachel. She says life can be perfect!

Christopher Mark Pile (B Dent Surg 1988) has been living in Spain and will shortly resume a part time position as GDP at La Manga, Spain.

Peter Sidney Richards (MEd 1983) has been retired for 20 years and was recently awarded a long-service certificate (50 years) as a local preacher in the Methodist Church and a lay preacher in the United Reformed Church.

Michael William Royden (BA Hons Medieval/Modern History 1989) is teaching history and has written and run several history websites, visit www.roydenhistory.co.uk

1980s

Joan Margaret Evans (BA Hons Combined Honours 1983, MEd 1994) is a tutor in desktop publishing for Mercia Partnership at HMP Liverpool teaching prisoners and producing the prison magazine *The Walton Herald*. She produces postcards of Liverpool and greeting cards (pictured right) which she sells locally. For more information, visit: www.snap-dragon.eu



Sahar Seleb (BEng Electronic Engineering 1980) is an electronics engineer who took part in this year's 'Women for Peace' cycle ride from Syria to Jordon.

David John Owen Seabrook (BSc Biochemistry 1982) is Head of Chemistry at Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys in Kent.

Diana Margaret White (née Gill) (BA 1982) stopped teaching in 1996 but is still working part time for the civil service even though she celebrated her 65th birthday in September.

Julia Williams (née Moffatt) (BA Hons English 1987) is a writer whose first novel *Pastures New*, about Amy, a young widow who moves to the country where she finds friendship and love in the allotments behind her garden, was published in September. She has a blog at <http://maniacmum.blogspot.com>

Robert Harrison Windsor (MEd 1987) is a Deputy Headteacher at Ashley School in Widnes and is a trustee of the association for citizenship teaching.

Mary Josephine (Jo) Woolf (BA Hons 1989, MPhil Psychology 1993) wrote and published with the help of her brother *Is the cooker turned off? Caring for an older person with failing memory*, in 2003. For more information visit: www.gorselands.com.

1990s

Wendy Ann Andrews (née Davis) (BA Combined Studies 1990) is a teacher at a school in Worcestershire who works in learning support.

Andrew David Berridge (BA Hons Music 1999) is the principal viola number two in the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra.

Edward Charles Richard Burge (BA Hons Econometrics/Maths Economics 1992) is Chair of the National Children Work Advisers National Executive, and is a Children and Youth Team Co-ordinator working for the Church of England advising children's leaders.

Mark Cantrell (BA Political Theory and Institutions 1993) is a writer and journalist who has recently written *Deus Ex Insomnia – Poetry and A Little Prose* (pictured right) published by Lulu, available from www.lulu.com. He has also written three novels.

Jevina Chan (MA Language Teaching and Learning 1997) is an advisory teacher in the Native-speaking English Teacher section of the Education and Manpower Bureau in Hong Kong.

Claire Connor (née Mason) (MA Population Studies 1996) is a senior administrator for the Department of Education in Victoria, Australia.

Steven James Conroy (BEng Electrical Engineering and Electronics 1997) was recently appointed Director of design consultancy, Control and Instrumentation Solutions. He has also recently attained a private pilot's licence.

Louise Mary Crompton (née Parkin) (BA Hons Modern History and English 1993) is Executive Assistant to the Director of the Manchester Business School and is married to **Andrew Stephen Crompton** (BSc Hons Chemistry 1993).

Sayed Aliashghar Dashti (PhD Botany 1999) is the Dean of College in the Faculty of Agriculture in University of Yazd, Iran and also the coordinator of the International Centre for Living with Desert.

Francis Edimu (MCommH 1999) is working as a public health specialist and assisted in the fight against cholera, by promoting a safe water supply and health clubs in Uganda.

Joanne Louise Foster (née Lee) (BA History Ancient/Archaeology 1993) runs a hotel and restaurant which she and her business partner bought called The Ancient Unicorn in Co Durham.

Joseph William Frew (LLB 1999) is now an associate solicitor with Davies, Wallis Foyster in Manchester.

Domenico Gabriele (BA Hons Building Management and Technology 1999) relocated to South Wales with wife Sarah, where he is a project manager with Mace Ltd in Cardiff. He has recently become a father to a baby girl, Ava.

David Euan Hammond (BSc Marine Biology 1994) was the first ever Royal Marine Barrister called to the English and Welsh Bar in August 2006. He is also a naval helicopter pilot and civil mediator.

Dr Zulkarnain Hanafi (MBChB Medicine 1991) is a Otorhinolaryngologist head and neck surgeon in Brunei Darussalam and has recently been conferred the title Fellow of the Royal College of General Practitioners.

Andrea Jayne Hill (BA Archaeology 1994) got married in 2005 and has just had her first child, Rufus. She is a Visitor Operations Manager at Bolsover Castle in Derbyshire and has worked for English Heritage for 10 years.

Dr Elizeus Anacleth Kahigwa (M Trop Paed 1992) received a PhD from the University of Barcelona 2005 and is currently Senior Research Scientist researching malaria and anaemia in Tanzania.

Phillip Anthony Ladanowski (BSc Computer Science 1995) is a senior developer computer programmer for SAGE (UK) Ltd. He owns and exhibits a 1954 Wolseley classic car and is editor for the *Wolseley World* magazine.

Abby Jayne McEwan (BA Combined Honours 1999) is a Project Officer, Housing Choice, for Salford City Council. She is a mother of a baby girl and has completed a certificate in counselling concepts which she is hoping to convert to a diploma or degree when time allows!

Tobias Malcom McFarlane (BA Business Studies 1990) retrained as a maths teacher and is now very happy teaching A-level Mathematics in Vietnam.

Ann McGregor (née Meakin) (MA English Renaissance Literature 1990) recently took part in a four-day trek of the Inca trail and, with help from the pupils in the Belvedere School where she is Head of Drama, managed to raise £607 for Down Syndrome Liverpool.

Caroline Molyneux (BSc Microbiology 1999) is a science teacher in Leyland who has just won the TDA Award for Outstanding New Teacher of the Year in North West of England.

Stephen Arthur Morgan (BEng Mechanical Engineering 1994, PhD 2002) is principal scientist at BAE Systems.

Philippa Elizabeth Noon (BA Hons Geography 1990) is a River Manager for Conservators of the River Cam, she came back to Liverpool for the World Canals Conference in June.

Julia Felicity Radcliffe (née Barkley) (BSc Chemistry with European Language 1998) in 2004 married another Liverpool alumni, **Nick Radcliffe** (MBChB 2000). She gave birth to Emily Elizabeth Poppy Radcliffe in May this year.

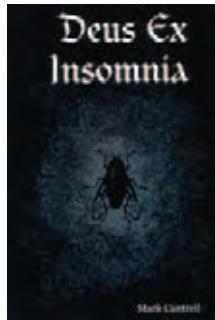
Rachel Laura Rayner (BSc Hons Therapy Radiography 1999) is a Senior Radio Therapist at the Epworth Cancer Centre in Melbourne, Australia. She recently qualified to run for the World Championship Triathlon in Hamburg running for Australia.

Abdullahi Ribadu (PhD Veterinary Science 1994) is Vice-Chancellor at the Federal University of Technology in Yola, Nigeria.

Jamie Roberts (BA Hons Geography 1991) has recently been appointed Senior Vice-President of programming for GSN, a US games TV channel.

Christopher Paul Taylor (BEng Hons Aerospace Engineering 1998) is an air traffic control planner and works for the National Air Traffic Services. He is married to **Claire Patricia Taylor** (née Deadman) (BSc Cell Biology 1998) and they had their first child in May.

Victoria Louise Georgia Todd (née Turner) (BSc Marine Biology 1994) is Director of Appin Scientific Limited, an environmental consultancy for off-shore marine science. Since graduating from Liverpool she has also gained an MSc and PhD and is an HSE commercial diver.



Jessica Mary Webber (BA Psychology 1993) has set up her own private nursery for 0-5 year olds, catering for 82 children. For more information visit: www.toddleinprivatenursery.com.

Sophie Wilcockson (née Bates) (BA English Language and Literature 1994), former editor of *insight*, has left the University of Liverpool to become a freelance copywriter. If you want to get in touch, email sophiewilcockson@talktalk.net

Jane Wolstenholme (BA History 1995) is former editor of the *Liverpool Daily Post*. She currently works in PR and will soon publish her first novel.

Marilyn Donita Wood (PG Politics Dip in Admin Studies 1991, MBA 1992) works in biotechnology as a CEO for Mikro-Tek Inc in Ontario.

Jun Sheng Yoon (BEng Electrical Engineering and Electronics 1998) is the Managing Director of a company that is a branded character licensee for various companies including Disney.

2000

Philip Alan Barton (MCD Town and Country Planning 2003) is the first wheelchair-user to be appointed as a planning inspector for the Planning Inspectorate in Birkenhead.

Juliana Edith Maria Ann Bayley (MESCI Geology and Geophysics 2006) is going on a round-the-world trip and will be returning in March 2008.

Paul Benson (BSc Maths & Statistics 2006) is a member of the Health and Safety Executive's Epidemiology Group, maintaining and updating the mesothelioma register.

Donald Alfred Bullen (MPhil Philosophy 2000, PhD Philosophy 2004) is a retired Methodist Minister and has just published a book based on his PhD.

Tom Chalmers (BA English Language and Literature 2002) runs a publishing company, Legend Press, and has just taken on **Emma Howard** (née Kent) (BA English Language and Literature 2002), who he became friends with at Liverpool.

Mark James Clucas (BSc Marine Biology 2005) is currently working as a police constable for Civil Nuclear Constabulary in Cumbria.

Nizamettin Baris Dikilitas (MBA Human Resource Management 2002) is living in Istanbul and is the Human Resources Manager at Schindler AS.

Robert Christian Esteva (BA Combined Honours Arts 2002) is head of analysis and trading operations for Smartodds Ltd, a sports consultancy company. He is also a Director of Brentford Football Club.

Alice Marinda Fargher (MA Manx Studies 2005) has just completed a visitors' guide to the Isle of Man for Landmark Publishing Ltd.

Christopher Derek Nelson (BA History 2003) is an assistant commercial accountant for McDonald's Restaurants Ltd, and became ACA qualified in September 2006.

Sarah Marie Irish (BEng Biomaterials Science and Engineering 2003) is working as a trainee patient attorney for N J Akers and Co, trade mark agents in Cornwall. He is getting married in October 2007.

Jonathan Robert Alfred Ironmonger (BA English Language and Literature 2004) is a broadcast journalist with Heart/LBC/Galaxy Radio, he enjoys writing short stories in his free time.

Selina Herson Macha (MA Archives and Record Management 2004) works as a Records Officer in the Presidents Office in Tanzania.

Nickolaos Margaritis (LLM(T) European Law 2001) is a barrister in Athens and is a member of the society of articled and young barristers of Athens.

Mark Maxwell (BA Flexible Degree Pathway (Ar) 2005) is currently recording a pop album demo in his own recording studio and studying MA in Philosophy here, hoping to graduate soon.

Emma McGordon (BA English Language and Literature 2005) is one of six people to have been picked to have their poetry published in *Generation Txt*. The poetry anthology is available from www.pennedinthemargins.com



Stephen Morris (LLB 2002) (pictured left) has just launched his second novel, *The Golden Generation* - co-written with actor Ralf Little - the proceeds from which go to the charity Shelter.

Cardinal Kofi Newton (MDentSci Dental Science 2005) is General Overseer of Dental Services in the biggest region of Ghana.

William Hugh Edward O'Neill (MA European Union Politics 2005) is working as a senior editor for Team Talk Satellite, a provider of news packages. He is hoping to go to the Universita per Stranieri in Reggio di Calabria to study and to use his French and Italian to pursue his career further.

George Papakiritsis (MA Victorian Literature 2001) moved to Athens in 2002 and now works as an office administration for the University of Cambridge ESOL.

Paul Douglas Phillips (MBA Environmental Management 2000) is a self-employed tree surgeon working at Ness Botanic Gardens and is recovering from a 150m fall off Ben Nevis in mid-January. We wish him well!

Edwin Rutherford (BA History 2001) has achieved an MA in Museum Studies at the University of Newcastle, and is Keeper of Social History, Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery in Carlisle.

Patrick Sells (BSc Veterinary Conservation Medicine 2005) will be setting off in November on a fundraising trip. He will be doing a sponsored motorbike ride from Leahurst Veterinary Field Station to Marrakech to raise money for SPANA, a charity that helps horses, donkeys, etc in North Africa. He will be working for three months as a volunteer vet in a Moroccan equine clinic, whilst carrying out a study on harness-related injuries. To sponsor Patrick visit: www.justgiving.com/patrickells

Mark Swift (BSc Hons Biochemistry 2002) was awarded the prestigious North West Public Health Award 2007 for an innovative social enterprise set up to support people experiencing mental health distress called the Wellbeing Project CIC. For further information on the project visit: www.wellbeingproject.co.uk

Graham Michael Thelwall Jones (HonLLD 2005) is Chairman of Mercater Capital Management an investment management company in Altrincham.

Rachel Sarah Thompson (BA Ancient History and Archaeology 2003) is a Museum Assistant and has had a science fiction novel published by Pegasus Publishers called *Beneath the Surface*.

James William Leslie Whitfield (BA Music 2001) is working as a VMI Analyst with Twentieth Century Fox, he enjoys football, travelling and surfing.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

If you've been promising yourself a trip back to Liverpool, now's your perfect opportunity. As the city gears up to become European Capital of Culture 2008, there's so much going on, you'd be mad to miss out!

So why not take the chance to come back for one of our University events, and take advantage of what's on offer in the city at the same time? You could even organise a reunion of your old classmates so you can relive those student days!

We've got a great calendar of events planned for the next 12 months which we hope will appeal to alumni of all ages. Take a look at what's on offer on the following pages. You'll find a booking form at the back of the magazine, or you can book online at www.liv.ac.uk/alumni.

The two highlights of our year are the Alumni Weekend and a black tie dinner and dance at Knowsley Hall.

Preparations are already well underway for the Alumni Weekend and we'd love to hear from you if you have ideas of tours or activities you would like to see included. Guest speakers will include the artist Ben Johnson, who has been commissioned to create a giant cityscape for the Capital of Culture year.

If you are looking for a night out with a difference, then Knowsley Hall is perfect. You'll enjoy a lovely meal in beautiful surroundings and have the chance to relive your youth with the music of Mike D'Arbo and The Searchers.



2007

October 07

Friends of University of Liverpool Sydney Jones Library Tour

Tuesday 16 October, 2.00pm
£2

A chance to see the new extension. Contact Elizabeth Adams on +44 (0)151 795 4639 or Elizabeth.adams@liv.ac.uk

The Big Liverpool Reunion

Saturday 20 October

The Coronet Theatre, 26-28 New Kent Road, London SE1 6TJ
Costs vary depending on booking date - book early to get the best deals

Do you miss those mad nights at Time Tunnel and Double Vision? Do you fancy a nostalgic musical experience and the chance to party like you did in your student days? Then don't miss this reunion event in London.

For information email info@thebigliverpoolreunion.com or visit www.thebigliverpoolreunion.com. This event is organised by an independent company, not the University of Liverpool

Friends of the University of Liverpool lunch and tour

Monday 22 October, noon

Liverpool Medical Institution, Mount Pleasant Liverpool
£15

The Friends of the University of Liverpool have organised a visit and lunch at the Liverpool Medical Institution. Limited tickets are available so book now to secure a place. Contact Elizabeth Adams on +44 (0)151 795 4639 or Elizabeth.adams@liv.ac.uk

Officers of the Guild dinner

Saturday 27 October

This is an invitation-only event for all former Guild officers. Make sure you don't miss your place – update your details with the Alumni Relations team.

Walkways event, Tower Bridge, 7 June 2007

Many apologies to those of you who were disappointed when we were forced to cancel this event. We've got plenty of other London events planned in the coming months and we'd love to see you there.

November 07

Liverpool pub quiz

Thursday 8 November, 7.30pm

Liver Bar, Guild of Students, Mount Pleasant
Free

So you think you learned a thing or two at the University? Prove it at a night out in one of your old haunts where we'll put your brain power to the test. Bring your friends for a good old fashioned pub quiz where you'll get a free drink, spot prizes and the chance to be crowned alumni quiz champions. Maximum of six people per team and if you want to come alone, we'll find you some intelligent team-mates to sit with! The winners will have the chance to defend their title at another event in March. Contact Emma Smith on +44 (0)151 794 6940 or emma.smith1@liv.ac.uk

London informal networking event

Thursday 15 November, 6pm onwards

Pitcher and Piano, 40-42 William IV Street, London, WC2N 4DE
Free

Wind down after work with a free drink on us and the chance to catch up with some gossip from your student days. We're planning a relaxed evening event in the heart of the city, where you can mingle with fellow graduates. If you can't make this event, there's another one in the New Year. Contact Emma Smith on +44 (0)151 794 6940 or emma.smith1@liv.ac.uk

Friends of the University of Liverpool lecture

Thursday 22 November, 2.30pm

Sydney Jones Library, Chatham Street, Liverpool
£5

'Collecting characters and photographic images in the gypsy lore societies' is the subject of this talk by Katy Hooper. Everyone is welcome to learn more, as well as catch up with University news as refreshments will be served afterwards. Contact Elizabeth Adams on +44 (0)151 795 4639 or Elizabeth.adams@liv.ac.uk

December 07

Seasonal celebration

Thursday 6 December, 7.30pm

Foresight Centre, Brownlow Street, Liverpool
£12.50 (10% discount on bookings of 10 or more)

Get into the seasonal spirit with a night in the beautiful surroundings of the Foresight Centre Chapel. There will be mulled wine, mince pies, readings and carols to help spread a little festive cheer. The lovely venue was once part of the former Liverpool Royal Infirmary and has been restored by the University to its former glory – it's the perfect setting for this Winter event. Contact Emma Smith on +44 (0)151 794 6940 or emma.smith1@liv.ac.uk

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January 08



Chinese New Year celebrations

Thursday 31 January, 6.30pm
The Postgraduate Lounge and Atrium,
Management School, Chatham Street,
Liverpool
£12.50 (10% discount for bookings of
10 or more)

The University has great links with China and the city has one of the oldest established Chinese communities in Europe, so what better place to enjoy an early Chinese New Year party? We've held some brilliant alumni reunion events in China and we want to hear from anyone who has the same party spirit here in Liverpool. Come and join us for dragon dancing and festive food! Contact Emma Smith on +44 (0)151 794 6940 or emma.smith1@liv.ac.uk

March 08

Liverpool pub quiz

Thursday 6 March, 7.30pm
Liver Bar, Guild of Students, Mount Pleasant
Free

Fancy your chances at a proper pub quiz? Or are you out for revenge after losing out at November's event? We'll buy the first drink – but don't try to persuade us to give you any of the answers! There's prizes and a good night out on offer – and you're welcome to bring some friends along too. Maximum team size of six. Contact Emma Smith on +44 (0)151 794 6940 or emma.smith1@liv.ac.uk

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London informal networking event

Thursday 13 March, 6pm
Pitcher and Piano, 40-42 William IV Street, London, WC2N 4DE
Free

Fancy a night out with some old University pals? We're hosting a fun, relaxing evening in the heart of the Capital and your first drink is free. What better way to chill out after a day in the office?

May 08

St Georges Hall



Liverpool in Film: Mitchell and Kenyon

Tuesday 13 May

The Western Rooms, St Georges Hall, Liverpool

Ticket price and times to be confirmed

One of Liverpool's most fantastic buildings is the venue for this peek into the city's past. The films give an amazing insight into Liverpool life in the early 1900s and we've got some exclusive tickets for our alumni. You can hear more about the Films in a talk by the experts in the splendour of the newly refurbished Western Rooms, before moving into the main hall for the screening. Places are limited to 100 so keep checking our website for more details; go to www.liv.ac.uk/alumni and click on 'events'.

Dinner, The Searchers and Mike d'Abo at Knowsley Hall

Thursday 22 May

Knowsley Hall, Prescot, Liverpool L34 4AG

Ticket price to be confirmed

Join us for a fabulous night out in stunning surroundings. Knowsley Hall, which lies in 2,500 acres of private parkland on the outskirts of Liverpool, has been home to the Earls of Derby since 1385 and is one of the finest stately homes in the country. Dine on gourmet food and fine wines in a beautiful marquee, enjoy entertainment from comic Jimmy Tarbuck and two of the biggest names from the Sixties. The Searchers are second only to the Beatles in Liverpool's Sixties pop history - everyone has sung along to *Sugar and Spice*, *Sweets for my Sweet*, and *Needles and Pins*.

They are joined by Mike d'Abo of Manfred Mann fame, whose songwriting credits include *Handbags and Gladrags* and *Build me up, Buttercup*. This is an exclusive night out for University of Liverpool alumni and tickets are limited. Register your interest now.



Mike D'Abo (left) and The Searchers (above)

July 08

House of Lords reception

Friday 11 July

Houses of Parliament, London

£25

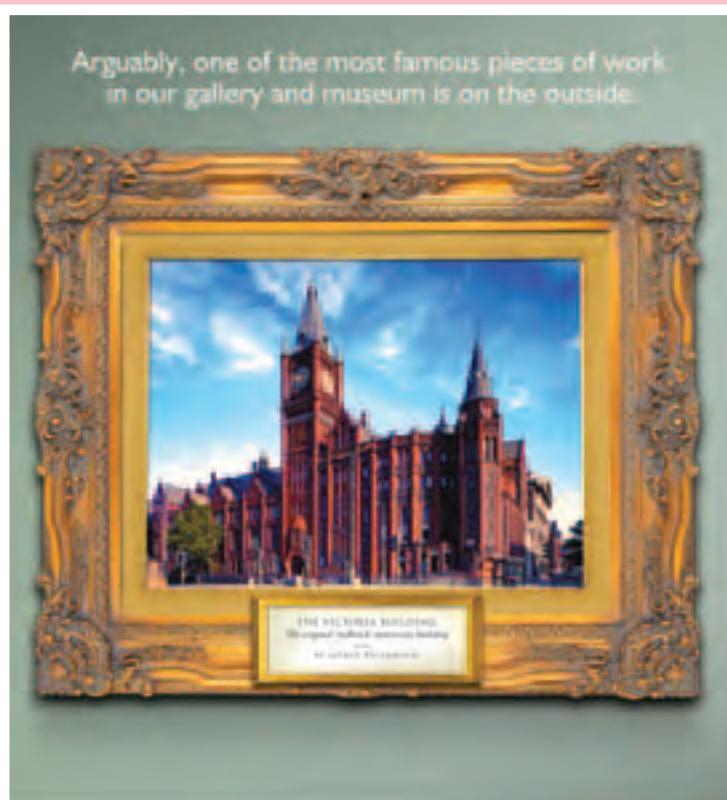
We didn't want London to miss out on the Capital of Culture celebrations so we thought we'd bring the party down to the nation's capital. Lord Wade of Chorlton (Hon LLD 2006) is hosting our event in the wonderful Peers' Dining Room – a location most people will never have the chance to see. You'll have beautiful views of the Thames from this amazing venue and the chance to meet many University of Liverpool graduates.

Opening of the Victoria Gallery & Museum

Times to be confirmed

Victoria Building, Brownlow Hill, Liverpool

We reveal the only new museum and gallery to be opened in the city during Liverpool's Capital of Culture Year. The University's fascinating Art and Heritage Collections will go on show as the former headquarters of the institution is opened to the public for the first time.



The Victoria Gallery and Museum opens 2008.

A £7.5 million restoration project will transform our famous 'medieval' Victoria Building into an art gallery and museum. The two floors will include art and artefacts acquired throughout the University's fascinating 100-year history. All housed in a truly original



September 08

Alumni Weekend

Friday 12 September -

Sunday 14 September

University of Liverpool campus

Ticket prices & itinerary to be confirmed in next issue

Liverpool is European Capital of Culture! What better reason do you need to revisit the University? We've got a great weekend planned and it will give you the perfect excuse to head back to the city and join the party. Liverpool's looking great. There's never been a better time to come back and see us.

Verdi's Requiem

Sunday 28 September

Metropolitan Cathedral, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool

Ticket prices to be confirmed

The University is sponsoring a performance of this musical masterpiece, which is being performed in one of Liverpool's most iconic buildings. No-one can fail to be moved by this powerful Requiem, and the surroundings just add to the occasion. See the next issue of *insight* or look out for more details in the events section on [www.liv.ac.uk/alumni/](http://www.liv.ac.uk/alumni)

University of Liverpool Public and Inaugural lectures – Priority Booking

We're signing up some great speakers for our two lecture series in 2008.

The Alumni Relations office has organised a priority booking service for graduates and will hold 100 tickets for those who want to reserve their places at these very popular free events.

See the next issue of *insight* or look out for more details in the events section on [www.liv.ac.uk/alumni/](http://www.liv.ac.uk/alumni)

Other planned events

Liverpool Pub Quiz

Thursday 13 November 2008

Venue and times to be confirmed.

London Informal Networking

Thursday 20 November 2008

Venue and times to be confirmed.

Seasonal Celebrations

December 2008

Venue and times to be confirmed.

Fond memories
Facts and figures
Old photographs
Funny tales
Sad tales
Colourful characters
World firsts
World worsts
Random facts
Highs and lows
Memorabilia...and anything else that comes to mind

Something to think about



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