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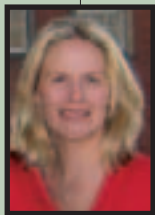
# THE FIRST WORD

**Welcome to another** packed issue of *insight* magazine.

We never dreamed that the response to our magazine would be so amazing and it's thanks to the input of our alumni across the world that this publication keeps growing and growing. It's almost doubled in size since its first issue in Autumn 2004 and we face a constant – but wonderful – struggle to fit all your stories in!

There is loads of international news this issue. Alumni events are now happening regularly around the world and we look forward to seeing all your photos. If you are hosting a reunion, please let the Alumni Relations team know.

We're also featuring one of the biggest international news stories of the last year. Gillian Gibbons, the teacher jailed in Sudan for naming a teddy bear Mohammed, is a



University of Liverpool alumna and she took time to talk to us about how she's coping after her ordeal.

On a lighter note, we met a pair of high flying alumni who met at the University and are making plans to compete against the rest of the world in their hot air balloon.

We're celebrating the transformation of the Victoria Building into the

Victoria Gallery and Museum. See page 14. For those of you who like to reminisce, we've got some great photos in response to the Sports feature in the Autumn magazine. Have a look at page 18 and see if you recognise any of the faces.

And finally, congratulations to Liverpool on becoming European Capital of Culture. We've taken a look at the celebrations through the eyes of some of our alumni. Please take this opportunity to visit the city this year – and share your photos with *insight*!

Suzanne Elsworth  
*insight* Editor

**I would like** to say a huge thank you to all of our alumni who have offered their support to the University in so many ways. We have had a great response to the recently re-launched Benefactors' Fund and many of you are getting involved with our events, questionnaires or our new careers initiative (see page 29 for more details). Your help provides crucial feedback and guidance in the development of your alumni relations programme and we are always grateful for your support.

The number of alumni with whom we are in contact is increasing steadily. Thanks to a number of successful projects such as our Online Alumni Community, and with groups on Facebook and LinkedIn, more and more alumni are finding it easier to get involved and stay in touch.

Our international links are strengthening day by day and we now have Alumni Ambassadors across six continents. With alumni associations also being set up in partnership with Laureate for our online graduates across the world (see page 20), our networks of graduates have never been so extensive. To find out if there's a group in your area – or if you are interested in starting one yourself – please do contact us.

Finally, it won't have escaped your attention that this is a great year for Liverpool as European Capital of Culture and, as a result, there's a great programme of events lined up across both the city and the University. If you have been thinking about returning to Liverpool I cannot urge you enough to do it this year!

The Alumni Weekend is set to be spectacular and I hope to meet a record number of our graduates on campus in September 2008. If you can't make it back please do still get in touch. We are always interested to hear what our graduates are doing now and we are beginning to build a fantastic collection of your old campus photos – please do keep your contributions coming in!



Karen Brady  
Head of Alumni Relations

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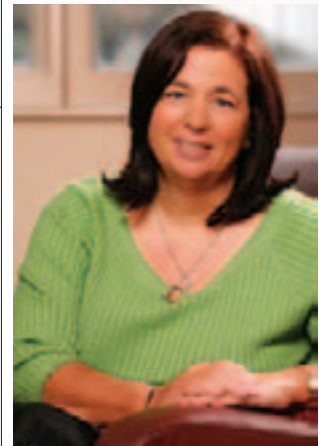
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## New centre launched

**The University has** become home to the largest superconducting magnet in the North West, which will be used for the study of the molecular design of drugs to combat illnesses.

The Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) Centre will enable scientists to build three-dimensional pictures of particular molecules, which will help to improve the design of drugs used to combat illnesses such as Alzheimer's and cardiovascular disease.

The NMR Centre is a very unique environment constructed out of non-magnetic materials, so as not to interfere with the magnets. External vibrations from road traffic are reduced by sitting the magnets on glassfibre-reinforced concrete slabs, which are mounted in a specifically-designed damping system. A constant temperature is maintained at all time to ensure that experiments are accurate.



Professor Lu-Yun Lian, Director, NMR Centre



Phantom heads

## Dentistry investment

**Dentistry students are** benefitting from a state-of-the-art training facility thanks to a £1.1 million investment into an Operative Skills Suite.

The facility, which includes 46 'phantom heads' which mimic human anatomy, enable undergraduate students to practise techniques such as root canal surgery and fillings. Each unit is equipped with a computer screen so clinical demonstrations are shown directly in front of them as they train.

Funded by the Higher Education Funding Council for England and the Department of Health, the facility - which is the first phase of a programme of improvements - will enable the School of Dentistry to meet its targeted increase in student numbers, an estimated figure of 400 by 2010.

Further improvements include two new operative skills facilities, 10 new surgeries, integrated clinical and testing laboratories, new seminar rooms and a lecture theatre.

Professor Cynthia Pine, Dean of Dental Studies, said: "The benefits of this renewed investment are twofold. Firstly, to our students, who can be educated using the most up-to-date facilities, and secondly to dental patients in the region, who will have access to the optimum care on offer in the North West."

## Campus enhancements

**Developments on campus** are reaching a peak as more of the major capital projects prepare for their official opening this year.

Huge changes have been made across the precinct as a result of £200 million investment.

The £36 million Faculty of Engineering restructuring initiative is due to be launched in the Autumn, demonstrating the University's commitment to developing teaching and learning facilities. When completed, the new Active Learning Laboratory, built on the site of the Mechanical Engineering tower, will comprise a total floor space of 1,000 square metres and will hold 250 students at a time. The state-of-the-art laboratory ties in with the Faculty's new programme of teaching - CDIO, or Conceive, Develop, Implement, Operate - which will produce a new breed of engineering graduate.

Further up Brownlow Hill, the Victoria Building is also undergoing an extensive re-development. The Grade II listed building, designed by Alfred Waterhouse and opened in 1892, is being transformed into the Victoria Gallery and Museum, housing the University's Art and Heritage collection. It will open in the Summer.

Other areas of the University that have benefitted from substantial investment include the Sydney Jones Library, which received £17 million towards a massive extension involving the former Senate House, including a

The new Sydney Jones Library



grant from The Wolfson Foundation to upgrade the Special Collections and Archives in the Library. In addition, Chemistry research facilities, Roscoe and Gladstone Halls, and Computer Sciences facilities have also seen substantial investment.

Major improvements have also been made to Peach Street, Guild Walk, Ashton Street and Abercromby Square, including the introduction of new paving,



## Research boost

The official opening of the National Centre for Zoonosis Research has marked a step forward in the research of animal-borne diseases which can be transmitted to humans.

Opened by Lord David Owen, the University's Chancellor, and Lord Lawson Soulsby, the former President of the Royal College for Veterinary Surgeons, the centre is dedicated to zoonoses, which are diseases that originate in animals, but can jump species and infect humans.

Professor Malcolm Bennett, Veterinary Pathologist and Co-Director of the Centre, said: "Diseases such as SARS and avian flu are examples of new emerging zoonotic diseases that hit the headlines, but around two thirds of all human infections are transmitted from animals and some can be very serious."

Located at the University's veterinary campus at Leahurst, the Centre is funded by the Northwest Regional Development Agency (NWDA) and is a collaboration involving the University of Lancaster, the Health Protection Agency and the Veterinary Laboratories Agency.

The Centre will enable expertise from veterinary and medical backgrounds to be brought together in order to gain a greater understanding of zoonoses.



Lord Soulsby and Lord Owen (Inset) Lord Owen tours the new labs

## Honours for key figures

**Dr Jane Goodall and Sir Michael Berridge** have been awarded honorary degrees by the University.

Dr Goodall, a leading conservationist was the first person to observe chimpanzees making and using tools, a discovery that overturned conventional thinking about the place of humans in evolution. After many years dedicated to the research of chimpanzee populations, she founded the Jane Goodall Institute for Research, Education and Conservation and is now recognised as

one of the world's leading activists in safeguarding the environment.

Acclaimed biologist Sir Michael Berridge has achieved significant advances in the diagnosis and treatment of serious illnesses, improving the quality and longevity of millions of lives. His discovery of the chemical that plays a universal role in regulating many cell processes has led to major advances in the management of cardiac disease and heart arrhythmia, and been central to the understanding of our immune system.

Accolades were also bestowed upon three prominent University figures with the announcement of the New Year Honours List.

Professor Ole Petersen, who is the George Holt Professor of Physiology, has been appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) for his services to science. He is leading a team dedicated to the study of pancreatitis, which is a serious and often fatal illness caused by gallstones or excess drinking.

Also included in the honours list was alumna Paula Ridley (BA Hons Political Theory and Institutions 1966, MA 1971, Hon LLD 2003). She received a CBE for her services to the arts.



Vice-Chancellor Professor Drummond Bone and Dr Jane Goodall

Former Lady President of the Guild of Undergraduates, Paula is one of the patrons of the University's fundraising appeal for the Victoria Gallery and Museum.

The Commanding Officer of the University Officers Training Corps (UOTC), Lieutenant Colonel David Young, was awarded an OBE in the New Year Honours for his services to the army. He served in the 1991 Gulf War and led a number of Army recruitment and training programmes. He assumed command of the Liverpool UOTC in June 2007.



Sir Michael and Lady Susan Berridge



landscaping, planting, street furniture and lighting along the main arterial route. New landscaped areas have also been created between the School of Architecture and the Sports Hall, which will be known as Bedford Gardens.

The investment is a major element of the estate strategy, which will continue to be implemented over the next five years.

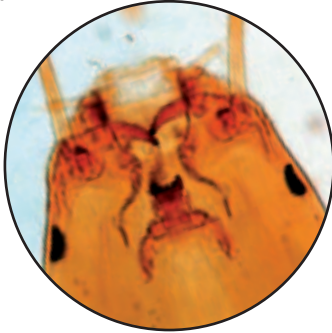
## SCIENCE

**Fossilised midges and** isotope studies have enabled scientists to identify two episodes of abrupt climate change that suggest the UK climate is not as stable as previously thought.

The study, led by a team from the Department of Earth and Ocean Sciences, took place in Hawes Water in Lancashire, where the team detected two climate shifts that occurred around 9,000 years ago and 8,000 years ago.

The detection of these events will allow experts to understand more clearly what can happen when the climate system is disturbed and the new data may provide a unique test for the global climate computer models that are being used to simulate future climate change.

The research, funded by the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC), is a collaboration between the University of Liverpool, University of Swansea; the Open University; University of Exeter; Edge Hill University and University College London.



## VETERINARY SCIENCE

**A new generation** of veterinary scientists will be trained as a result of a £10.7 million grant awarded by the Wellcome Trust.

The money was awarded following a collaborative bid from seven UK vet schools, led by Professor Sandy Trees, Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Science at the University of Liverpool.

The programme is being carried out with seven UK veterinary schools including those at the Universities of Liverpool, Bristol, Cambridge, Edinburgh, Glasgow, London, Nottingham and

the University of Oxford Laboratory Animal Medicine Component. It also includes participation from the major animal health research institutes in the UK.

As a result, 20 clinical research training fellows will be developed, each with a PhD and a clinical or pathology specialist qualification, as well as a number of postdoctoral fellows and clinical doctoral fellows, each with a doctorate degree (DVM) and specialist postgraduate training in laboratory animal medicine.

## ENGINEERING

**Using a combination** of modelling and flight testing, a team from the Flight Science and Technology Group in the Faculty of Engineering are helping pilots fight their 'invisible enemy'.

Aircraft and helicopter operations from ships can be severely limited by poor weather. It often brings with it rough seas and high winds, leading to unsteady vertical flows over the landing area; pilots sometimes call this their invisible enemy as it is difficult to predict and they can only guess where the dangers are.

Through modelling, using computational fluid dynamics – where the

flow around the aircraft and ship is computed on tiny elements that are meshed together and forced to match at the element boundaries – and flight testing using a high-fidelity flight simulator, the team is developing a better understanding of the problem. They are analysing what causes the extreme flow structures to determine how ships may be designed to reduce their severity and what can be included in the aircraft's flight control system to suppress the disturbances.

The team is working with a larger group which includes industry and Government research laboratories in the UK, Canada and the US to provide the fundamental knowledge to increase flight safety.





## MEDICINE

**Scientists have discovered** how a bacterium, known to cause illness in cattle, may cause Crohn's disease in humans.

Crohn's, affecting one in 800 people in the UK, is a condition that causes chronic intestinal inflammation, leading to pain, bleeding and diarrhoea.

The team found that the bacterium called *Mycobacterium paratuberculosis*, which makes its way into the body's system via cows' milk and other dairy products, releases a molecule that prevents a type of white blood cell from killing *E.coli* bacteria found in the body. *E.coli* is known to be present within Crohn's disease tissue in increased numbers.

Professor Jon Rhodes, from the School of Clinical Sciences, said: "Mycobacterium paratuberculosis has been found within Crohn's disease tissue but there has been much controversy concerning its role in the disease. We have now shown that these Mycobacteria release a complex molecule containing a sugar called mannose. This molecule prevents a type of white blood cell, called macrophages, from killing internalised *E.coli*."

The team is beginning clinical trials to assess whether an antibiotic combination can be used to target the bacteria contained in white blood cells as a possible treatment for Crohn's disease.



## SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

**Domestic factors such** as marriage or moving house are more likely to be associated with changes in ethnic identity compared to some social factors, according to research from the School of Sociology and Social Policy.

Ethnic identity is a framework in which people consciously or unconsciously identify with others whom they feel they have a common bond with because of their shared segments of a culture, values, beliefs, traditions or participation in similar activities.

Sociologists analysed data from the UK census and found that people were less likely to change

their ethnic identity if they had 'stable' domestic circumstances.

It was found that domestic circumstances had more influence on changes in ethnic identity than social factors, such as social mobility, employment or education. Generally, stable domestic circumstances are associated with stable ethnic identity.

The study was carried out in collaboration with London Metropolitan University, funded by the Economic and Social Research Council and supported by the Office for National Statistics.



## ARTS

**A study of** parks in Liverpool will be used to inform development strategy and the regeneration of parks throughout the UK.

The University's School of History is pulling together a comprehensive record of the evolution of Liverpool's parks. The aim of the unique study is to develop a detailed account of what until now has been a neglected aspect of the urban environment. It will provide the first definitive chronology of the city's parks over the past 200 years, including the historic development of parks and their changing role throughout the years.

It is hoped that the research will contribute to a better understanding of parks and help to develop a more informed management strategy for the conservation and development of parks in the future. It takes into account their future contribution to community development, education, bio-diversity, public health and urban regeneration.

The project is supported by the Economic and Social Research Council, English Heritage, the Historic Environment of Liverpool Project and Liverpool City Council.



# Ness Gardens

**A passion for plants** and a desire to share it with others was the driving force behind the formation of Ness Botanic Gardens, which celebrates its 60th anniversary as part of the University this year.

In 1898, the successful Liverpool-born cotton broker Arthur Kilpin Bulley began to create a garden in the land that surrounded his home on the sloping bank of the River Dee. By opening out part of the area to residents of the local village, he laid the foundations of one of the country's largest university botanic gardens.

Within five years, Bulley had established sheds, glasshouses, shelter beds, a shrub section, rock garden, herbaceous borders and the main azalea beds. Although the founding gardens enabled him to cultivate unusual plant species, he had a fervent interest in exotic plants and believed that many plants from the Chinese and Himalayan Mountains could be established in Britain.

For this reason, the first of the great 20th century patrons of plant collection funded a number of expeditions to the Far East, helping to launch the careers of the renowned British plant collectors George Forrest and Frank Kingdon Ward.

These expeditions proved to be fruitful and saw the introduction of *Pieris formosa forrestii* to the UK and the addition of a number of other species to the gardens.

In 1948, six years after her father's death, Lois Bulley presented the gardens to the University along with an endowment of £75,000. The only stipulation was that the gardens be kept as botanic gardens as a practical and fitting tribute to her father. The policy of opening a specified area of the grounds to the public was also to be honoured. Clearance of the area began as the gardens had fallen into disrepair during the war years.

In 1957, Ken Hulme was appointed Director of the gardens. He was to become the second most prominent person in the history of Ness, restoring the gardens to their former glory.

Under his direction the garden was transformed from compartmentalised beds, which were separated by hawthorne hedges to a more naturalistic setting for plants. Over the next three decades the size of the ornamental gardens increased from six to 46 acres and they became a popular visitor destination. A small visitor centre was built and, in 1961, the Friends of Ness Gardens was established, which has since raised more than £1 million to support the gardens.

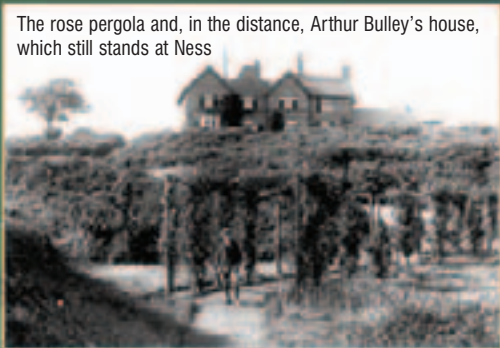
The commitment to maintain the gardens and carry out the research that Bulley had originally set out to do is still as strong. There is also an increased emphasis on conservation and the education of the public.

A new £2 million visitor centre opened in 2006, which was funded by a generous donation by the late Betty Horsfall (née Rushby), a plant lover and great supporter of the University. She went on plant-hunting trips overseas, sometimes accompanied by Ness staff. The centre includes the Four Seasons café, gift shop, and lecture theatre and function room.

• Did you carry out research at Ness Botanic Gardens? Send your memories and photos to [insight@liv.ac.uk](mailto:insight@liv.ac.uk) or by post to the address at the front of the magazine.



The rose pergola and, in the distance, Arthur Bulley's house, which still stands at Ness



Arthur Kilpin Bulley

## Events in '08

The gardens have become a popular venue for school visits, coach parties, conferences, meetings, small family celebrations, children's themed birthday parties and even weddings. They are open all year round and concessions are available for various groups.

From a lavish display of flowers, to inspirational art, fireworks and music, it's not only the bees that are buzzing about our gardens.

Ness Gardens is one of Cheshire's Gardens of Distinction and will be acting as a garden gateway to Liverpool for the city's European Capital of Culture celebrations.

Ness has developed a programme of events for 2008. Some of the highlights include:

### April

A music recital by the Weaver Valley Accordion Band, playing a repertoire from classical to popular and Haydn to Gershwin and Souza on Sunday 13 April.

### June

Based on the original SuperLambBanana by Japanese artist Taro Chiezo, one of two SuperLambBanana sculptures sponsored by the University will be placed in the garden. It is part of a 100-strong flock of different sized replicas that will be located around Liverpool in 2008.

### July

The garden will be hosting the prestigious Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra on Saturday 5 July.

### July, August and September

Open air theatre company, Illyria will be performing their renditions of The Merry Wives, Pinocchio and the Hound of the Baskervilles.

[www.nessgardens.org.uk](http://www.nessgardens.org.uk)



The gardening team at Ness



Horsfall Rushby Visitor Centre



### Friends of Ness Gardens

The Friends of Ness Gardens support the maintenance and development of the gardens in the future. The annual subscription grants members unlimited free access to the gardens, a quarterly newsletter, free seeds, a 12 month programme of events, free entry to Birmingham Botanical Gardens, the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew and Wakehurst Place.

**For more information call 0151 353 0123**

# Gillian Gibbons

Machete-wielding mobs called for her execution when she was jailed for naming a teddy bear Mohammed - but Gillian Gibbons (BEd 1975) says the horrors of her experiences in Sudan won't frighten her away from pursuing her dream life abroad. She talked to **Suzanne Elsworth**.

## What brought you to Liverpool?

I was born in Sheffield, but my parents moved around a lot and they came to Liverpool. I went to the former CF Mott College [which was affiliated to the University], where I met my husband, and we loved the city so much that after graduation we stayed.

## Why did you choose teaching?

There are lots of teachers in my family and I think some people fall into that career, but it wasn't like that for me. It was something I really wanted to do. Perhaps teachers are born and not made!

It can be the best job in the world. There are two things that spoil it - the Government creating lots of paperwork and the media saying everything is your fault. If they say young people are drinking too much or are violent it's always 'why aren't we doing something in our schools?' Teachers get fed up with being used as a political weapon.

## What made you decide to teach abroad?

I have been a traveller since I was a little girl. I used to talk about working abroad but my ex-husband didn't want to. When my children grew up and I didn't have to support them at University, I knew I would be able to afford it financially. Also, I was a Deputy Headteacher, but I wanted to go back to being a normal

teacher. Teaching was what I was good at and administration was what I was poor at. I realised what I really should be doing is teaching.

## Where you worried about making the move abroad?

There's very little crime in Sudan and you are actually safer there than in central London. It is very hot. You get up every morning and the sun shines and you know that when you get up tomorrow the sun is going to shine again. The big concern was giving up my job here. That was my security - there was no going back if I didn't like it. It was an all or nothing decision.

I planned to teach abroad until I retired. I'm 54 now. I thought I might spend a couple of years in Sudan and then go somewhere else for a couple years. That's what most people do.

## Were you welcomed there?

There is a big international population in Khartoum - a lot of UN people, as well as people from the church, teachers and ex-pats. There was no problem being a woman alone, though I did worry about that before I got there. Women don't cover themselves very much; they might wear a loose headscarf. You can wander around on your own and there is no problem at all.

The Sudanese people are lovely and they want you to like them. They are very hospitable.

The children at the school were adorable. They were mostly Muslim and

their parents wanted their children to be taught in English because they want them to be bi-lingual. It's very aspirational; they want them to go to UK or US universities.

There were a lot of people there just like me which gave me a ready-made group of travelling companions. Travelling around was a little bit problematic because there is no real tourist infrastructure, but if you can stand the major red tape and the discomfort it's amazing. The Port of Sudan is just like Liverpool with lots of container ships! We also went to a Red Sea resort and were the only people snorkelling on the most beautiful coral reef, and Sudan has more pyramids than in Egypt.

## When did you realise there was a problem?

The teddy bear project had been going on for a while and none of the parents had said anything. Then the school secretary went to the school's Director. He told the Headteacher and she told me. We found a way to shelve the project without drawing attention to it - but someone went to the Ministry of Education. Whoever it was wanted to cause trouble for the school and I was caught in the crossfire. They wanted to go back to old ways of working and the Head wanted to stay in the 21st century. I think they thought she would have to resign. I don't believe anybody had an idea of what was going to happen. It all went out of control. The only people who made it a problem were the fundamentalists and they did that because they wanted to make it a problem.

## What were conditions like in jail?

They said they were putting me in prison for my own safety because they were worried the mob might find me. The lawyers said that it would all be sorted out and, even if it went to court, it would be thrown out.





Sudan prisons are not nice places. There is no furniture, they are big communal cells, you sleep on the floor and they are really grim. The boredom and the loneliness are immense.

Nobody told me anything. I didn't know I wasn't going home, then when they moved me on the second day they didn't tell me where I was going. It was terrifying.

I didn't even know I had been charged, they don't read you your rights like they would in the UK. I didn't know I was going to court. I didn't even find out that I could have been sentenced to lashes until I got home. I can't imagine how I would have coped with that.

My second prison didn't have a window. The fourth wall of the cell was simply bars and outside that there was no roof, just more bars. Once it went dark, that was it. There was no light to read by so I would go to sleep and wake up with the dawn. They could have moved me to a women's prison but I would have been in a huge communal cell with very bad unsanitary conditions. Friends and the Embassy brought me food and I was allowed bottled water - that would not have happened in the women's prison.

I was well treated but you were always aware that that could change at any moment. I was scared of the guards at first - I've watched too much Hollywood and your imagination works overtime - but they behaved very professionally. The British Consul came every morning. They were fantastic and I don't think I could have got through it without them.

### **How were you feeling?**

I was frightened all the time and was very worried about my family and friends. My dad is 80 and I had visions of him being surrounded by reporters, but when they called him he deliberately said he didn't know who I was and they didn't bother him again!

I was also upset because I knew I was going to be deported and was very worried about my class. When you are only seven you get very attached to your teacher.

When Lord Ahmed and Baroness Warsi [British Muslim peers Lord Nazir Ahmed and Baroness Sayeeda Warsi] came, and the President granted a pardon, I didn't get excited because I had been let down before. I just said 'that's nice'. I didn't really believe I was going home until I landed in Saudi.

### **Did you realise the story was such big news?**

The plane was full of reporters who had bought tickets. It was so bad on the flight from Dubai that the stewardesses moved me to first class to get away from the journalists. It's the only time I'll ever get to travel first class!

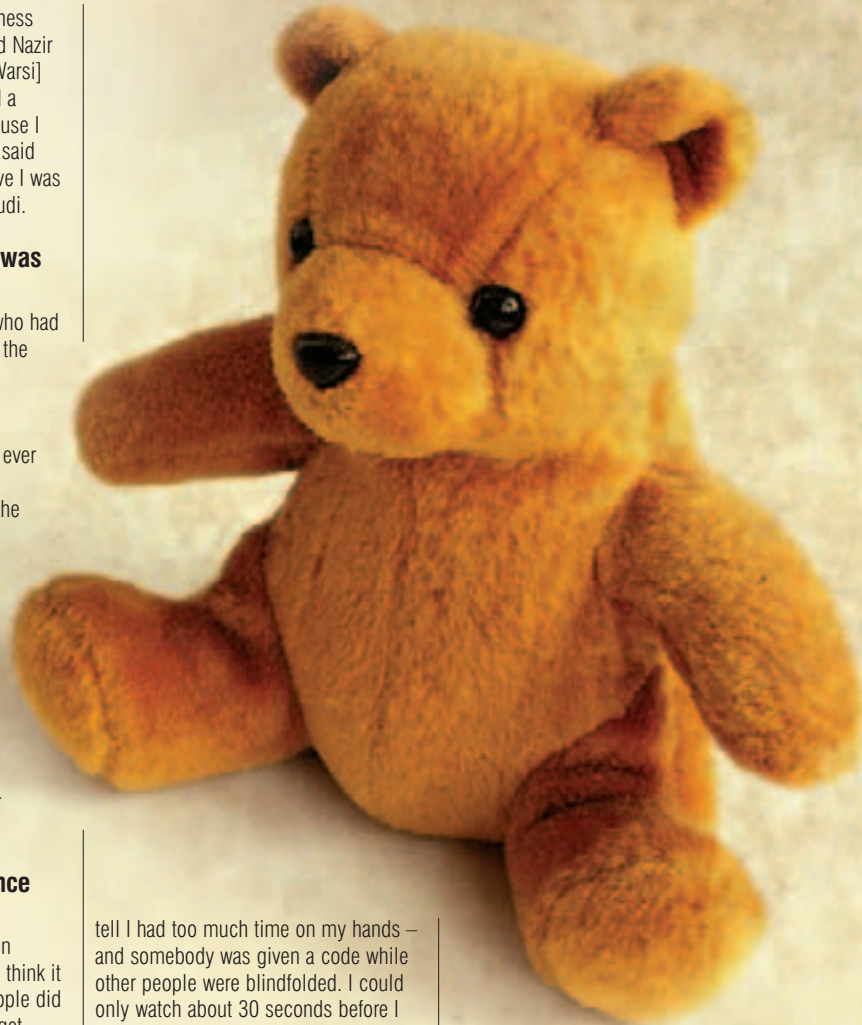
When I came home I found the whole press thing very stressful. It took me a few days to adjust - I was still in shock. I spent a lot of time on the internet when I got home and just kept thinking 'surely that's not me'?

Some people have the idea that I have made a lot of money but I didn't. People are going to write about me whether they pay me or not.

### **How have things been since you came home?**

The Muslim community has been fantastic. The majority of people think it was madness and that some people did this for their own agenda. I still get recognised and people come up to me in the street to shake my hand. Everyone has been really nice - apart from one man. It was my first time out of the house and I was crossing the road when he was turning in. He shouted 'you're not in Sudan now'. That really upset me. He was being nasty.

I couldn't go out of the house at first. I needed looking after the whole time. I couldn't make a decision. I gradually came round but every now and again a little thing would bring it all back. I was watching a television programme that involved a trial and that was really upsetting because I knew how it felt. I started to watch Big Brother - you can



tell I had too much time on my hands - and somebody was given a code while other people were blindfolded. I could only watch about 30 seconds before I had to turn it off.

A few people said I was naive but I have heard from people who have worked in Muslim countries for more than 20 years and they said they didn't know we shouldn't have used that name for the bear. It upset me that people said I was stupid and I was worried about being portrayed as a racist.

### **Are you still determined to teach overseas again? It hasn't put you off?**

I am applying for lots of jobs but it's the wrong time of year because the contracts run from September. Hopefully I am going abroad again. I did apply for

one job in Bangkok but at the last minute they said I was 'too notorious'. I think it will depend on the individual school as to whether all this harms my chances. I don't want to work in another Muslim country - not because I don't want to work there, but because it would cause too much publicity and I don't think it would be a good idea when people found out who I was.

I wouldn't like my experiences to put anyone off. It's the same curriculum, just in a different country. It is a fantastic opportunity.

As *insight* went to press, Gillian was heading off for a new life in China, teaching at a school in Beijing.



Alun Parry



Dermot Finch



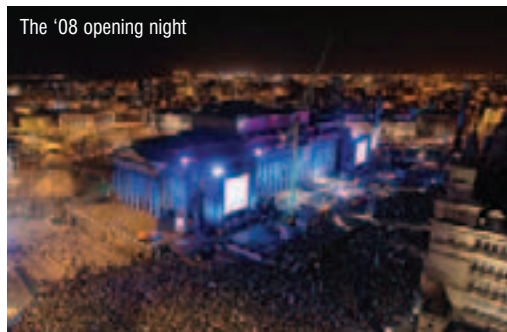
Ringo Starr performs at *Liverpool: The Musical*

## Capital of

When Liverpool was named European Capital of Culture 2008, many predicted it would symbolise the beginning of a long awaited revival for the city. **Jenny Taylor** speaks to some of our alumni who have cultural expertise to find out why they think we won and what it will mean for Liverpool's future.

With a new building appearing to emerge on the city's skyline every day, there is no escaping the fact that Liverpool is currently undergoing a fairly extraordinary facelift. Aside from the stunning Liverpool Arena and the development of the immense Liverpool One retail project, more than £3 billion has been invested in the renewal of infrastructure and regeneration. And the investment is paying off – a survey by travel website Expedia ranked Liverpool as one of the top 10 holiday destinations in the world that their customers want to visit during 2008. Hopefully they won't be disappointed; over 350 events have been planned this year throughout Merseyside, including the hotly anticipated return of former Beatle and Liverpool icon, Sir Paul McCartney.

Despite a backdrop of media criticism, financial shortfalls, one cancelled Mathew Street Festival and some much publicised executive squabbling, 'The world in one city'



The '08 opening night

kicked off with a bang at a flamboyant opening ceremony outside St George's Hall, followed by the highly acclaimed *Liverpool: The Musical*. The programme for the rest of the year promises to be just as exciting, with a wide range of events that caters as much for the Liverpool masses as for the thousands of tourists expected to visit.

Professor Phil Redmond CBE (BA Social Studies 1977), was

appointed Creative Director of the Culture Company last year. The founder of Mersey Television and creator of TV soaps *Brookside* and *Hollyoaks*, Phil had a clear vision for the programme from the outset; to find a way for everyone who

wanted to get involved in 2008 to be given that chance.

"I see it as a fantastic opportunity to find ways to showcase and project Merseyside's creative energies and talents, and for people to actively participate in this nebulous thing called Culture," he said. "Who knows what will turn up - and what we will leave behind for the future. 2008 should simply be the starting point."

Fellow graduate Paula Ridley (BA Hons Political Theory and Institutions 1966, MA 1971, Hon LLD 2003) is a former Lady President of the Guild of Undergraduates and was a member of the University Council until December 2007. In January she was awarded a CBE for her services to the arts, which have included chairing the board of the Victoria and Albert Museum for nine years. As a former Trustee for the Tate Gallery and Chairman of Tate Liverpool, and in addition to her appointment in January 2008 as Chairman of the Liverpoolbiennial Board, she is also one of the patrons of the University's Victoria Gallery and Museum, which is due to open in July.

Paula believes that the long-term legacy of this year should be a revised perception of the city as a European destination.

"For its architectural heritage alone Liverpool was a worthy winner," she said. "A place famous for its popular





Professor Phil Redmond



Paula Ridley



Jamie Bowman



Loyd Grossman

# culture celebrations

cultural traditions like the Beatles, its popular comedians, poets and football as well as the Walker Art Gallery, the Liverpool Philharmonic, Tate Liverpool and the Playhouse and Everyman theatres, all of which are the equal of any provincial city in Britain."

Paula has always been passionate about preserving Liverpool's heritage. In 1981 she was closely involved with the fight to save the Albert Dock from desecration and, as a result, she says the area holds a special place in her heart.

Today the Albert Dock is thriving, housing several award winning attractions, including the Beatles Story, which is doubling in size as a result of record growth in visitor numbers over the last two years.

Jamie Bowman (BA English Language and Literature 1999, MA Popular Music 2000) has been working as Press Officer at the Beatles Story since May 2007. While some Liverpoolians are keen to get away from the city's enduring association with the Beatles, he firmly believes we should be trying to capitalise on it.

"To try and ignore the city's link with

the Beatles is to shoot ourselves in the foot," he said. "For many tourists this will be the main reason they come to Liverpool and it is only when we get people here that they will have a chance to see the wonderful things that the city has to offer.

"There's something unique about Liverpool. When you arrive here you just couldn't be anywhere else. It's a place with loads of character and a real sense of pride – I love that about it. There's so much more to the city than the old stereotypes. Hopefully this year will give us a chance to prove that."

The expansion of the Beatles Story includes a new gallery dedicated to the solo careers of each Beatle, an interactive Discovery Zone education centre, a new special exhibition space and a Starbucks Coffee store and relaxation area.

Alun Parry (BA Political Theory and Institutions 1992), a singer/songwriter from Wavertree, agrees that Liverpool has been the victim of negative publicity in the past, but believes that it will be the people of Liverpool that will ultimately restore its public image.

Hailed by the *Liverpool Echo* as a 'Merseyside folk God', Alun spent years busking on Bold Street and now tours music venues throughout the country. His last album *Liverpool 800: True Love of Mine* was released last year as a tribute to the city that he says has

inspired much of his work. He hopes that 2008 will help to foster new musical talent by encouraging bars to provide cheap rehearsal venues for emerging artists and to host open mic nights to attract amateur performers.

"The people of Liverpool are our greatest asset," he said. "Whatever you do to the buildings, however many concerts you stage, however much cash is ploughed into it, what is going to make this city great 50 years from now is what people are doing on the ground. For someone like me who writes 'slice of life'-style music I can't think of anywhere better than Liverpool. Hopefully other people will realise that too."

Loyd Grossman OBE, Chair of National Museums Liverpool and Chair of Culture Northwest, originally visited the city in the 1970s and has since become one of its most vocal supporters. He is actively involved with the University and regularly speaks at events.

"However, you choose to define the word 'culture'," he said, "there are so many wonderful examples of it everywhere you go; great architecture,





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See page 46 for more details. For further information on the events in 2008 please contact Emma Smith, Alumni Officer.

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cultural institutions, fantastic universities and a diverse music scene. The fact that Liverpool is a major sea port reflects the creativity of the city, a place where people and ideas are continually moving in and out, and influences are being created and informed."

The year-long programme of events is predicted to attract an additional two million tourists and boost the economy by £100 million. Some say this could not have come at a better time. While Liverpool is clearly on its way up, there are still areas where it struggles to compete with other major UK cities, particularly in terms of its high levels of unemployment.

According to Dermot Finch (BA Hons Modern History and Politics 1989), the director of urban policy research unit Centre for Cities, 23% of the adult workforce in Liverpool does not have a single qualification and 34% are not in

employment. While Capital of Culture will undoubtedly bring more jobs in to the area, unless local people have the right skills to fill these roles, Dermot is concerned that employers will inevitably be forced to bring in people from outside to meet their needs.

"To make Capital of Culture work to benefit everyone, the city needs to be working harder on the big issues like improving the skill force," he said.

"City leaders need to be given powers to tackle the adult skills shortage at a local level. We need to be looking at the job market much more closely and analysing where the gaps are so training can be targeted appropriately."

Dermot is hopeful that 2008 will act as a catalyst for wider regeneration and development in the city and that, in time, these issues can be addressed. In the meantime he believes the local economy will be boosted by the influx of tourists anticipated this year.

"The big challenge will be to see what happens in 2009 and whether the city can sustain levels of tourism," he added. "If we can look back on '08 in 10 years' time and know that people came to the city,

liked it, saw what was on offer, signed up for things and came back, we'll know Liverpool must have done something right."

It has been 13 years since Glasgow was named European Capital of Culture and, according to city leaders, the impact is still being felt today. Not only was it hailed as UK's City of Architecture and Design in 1999, it was also voted 'Favourite UK City 2006' by readers of *Condé Nast Traveller*

magazine. Many believe that it was the Capital of Culture year that kick-started Glasgow's revival. Whether Liverpool will experience the same sort of dramatic rebirth remains to be seen, but Phil Redmond remains optimistic:

"With the opening weekend now behind us, so too is the collective sigh of relief that firstly, finally, Capital of Culture year is now a reality, and secondly, the high quality and breadth and depth of that weekend symbolised the strength of the programme and year ahead."

"It is now up to everyone to engage, participate and take what they can from 2008 as we build a better confidence for the future."

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Louise & Stephen Jones

# Hot air balloonists hit the heights

**When the first** hot air balloon was flown in Versailles in 1783, it stayed in the air for just 15 minutes and its only passengers were a sheep, a duck and a rooster. Since then it has become one of the safest modern forms of flying. But while such a flight is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for most, for champion balloonists Louise and Stephen Jones, it has become a way of life.

Louise (BA Geography, 1983) and her husband Stephen (BSc Physics, 1984) have been flying for almost 16 years. Their passion for the sport was ignited when Louise's brother married in a hot air balloon in Australia and invited the pair along. They booked their first flight as soon as they got back home to Worcester and, 12 years ago,

Stephen decided to train for his private pilot licence.

Stephen's instructor, David Bareford, a double world champion and treble European champion, was a member of the British Hot Air Ballooning team and through him Louise and Stephen were asked to join the team. They now enter around four competitions a year and are planning to take part in the World Hot Air Balloon Championships in Austria in September.

"Competitive hot air ballooning is basically about flying with accuracy," Louise said. "Points are awarded based on your ability to fly with precision, using the wind to steer the balloon at different heights. Every competition has a number of tasks to complete such as dropping markers so that they land in a certain place on the ground. Every task is

scored separately and the pilot with the most points is declared the winner."

"The competitions mean we get to meet people from all over the world," said Louise. "We've flown all over Europe."

Louise and Stephen say they love being part of the hot air ballooning scene.

"The social side's great," she said. "We're only a small community in the UK so you tend to bump into the same people at every event."

"I think as long as we're strong enough to transport our balloon we'll definitely carry on. It's an amazing feeling up there, so quiet and peaceful. I can't imagine us ever giving it up."

Louise, daughter Angela, husband Stephen and balloonist friends Ali and Renee



## A short history of ballooning

**1783** Pilatre de Rozier launches the first hot air balloon, 'Aerostat Reveillon'. Two months later Joseph and Etienne Montgolfier launch a balloon from the centre of Paris which flies for 20 minutes

**1785** French balloonist, Jean Pierre Blanchard is first to fly across the English Channel. In the same year, Pilatre de Rozier is killed when his balloon explodes as he is attempting the crossing

**1932** Swiss scientist Auguste Piccard is the first to fly to the Stratosphere, reaching a height of 52,498 feet and setting the new altitude record

**1960** Captain Joe Kittinger jumps from a balloon at a height of 102,000 feet. The balloon breaks the existing altitude record

**1978** The Double Eagle II becomes the first balloon to cross the Atlantic. It takes 137 hours

**1991** Richard Branson and Per Lindstrand become the first to cross the Pacific in a hot air balloon

**1999** Bertrand Piccard and Brian Jones complete the first around the world balloon flight. It takes 19 days.

# New role for red-brick masterpiece

**Your lasting memory of the University's Victoria Building may be the towering gothic building at the top of Brownlow Hill or maybe you remember sitting nervously in the expansive Tate Hall, waiting to sit your examinations.**

As the original University headquarters, funded by the generous philanthropic donations of the people of Liverpool, the iconic Grade II-listed red-brick building, which inspired the phrase 'redbrick university' has always been at the heart of University life and is central to the memories of many alumni.

Built in 1892 by Alfred Waterhouse, the landmark building has evolved over the years, serving as lecture theatres, study rooms, common rooms and even surviving the Blitz during the Second World War.

Having largely been unused in recent years, the University is now re-investing in its heritage and giving something back to the city by transforming the building into the Victoria Gallery & Museum. Work has been progressing rapidly on the £8.6 million project, which includes renovation of the interior, exterior façade and clock tower. It will be officially opened in May and open to the general public in early July.

Described by commentators as what could be 'Liverpool's greatest legacy from the European Capital of Culture' the new art gallery and museum will display collections of fine art, silver, furniture, ceramics, archaeological treasures and sculptures that have been donated to the University throughout the years. They will be housed in the tastefully decorated renovated space, which combines many of



Members of the Guild of Undergraduates Council circa 1930

the building's beautiful original features with new complementary lighting and technology, such as a new glass lift.

The first floor will be devoted to paintings, featuring artworks by JW Turner, Lucien Freud and Joseph Wright of Derby. An entire room will house the University's greatest wildlife painter John James Audubon – the largest collection of his oils outside the USA.

The large pillared, former women's common room, dedicated to the Sydney Jones ceramic and silver collection, will lead through to an exceptional sculpture gallery.

Although the University is covering the majority of the costs for the refurbishment, a major fundraising campaign is also underway.

Amanda Price, who is co-ordinating the campaign, said: "The appeal which is being driven by Sir Neil Cossons has received an extremely positive response. A number of private donations have been made, including a particularly generous contribution by Jenny Rathbone. Many generous gifts

have also been made by The Linbury Trust, PH Holt Charitable Trust, The Pilgrim Trust, Stone City Films, the Henry Moore Foundation, Dr Michael Potts, the Friends of the University and Vice-Chancellor Professor Drummond Bone, as well as the estate of the late Marion Thomason, a graduate of the University."

Enhancing the University's collection, an exhibition space will be used for a programme of changing exhibitions and displays. The first exhibition will include artwork by Stuart Sutcliffe, 'the fifth Beatle', and will be followed by a display of photographs by Edward Chambré Hardman, thanks to the Daily Post's campaign to save his archive in Liverpool.

One of the exhibitions planned for Summer 2009, is a display of one of the latest additions to the University's archives. Funded by many donors including a generous gift of £174,500 from the Heritage Lottery Fund, the archives of the renowned Liverpool Poets Brian Patten, Roger McGough and the late Adrian Henri includes notebooks, drafts of poems, letters, photographs and play scripts.

As part of the major renovation, the Leggate Lecture Theatre is also being transformed. Costing £1.2 million, it will increase the capacity of the theatre to 250 seats, which will make it the ideal venue for future public lectures and events. The University's Educational Opportunities Team will also be based in the building on the ground floor.

The evolution of one of the University's most significant buildings - from an administrative headquarters in 1892, to an impressive public venue in 2008 - places the University firmly on the map during the European Capital of Culture Year.

**To support the Victoria Gallery Museum fundraising appeal, contact Amanda Price on +44 (0)151 795 4618 or [amanda.price@liv.ac.uk](mailto:amanda.price@liv.ac.uk)**



Arguably, one of the most famous pieces of work  
in our gallery and museum is on the outside.



## The Victoria Gallery and Museum opens July 2008.

An £8.6 million restoration project during Liverpool's year as European Capital of Culture is transforming our famous 'redbrick' Victoria Building into a gallery and museum that will include art and artefacts acquired throughout the University's fascinating history. All housed in a true original.

## Have your say:

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### Tea anyone?

Sixty years ago my wife (née Olga Cynthia Parr, BA Hons French, 1951) and I first met at the Freshers' Social held in the Student Union in early October, 1947. We married in August 1957 – 50 years ago.

In those days Freshers' introduction to the University was the Social on the first Friday evening and tea and cakes with the Vice-Chancellor (Sir James Mountford) on the Wednesday afternoon.

**Harry Myers (BEng Electrical Engineering 1950) Herts.**



### Happy days

The Autumn copy of *insight* and particularly items like 'Your memories' reminds me of happy days in Liverpool between 1944 and 1949. But it also stirs my conscience for having done so little in 'repayment'.

My main excuse is that I have always lived and worked so far from Liverpool, but perhaps, therefore, these Rag Day photos (1947-8) might be of some interest and a small offering in recompense. I was the 'jockey' and the caterpillar was an Open Air Club device led by Celia Myers (BSc Biochemistry, 1950) with myself as the front legs. The caterpillar skin was ex-army parachute material.

**Anthony Stevens (BVSc 1949) Guildford, Surrey**



### First female

In *insight* Autumn 2007, page 44 records a Golden Jubilee Reunion of the 1957 class of Civil Engineers. This states that '57 was the 'last all-male class of the Faculty'. It may have been the last all-male class of Civils but not of the Faculty. I started as an Electrical in 1948 (class of '51) when our intake of 100 included one female. Thus the last all-male class of the faculty must have been 1950 or earlier.

**Tom Prichard (Civil Engineering 1951) Plymouth**

### Gazette editor error

It was very interesting to read the interview with David Liddiment in the last *insight* (Autumn 07) but there's a tiny error. He says he worked for 'Guild Gazette' under the editorship of Chris Graham. Actually I was the editor at the time, Chris was the President of the Guild. Dave was a fellow student of mine in the English Department. I just checked with Chris and he agrees with me!

**Nick Murray (BA Hons English Language & Literature 1973) Via email**

## Star Letter

### It wouldn't have happened without Liverpool

This year we had hoped to celebrate our ruby wedding.

We met at the University in 1966 to go to a ball (Guild, I think). A guy in the flat above me in Princes Avenue, was the Students Union Social Secretary and, in trying to drum up couples for the ball, was organising a sort of dating agency, where you put your name in his pigeonhole and then he would put couples together.

But it didn't work out like that.

As he was upstairs, I asked if I could have first pick and I chose Celia.

You could argue that we didn't have much in common, as I was doing Electronics (Robin Saxby and Cedric Sloan were classmates) and Celia was doing Politics. Her tutor was one Robert Kilroy Silk. I wonder what happened to him?

We got married in September 1968 and by June 1972 we had three children, Edward, Henry and George. At that time we were living in a fourth floor walk-up flat in London, but at least it was by Regents Park, so there was plenty of open space and fresh air.

I had given up all security of a job at ICI and was working as a freelance programmer. I'd started programming at University on the legendary KDF9 and one of the first personal computers, the IBM 1130, which was installed in the Electrical Engineering Department. But now it was for real

and I had to succeed. I think I did.

Celia started her studies again at UCL to become a lawyer. Until recently, she practiced as a barrister in East Anglia. Firstly, she was in Ipswich and later, since we moved to Newmarket, in Cambridge.

Together we built a stud, Freedom Farm, in Newmarket.

Breeding racehorses is a difficult business, but on the whole we have been pretty successful, with a much higher winners to foals ratio than many other studs. We've also bred the winner of one of the richest races in the world, the Hong Kong Derby.

But perhaps our best day was breeding the winner of the Prix de l'Opera at Longchamp on Arc Day in Paris and being there to see it happen. The bad bit was that we had sold the horse as a yearling, so we only got the glory.

Sadly in December 2007, Celia died of an extremely rare squamous cell carcinoma of the heart, after a short illness.

Everything had been a roller coaster, with a fair bit of pain and angst and a lot of fun. But it wouldn't have happened without Liverpool. What was it John Lennon said about Imagine?

**(Graham) James and Celia Miller, (BEng 1968) and (BA 1969), Newmarket**

James wins a £25 voucher from  
Liverpool University Press



### Indebted to Professors

Thank you for publishing the account of the Diamond Anniversary of the Engineering Class of '47 (*insight*, Autumn 2007) – a memorable event for those of us fortunate enough to attend.

No doubt pressures of space precluded mention in that account of two eminent Liverpool professors who contributed greatly to the success of that event. We were indebted to Emeritus Professor Gerry Galletly for having convened and organised the event and also to Professor Peter Goodhew, who gave us a most interesting presentation about the current 'Liverpool Engineer' project. Thanks to this, we elderly engineers were able to look forward as well as backward, on this most nostalgic occasion.

**Professor John Caldwell OBE (BEng Hons 1947), Windermere, Cumbria**



## Reinforcing fond memories

Every time I receive a copy of *insight* I get a nostalgic feeling. The last issue was truly fascinating and took me back to my days in Liverpool. Although I have studied in several campuses all over the world, the University of Liverpool campus and the city have had a lasting impression on me and *insight* continues to reinforce those fond memories

I really enjoyed the academic and social life in Liverpool during my time there and keep telling my students about it. Some of them have now enrolled in

various academic programmes at the University and they have not been disappointed. It seems there's so much going on these days in my beloved campus and the city.

One of my students now studying in Liverpool wrote to me recently and thanked me for recommending the University. I hope my alma mater will never let me down.

**Qazi Azizul Mowla (PhD Urban Morphology, 1997),  
Professor in the Department of Architecture at the  
Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology**

## Memories of Churchill

On visiting Churchill's residence at Chartwell some time ago I noticed a



photograph on a wall depicting Churchill receiving an Honorary Degree at the University of Liverpool in, I think, 1949. It brought to mind that I was lucky enough to

be given a ticket to attend that ceremony in the Royal Philharmonic Hall simply because in that year I was Captain of Tennis at the University. I am still playing tennis although approaching 80 and having a heart bypass operation!

**Alan Gartside (LLB Hons, 1949)  
Southport, Merseyside**

## More college news!

The magazine is good but there's still no mention of Liverpool's affiliated colleges! I am one of (presumably) a number of graduates who get alumni stuff from two universities on the basis of one degree! As Chester has a well developed alumni set-up, I wonder if they might submit a one page newsletter to *insight*? Or, if past students might do more historically-based pieces?

**Alan Whitehouse (BEd Hons English Literature, 1953) Manchester**

*Editor's note: We promise we don't discriminate against any of our alumni – wherever they have studied! We do carry articles about alumni from the affiliated locations – this issue includes Gillian Gibbons (see page 8). We love to hear all news and memories from all our alumni, and see photos from their time as students. Please keep them coming!*



## Unforgettable Liverpool

I studied in Liverpool from 2004-05 for one year.

One of the most unforgettable moments in Liverpool is when my beloved football team Liverpool won the European Champions League title on May 25, 2005 when they came back from a 3-0 deficit to beat AC Milan. Definitely a football classic in history.

The next day when they arrived home from Istanbul, I joined tens of thousands of people in a street parade of the team and the trophy. I wanted to share with you pictures I took that day.

Best for the year of 2008.

**Qin Xiaohu (MA Politics & Mass Media 2005) Beijing, China**

## Time marches on!

Although it is now 58 years since I left the University and my last birthday was my 80th, I am still pleased to receive *insight*. It has improved greatly in appearance and content in the last few years, although I must express a preference for the previous red/black livery.

I was particularly interested in the Spring 2006 issue containing tributes to Professor Sir Joseph Rotblat. He lectured to classes I attended and, in those early days, his heavily accented English made taking notes somewhat difficult. As his career in the west improved so did his English accent, I'm pleased to say.

The last time I came into the University precinct I soon got lost and found the old Physics building had had a change of occupation – no large lecture theatre and small rooms for Economics. Time marches on!

**Ray Pickstone (BSc Physics 1949), Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria**

## Shared poetry

I studied English Language and Literature at the University between 1971-1973 and recently received my first copy of *insight*.

I now write poetry and wanted to share a poem I've written about Liverpool:

## Redemption Trip

In those days,  
you could travel  
Liverpool to Birkenhead  
and back again, for free  
Sometimes I'd feel the need  
to walk on water  
So I'd ferry 'cross the murky sea.  
Ten minutes there,  
turn round, ten back,  
till lungs, fine tuned  
to a miraculous Liverpool air,  
sighed with relief.

I steered it once  
across the stretch  
Of darkness. I took the finely  
turned and polished prongs  
Of the ship's wheel  
into my palms, gripped firm  
and peered above the prow.  
"Just head toward the Liver Birds,"  
the captain said, with nonchalance.

When we'd docked  
I held the quay's cold railing  
as I watched the vessel roll away,  
then broke some old bread  
and hurled the crumbs into the air.  
My albatross long gone,  
five thousand seagulls feasted.  
Perhaps I should  
have paid the ferryman,  
but instead,  
I took up my bed  
and walked.

**Melissa Harman (BA English Language & Literature, 1973)  
Via e-mail**

# Sport Liverpool launch

**Former Great Britain Rugby League Manager Phil Clarke (BSc Physical Education/Movement Science 1992) and ex-Everton FC midfielder Barry Horne (BSc Chemistry with Materials Science 1983) have backed an initiative to support the student sports stars of the future.**

They officially launched Sport Liverpool, the University's dedicated sport directorate, at a ceremony on campus. The initiative aims to boost sports provision and improve facilities, as well as assist students with a sporting talent. A total of 150 scholarships will be on offer to sportsmen and women competing at national level who want to study for a degree at the University.

Both graduates of this University, Phil Clarke played for Wigan in the Rugby League Premiership, the Sydney Roosters in Australia and represented England in the 1995 Rugby League World Cup. He now acts as a pundit for Sky TV. Barry Horne is now a chemistry and physics teacher and has done pundit work for Radio City and Match of the Day.

Phil told the assembled guests: "It is 16 years since I left the University. I had decided I wanted to play professionally when I was studying my A-levels. I was at the University when the facilities were not as good as they are today but, with determination, you could get where you wanted to be. Today the University's facilities are light years ahead and we can really move forward with what we have now.

"I want to thank the University for its amazing support during my time here. There are huge demands on



modern sportsmen and women who are in full-time education but with the right support from a university you can be a talented athlete and continue your education at the same time."

Phil Clarke with the University of Liverpool's Director of Sport Andy Craig and Barry Horne

Barry added: "Liverpool is a fantastic University and sport needs to play a part in attracting the very best students - hopefully Sport Liverpool will do that and the vast improvements in both facilities and the support available will feed back into recruitment. This is a fantastic initiative and I wish the University the best of luck."

**Sport has played** a large part in the University's social calendar with many various teams being formed throughout the years. *insight* has uncovered a number of photographs that date back to 1905 of sports teams that competed against other universities.



Ladies' Swimming Club 1946 - 1947



Men's Volleyball Team 1979 - 1980



The Women's Boat Club practising on the West Float, Birkenhead



University Football Club 1905-06



Dr Barham Salih and Dr Abdul Latif Rashid

# Iraqi ministers tap into alma mater's expertise



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Dr Abdul Latif Rashid



Dr Barham Salih

Backdrop: The Iraq marshlands ©UNEP

**Two University of Liverpool** alumni are leading the way to create a positive future for the people of Iraq.

Dr Barham Salih (PhD Civil Engineering, 1989) is the country's Deputy Prime Minister, while Dr Abdul Latif Rashid (BEng, 1968) is Minister of Water Resources. The pair have known each other all their lives, but it was pure coincidence that they studied at the same University.

Dr Rashid recently came back to the city for the first time in 40 years. He visited the campus at the invitation of SWIMMER, the University's Institute for Sustainable Water, Integrated Management and Ecosystem Research.

A Civil Engineering graduate, Dr Rashid says he loved his time in Liverpool: "I came to Liverpool in the mid-Sixties – it was the time of the Beatles! I had done my A-levels in North Wales and knew and loved the city so I was very happy when my application to the University was accepted. I received a scholarship from the Iraqi Government which, at that time, was allocating scholarship students to various colleges in the UK.

"I knew Liverpool was a University with quite a good student union which was very active. I was very impressed by the Philharmonic

pub and the Philharmonic Hall. Liverpool was a swinging city and I made many friends here. I enjoyed visiting Birkenhead and the Walker Art Gallery and eating Chinese food. It was a fascinating place to be."

After graduating, Dr Rashid moved to London, then went to Saudi to work for the UN Food and Agriculture Association. It was at that time he became involved in politics and wanted to see the end of the dictatorship in Iraq. He has three children; one son is a diplomat in Geneva, a daughter is studying Medicine in London, and another son, who is also in London, is studying international affairs and politics.

The Minister, who was resident at Gladstone Halls, says he was keen to tap into his alma mater's academic expertise.

"We would like to have more interaction with SWIMMER," he said. "I first met the SWIMMER team two years ago at a conference on marshlands. In Iraq we have taken a marsh area which was ruined by various regimes and our Ministry decided to restore and repair it. Now 70% of it has been restored and we have started the development of the infrastructure of that area. It had been

totally ignored, but people need schools and health centres. We are providing better services for those living in the area. We want to rebuild Iraqi society by having proper infrastructure and services.

"Iraq has been through difficult periods and is suffering the effects of

**“Liverpool was a swinging city and I made many friends here. I enjoyed visiting Birkenhead and the Walker Art Gallery and eating Chinese food. It was a fascinating place to be.”**

war and destruction, but we are trying our best to improve the situation through engineering, medical care and education. We are encountering security problems, but that has improved recently. It has been a very difficult period but that has changed and now there are lots of positives. The Iraqi people are free

– the dictatorship has been removed. There is greater individual freedom and the standard of living has risen substantially. Iraq's income is being spent on development rather than war and destruction. I am very optimistic about the future of Iraq.

"The UK is very important to Iraq and we have a strong relationship which I believe will continue. There is a large Iraqi community in Britain and all British universities welcome Iraqi students. I would definitely recommend coming here to study, especially in technical subjects, but I would hope that those scholarship students who come to Great Britain come back to Iraq and make a contribution to its future."

During his visit to the University, Dr Rashid discussed future collaborations, including the training of students and knowledge transfer, as well as talking about the challenges facing the Iraqi people and the management of water resources. He also learned more about the £36 million transformation of the Faculty of Engineering and other developments on campus, and visited the city centre and the historic waterfront to see the major civil engineering projects taking place there.

## Online education delivers degree solutions



Vice-Chancellor Drummond Bone and Keevin Cheung

**As time becomes** a more precious commodity and demands such as careers, families and social commitments supersede opportunities for personal development, online degree

courses are becoming increasingly popular.

At the beginning of 2008, 22% of students registered with the University of Liverpool were online students - a dramatic increase since the launch of online courses just eight years ago. Since 2005, the University has partnered with Laureate Online Education to deliver online Masters programmes in Business, Public Health and Technology.

The online option is also a popular alternative for those who find that accessibility is a problem. The fact that courses can be studied 24/7, in any place and at the pace of the student, might explain their popularity.

Graduate Keevin Cheung (MBA 2006) who, for career development purposes, completed an MBA at home in Toronto, Canada, is an advocate for the online route.

"There were two factors that influenced my decision to study an MBA with Laureate," said Keevin. "The first was the flexibility of the course and the second was Laureate's association with the University of

Liverpool, which was a well known institution to me.

"I felt that I had all of the benefits of studying a course without the inconvenience of having to visit a campus. As there were only roughly 20 people taking part in the virtual classes, the standard of support was brilliant and I also had the opportunity to make many great contacts while studying."

Keevin is President of the University's Alumni Association in Canada. The network, which has more than 220 members located around the country, keeps in contact by email and meets on a regular basis. Smaller meetings are held in local cities such as Montreal, Toronto, Edmonton and Vancouver, but the last meeting was a nationwide event, which attracted 64 attendees, many of whom had flown thousands of miles to attend.

In total, 3,166 students are currently studying or have completed online programmes with Laureate. 1,653 have successfully completed their programme and have received their awards.

Recent additions to the Laureate portfolio include the Master of Public Health degree, which started in 2007 and already has more than 200 active students, and the MSc in Operations and Supply Chain Management, which saw the first intake of students at the beginning of January. Several new programmes are currently in the planning stage and up to five programmes are expected to go online in 2008.

For more information about future alumni events in Canada visit [www.liv.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.liv.ac.uk/alumni) or [www.ulcasa.ca](http://www.ulcasa.ca)

## Superstars of the future

**The University's Educational Opportunities Team** is looking for alumni who can support their 'Superstars' project - a unique initiative that works directly with young people in public care or looked after children (LAC).

Now in its fourth year, the project provides a direct intervention which recognises that, coupled with an often disrupted education; these young people rarely get the support and guidance that they need in order to reach their full potential. Working with young people approaching their GCSE exams, Superstars continues to offer bespoke support and guidance up to Year 13 and, where requested, beyond. Since its inception, Superstars has been cited as evidence of good practice in Ofsted and Joint Area Reviews.

Members of the Superstars programme have benefited from study support and mentoring as well as motivational and aspirational activities. This year, sees three of the first cohort enter into Higher Education.

Mary Fletcher, Superstars Project Manager, said: "We are currently looking for University of Liverpool alumni who would like to get involved in the project. This could be as a mentor, hosting a visit to your place of work, or by talking to the group about your educational experiences and career pathway. We are very open to suggestions and of course can be flexible about the amount of involvement that you are able to commit to."

For further details please contact Mary Fletcher on 0151 794 1333 or [mary.fletcher@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:mary.fletcher@liverpool.ac.uk)

Lucy Weston (BA English Literature 2000), has been appointed Alumni Officer for the Management School and is responsible for the co-ordination of alumni activity including organising events, generating support for the School and making contact with lost alumni including those who studied on line with Laureate.

If you are a graduate of the Management School and would like to get in touch with fellow graduates or find out more about what developments are taking place in the School, contact [lucy.weston@liv.ac.uk](mailto:lucy.weston@liv.ac.uk)

Lucy Weston





Paul Barry-Walsh

## Benevolent entrepreneur remembers Bowie and sausage dinners

Paul Barry-Walsh, a giant of the business world, has been listed as one of the most generous philanthropists in Britain – though he says it’s not simply about giving financially, it’s about time and expertise too. He is now bringing his enthusiasm to the University’s Development Foundation and he told **Suzanne Elsworth** why he’s keen to give a little something back to his alma mater.

“Some of the best days of my life, without question, were at the University,” said Paul (BA Hons Economics 1976).

“We used to catch the B&I ferry to Ireland every Summer holiday from Liverpool so I knew the city. It was a very exciting place and that made the University an attractive choice for me.

“I decided to study Economics because I thought it might be useful in business and I think that’s the sort of career I had in mind. I don’t know whether it has been, but I did study some Japanese Economic History which came in very useful on a recent trip there!

“I am sorry to say I stayed for all three years in McNair Halls. I had a bunch of mates, who I am still friendly with, and, though you’re meant to leave after a year, we camped out there and weren’t thrown out. Every weekend we used to have parties. It was a very lively time – the Seventies had great music. Bob Marley and the Wailers appeared at the Guild, and Bowie came to the city. We saw some really big names. I also remember the sausage dinners which I have never been able to emulate – they were magic!

“A lot of my schoolfriends went to university in London. The difference between Liverpool and London was that we could afford to do things! I remember going to the Everyman which had great actors and productions such as ‘John, Paul, George, Ringo, and Burt’. The craic was great. On my very first night I went down to the Rose pub and my mate put his shoes on the sofa. The old battleaxe of a landlady came over and yelled: ‘This is a f\*\*\*ing smart pub!’ with no sense of irony!

“I am very much looking forward to working with the Development Foundation. I was asked to get involved by the last Vice-Chancellor but I had too much going on at the time. I was very sorry because I had taken and I hadn’t given anything back.

“I would love Liverpool to be put on the map as one of the top

computer disaster recovery services, which provided the back-up technology to protect computers at big companies from major incidents such as fires or floods. By coincidence, the business began to take off as the IRA stepped up their mainland bombing campaign.

“When a bomb went off at Bishopsgate, three banks were

anyone with spare time to ‘sell’ hours to employers.

Paul added: “Slivers-of-Time is like eBay backwards. It’s a free market between the buyer and the seller and puts the seller on an equal footing. It’s all about ultra flexible work time and is already being taken up by big companies like Tesco as well as local authorities and caterers. There are 15 trials ongoing and it is already fully functional in a number of major cities, including Liverpool.”

Since 2000, he has funded around 15 start up companies, and brought Dans le Noir – the restaurant where patrons eat in complete darkness – to London.

But his other major passion is his own philanthropic organisation, the Fredericks Foundation.

He said: “We aim to help those people with nowhere else to turn to realise their potential. This is achieved by providing resources to individuals in order that they may become self sustaining and to contribute to society economically.

“By far the most common way in which we execute this mission is by assisting individuals start their own businesses. We do this by providing loans, mentors and a support package.

“The Foundation is named after my grandfather. He was just the most generous person. He lived in Ireland and he would never turn the tinkers away without giving them something. It used to drive my gran potty. He was incredibly thoughtful and considerate – I’m sure there are a lot of people like that – but there are not that many who are completely selfless.

“We all have philanthropic influences – it is whether we are open to them or not.”



Paul Barry-Walsh with one of the business women to benefit from the Fredericks Foundation

universities in the same breath as Oxford and Cambridge. It already is in some areas, but not in all. It’s quite exciting to think what might be possible.”

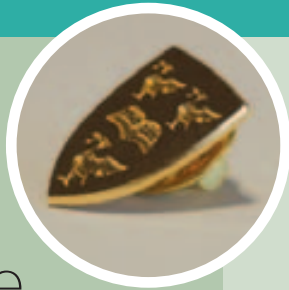
After his graduation, Paul quickly began a successful career.

“I started on a graduate trainee scheme then after a year I joined IBM and that was when I felt my career taking off. In a year I was earning more than my dad did as a doctor, but by my late 20s I knew I was going to start my own business.”

Paul founded Safetynet, one of the UK’s leading providers of

running on our system,” said Paul. “We were a middle-sized company then and most of the foreign banks used our system – that was the time it really showed its worth and validated what we were doing.”

The company went from strength to strength and was eventually sold for £173 million in 2000. Meanwhile, Paul had taken a sabbatical from Safetynet to found Netstore, an IT security and outsourcing company. He recently stood down as Chief Executive, though still retains his Chairmanship, and has funded a new enterprise, Slivers-of-Time. It allows



To be worn with pride

**The University of Liverpool** is launching a new philanthropic programme which will recognise the generosity of its most loyal supporters.

The initiative will see the institution join forces with among others the Universities of Bristol, Sheffield, Bath, Birmingham and Warwick. Every donor who has given a charitable gift of £1,000 or more will receive a special pin badge – designed exclusively for their alma mater.

It is hoped that alumni will wear their badges with pride, and inspire others to make a donation to their University.

The initiative will be launched during the week of 22–28 September.



University of Liverpool Stewardship Officer, Elizabeth Adams, (pictured left) said: “The donor pin, which will be distributed in the Summer, is a small token of appreciation for the support of our most generous donors. Benefactors

from all the participating universities will be asked to wear their pins particularly during the last week in September to help jointly raise the profile of giving to higher education and encourage others to follow suit.

“We want to say a huge thank you to all those who have already given to the University and we look forward to welcoming more benefactors in the future.”

For further information, contact Elizabeth on +44 (0)151 795 4639 or email [elizabeth.adams@liv.ac.uk](mailto:elizabeth.adams@liv.ac.uk)

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**You can help fund scholarships and bursaries for those most in need so that every student can fulfil their potential.**

To make a donation through the benefactors' fund, please call Lisa Hannah-Stewart, Annual Giving Manager, on +44 (0)151 795 4638 or email [lisa.hannah-stewart@liv.ac.uk](mailto:lisa.hannah-stewart@liv.ac.uk)

## Meet the Development Foundation members

The University's Development Foundation has welcomed several new members.

**The Foundation supports the University in giving and encouraging financial support, particularly from the alumni community, but also from private business and philanthropic organisations. Its members are drawn from a field of distinguished academics, business leaders and politicians, many of whom share the commonality of a Liverpool degree.**

If you would like more information about the Foundation, contact Kate Robertson, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, on +44 (0)151 794 2133 or visit [www.liv.ac.uk/development](http://www.liv.ac.uk/development)

### Sir David Barnes CBE

Sir David (Hon LLD 1996) is Chairman of the Veterinary Faculty's Development Board and President of the Small Animal Teaching Hospital appeal. Sir David was Deputy Chairman of AstraZeneca plc and is now Deputy Chairman of Syngenta AG.



### Paul Barry-Walsh

Paul (BA Hons Economics 1976) is Chairman of Netstore Plc. In 2000, Paul formed the Fredericks

Foundation, a charitable organisation, in memory of his grandfather. He is also a member of the Community Development Finance Association. (See page 21 for a feature about Paul)

### Lewis Booth

Lewis (BEng Mechanical Engineering 1970) is Executive Vice President for Ford Motor Company's European Operations, overseeing Ford of Europe and Premier Automotive Group (Jaguar, Land Rover and Volvo). He is also Chairman of Volvo Car Corporation.



### Professor Drummond Bone

Professor Bone is Vice-Chancellor of the University of Liverpool.



**Michael Bray**

Michael (LLB 1969) is the Chairman of the University's Law Development Board and a

member of the European Board of Junior Achievement – Young Enterprise. He has been a partner at Clifford Chance for more than 30 years.

**Sir Neil Cossons OBE**

Sir Neil (BA Hons Geography 1961, MA 1969, HonLittD 1989) is President of the University's Victoria Gallery and Museum appeal, a Trustee of National Museums Liverpool and President of Council of the Royal College of Arts. Sir Neil retired last Summer as Chairman of English Heritage.

**Tony Crowe**

After his initial career with Unilever in Manufacturing and Finance, Tony

(BSc General Science 1963, BSc Hons Chemistry 1964), worked for WYETH (American Home Products) one of the world's leading pharmaceutical companies for 29 years, latterly as Vice-President Global Operations, Philadelphia, USA. He retired and returned to the UK in 2006. Tony is also a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Management Accountants.

**The Rt Hon the Earl of Derby**

The Earl of Derby has served on the Council of the University and the honorary degree committee, and is now President of the University's Equine Appeal. He owns and manages the Knowsley Estate, best known for its safari park and historic

Hall. He also owns Stanley Estate and Stud Company in Suffolk and has enjoyed considerable racing success with the mare Ouija Board. Prior to this he was a banker with Robert Fleming and Co. He is still a non-executive Chairman of Fleming Family Partners Trustee Company.

**Maurice Flanagan CBE**

Maurice (BA General Studies 1950) was commissioned as a navigator during his

national service after University, then worked for BOAC/BA. He moved to Dubai to work with the Dubai Government in 1978 and founded Emirates Airline in 1985. He is now Executive Vice-Chairman of the Emirates Airline and Group.

**Derrick Hanson**

Derrick (LLM 1959) is the former general manager of Martins Bank and Barclays Bank groups, Chairman of their financial services companies, and Chairman of Birmingham Midshires Building Society. He is a Trustee and the former Chairman of the Christians Arts Trust, a former health authority Chairman and Inaugural President of the Banking Teachers Association.

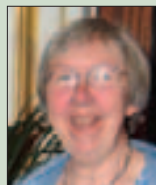
**Tony Hobson**

Tony (BCom Commerce 1969) is Chairman of The Sage Group plc and Northern Foods plc. He is

also a non executive director of HBOS plc and of Glas Cymru, the not-for-profit enterprise which runs Welsh Water. He was Group Finance Director of Legal & General Group plc and, prior to that, was with Sperry Corporation and SG Warburg. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Darden Graduate School of Business, University of Virginia, from where he graduated in 1974.

**Professor Averil Mansfield CBE**

Professor Mansfield (MBChB Medicine 1960, ChM Medicine 1973 and Hon MD 1994) began her career in Liverpool and was latterly Professor of Surgery at St Mary's Hospital, Imperial College. Averil is the first UK female Professor of Surgery.

**Julie Mills**

Julie (LLB 1978) is a Conservative Councillor in The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. She is a

JP and barrister at law. Julie has an MA in History of Art from London University and is involved in several charities and local organisations.

**The Rt Hon Lord Owen CH PC**

Lord Owen has been Chancellor of University of Liverpool since 1996 and is President of the Development Foundation. Lord Owen is a former Foreign Secretary (1977-79) and EU Peace Negotiator in the former Yugoslavia (1992-95).

**Rick Parry**

Rick (BSc Hons Mathematics 1976) is Chief Executive of Liverpool FC and was formerly Chief

Executive of the FA Premier League. Rick trained as a chartered accountant with Arthur Young McLelland Moores, becoming a Management Consultant in the sports and leisure industry.

**Dr John Roberts CBE**

Dr Roberts (BEng Electrical Engineering and Electronics 1967 and Hon DEng 2004) is Chairman of the University's Engineering Development Board. He retired as Chief Executive of United Utilities in 2006, had previously been a Director of Hyder plc and Chief Executive of Hyder Utilities, and Chief Executive of South Wales Electricity. John is a non-executive director of International Power plc and the Royal Bank of Canada (Europe) Ltd.

**Paul Roy**

Paul (BA Economics 1968) is Chairman of the Development Foundation. He founded

NewSmithCapital Partners in 2003. Prior to this he was Co President of Merrill Lynch Global Markets and Investment Banking Division, and a member of the firm's Executive Management Committee. He is a non-executive director of Benfield Plc and Cenkos Securities Plc and Chairman of the British Horse Racing Authority.

**Sir Robin Saxby**

Sir Robin (BEng Electronics 1968 and Hon DEng 2000) is a Visiting Professor to the University. He was the founding CEO and Chairman of ARM Holdings plc. Sir Robin recently served as President of the IET (Institution of Engineering and Technology), is also a Fellow of The Royal Academy of Engineering, and is an Honorary Fellow of the IET.



## Scholarships make university possible

**The University has** a proud tradition of helping talented students benefit from all that higher education has to offer – regardless of their personal circumstances.

£6 million of scholarships and bursaries are made available each year – and the generosity of alumni is vital in ensuring this tradition can continue.

Many of the University's graduates were fortunate enough to study in a time of full grants and benefits, but today, 70% of University students have to work part-time during their studies to be able to survive financially.

There are a number of scholarships available to the students. Some of the University of Liverpool scholarships include:

- Alumni Scholarships - created in 2000 and solely funded by the generosity of University of Liverpool graduates through the Benefactors' Fund. Up to 10 scholarships per year are awarded on the basis of academic excellence and are tenable for the duration of the programme of study.
- Graduate Association (Hong Kong) Scholarships - established in 1998 and awarded annually to outstanding students from Hong Kong and China who wish to pursue undergraduate or postgraduate study at the University.
- The Duncan Norman Research Scholarship - established in 2004 following the receipt of a generous donation in memory of the late Duncan Norman – Chairman of Liverpool-based department stores

Owen Owen and TJ Hughes – who enjoyed a long association with the University.

- The Hillsborough Trust Memorial Bursaries - set up by the Hillsborough Disaster Fund after the football stadium disaster in 1989.
- The John Lennon Memorial Scholarships - established by John Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono, to help students who may otherwise have suffered financial hardship during their studies. The awards are made to students who have an active interest in environment and conservation issues.

**Here some of the current scholarship students explain how they have benefited:**



22-year-old **Lana Jones** from Torquay in Devon

### Why did you choose the University?

I am studying Veterinary Science and the University has been voted the best vet school for the last few years. I have undertaken a previous degree here and love the city and University.

### Why did you choose your course?

I wanted to be a vet from a very young age after being impressed by a local vet treating a beloved pet. The postgraduate fees for the vet course are a lot of money to raise. The scholarship has played a vital part in helping me pay my tuition fees.

### Do you know why you were chosen to receive the scholarship?

Not really ... but I really, really appreciate it!

### What has the scholarship meant to you?

I can begin to realise my dream of becoming a practising vet which I did not think was possible when both my parents became ill and were unable to support me financially. Mum recently had an emergency double hip replacement and dad is recovering from cancer. It really wouldn't have been possible without help.



Fourth year medical student **Indrani Karpha**, aged 22, is from Prescott, Merseyside

### What made you choose Liverpool?

It is one of the top five universities for Medicine and has a modern style of teaching which involves PBL (problem-based learning).

### Aside from studying, what else have you got involved with at the University?

I am a member of the committee for Liverpool Medical Students' Society (LMSS) and, last year, I was the publications secretary and editor of the LMSS magazine, the *Sphincter*. I have recently been elected to the committee again as one of the charity representatives and we are busy getting together a programme of events to raise money for a local charity.

### How have you benefited from your Alumni Scholarship?

Receiving the scholarship has allowed me to broaden my expertise. I was able to spend some time as a volunteer in one of the nursing homes in Calcutta set up by Mother Theresa, as well as taking over some medical supplies. I have recently returned from Belize as part of my course, helping out in local hospitals and villages.



**Jessica Henry**, from Wirral, aged 23

### Why Liverpool?

Liverpool is a bright and vibrant city, offering excellent job prospects. I decided I wanted to practice Medicine locally so that I could give my talents back to the area.

### What are your long term aims?

I have always wanted to help people and Medicine seemed the perfect career choice for me. Long term aims are unclear, due to the current job shortage in the NHS, but I would hope to be practicing Medicine for the rest of my career.

### How has the funding helped you?

I have been able to concentrate on my studies in the knowledge that I have additional funds to live on. Previously I had been working several nights in a bar, and the workload was beginning to burn me out. My studies are the most important thing to me, so now I can give Medicine my full attention. I was honoured to receive the scholarship, particularly as it is in the memory of John Lennon, an icon for the city. His legacy has improved the lives of many local students, who without the money would struggle to get by at university.



**Diana Stirbu**, aged 31, from Romania

### What degree are you studying?

I am studying for a PhD in Constitutional Design and Development in Wales – looking at the evolution of the Welsh assembly. I took a Masters in Public Administration at the University and spent a month in Cardiff at the National Assembly.

### What made you choose this academic area?

In Romania I am a senior civil servant and would like to stay in the public administration area, perhaps to concentrate on gender studies and examining the role and influence of women in public policies. The Welsh Assembly has more women than men – 31 compared to 29!

### What has the Duncan Norman Scholarship meant to you?

It has allowed me to pursue my research. As Romania was not in the EU at the time that I was planning to study abroad, the fees would have been too much for me to afford. The scholarship has enabled me to come to University to study and pursue my interest in public administration.





**Ayesh Alshukri**, aged 21, is from Liverpool. His mother is also from Liverpool while his father is from Iraq.

**Why did you choose the University?**

For the same reasons as my first degree; it was my first choice university and it is also close to home so I would not have the expense of living away. This is the department where I graduated with my BSc so I knew it was a great Faculty and wanted to continue learning here.

**What appealed about your course?**

I chose my degree in Computer Science because it is a subject I am interested in and enjoy learning more about it. My long terms aims are to develop a deeper understanding into the subject to help me realise new applications of technologies that can benefit our environment and society.

**What do you enjoy about the city and the University?**

This University is well respected. It has many great staff who contribute greatly to the academic society in their subject area. I am proud to say that I graduated from here and I would not have been able to do this without the John Lennon Scholarship. Liverpool is the city I grew up in and, despite some of its faults, it is a great place, full of many friendly people and atmosphere.

**How has the scholarship affected your studies and personal life?**

The scholarship has been a significant help to me. I am self funding my MSc studies, so when I heard I had received the scholarship you can imagine the impact it made. It lifted some of the financial strain. If I had not received it I think my studies would have suffered because of working extra hours to cover my fees.

**What are the best parts of student life?**

What I enjoy most is meeting new people from different countries and backgrounds. A lot can be gained from that.



Sociology and Social Policy student **Victoria Hodgskin**, aged 26, from Wirral

**Why did you choose Liverpool?**

I chose the University after doing a mature students course called 'Go Higher'. Also, I wanted to go to a university that was close to my house. Being a mature student I had other commitments and couldn't move away.

**What do you enjoy the most about the University?**

I love the people and the atmosphere in the city. I always feel at home in Liverpool and I am fortunate to live just over the water from such a brilliant place! I love the University, the lecturers are amazing. I feel inspired and even more passionate about the subjects thanks to some fantastic teaching. The University is full of some gorgeous buildings, I love walking around campus. I feel very lucky.

**How has the scholarship affected you?**

It has helped me enormously. I am registered disabled and have had surgery on my back so the fact that I now have more money in order to buy books instead of having to carry them to and from the library is fantastic. Being a mature student I also have a lot of other financial commitments and this scholarship has made life so much easier for me and my partner. Without this extra help I know we would have struggled. I was thrilled to be awarded this scholarship. It's had a massive impact on my life; it's an awful lot of money to a student! I am so grateful to everyone involved.



**Jeff Bush**, PhD in English at the Faculty of Arts, is 37 and from Liverpool

**Why did you choose this University?**

Because it has a strong reputation for research and academic excellence.

**What are your long term aims?**

I chose to undertake a PhD to continue research that I had begun at MA level. Much has been written about the theory of the unconscious in the writings and seminars of the 20th psychoanalyst Jacques Lacan. His theory of the conscious mind, however, has been inferred rather than researched.

**What do you like best about the city and the University?**

I was born and bred in Liverpool and I find it a deeply romantic city. The people are friendly and funny, the architecture is beautiful and the University has knowledgeable and helpful staff. There is a buzz about the city which has been made even more palpable by the preparations for the European Capital of Culture celebrations.

**How has the scholarship affected you?**

The scholarship has given me confidence and has made me feel rewarded for all the hard work that I have done so far in my studies. This term I have also become a tutor. I have been enjoying developing my university teaching skills and engaging with other students from the perspective of a tutor.

**What has the scholarship meant to you?**

The scholarship means a great deal to me and not only financially. I do feel honoured to be a John Lennon Memorial Scholar. I feel that an award in his name rewards the qualities I aspire to - hard work, tenacity and creativity.



**Victoria Blake** from Ilkley, West Yorkshire, is 25

**Why did you choose your career path?**

I previously worked as a Clinical Scientist in Genetics and chose to study Medicine after some clinical contact during my training as a scientist. Looking to the future, I hope to use my medical degree to work overseas in the developing world. This became a goal of mine whilst helping to build houses for victims of the tsunami in Sri Lanka. In August 2006 I spent two weeks in Delhi, India working alongside a non-government organisation called ASHA. ASHA provides health care for families living in the slums of Delhi. These experiences have given me a deep desire to help improve access to healthcare in the developing world. I intend to use my elective this academic year to explore this further.

**How has the scholarship affected your studies?**

The scholarship has made a huge difference to me this year. It has meant that I am able to spend my elective in a developing country and gain further experience abroad. It is great being a student again and I feel privileged that I have the opportunity to experience it all over again! Last year I joined the Wilderness Medics Society and enjoyed lectures from medics with experience in trauma medicine and disaster relief. I also joined Surgical Scousers who organise workshops in surgery. The scholarship has provided a huge relief from the financial concerns of a second degree and allowed me to continue to follow my dreams for the future.

**If you would like to make a donation in support of students, please contact Katie Davis in the Development Team on +44 (0)151 794 2036 or [kate.davis@liv.ac.uk](mailto:kate.davis@liv.ac.uk)**

## Breakfast networking

**Movers and shakers** from across Merseyside joined the Vice-Chancellor for a sneak preview of the new Victoria Gallery and Museum.

Business leaders from the world of finance, law, property and media, along with representatives of cultural and regeneration organisations, trusts and foundations were given a guided tour of the venue.

The breakfast networking event gave them an opportunity to see the transformation of the

landmark building before its opening this Summer, and learn more about how they could get involved in the work of the University, as well as sponsorship opportunities.

If you would like more information about the Victoria Building project, or want to be invited to future networking events, contact Frances Breen, Development Manager, email: frances.breen@liv.ac.uk or call +44 (0)151 795 4619.

## Benefactors' Fund

**More than £135,000** has been raised by the University's Benefactors' Fund since its relaunch last Summer.

Alumni in the UK and US have been contacted throughout the year in direct mail and telephone campaigns. The programme has been a great success and preparations are well under way for the second year.

Lisa Hannah-Stewart, the University's Annual Giving Manager, who is a graduate of the University herself (BSc Zoology 1997, MSc Evolutionary Psychology 1999 and PhD Evolutionary Psychology 2004), said: "The response has been absolutely amazing. We are thrilled with the generosity of our alumni. The response to both mailings was really positive and we are planning a further mail campaign with our UK graduates this Spring. We will also be mailing our graduates from Ireland, the US and Canada this time too."

Alumni making donations to the Benefactors' Fund have been able to support various fundraising initiatives, with the monies raised being used to directly enrich and enhance the life of students and researchers.

One example is the University of Liverpool Alumni Scholarships. These scholarships have been in operation since 2000 and many students have benefitted. (See page 24)

Lisa added: "The most rewarding phase of the programme for me has been the telephone campaigns. Since October, 10,000 alumni have been contacted directly by our calling team made up of current students. They really enjoyed making the calls and they were very enthusiastic, particularly when the gifts starting flooding in.

"The calls were not just about asking for money, they were a great opportunity for our alumni to get a feel of what has happened at the University since they left and to re-affirm their contact."

If you would like more information about the Benefactors' Fund, email [lisa.hannah-stewart@liv.ac.uk](mailto:lisa.hannah-stewart@liv.ac.uk) or call +44 (0)151 795 4638.

## Why leave a legacy in your will?

**Leta Jones** (BA Hons Geography 1933, Certificate in Social Science 1934) is one of many alumni who have generously made plans to leave a gift to the University in their will.

She says she was inspired to do so because the institution played such a huge part in her life.

"I really enjoyed my time in Liverpool," she said. "It was lots of fun and it gave me a way of looking at the world I would never before had - it really opened it up to me.

"Liverpool, at the time, was a very cosmopolitan city, which I loved, and I still return when I can."

Leta enjoyed her time in Liverpool so much that when she graduated in 1933, she decided to complete a Certificate in Social Science in 1934 to remain with her friends, who were all staying on to do the teaching year of their courses.

During that year Leta had noticed that some of her international student friends were not all frequent visitors to the Student Guild, so she took it upon herself to set up the first International Students Society. Leta and her friends began to organise trips out, dances and coffee

mornings. These events became so popular that the UK students also began to show an interest and soon they had to turn people away.

"I was sad to leave after graduation," said Leta, "but am very happy to see the way the University welcomes and encourages international students, and the increase in the number of students coming here to study from overseas."

Zofia Sochanik, Development Officer, who enjoyed catching up with Leta, said: "I would like to take this opportunity to thank Leta for her kindness.

"The University relies on the generosity of its alumni, friends and supporters. With the introduction of tuition fees and increasing expectations of students and staff alike, the demands on the University's resources has never been greater. That is why gifts like Leta's legacy are so important to us."

If you would like more information on leaving a gift in your will to the University of Liverpool please contact Zofia Sochanik, Development Officer, on +44(0)151 795 4637 or email [zofia.sochanik@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:zofia.sochanik@liverpool.ac.uk)







William Turner Roden, aged 20, is a second year Politics student and he spent a week as a camera assistant with Renegade Pictures, producing a series about eco-friendly living for *National Geographic* Channel. He told *insight* about his experiences...

## Gaining an insight into tv production

**Lieutenant-Colonel** Richard Francis “Dick” Strawbridge MBE, is a man who, when given a hammer, some screws, a few bits of aluminium, a couple of car doors and 10 hours, is capable of creating a machine competent enough to fling a British Leyland Mini hundreds of metres through the air. A media legend, a great presenter and a fine ambassador of British ingenuity. You can imagine how honoured I was to be given the opportunity to work alongside the man himself.

One of Dick Strawbridge’s latest projects is to front a documentary series for *National Geographic* channel about green living. The production team approached the University to film an episode on campus in collaboration with the School of Architecture to see if it was possible to build and live in a house made out of three shipping containers. My job was to help out ‘behind the scenes’ for a week of filming and to see how the programme was created.

I arrived early one cold morning to be shown around the set, walking through the containers, recycled from Liverpool’s shipping docks, to the workshop

where the engineers would labour until late into the night. I was to work closely with the camera and sound team, watching and learning and making sure that tapes containing the days filming were kept safe. The director would tell me horror stories about tapes getting lost or re-recorded over, the worst being the ‘Attenborough incident’ where a tape containing footage of an incredibly rare bird they had been tracking for weeks, had disappeared. This resulted in the entire crew flying back to the site to try to track the bird all over again.

Three different types of insulation were used in the different containers, and, even without any heating supply, they were a lot warmer than the temperature outside. It was a house that relied on a log fire for warmth, heating a boiler, and for cooking food. With a portable toilet that inevitably would have to be emptied by some unfortunate resident, the final result of everyone’s labours was a resounding success!

It was a week that gave me a real insight into television production and I’m looking forward to seeing the final programme come Springtime on the *National Geographic* channel.





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## Support tomorrow's graduates

**The University has** launched a careers programme which gives alumni the chance to support their peers and the graduates of tomorrow.

The initiative aims to tap in to the expertise, skills and work experience of alumni to provide valuable advice through the provision of case studies, mentoring, placements and careers events. The team is concentrating on compiling a comprehensive portfolio of case studies initially, with a mentoring and placements scheme following later in the year.

Kirsty Rothwell (BA Hons English Language & Literature 1991), Information Manager for the University's Careers and Employability Service, says she is delighted to be working with the Alumni Relations team on this project. She added: "More than 2,000 alumni have already expressed an interest in helping us. Initially, we want to develop an online resource of case studies. Students can use this resource to learn more about particular occupations and the experiences of graduates in employment. By sharing your experiences in a case study, you can help current students explore their career options, give hints and tips about applying for jobs, and advice on the skills required in your sector.

"The initial focus has been on those alumni who responded positively to becoming involved with the Careers and Employability Service in the last alumni questionnaire, sent in September 2006, although contributions are very welcome from all alumni."

The programme is important in raising the University's profile within the jobs sector and giving University of Liverpool graduates an additional edge in the increasingly competitive employment market. Alumni can also benefit as the service could help further their career or, alternatively, allow them to start work in an entirely new job sector.

Applications can be made either online via the University's Online Alumni Community at [www.liv.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.liv.ac.uk/alumni), or by contacting Clare Wride on +44 (0)151 795 4609 or email [clare.wride@liv.ac.uk](mailto:clare.wride@liv.ac.uk). Any information will only be made available to students and alumni via secured University portals.

## Convocation AGM

**All alumni are welcome** at the next Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the University and Convocation.

The AGM will take place on Friday 27 June in the Victoria Gallery and Museum, Brownlow Hill, at 6pm. Tea and coffee will be served from 5.30pm onwards.

All those attending will have the chance to view the new Victoria Gallery and Museum before it opens to the public, offering an exclusive preview of the restoration of this iconic building to which the Friends have generously donated a substantial gift. There will also be a talk by the Director of Art and Heritage Collections, Matthew Clough, and time to look around the exhibits after the meeting.

The last issue of *insight* saw the launch of the Online Alumni Community. This, alongside the main University website, gives a very quick and efficient way for Standing Committee to disseminate information widely to members of

Convocation. In order to regularise this method of doing business, it is necessary to update the Convocation Regulations which were last updated in 1992, before the widespread use of the internet. The necessary amendments to the Regulations will be considered at the 2008 Annual General Meeting.

Please register your attendance at the meeting and download the full papers from [www.liv.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.liv.ac.uk/alumni). Alternatively, request copies of the papers by post or book your place at the meeting by contacting Elizabeth Adams, on +44 (0)151 795 4639 or email [elizabeth.adams@liv.ac.uk](mailto:elizabeth.adams@liv.ac.uk)

Any member wishing to bring forward any business at the AGM must give notice of such business to the Clerk. Notice of any business must be received by the Clerk of Convocation, University of Liverpool, Liverpool, L69 7ZX, no later than 5pm on Friday 6 June. Please confirm your attendance by 10 June.

## Open day

**The Alumni Relations team** is working with the University's student recruitment office welcoming back those alumni who have sons or daughters considering studying at the institution.

The next student recruitment Open Day is scheduled for Friday 27 June and any alumni who are visiting the campus again are invited to meet the team for a light lunch.

Visit the newly completed Victoria Gallery and Museum between noon and 2pm to catch up on campus news, re-live old times and have the opportunity to view the new exhibitions before the building officially opens to the public in July.

To register your interest in this event please contact Alumni Officer Clare Wride on +44 (0)151 795 4609 or email [clare.wride@liv.ac.uk](mailto:clare.wride@liv.ac.uk)

For further information about the open days please visit the University website at [www.liv.ac.uk/openday](http://www.liv.ac.uk/openday)



**Hundreds of people** are now keeping in touch via the University's new online Alumni Community.

Launched in October 2007, the Internet facility helps graduates to keep in touch with the University – and each other.

Hannah Dohren (BSc Hons Combined Honours (Science) 2007), Alumni Assistant, said: "We are making this one of the best ways for you to keep in touch with us and your friends. In the future we hope to be able to offer message boards, blogs, discussion groups and more. As well as creating a more interactive network internally we have also built up our profile on other networking sites such as Facebook and LinkedIn.

"Please let us know how you would like us to improve our online services."

As *insight* went to press, the Alumni team were in the process of contacting those alumni for whom they had email addresses in order to encourage them to register. If you would like to sign up, email [alumni@liv.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@liv.ac.uk) with your details or visit the website.

All alumni registering for the Online Community before 31 May will automatically be entered into a prize draw for a pair of tickets to see Honorary Graduate Pete Postlethwaite (Hon LLD 2006) in *King Lear* at the Everyman Theatre, Hope Street, Liverpool during November 2008. Due to limited availability a choice of nights will be offered to the winner. Simply log onto [www.liv.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.liv.ac.uk/alumni) to register.



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### Discount schemes

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*Vogue*, *GQ* and more. Save up to 70% by applying online [www.alumni-subscriptions.co.uk/](http://www.alumni-subscriptions.co.uk/)

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## Get in touch online

# online community



[www.liv.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.liv.ac.uk/alumni)

**Get in touch** with University friends via two new online social networking sites.

The Alumni Relations team has set up groups on Facebook and LinkedIn, offering a further opportunity for alumni to stay in touch with each other and the University.

Hannah Dohren, Alumni Assistant, said: "We want our alumni to choose the easiest way to stay in touch with us – whether that's by traditional letters and telephone calls, or via the Internet.

"We knew a lot of graduates had already joined Facebook, as well as LinkedIn, so this was an obvious place for us to start. However, we think the best online way of staying up to date with the benefits the University has to offer is via our free and exclusive online Alumni Community so please sign up now!"

The Facebook group is called 'University of Liverpool Alumni Relations'. Go to <http://liv.facebook.com/group.php?gid=8822506074>

The LinkedIn group is called 'University of Liverpool Alumni'. Go to <http://www.linkedin.com/e/gis/43553/1B84417A99D0>

All alumni are welcome to join both groups - please encourage friends and classmates to sign up too. Don't forget to sign up for the University's exclusive Online Alumni Community at [www.liv.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.liv.ac.uk/alumni)

For more information about the new networking sites please contact Clare Wride, Alumni Assistant, on +44 (0)151 795 4609 or email [clare.wride@liv.ac.uk](mailto:clare.wride@liv.ac.uk)

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University. The credit card features a University image and its insignia, and gives you all the benefits that a credit card should, while supporting the University's Benefactors' Fund. To date, previous cardholders have helped to generate more than £27,000 worth of support. **Thank you** to each and every one of you. Keep checking the website for details of when the card will launch. [www.liv.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.liv.ac.uk/alumni)

**What else would you like?** We would like to be able to provide you with benefits and services that are useful to you. If you have any thoughts or ideas, or if you have something that you could offer to alumni we would like to hear from you. **Contact Emma Smith +44 (0)151 794 6940 or email [emma.smith1@liv.ac.uk](mailto:emma.smith1@liv.ac.uk)**

## NEW International Ambassadors and Associations

### The University's international

networks are continuing to grow as more Alumni Ambassadors are appointed across the world.

Following the successful launch of the Ambassadors programme and several high profile overseas events, the University's alumni networks are going from strength to strength.

Laura Martin, International Alumni Assistant, said: "The Ambassadors, Associations and contacts we have

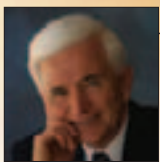
across the world provide an invaluable network for prospective and current students, staff and graduates alike. They can offer a refreshing perspective on Liverpool life and, through their activities, help their local alumni feel connected to Liverpool and the University."

The Alumni Relations team is delighted with the success of the initiative and are hopeful that it can be applied to the UK, with the recruitment of regional ambassadors and contacts in the near future.

For more information, or to apply to become an Alumni Ambassador, please contact Laura Martin on  
Email: [laura.martin@liv.ac.uk](mailto:laura.martin@liv.ac.uk)  
Tel: +44 (0)151 795 2348.



Laura Martin



### Western USA

Alumni: 180 (California) 911 (total in USA)  
Ambassador: Brian Jones (BEng Mechanical Engineering 1961, PhD 1964)

Contact: [ambassador.wus@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:ambassador.wus@liverpool.ac.uk)  
Profile: Brian is the Executive Vice President of BAE Systems Composite Structures Inc based in California. He has a keen interest in tennis, skiing, sailing as well as jogging and keeping fit.

Quote: "The nearly seven years I spent at University as an Undergraduate, Graduate and Assistant Lecturer are amongst the most enjoyable and formative of my life. As a result I would like to do something that would enable me to 'give back' to the University."

**We would love to hear from anyone interested in becoming the Ambassador for Eastern USA, especially in NYC.**

### Nigeria

Alumni: 205  
Ambassador: Isiaka Adekunle Ibrahim (MSc Finance, 1997)  
Contact: [ambassador.nigeria@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:ambassador.nigeria@liverpool.ac.uk)  
Profile: Isiaka is Head of the Internal Control Department at Marina Securities Ltd. He enjoys spending time with his family at home and listening to Nigerian music in his leisure time. He spent a very enjoyable time working for the University's International Recruitment and Relations Office during his time in Liverpool.



### United Arab Emirates

Alumni: 87  
Ambassador: Badry Bawady (MSc Information Technology 2005)  
Contact: [ambassador.uae@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:ambassador.uae@liverpool.ac.uk)  
Profile: After graduating in 2005 with a degree in Information Technology, Badry went on to become the Principal of Al Wahda Private School in Dubai. He has a keen interest in sports, travelling and mathematics as well as maintaining a strong social network of friends and colleagues.





## Germany

Alumni: 312

Ambassador: Dr Simon Waddington (BSc Hons Physics 1985, PhD Physics 1988)

Contact: [ambassador.germany@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:ambassador.germany@liverpool.ac.uk)

Profile: Simon is founder and Managing Partner of FiveLakes Venture Partners in Munich; a company focused on investing in young life science businesses. He also enjoys golf, tennis and cycling.

Quote: "I have a great fondness for the University and the city. I have been somewhat involved in helping the University from a distance but welcome the chance to take on a more formal role."



## Shenzhen

Alumni: 156

Ambassador: Qiu Hao (LLM(T) International Business Law 2004)

Contact: [ambassador.shenzhen@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:ambassador.shenzhen@liverpool.ac.uk)

Profile: Hao graduated from the University of Liverpool Law School in 2004 and has since become a lawyer in China Commercial Law Co. He enjoys badminton, basketball and travelling.



## Shanghai

Alumni: 131 in Shanghai (1,251 in China)  
Ambassador: Simon (Xiao) Jin (LLM (T) International Business Law 2001)

Contact: [ambassador.shanghai@liv.ac.uk](mailto:ambassador.shanghai@liv.ac.uk)

Profile: Simon is a senior counsel in Shanghai and also enjoys badminton, sightseeing and fine art.

Quote: "I can give advice and help alumni develop a strong network and connections, which may be crucial for business and career prospects in Chinese culture."



## Malaysia

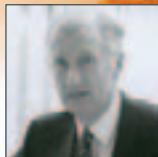
Alumni: 1,004

Ambassador: Dr Yan-Goh Ng (BEng Engineering Science/Industrial Management 1976, PhD Engineering 1982)

Contact: [ambassador.malaysia@liv.ac.uk](mailto:ambassador.malaysia@liv.ac.uk)

Profile: Currently President of MPICS/DB Business School in Kuala Lumpur, Yan-Goh is also writing two books and is involved in public speaking, blogging, informal counselling and working with alternative medical practitioners to find new forms of health care.

Quote: "With my leadership experience from my University days as well as the professional societies, I am confident I will be an effective Ambassador."



## South Australia

Alumni: 367 in Australia

Ambassador: Dr Tony Davidson (BSc Hons Physiology 1957, BVSc 1959)

Contact: [ambassador.southaustralia@liv.ac.uk](mailto:ambassador.southaustralia@liv.ac.uk)

Profile: Tony is a retired Veterinary Surgeon and loves to spend time with his family. He takes an interest in the Australian Ballet, the South Australian Opera and Adelaide Symphony Orchestra.

## Ambassadors

(as featured in the Autumn 07 issue of *insight*)

### Beijing

Alumni: 206 in Beijing City (1,251 in China)  
Ambassador: James (Peng) Yu (MA Applied Linguistics 2004)

Contact: [ambassador.beijing@liv.ac.uk](mailto:ambassador.beijing@liv.ac.uk)

Association: University of Liverpool Graduates Association (China) is in the planning stages – contact James for any information about the Beijing Chapter.

### Canada

Alumni: 523 in Canada

Ambassador: Dr J Edward Hutson (MBCbH 1961)

Contact: [ambassador.canada@liv.ac.uk](mailto:ambassador.canada@liv.ac.uk)

**NB:** We would also like to appeal for regional Ambassadors for Canada and would particularly like to hear from any alumni in Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia who may be interested in these roles.

Association: University of Liverpool Canadian Alumni and Students Association (ULCASA)

Contact: Kevin Cheung (MBA 2006)

[www.ulcasa.ca/](http://www.ulcasa.ca/)

### South America

Alumni: 175 (13 in Peru)

Ambassador: Carlos J Llaque Galves (MBA Industrialisation & Development 2000)

Contact: [ambassador.southamerica@liv.ac.uk](mailto:ambassador.southamerica@liv.ac.uk)

**NB:** We would again like to appeal for regional Ambassadors for each country in South America.

### Nepal

Alumni: 16

Ambassador: Dr Ramkewal Shah (M.Ch.Orth 1992)

Contact: [ambassador.nepal@liv.ac.uk](mailto:ambassador.nepal@liv.ac.uk)

### India

Alumni: 440

Ambassador: Sudeep Pattanayek (MBA Human Resources Management 2004)

Contact: [ambassador.india@liv.ac.uk](mailto:ambassador.india@liv.ac.uk)

**NB:** We are looking for regional ambassadors for Delhi (North India), Mumbai (West India), Kolkata (East India). Sudeep is based in Chennai which covers the South India region.

### Sri Lanka

Alumni: 40

Ambassador: Mahesh Rajapakse (LLB 2004)

Contact: [ambassador.srilanka@liv.ac.uk](mailto:ambassador.srilanka@liv.ac.uk)

Association: Mahesh is currently in the process of establishing an Association for our Sri Lankan alumni

### Senegal

Alumni: 300 in West Africa, 14 in Senegal  
Ambassador: Herve Deza (MBA Business Finance & Management 2004)

Contact: [ambassador.senegal@liv.ac.uk](mailto:ambassador.senegal@liv.ac.uk)

**NB:** We are looking for regional ambassadors for West Africa too. Note the change in Herve's contact since last issue of *insight*.

## New face for Alumni Board

**The Alumni Board** has welcomed a new member, Dr Joel Burden (BA History 1993).

Joel works as Development Director for Third Millennium, a publishing firm based in London. Previously he was Deputy Director of Development at Newcastle University. Joel joins the Board as a representative of the Faculty of Arts.

The Board, which meets three times a year and is chaired by John Flamson (BA Hons 1973, MCD 1975) last convened in January 2008 where the key aims and objectives for the coming year were discussed. A presentation on the progress of the recently re-launched Benefactors' Fund was given by Lisa Hannah-Stewart (BSc 1997, MSc 1999, PhD 2004), the University's Annual Giving Manager. At their September 2007 meeting, members took a hrad-hat tour of the the new Victoria Gallery and Museum still under construction, led by Matthew Clough, Director of the University's Art and Heritage Collections.

The next Board meeting will take place in May 2008. If you would like to know more or would like to register your interest in becoming a board member contact karen.brady@liv.ac.uk or call +44 (0)151 795 2348.

Terry Hedges (BEng 1966, MEng 1968), Senior Lecturer in the Department of Engineering, Dr Peter Dangerfield, Senior Lecturer, Visiting Professor and Director of the Year 1 MBChB course, Karen Brady, Head of Alumni Relations, David Winstanley (BSc Geography 2006), Education Liason and Events Team, Student Recruitment UK Matthew Clough, Director of Art and Heritage Collections, John Tandy (BVSc 1957), John Flamson (BA Hons Geography 1973, MCivic Design 1975), Chair of the Alumni Board, David Gee (LLB Hons 1957) and Stuart Hancox (BSc Mathematics 1970), Chair of the Standing Committee of Convocation tour the Victoria Gallery and Museum

## Alumni associations

**The number of** international University of Liverpool alumni associations is growing fast, but the Alumni Relations Team would also like to set up associations closer to home.

Associations are an important connection between the University and its graduates. They host specific events or may be able to connect you with other people in your chosen field or industry.

As *insight* went to press, the University of Liverpool alumni population in the UK, actively in touch with the University was 76,693. Many of these alumni have expressed an interest to have a more active involvement with the University and the formation of UK associations will allow clusters of alumni, at various ends of the country, to meet on a more frequent basis to share their experiences of studying in Liverpool.

The team is looking for alumni across the UK to volunteer as alumni ambassador's for the North West, North East, South West, South East (specifically London) and Midlands. If you would like to set up an association in Britain, please contact Emma Smith via email at emma.smith1@liv.ac.uk or +44 (0)151 794 6940 who will send you a guide.

## Departmental Associations

If you are looking to join an association that relates to the course you studied, take a look at the list to find the association that is most relevant to you.

If you can't see a relevant association why not create one? If you would like to set up an association in the UK please contact Emma Smith. For overseas association enquiries please contact Karen Brady on email at karen.brady@liv.ac.uk or call +44 (0)151 795 2348.



## Thanks for your feedback

**Thank you** to all graduates who returned a completed questionnaire to the University earlier this year.

Around 30,000 individuals were contacted and, as *insight* went to press, responses were still flooding in, providing the Alumni team with valuable data about graduates' careers progression and interests, as well as feedback on the current alumni programme and suggestions for its development.

Questionnaires are sent to one third of the alumni whose contact details are on our database every 18 months, resulting in each graduates being surveyed once every three to

five years. The responses and data compiled provides the team with the best possible overview of the opinions and interests of the University's graduates and allows the institution to develop and shape activities in response to the needs of its alumni.

An added incentive to respondents was a free prize draw for a case of fine wine, which was won by Graham Parry (BSc Geology 1977).

If you would like more information about the alumni questionnaire please contact Sue Irvine, Alumni Coordinator at sue.irvine@liv.ac.uk or on +44 (0)151 794 2269.

## Trustee needed

**Following a recent** restructure of the Liverpool Guild of Students (LGoS) governance system, a new Trustee Board is going to be formed. It will be responsible for ensuring that LGoS has a clear vision, mission and strategic direction and will be comprised of eight students and four non-students.

LGoS is looking to appoint four individuals with experience in either financial regulation, human resources development, charity law or policy formation and implementation. These individuals should be receptive of the LGoS values and willing to meet four to eight times a year in Liverpool city centre. All reasonable expenses will be reimbursed.

Anyone interested in applying should submit a CV and covering letter by Friday 2 May to dan.summers@liverpool.ac.uk. For more information call Dan on 0151 794 5961 or visit [www.lgos.org/trustee](http://www.lgos.org/trustee)



# in the UK

## Association of Liverpool Medical School (ALMS)

Contact: Dr P H Dangerfield MD  
Email: spine92@liv.ac.uk  
Address: Director Year 1 MB Course, School of Medical Education, University of Liverpool, Ashton Street, Liverpool L69 3GE  
Tel: +44 (0)151 794 5502  
Website: www.liv.ac.uk/alms/  
Activities: ALMS produce a bi-annual newsletter and organise various events during the year

## Dental Alumni Association

Contact: Linda Arch  
Email: lma@rabymere.demon.co.uk  
Tel: +44 (0)151 706 5236  
Activities: Association members are invited to join the Annual General Meeting, which usually precedes an event. The next AGM will be held on 4 October 2008.

## Earth and Ocean Sciences Alumni Association

Contact: Ian Bamber  
Email: bamberei@liv.ac.uk  
Address: Departmental Co-ordinator, Department of Earth and Ocean Sciences, University of Liverpool, 4 Brownlow Street, Liverpool L69 3GP  
Tel: +44 (0)151 794 5162  
Website: www.liv.ac.uk/earth/Alumni/

## Football Industries Alumni Association

Contacts: Geoff Pearson and Dr Rory Miller  
Email: pearsong@liv.ac.uk or rory@liv.ac.uk  
Address: University of Liverpool Management School, Chatham Street, Liverpool L69 7ZH  
Tel: +44 (0)151 706 5236  
Website: www.liv.ac.uk/managementschool/alumni.htm  
Activity and info: Football Industries (closely associated with the Management School) alumni are incredibly active organising networking events in the city and around the world.

## Geography Alumni Association

Contact: Mary Whearty  
Email: maryw@liv.ac.uk  
Address: Secretary, GAA, Department of Geography, University of Liverpool, Liverpool L69 3BX  
Tel: +44 (0)151 794 2841  
Website: http://pcwww.liv.ac.uk/geogalumni/

## Maritime Civil Engineering Alumni Association

Contact: Eur Ing Terry Hedges  
Email: ec22@liv.ac.uk  
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Website: www.liv.ac.uk/~ec22/topics/mar\_alum.htm

## University of Liverpool Law Association (ULLA)

Contact: Sean McHale  
Email: lMr@liverpool.ac.uk  
Address: University of Liverpool Law Association, School of Law, University of Liverpool, Liverpool L69 7ZS  
Website: www.liv.ac.uk/law/alumni/

## University of Liverpool Management School Alumni (ULMS)

Contact: Lucy Weston  
Email: lucy.weston@liv.ac.uk  
Address: Foundation Building, Brownlow Hill, Liverpool L69 7ZX  
Tel: +44 (0)151 795 4607  
Website: www.liv.ac.uk/managementschool/alumni.htm  
Activity and info: The ULMS alumni enjoy many networking and social events.

## University of Liverpool Women's Club

Contact: Janet Goddard – Members Secretary  
Email: uolwomen@liv.ac.uk  
Website: www.liv.ac.uk/womensclub/  
Activity and info: ULWC offers support and friendship, a varied programme of events, and stimulating talks to all women associated with the University of Liverpool including postgraduates and alumni of the University

## Veterinary Alumni Association

Contact: Sheila Jones  
Email: sheila.jones@liv.ac.uk  
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Website: www.liv.ac.uk/vets/welcome/alumni

## next issue:

### Are you an alumna or alumnus who works at the University of Liverpool?

We're planning a feature on those who loved their time at the University so much that they decided not to leave – or who moved away, but then came back. Whether you are an academic or are working within the administration, let us know what it's like working for your alma mater.

Email [insight@liv.ac.uk](mailto:insight@liv.ac.uk) or write to *insight* editor Suzanne Elsworth at *insight* Publications Team, University of Liverpool, Foundation Building, Brownlow Hill, Liverpool L69 7ZX.

## 1940s

**Geraldene Mary Done** (née Hooper) (BSc 1949) is living, and gardening, on a Welsh hillside and says she is quite busy doing nothing very much!

**Ronald Daniel Teire** (BEng Mechanical Engineering 1946) is staying alive by still trying to play golf and bridge.

## 1950s

**Audrey Brown** (née Wright) (BA General Studies 1952, BEd 1954), received Maundy Money from the Queen last year in Manchester Cathedral.

**Edgar Hershon** (MBChB 1955, MA 1994, MSc Ethics of Health Care 1992) Still working at 75 as a medicolegal expert. He enjoys reading and music and spending time with his grandchildren and great-granddaughter.

**David Michael Lusty** (BArch Architecture 1959) is Principal at Lusty Architects. His clients include Westminster City Council and the London Borough of Camden, advising on local planning issues.

## 1960s

**Graham John Borradaile** (BSc Hons Geology 1968, PhD 1971) is Professor of Geophysics at Lakehead University in Canada, researching and teaching in the Department of Geology.

**Jeremy Dunning-Davies** (BSc Mathematics 1962) is a lecturer in the Department of Physics at the University of Hull. He has received the gold medal for Hadronic Mechanics from the Santilli-Galilei Association and will become President of the Association in July this year.

**Dr John Mackenzie Jackson** (BSc Hons Chemistry 1963, PhD Surface Science 1968) wrote to us after seeing our Sport Stars feature in the last issue of *insight*. John was a British international athlete and cross country runner 1964-1970 taking part in athletics and cross country events including 1,500, 1 mile, 5,000m 3,000m and the steeplechase. He attended the World Student Games 1965 and 1967 receiving the Silver Medal for 3,000m and the Bronze for 5,000m in Tokyo. He represented the British Commonwealth against the USA in 1967 and was at the Olympic Games in 1968 in Mexico and the European Games in 1969 in Athens.

**Alan Jones** (BSc Chemistry 1961, MMus Music 2000) has performed his World Premiere composition 'Sinfonietta' with the Liverpool Mozart Orchestra, which marked his 50 years association with the Orchestra. Alan was a member of staff at the University until his retirement in 1990. He is organising a reunion for alumni who were members of a music society. Contact alan.jones.ski@btinternet.com

**Sheila Margaret Oldroyd** (née Davenport) (BSc Biology 1963) is an Associate Priest in Keyworth, Nottinghamshire.

**Roger Pedder** (BA Hons Economics 1963) is Chairman of C&J Clark Limited (Clarks Shoes), one of the UK's largest private family companies. He is also Treasurer at the University of Bath.

**Sir Robin Saxby** (BEng Electronics 1968, Hon DEng 2000) founder of ARM Holdings, has been honoured at the Elekra European Electronics Industry Awards for his major contribution to the UK's semiconductor design industry. For more information about Sir Robin, see page 23.

**Gary Walker** (BSc Hons Mathematics 1964, PhD 1969) has retired as Director of Student Administration and Support at this University after more than 40 years in different roles, including overseeing the graduations of thousands of students. He will continue at the University on a part-time basis on special projects.



Gary at a University of Liverpool degree ceremony

**Robert Willetts** (BDentSurg 1965) is a dentist in Southport. He is sailing around the world in the World Atlantic Rally for Cruisers on his boat, the *Andante of Mersey*. There are 47 participants from 12 countries taking part in the Rally which takes 15 months to complete. To follow Rob's progress visit: [www.worldcruising.com/worldarc/index.aspx](http://www.worldcruising.com/worldarc/index.aspx)

## 1970s

**Elizabeth Bell** (née Gower) (BEng Hons Civil Engineering 1972) is a part-time lecturer at the North Highland College and freelance riding instructor. She owns her own equestrian yard training horses for clients.



**Cliff Bowman** (BA Economics 1971, MBus Admin 1973), left, is Director of Research at Ashridge Business School in Hertfordshire overseeing research activities and output across Ashridge, from the development of teaching materials for MBA and executive education programmes through to the publishing and dissemination of research reports, books and articles.

**Peter Erskine** (BA Hons Psychology 1973) has stepped down as Chairman and CEO of O2 after overseeing a dramatic overhaul which ultimately resulted in O2 becoming the dominant cellular communications company in the UK. He became a non-Executive Director of Telefónica O2 Europe in February.

**Christopher Gill** (PhD 1972) is Chair of the Forestry Commission's Regional Advisory Committee for the East Midlands, with 25 years experience in the forest products sector.

**Roger Michael Hepworth** (BPhil German Dialects 1971) has retired from secondary school languages teaching after 33 years and is now running the family business J M Optics Ltd, retailing high quality binoculars and telescopes. He is still in touch with a group of friends he met at the Liverpool University Public Transport Society.



The gardens at Seaton Hall Estate

**William Kidd** (BA Hons Political Theory & Institutions 1976) runs a hospitality business in North Yorkshire which is available for holiday lets and themed breaks, specialising in art and gardening appreciation. The art course is presented by well-known Liverpool artist Peter Corbett. Visit: [www.seatonhall.co.uk/index.html](http://www.seatonhall.co.uk/index.html) for more information. For more information on the artist visit: [www.axisweb.org/artist/petercorbett](http://www.axisweb.org/artist/petercorbett)

**Brenda Lesley Marks** (née Neale) (BSc Marine Biology 1975) is the owner of Skyscan, an aerial photography company in Cheltenham, which was commissioned to photograph University buildings and Halls back in 1987. She attended a reunion for marine biologists at Port Erin in 2006 and is now in regular contact with most of her group.

**Jeremy Nicholson** (BSc Hons Marine Biology 1977) is Professor of Biological Chemistry at Imperial College, London.



**Edwin Richard Pearson** (BSc Hons Organic Chemistry 1975) is an Information Systems Director for Bernard Matthews Foods Ltd in Norfolk.

**Janice Sear** (BA Hons English Language & Literature 1978) and **Ronald Sear** (BA Philosophy 1981) have re-opened their second hand bookshop 'The Amorous Cat' in Lark Lane, Liverpool after six years of internet selling. For further information visit: [www.amcat.supanet.com](http://www.amcat.supanet.com)



**Professor Michael Thrasher** (BA Hons 1974 Political Theory & Institutions 1974, PhD 1982) won the 'Political Communicator of the Year' prize at the Political Studies Association of the United Kingdom award ceremony. University of Liverpool Head of Politics, Professor Jon Tonge, was host at the event.

Michael (centre) with his colleague Professor Colin Rallings from Plymouth University receiving the award from *The Guardian's* Jackie Ashley.

**Michael Williams** (BA Hons English Language & Literature 1970) formerly Deputy Editor of the *Independent on Sunday* joined the University of Central Lancashire as a Senior Lecturer in print and online journalism.

## 1980s

**Richard Boulter** (BEng Hons Civil Engineering 1987) is Programme Manager in Cambodia for the HALO Trust, a donor-supported land mine clearance organisation presently operating in Africa, Europe and Asia that have suffered in recent years from conflict and the land mine legacy these wars have left behind.

**Bernadette Mary Boyle** (BA Hons Geography 1985) is Principal at Our Lady of the Assumption School in Claremont, California.

**Nigel Boyle** (BA Politics 1981) has been awarded the Peter and Gloria Gold Chair in Political Studies at Pitzer College, Claremont, California.

**Reverend Marc Catley** (BA Hons Psychology 1982) is Curate of St Andrew's Church, Eastern Green.

**Mark Dawson** (BA Hons Medieval & Modern History 1989) has been appointed to the Association of Oxfam. Members of the Association are responsible for electing the Board of Directors and approving the accounts. Mark has been a campaigner for Oxfam for the past 13 years.

**Alistair Alban Hood** (BA Hons 1984, PhD 2007) is a Novice Master at Douai Abbey, a monastery in Berkshire.

**Lucy Wachuhi Irungu** (MSc 1979, PhD 1984) is the Principal of the College of Biological & Physical Sciences at the University of Nairobi.



**Michael Knowler** (BEng Hons Electrical Engineering 1984) works for Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs in the tax credit office after teaching full-time from 1985-2006. Mike, left, has been a DJ for many years including a successful stint at Liverpool's former Quadrant Park nightclub.



### Rory Meldrum

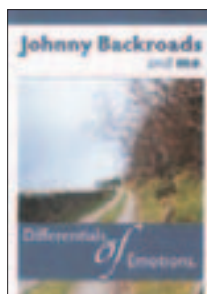
(BEng Hons Civil Engineering 1987) sent this photograph which shows Rory (left) playing centre half for the University 2nd VI Hockey team against Manchester University at Wyncote about 1986.

**Dominic Murphy** (BA Hons Economics 1989) Partner at the private equity firm Kohlberg Kravis Roberts who successfully saw through the firm's high-profile £11.1 billion acquisition of Alliance Boots, Europe's biggest private equity deal and the first to take a FTSE 100 company private.

**Catherine (Kate) Murphy**, right, (BA Medieval & Modern History 1980) is a Senior Producer of *Woman's Hour* on BBC Radio Four. She recently visited the University archives to complete some research.



**Pauline Pankhurst** (née Rushton) (BA Hons Medieval & Modern History 1983) is the Curator of Costume and Textiles in the Department of Decorative Arts at National Museums Liverpool.



**Patricia Prabhu** (née Cartwright) (MA Renaissance Literature 1989) is the co-author of a poetry book, *Johnny Backroads and Me - Differentials of Emotions.*

**Gerard Ridgway** (BSc Hons Marine Biology 1987) is a Marine Biologist for Norges Miljøvern Forbund as a 'Green Warrior of Norway.'

**Amrit and Rabindra KD Kaur Singh** (BA General Hons Combined Studies in Ecclesiastical History, Western Art History and Comparative Religion 1987) have unveiled a new painting commission which captures Liverpool celebrations of 2008. They also received a Arts Council England North West



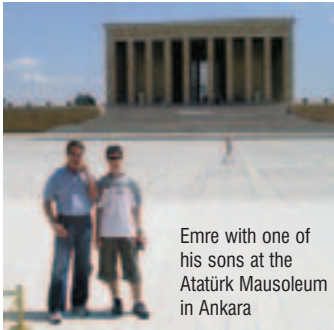
grant to produce an animation and new song for Liverpool inspired by their painting. They are also curating a unique exhibition entitled *Sikhs in Print* for the Asian Arts promoters MILAPfest. [www.singhtwins.co.uk](http://www.singhtwins.co.uk)

**Kim Singleton** (BA Hons Modern History & English Literature 1982) who is currently studying for her PhD in the School of Sociology, is the Manager of the Knowsley Vets, a new football club designed for women in their 30s, 40s and older, regardless of experience or level. If you are interested telephone Kim on 0151 475 8615 or email [k.singleton@liv.ac.uk](mailto:k.singleton@liv.ac.uk) or visit: [www.knowsleyvets.co.uk](http://www.knowsleyvets.co.uk)

Below: Kim, (back row, left) with the team



**Mark Thomas** (BA Hons Combined Honours English & Communication Studies 1981) is the Chief Executive of Word Association, a PR and marketing consultancy firm in Leicestershire.



Emre with one of his sons at the Atatürk Mausoleum in Ankara

**Emre Turan** (BEng Hons Mechanical Engineering 1980) lives in Turkey and is married with two children. He works in two lines of business, the first is machinery imports specialising in refrigeration equipment and the other is logistics for food products distributed in the cold chain. He tells us after reading our Sports Stars section in the last edition of *insight* that he was a member of the Turkish National team for swimming 1976-1978 and whilst he was studying here he swam and played water polo for the University team, winning the Half Royal Blue in 1979. He played water polo in the first division in Turkey in the 80s and recently played in the Waterpolo Masters European Championship in Slovenia in the 45-50 age group!

## 1990s

**Sukhdev Ajimal** (BSc Hons Mathematics 1994) is Head of Mathematics at Slough Grammar School.

**Salah Mohamed Azwai** (PhD 1995) is the Vice-Chancellor of Al-Fateh University in Libya. Previously known as Tripoli University, it has a student population of 65,000, a teaching staff of 2,800 and 300 non-teaching staff across three campuses with 16 faculties.

**Richard Benjamin**, right, (MA Archaeology 1998, PhD Archaeology 2006) is Head of the International Slavery Museum at National Museums Liverpool.



**Sarah Cartland** (née Berrington) (BA Hons Philosophy & Politics 1993) has set up a broadband comparison website [www.ukbroadbandfinder.com](http://www.ukbroadbandfinder.com) and is doing freelance editing and web editing.

**Andrzej Danyluk** (BA Hons Hispanic Studies 1998) has joined Integro, an international insurance brokerage and risk management firm in London.

**Helen Francesca Elloway** (DT M&H Tropical Medicine 1993) is Coordinator of Medical Services doing community health work in the Congo. She received the OBE in the 2007 New Year Honours for medical services (Church Mission Society) in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

**Jamie Fahey** (BA Hons Economic & Social History 1993) is Night Production Editor for *The Guardian* newspaper in London. He married Emily West (BA Economic & Social History 1992, PhD 1997) and they have two children together. Jamie says neither children are showing any inclination towards studying at Liverpool, but they are only 4 and 5!

**Lee Geary** (BEng Mechanical Engineering with Management 1997) is Assistant Manager, Production Engineering, at Denso Manufacturing UK Ltd, an automotive component manufacturer in Shropshire. He became a first-time father to Kian William John in September last year.

**Richard Gregory** (BSc Hons Genetics 1997) is a Senior Investigator at the Children's Hospital, Boston, and an Assistant Professor in the Department of Biological Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology at Harvard Medical School.

**Michael Homfray** (MA 1997, PhD 2005) an Associate Lecturer in Health and Applied Social Sciences at Liverpool Hope University has published a new book based on his research. *'Provincial Queens – the gay and lesbian community in the North West of England'* is available from [www.peterlang.com](http://www.peterlang.com)

**Sarah Horton** (BA Hons Geography 1999) is a Personnel Manager for the Royal Household in Buckingham Palace. She has recently graduated from Westminster University with an MA in Personnel & Development and became a chartered member of the CIPD.

**Vernon Neville Lee** (MOrthSurg 1996) is an Orthopaedic Surgeon at the Christian Medical College Vellore in India.

**Craig David Lilleyman** (LLB Hons 1998) after five years as a corporate finance solicitor at a US law firm in London, retrained as a primary school teacher and now teaches Y5 and Y6 at Crowle Primary School in North Lincolnshire.

**Michael Lomas** (BA Hons Accounting 1998) is a Chartered Accountant who has returned to England after training accounts staff at a hospital in Masara, Uganda, and says he is missing Africa very much.

**Gerard Charles Jones** (BA Hons English & Modern History 1997) is a solicitor at Camps Solicitors in Birkenhead. He has appeared on *LegalTV* on Sky as a panellist for a phone-in advice show and writes articles for the company website, newsletter and local newspaper.

**Sally Hazel Michell** (née Burnett) (BA Hons Geography 1998) who recently got married, is the Project Manager, Economic Development (Creative Industries), for Nottingham City Council. She helped organise Nottingham's first creative industries awards which was a great success.

**Aswami Fadillah Mohd Ariffin** (BEng Hons Electrical Engineering & Electronics 1996) is the digital forensic head of Cybersecurity Malaysia and was recently called as an expert witness in the murder trial of Altantuya Ahaariibuu from Mongolia.

**Qazi Azizul Mowla** (PhD Architecture 1998) is a Professor in the Department of Architecture at the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology. He is also involved with several nationally important architectural and planning projects in the country as their consultant or advisor.

**Christopher John Parker** (BA Hons Music 1999, MMus Music 2000) has received a PhD from the University of Durham for his thesis on the music of Sir Frederic H Cowen and is due to marry Debbie Jones this year.

**Derek Roper** (MEd 1997) has retired but is currently studying at the University of Bolton for a part-time degree in criminological and forensic psychology.

**Mandeep Singh Saini** (MB ChB 1998) is a Forensic Psychiatrist assessing and treating mentally disordered offenders at the Forensic Psychiatric Hospital in Canada.

**Roque Segade-Vieito** (BSc Hons Marine Biology 1993) is a producer on the *Christian O'Connell Breakfast Show* on Virgin Radio.

**Abdul Gaffar Shaikh Ahmed Saheb** (MOrthSurg 1994) is a consultant orthopaedic surgeon at the Noor Specialist Hospital in Bahrain.

**Gillian Mary Sturt** (née Semple) (MEd 1990) is a Senior Writer/Editor at TPS Publishing, writing mathematical books for VSA elementary schools that are now approved by the Californian State Board of Education.

**James Louis Thompson** (BA Hons Combined Social Studies 1990) was called to the Bar Inner Temple, London, in October last year.



## 2000s

**Rebecca Toal** (MSc 1997, MBA 2000) is Director of Crowberry Consulting Ltd which offers a range of services to manage social, ethical and environmental risks. She won the Lancaster University business development competition and now operates from the Lancaster Environment Centre at Lancaster University.

**Said Ahmed Al-Shanfari** (MBA 2002) is Director of Tax Agreements for the Ministry of Finance in Oman.

**Christopher Bird** (BA Hons Politics & Communication Studies 2006) is a Parliamentary Assistant and Researcher for Rosie Cooper MP at the House of Commons.

**Marie Louise Bush** (née Simpson) (MA Education 2001) is the Deputy Headmistress at Merchant Taylors' School for Girls in Crosby, Liverpool.

**Jane Catherine Cliff** (BSc Hons Psychology 2001) is a Support Worker working with adults with learning disabilities. She has recently started singing as a hobby and, so far, has performed at the Philharmonic Hall in Liverpool and the Royal Albert Hall in London.



Charlotte, Hannah,  
Lucy (standing)  
and Laura

**Hannah Dohren** (BSc Hons Combined Honours (Science) 2007), **Laura Johnson** (BA Hons English Literature, Drama and Theatre, 2004), **Charlotte Roberts** (BA Hons Combined Honours (SES) 2007) and **Lucy Weston** (BA English Literature 2000) have started work at the University in the Corporate Communications team. Hannah is an Alumni Assistant, keeping graduate records up-to-date. Laura and Charlotte are Press Officers and Lucy is Alumni Officer with responsibility for the Management School. (pictured above)

**Cyril Dousson** (PhD Chemistry 2001) is an Associate Director at Idenix Pharmaceuticals, a biopharmaceutical company engaged in the discovery and development of drugs for the treatment of human viral and other infectious diseases. He has collaborated on the discovery of a new non-nucleosidic reverse transcriptase inhibitor as a potential treatment for HIV patients, which is currently in clinical trial.

**Nedra Ebanks** (LLB Hons Law (Cayman Islands) 2004) is an Associate at Maples & Calder, a firm advising financial, institutional and business clients around the world on the laws of the Cayman Islands, Ireland and the British Virgin Islands.

**Richard Elvin** (BSc Hons Computer & Multimedia Systems 2004) is a First Officer (Pilot) for First Choice Airways, based in Manchester.

**Mari Espetvedt** (BVSc 2000) has moved back to Norway after nine years in the UK. She has a PhD position working on the validation of health records for dairy cattle in the Nordic countries at the Norwegian Veterinary School.

**Rachel German** (BSc Hons Combined Honours 2005) is an analyst for Tesco in Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire.

**Margaret Guppy** (BA Hons Combined Honours Flexible Degree Pathway (Ar) 2005) has been partially-sighted for 35 years. She has written a book, *'The Wainwright Legacy'*, a 150-year history of the Liverpool Voluntary Society for the Blind and is currently writing a second book, *'Please Can You Give Me a Home'*, a children's short story for a dogs charity.



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**Paul Hagan** (MBA Music Industries Studies 2003) joined his band Amsterdam supporting The Icicle Works on an 11-day tour across Britain. The band has released its 6th single *'Feels Like Growing Up'* and album *'Arm-in-Arm'*. Both are available on their website. For more information on the band visit: [www.amsterdam-music.com](http://www.amsterdam-music.com). Paul is the Web Support Officer in Corporate Communications at the University of Liverpool.

**Kate Louise Haire** (née Amos) (BA Hons Modern History & Politics 2000) is a Senior Caseworker in Immigration at the Home Office.

**Simon Hooton** (BSc Hons Zoology 2001) is an Emergency Medical Technician for the Welsh Ambulance Service.

**Rachel Ann Elizabeth Irwin** (BA Hons English Literature & Language 2007) is currently studying for British Horse Society exams with the intention to teach horse riding as a sport. She is a groom at a private equestrian yard in Northern Ireland.

**Martinus (Martin) Jacobs** (MSc Information Technology 2005) is a Senior Consultant for Quantitative Software Management in the Netherlands. He is implementing his dissertation project into an internal product.

**Imogen Johnson** (BA Hons English & French 2003) is a national Events Executive for Cancer Research UK – Race for Life, organising Race for Life events around the North West.

**Christopher Paul Morris** (BEng Hons Aerospace Engineering 2006) is a Flight Officer for the Royal Air Force.

**Anna Murphy** (BSc Hons Combined Honours Business & Psychology 2006) is an Assistant Hotel Manager at the Hotel Hofer in Austria.

**Akin-tunde Ademola Odukogbe** (MCommH 2006) is a Senior Lecturer at the University of Ibadan in Nigeria.

**Oscar Or-Ei** (MA Contemporary Art 2001) is Head of the Visual Communication Department at the Ort Jerusalem College in Israel.

**Christopher Shardlow** (BSc Hons Radiotherapy 2005) is a radiotherapist at the Rosemere Cancer Foundation in Preston and has recently returned from a charity climb up Mount Everest, successfully negotiating a 6,000m trek during an 18-day climb. He raised more than £3,000 towards state-of-the-art equipment for the Foundation.

**Peter Ssebanakitta** (MBA E-learning 2007) is Executive Director of the National Roads Authority in Kampala.

**Georgia Tsakiri** (MSc Hons Environmental Engineering 2002) is a Conservation Assistant at Stephen Levrant Heritage Architecture Ltd in Manchester, working on historic buildings and their conservation, including the listing of Trafford Town Hall.

Has our In Touch section helped you in any way? Linked you up with an old friend, or helped you or your business? Let us know!

# IN MEMORIAM

## ALUMNI

**David Frederick Allen**  
(BA Hons 1984)

**Robert Braidwood Allan**  
(BEng Hons 1967)

**Arthur Bedlington Baldwin**  
(BEng Hons 1936, MEng 1938)

**Kenneth Charles Binns**  
(BSc 1957, BSc Hons 1958)

**William Boyt MRCVS**  
(BVSc 1951)

**Stuart Brennand**  
(BA Hons 1969)

**Dr Anthony Trevor Bullock**  
(BSc Hons 1959, PhD 1963)

**Geoffrey Butcher MRCVS**  
(BVSc 1954)

**Brenda Mary Clark**  
(BA Hons 1946)

**Dr Roger Geoffrey Clarke**  
(PhD 1999)

**Harold Coates**  
(BEng Hons 1935, MEng 1937)

**Dr Susan Cook-Teare (née Cook)**  
(BSc 1968, BSc Hons 1969)

**Patrick Henry Corkery**  
(MChOrth 1958)

**Thomas Andrew Coulton**  
(BArch 1944)

**Dr Anne Olivia Janet Crichton**  
(BA 1941, CertSocSci 1942, MA 1951)

**Dr John Stephen Crighton**  
(BSc Hons 1957, PhD 1960)

**David Elwyn Cunnah**  
(BEng 1971)

**Antony Dickinson**  
(BA 1951)

**David Dwyer**  
(Dipl in Local Hist 1996)

**William Henry Edwards**  
(LLB Hons 1959)

**His Honour Judge Anthony Arnold Edmondson**  
(LLB Hons 1940)

**Malachi Vincent Fearon**  
(Gen ContEd 2005)

**Dr Burton Gajadar**  
(MA 1982 PhD 1989)

**Dr Stephen James Hargreaves**  
(MB ChB 1952)

**Christopher Neil Hesketh**  
(BSc Hons 1990)

**Dr Fred Hewitt**  
(MB ChB 1953)

**Eric George Hall**  
(BA Hons 1936)

**Arjen Huzen**  
(MSc 2006)

**Frank Geoffrey Johnson**  
(BEng Hons 1948, MEng 1950)

**Dr Charles Vincent Jones**  
(BEng Hons 1943, MEng 1946, PhD 1959)

**Keith William Knight**  
(BEng 1966)

**Olga Hilda Larrett (née Benjamin)**  
(BA Hons 1959, MPhil 1982)

**Professor John Henry Leck**  
(BEng Hons 1946, MEng 1948, PhD 1959)

**Dr Roy Lewis**  
(BSc 1965, BSc Hons 1966, PhD 1971)

**Douglas William Martin**  
(BDentSurg 1953)

**Celia Miller (née Roads)**  
(BA 1969)

**Joseph Aloysius Monk**  
(BA Hons 1939, Dipl in Education 1940)

**Moirá Josephine Monk (née Birrer)**  
(BA 1942)

**Ivy Gwendoline Morgan (née Bartlett)**  
(BSc 1957, BSc Hons 1958, Cert in Education 1959)

**Theresa May Moyse (née Flynn)**  
(BSc 1974, BSc Hons 1975)

**Audrey Elizabeth Norton**  
(MPhil 1998)

**Frank Nyland**  
(LLB Hons 1951)

**Gwendoline Owen**  
(MEd 1996)

**Valerie Christine Parker**  
(BA Hons 1990)

**Nitin Parmar**  
(BSc Hons 1990)

**Sarah Elizabeth Pearson**  
(BA Hons 1986)

**Simon Philpot**  
(BEng Hons 1987)

**John Edward Powell**  
(BEng 1953)

**Richard Alan Ward Pritchard**  
(BEng 1946)

**Cedric Bertram Fitzsimons Rice**  
(BSc Hons 1948)

**Ralph Carlin Riley**  
(BEd Hons 1975)

**Dr Doreen Rippon**  
(MB ChB 1950)

**Dr Leon Robinson**  
(MB ChB 1947, Dipl in Venereol 1969)

**Richard John Robinson**  
(BA Hons 1973)

**Dr Pauline Mary Bell Sechiari (née Park)**  
(MB ChB 1956)

**Janet Estelle Stead**  
(BA 1937)

**Anthony Kear Stevens**  
(BCom Hons 1957)

**John David Tassie**  
(BSc 1975)

**Pamela Anne Marie Taylor (née Mumford)**  
(BEd Hons 1986)

**Brian Hugh Thompson**  
(BA 1953)

**Stanley George Thorne**  
(BA Hons 1970)

**Ivo Whittington**  
(BSc 1959)

**Charles Kenneth Wilson**  
(LLB Hons 1951)

**Douglas John Wood**  
(LLB 1945)

**Dr Neville Christopher Woodier**  
(MB ChB Hons 1954)

**Harold Joseph Woods**  
(Dip Arch 1930)

**Nicholas James Wright**  
(BA Hons 2007)

## STAFF, STUDENTS AND HONORARY GRADUATES

**Henry Leslie Louis John Barter** (Hon MSc Eng 1992) who was involved with the University for more than 30 years contributing to the development of University buildings, initially as a member of committees and then as Chairman of a Project Group.

**Professor Noel Carr** Lecturer in the Department of Biochemistry from 1962 until leaving as Reader in 1984 to take up a Chair at the University of Warwick.

**Professor Steve Cooper** Head of the School of Psychology from 1998 to 2006. He was the first Director of the Kissileff Laboratory for the study of Human Ingestive Behaviour in 2001 and helped found the Liverpool Obesity Research Network in 2005.

**Admiral William Crowe** (Hon LLD 1990) Admiral in the US Navy, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under Ronald Regan and George HW Bush, and Ambassador to the UK under Bill Clinton.

**J B Fitzpatrick**, who was a member of the University Council.

**Bryce Halliday**, former member of staff in the Department of Physics.

**Sion Kenneth Hardy**, a third year student studying for a BA in Environment and Planning.

**Nicholas Paul Heiney**, started a MA in 2005. Directed Research in English.

**Alan Geoffrey Hodgkiss** (Hon MA 1983), chief cartographer in the Department of Geography from 1946 to 1983, he was also Principal Experimental Officer and wrote several books on maps and mapping and illustrated thousands of academic publications.

### Emeritus Professor T Cecil Gray, CBE, KCSG (MB ChB 1937, MD 1947)

Demonstrator in Anaesthesia 1942 and 1944 to 1946, Reader and Head of the Department of Anaesthesia 1947 to 1959, Personal Chair in Anaesthesia 1959 to 1976. He was the first holder of the post of Postgraduate Dean, Faculty of Medicine, 1966 to 1970 and Dean of the Faculty of Medicine 1970 to 1976. Professor Gray was one of the most influential and charismatic pioneers of the budding medical speciality of anaesthesia in postwar Britain and abroad. Among his many achievements was the introduction of the muscle relaxant d-tubocurarine chloride, derived from a South-American arrow poison, into general anaesthesia. He was also an active member of the University Court, and another of his many achievements was publishing the biography of John Formby, the founder of the Liverpool Medical School.





**Sean Michael Kennedy**, second year Master of Engineering student.

**Aaron Jay Lilley**, a second year student in a 1+3 Physical Sciences programme with Carmel College.

**Professor Kevin McCarthy**, Demonstrator 1945-1948, Assistant Lecturer 1947-1948, Lecturer 1948-1958, Senior Lecturer 1958-1966, Chair of Medical Microbiology 1966-86 and former Head of Medical Microbiology and GU Medicine.

**George Melly** (HonLittD 2000) Jazz singer, critic, writer and television personality.

**Ray Muir**, a member of staff in Facilities Management since 2002.

**Dr Peter Tunstall Nowell**, was a member of staff in the Department of Pharmacology from 1959 and retired as Senior Lecturer in 1995. He was an Honorary Senior Fellow from 1995 until 1997.

**Professor Walter Shepherd Owen** (BEng Hons 1940, MEng 1942, PhD 1950, DEng 1972), was Assistant Lecturer 1946-1948, Lecturer 1948-1954 and Henry Bell Wortley Chair of Metallurgy 1957-1965.

**David George Parr**, a mature student in his 4th year of a Master of Physics programme in the Faculty of Science.

**Michael David Platts**, completed his fourth year of studies in the Faculty of Medicine and was intercalating at another institution before completing the final year at this University of an MChB degree.

**Emeritus Professor Kate M F Russell (née Morle)** Lecturer in Nursing 1978 until 1988, Chair of Nursing 1988 until her retirement in 1997.

**Christopher Georges Sakr**, who was due to enter his 2nd year of a Bachelor of Engineering programme.

**Professor Alan James Southward** (BSc Hons 1948, PhD 1951, DSc 1963) was an Honorary Professor of Marine Biology at the Port Erin Marine Laboratory.

**Dr John Turner**, Lecturer in Biochemistry from 1960 until his retirement as Reader in 1989.

**Geoffrey Wild**, a Visiting Professor in Mechanical Engineering until the mid-90s.



Caroline Williams, Cynthia Short and Margaret Procter

## 60th anniversary

Graduates celebrated 60 years of postgraduate archives and records management education at the University with a reunion weekend.

Former staff and students joined the party at Carnatic Halls of Residence to share their memories of the course in its various incarnations. The course is currently based in the School of History and is a Masters in Archives and Records Management. There is also an international pathway offered for overseas students and links with Liverpool University Centre for Archive Studies (LUCAS), a non-academic body set up to promote archives and to strengthen archival links within the University and beyond.

Everyone received a commemorative booklet made possible thanks to Adrian Allan, University Archivist, using funding from the Friends of the University. Generous sponsorship was also

given from Deepstore and Railex, as well as the Alumni Relations Office, the School of History and the Business Archives Council.

A 60th anniversary cake was cut by alumna Cynthia Short, who attended the course in its first year from 1947-8. Other guests included Dame Stella Rimington (MA Archive Studies 1959, Hon LLD 2005) who spoke about how her knowledge of archives and records management theory contributed to her career in MI5.

The weekend was packed with visits and speakers, including author and former curator of the Walker Art Gallery, Joseph Sharples, reflecting on the work he undertook when producing an architectural guide to Liverpool, bringing Pevsner's work up to date. The culmination of the event was the gala dinner where guests' place cards featured a photograph taken for their old student record card. Fortunately most managed to recognise their previous self!

For information about future events or to order a copy of the reunion booklet, *Calendar to Continuum: A Celebration of 60 Years of Archives and Records Management Postgraduate Education at the University of Liverpool*, contact Michelle Alexander, administrator in the School of History, email [m.alexander@liv.ac.uk](mailto:m.alexander@liv.ac.uk) or call +44 (0)151 794 2414.

## Cambridge and Cardiff events

Alumni gathered for informal events in Cambridge and Cardiff.

The Cambridge reunion was held at the University Arms Hotel, in October, where they met for informal drinks with Karen Brady, Head of Alumni Relations.

Alumni from in and around Cardiff met at the Marriott Hotel in February for drinks. Guests were from a wide range of academic years and enjoyed reminiscing over one of the graduates' 1947 student handbook!

"It was great to be able to meet such a diverse group of graduates and have the opportunity to spend time getting to know them all," said Karen. "We are really looking forward to holding similar events as the team travels to other parts of the UK."



# ALUMNI REUNIONS

## Hong Kong and China alumni meet

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Drummond Bone, was guest of honour at the annual dinner and AGM of the University of Liverpool Graduates Association in Hong Kong.

This was an extra special event as the Association Committee also extended an invitation to fellow graduates in mainland China for the first time. This gesture marked a further development in the formation of alumni networks across China, with alumni groups and Ambassadors now also located in Shanghai, Beijing and Shenzhen. (See page 32 for more details about international associations.)

The Hong Kong committee was also visited in November by David Winstanley (BSc Geology and Physical Geography 2006), who was President of the Guild in 2004/5, and is a current Alumni Board Member. He works for the University's Student Recruitment Office and was in Hong Kong for the British Council Recruitment Exhibition.



Dr Chamson Chau, (BSc Civic Design 1954, Hon LLD 1994), right, has handed over the reigns as President of the Association after 10 years to Professor PC Ching (BEng Hons 1977, PhD 1981) who is Pro-Vice-Chancellor at the University of Hong Kong



The Founding President of the Association, Dr CH Tung (BEng 1960, Hon LLD 1997), who was the first Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, met with the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Drummond Bone to discuss a potential partnership with Shanghai Jiaotong University



The Vice-Chancellor is pictured with alumni and trustees of the Hong Kong scholarship programme (back): Oliver Yeung (BEng Maritime Civil Engineering 1985); Mel Boase (LLB Hons 1965); CC Tung (BEng Hons 1964); Professor David Wong; James Lo (BEng Hons 1980); (front): Dr Nelson Yu (Hon LLD 1999); Dr Chamson Chau (BSc Civic Design 1954, Hon LLD 1994); Professor Drummond Bone; Keith Watkins (BVSc 1974)

Front: Min Gao (MSc Eng 2006) from Quanzhou, Zhigang He (BEng Naval Architecture 1951) from Shanghai, Steve Ng from Hong Kong; (back): Yiwei Chen (LLM(T) International Business Law 2004), Hao Qiu (LLM 2004) from Shenzhen, Kevin Kua (PhD 2002) from Hong Kong, Wuyi Zhang (MBA 2002) from Shenzhen



Seated - Sabrina Lin, Katherine Liu (MBA Marketing 2002); Standing - Tun-Hsueh Chan (MSc Product Design and Management 2005), Edward Chi, Dr Shih-Cheng Hu (PhD Building Engineering 1998), Dr Anthony Minton Lo (PhD Law 1998), Dr Michael Reilly (BA Economic History 1975, PhD Economic History 1987), Dr Jeng-Ywan Jeng (PhD Mechanical Engineering 1992) and Professor David Williams

## Taiwan dinner

A generous alumnus in Taiwan hosted an event for fellow graduates living in the country.

Dr Michael Reilly (BA Economic History 1975, PhD Economic History 1987), Director General of the British Trade and Cultural Office in Taipei, kindly invited local alumni to dinner at his home. Also in attendance was Professor David Williams of the Division of Clinical Engineering in the School of Medicine.

One of the guests, Dr Anthony Minton Low (PhD Law 1998), also offered to take a leading role in re-launching the Taiwanese Alumni Association. If you are interested in hearing more about this, contact International Alumni Assistant Laura Martin at [laura.martin@liv.ac.uk](mailto:laura.martin@liv.ac.uk) or call +44 (0)151 795 2348.

## The Pitcher and Piano host to London graduates



The Pitcher and Piano in Trafalgar Square played host to two London alumni events.

Graduates from the University enjoyed a free after-work drink in the lively and stylish venue, and then continued to get the drinks in all night!

The relaxed and sociable evenings

**"Thanks for organising a fun evening. I look forward to seeing you at the next one."**

**Marek Polniaszek  
(BSc Mathematics & Statistics 1986)**

allowed alumni the chance to mingle and reminisce about their times in Liverpool and meet members of the alumni relations team.

Event organiser, Alumni Relations Officer Emma Smith, said: "We were particularly pleased that a number of those in attendance were found



## Ideas welcome for engineering launch

Alumni are invited to join the celebrations to launch exciting new facilities for the engineers of the future.

The Department of Engineering has created the Liverpool Engineer project which will give the University's graduates the skills which are more relevant to the needs of industry than ever before. The University has invested £36 million in its engineering restructuring project including state-of-the-art laboratories within the historic buildings which have housed Engineering at Liverpool for more than 100 years. In addition, a dramatic new entrance and link building are being created and an 'Active Learning Laboratory' is being built and equipped to offer some of the best facilities in Europe for its students. The emphasis will be on active learning. All teaching

programmes will be offered in the context of CDIO - Conceive, Design, Implement and Operate - an international movement for the improvement of engineering education.

To launch the new buildings and teaching initiatives, the University is planning a number of events, including an event for alumni. Suggestions are being sought for the content of a celebratory weekend. Ideas so far include a visit to the refurbished Department of Engineering and the Active Learning Laboratory, talks about the new teaching programmes and CDIO, a gala dinner and opportunity to meet academic staff and a tour of the refurbished Victoria Building.

Contact Terry Hedges for more information on +44 (0)151 794 5227 or e-mail [T.S.Hedges@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:T.S.Hedges@liverpool.ac.uk)

## 100 year celebrations

The Department of Civic Design will be celebrating 100 years in 2008-2009 and is hosting a full year of activities, including an alumni event, to mark the Centenary.

All alumni are invited to return to their Department for this very special year. If you would like to be kept informed about this event please contact Karen Brady, Head of Alumni Relations, on +44 (0)151 795 2348 or [karen.brady@liv.ac.uk](mailto:karen.brady@liv.ac.uk).

Further details about the whole year's programme are available on the Civic Design website [www.liv.ac.uk/civdes](http://www.liv.ac.uk/civdes) and more information will be in the next issue of *insight*.

For photographs of previous events log onto [www.liv.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.liv.ac.uk/alumni)



through our recent project to find 'lost' alumni, which has helped us to locate more than 4,000 alumni who had previously lost contact with the University since graduating. We hope to see these graduates again, as well as other 'missing' alumni, at future events."

**"I just wanted to say what a pleasure it was to meet you and your colleagues, plus fellow alumni."**

**Kevin Murphy  
(BSc Oceanography  
1980, PhD 1985)**

Similar events will be held in London in the future. Register for the events on the new website, [www.liv.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.liv.ac.uk/alumni), or update your email address on the Online Alumni Community. The Alumni Relations team will send an electronic invitation to all those living in and around the capital.



Ex-Presidents of the Guild

## End of an era for Guild Presidents

Ex-Presidents of the Guild gathered for a special dinner which marked the end of an era for the former University officers.

This was the 81st and final dinner to be held exclusively for Guild Presidents. Guests and well-wishers spanned 69 years, from 1938 to the present day.

The years have seen various changes. The Students' Representative Council, established in 1892, became the Guild of Undergraduates in 1904, which, in turn, was re-named as the Guild of Students in 1991. Presidents (always men) and Lady Presidents existed until 1969 when the posts of President and Deputy became open to either sex. The Deputy post ended in 1992 and General Secretary and other sabbatical posts now exist. Taking all these changes into consideration, it was decided now was the right time to change the format of the dinner and a new tradition has begun with a dinner held annually for the ex-Officers of Guild being organised by the Alumni Relations team.

The guest of honour at the Guild Presidents dinner was Doreen Bowsher

(née Arthur, BA English Language & Literature, 1952), who was Lady President in 1952/53. She has been responsible for organising the annual dinner and keeping such a broad range of generations connected. Sir Fred Crawford (PhD Engineering, 1955), President 1955/56, paid tribute to Doreen and she was presented with a silver photograph frame and an engraved lead crystal paperweight.

To mark the occasion, a special booklet was also produced capturing the memories of many of the ex-Presidents.

Some copies are still available, contact [emma.smith1@liv.ac.uk](mailto:emma.smith1@liv.ac.uk) or call +44 (0)151 794 6940 for details.

The annual Officers of the Guild event, organised by the Alumni Relations team, was held in Liverpool and was attended by ex sabbatical Presidents and Officers from 2002-2007, as well as current officers Tom Whelligan-Fell, Vice-President (Communications) and Chris Gornall, Vice-President (Activities and Services). The next event will take place in September 2008.

## 125th anniversary

The Athletic Union will be celebrating its 125th Anniversary next year and the Alumni team is planning a Sports Weekend to mark the occasion.

Plans are underway various tournaments involving teams from past and present, followed by a dinner and awards ceremony.

Any alumni who were involved in sport whilst at University, or anyone who would like to be involved, should contact Clare Wride, Alumni Assistant, on +44 (0)151 795 4609 or [clare.wride@liv.ac.uk](mailto:clare.wride@liv.ac.uk).

More information will be available in the next issue of *insight*.



## Help us to find ...

The Alumni Relations Team has been approached by an alumna who is looking for an old friend from University. The graduate being searched for is Ann Wild (married names of Maxell and Hirst), who is believed to have graduated in Medicine between 1965-67. If this is you or a friend of yours, please contact Alumni Assistant Hannah Dohren on 0151 795 4608 or [hannah.dohren@liv.ac.uk](mailto:hannah.dohren@liv.ac.uk).



Paul Lund (BEng Hons Mechanical Engineering/Management 1990) and Simon Henley (BA Hons Architecture 1989)

## Liverpool Pub Quiz

Graduates, staff, students and friends competed in the inaugural Liverpool Pub Quiz held in the Liver Bar of the Guild.

The first winning team was Careers for Fears who pipped the Corporate Commandos to the top spot on a tie-breaker question. Winning 'best team

name' at the event in November were the Liver Nerds.

A second quiz was taking place as *insight* went to press. See the alumni website event pages for pictures of the event. March's quiz winners, Who Plans Wins will have to defend their title at the next quiz night in November. Best team name went to Fiat Deluxe.

Organiser Emma Smith, Alumni Relations Officer, said: "Get your thinking caps on and your address books out. We want to see as many alumni as possible pitting their wits against their fellow graduates, current students and staff."

For more information, email Emma at [emma.smith1@liv.ac.uk](mailto:emma.smith1@liv.ac.uk) or call +44 (0)151 794 6940.



Tony McMahon (BA Philosophy/Politics 1984), William Bennett (BA Medieval and Modern History 1987), David Wright and Stuart Rowe (BSc Geography/Physics 1986)



Stephen Cobb QC (LLB Hons 1984), Paul Chivers (BEng Hons Electronic Engineering 1988), Simon Crowe (BSc Hons Physics 1989), Andrew Clarke (LLB Hons 1984) and Ann Clarke (LLB Hons 1984)

## Wellington Arch - unusual venue for London alumni event

Graduates from across London came together for an exclusive event in one of the capital's most impressive venues.

More than 50 alumni from a wide variety of academic disciplines and career paths met at Wellington Arch, the stunning monument at Hyde Park Corner built to commemorate Britain's victories in the Napoleonic Wars. Guests enjoyed

views over the city from the structure's balcony, hidden under the rooftop statue in the shadow of the horses' galloping hooves.

Sir Neil Cossons (BA Hons Geography 1961, MA 1969, HonLittD 1989), former Chairman of English Heritage, gave the history of the Arch, as well as talking about his continuing

involvement with the University. He was followed by Paul Chivers (BEng Hons Electrical Engineering 1988). Now working at the French bank BNP Paribas, he had responded to an alumni questionnaire expressing an interest in helping to organise an event in London. He encouraged guests to keep in touch and get involved with the University.

To register your interest in organising an event, helping students and young graduates in their career or providing feedback on alumni activities please contact Karen Brady, Head of Alumni Relations on [karen.brady@liv.ac.uk](mailto:karen.brady@liv.ac.uk) or call +44 (0)151 795 2348.



## Singapore graduates' association plans

Alumni in Singapore are making plans to set up a graduates' association after a very successful dinner hosted by the Vice-Chancellor.

Professor Drummond Bone joined alumni for a drinks reception and dinner in the Raffles Hotel. The event was attended by a group of 30 alumni and guests and was voted a great evening with fantastic food enjoyed by all. There were talks of

setting up an association in the near future, which will hopefully bring more nights like these to the alumni of Singapore.

If you would like to get involved in activities in the future, please contact Laura Martin, International Alumni Assistant, via email at [laura.martin@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:laura.martin@liverpool.ac.uk) or by calling +44 (0)151 795 2348.



## Medics reunion

Medics from the class of 1958 are invited to a reunion this Summer.

The 50th anniversary event takes place on Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 June, concluding with a reunion dinner on the Tuesday night.

It will be held at Rowton Hall Hotel and Spa, Whitchurch Road, Rowton, Chester. Accommodation can be reserved for one or two nights, and meals can also be booked.

For more details contact John Farrall (MBChB 1958) by email at [afarrall@interchange.ubc.ca](mailto:afarrall@interchange.ubc.ca) or [jfarrall@shaw.ca](mailto:jfarrall@shaw.ca), call +1 604 2635433, or write to 6876 Cypress Street, Vancouver, B.C. Canada, V6P 5M1.

To make a hotel booking call Victoria Farrow at Rowton Hall on +44 (0)1244 335262. The hotel's website is [www.rowtonhallhotel.co.uk](http://www.rowtonhallhotel.co.uk)



Professor Kelvin Everest, Angela Heslop, Professor Phil Davis, Ella Jolly, and Professor Brian Nellist

## Seasonal cheer

The historic surroundings of the Foresight Centre Chapel, in the former Liverpool Royal Infirmary, were the setting for a seasonal event at the heart of the campus.

Alumni tucked into mulled wine and mince pies while they listened to seasonal readings from current English student Ella Jolly, Professor Phil Davis, of the School of English, writer and former lecturer Professor Brian Nellist MBE, Angela Heslop, Cultural Editor for BBC Radio Merseyside, and the host, Professor Kelvin Everest, the University's Public Orator.

Festive musical entertainment came from children from Halewood College and pianist Dr Phil Cox, a postdoctoral researcher in the University's Division of Human Anatomy and Cell Biology.

Another seasonal event is planned for December. See the next issue of *insight* for details.

## Shanghai alumni visit new University

Enthusiastic members of the Shanghai Alumni Association have enjoyed a tour of Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University (XJTLU).

Ten of the Association Committee visited the Suzhou campus where they met Professor Yonghua Song, Executive President of XJTLU and met some of the students, including two from the UK. After a tour of the facilities, they enjoyed lunch by the beautiful Dushu Lake nearby.

The trip was organised by Simon Jin (LLM 2001), the Shanghai Ambassador, assisted by Clare Zhang (MSc 2003).

If you would like more information about the Shanghai Association contact Laura Martin, International Alumni Assistant in the Alumni Relations team by emailing [laura.martin@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:laura.martin@liverpool.ac.uk), or call +44 (0)151 795 2348. Alternatively you can email Simon directly on: [ambassador.shanghai@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:ambassador.shanghai@liverpool.ac.uk)



Association members at Dushu Lake



Tom Ennis, who is on a sandwich year internship, with the Shanghai Association Ambassador, Simon Jin

# 2008 ALUMNI WEEKEND

Friday 12  
– Sunday 14  
September  
2008

## Alumni Weekend

book online

A section of *The Liverpool Cityscape 2008*

**What better opportunity to bring your University friends together and celebrate in the European Capital of Culture? We have lined up a great itinerary with speakers and activities which will keep you busy all weekend – and evoke some memories of your time in Liverpool.**

We'll start the weekend on Friday evening in the Walker Art Gallery for an evening with artist Ben Johnson, the artist commissioned to create *The Liverpool Cityscape 2008* (section of it seen above). You can see the finished piece and enjoy a drinks reception with canapés in the opulent surroundings of this wonderful and historic gallery. The University is sponsoring this exhibition, which has also involved the School of Architecture.

On Saturday, kick start your day by listening to BBC Radio 4 presenter Roger Bolton (BA Hons English Literature and Philosophy 1967) interviewing Professor Phil

Redmond CBE (BA Social Studies 1977), who is leading the Capital of Culture celebrations, about this fantastic year in the city's history and his experience at the University. Professor Redmond will be joined by Sir Bob Scott, another great contributor to the success of the Capital of Culture celebrations. In the afternoon you can see the amazing changes being made across campus on a guided tour, before enjoying a free afternoon in the city.

Afternoon tea with the Vice-Chancellor will be served to the University's growing number of benefactors. This invitation-only event offers the chance to meet some of the

grateful recipients of University scholarships which have been funded by philanthropic donations.

On Saturday night we've organised a party so you can take a real trip down memory lane in the Guild of Students. See Mountford Hall again, dressed as you have never seen it before, and enjoy some great food and entertainment. Alexandra Bossom (née Dorman) (BA Music 1997) will provide some musical accompaniment followed by an after dinner speech by David Liddiment (BA Hons English Language & Literature 1974). Then take to the dance floor with music from the 1950s onwards.

Get up early on Sunday and take a trip to Crosby Beach to see the famous Antony Gormley installation '*Another*

*Place*'. This fascinating collection of sculptures, which has been used as a living laboratory by University scientists, has been given permanent leave to remain on the Mersey shoreline after local people fought to keep it.

Return for an exclusive tour of the beautifully restored Victoria Gallery and Museum in the iconic Victoria Building. Matthew Clough, Director of the Art and Heritage Collections, will guide you through the Waterhouse-designed building – a masterpiece in itself.

After a morning of art, architecture and collections – and a stroll along the beach – gather at the Guild again for a hearty lunch before travelling home, full of new University memories.

**If you would like more information, contact [emma.smith1@liv.ac.uk](mailto:emma.smith1@liv.ac.uk) or call +44 (0)151 794 6940.**

**See page 49 for at-a-glance guide and booking form**



## April 08

### Friends of the University

**Monday 28 April, 2pm**

A visit to the Flight Science and Technology Research Group, Department of Engineering  
**£5**

Dr Mark White will talk about current developments and offer the opportunity of testing the flight simulator. Light refreshments available. Contact Elizabeth Adams, email [elizabeth.adams@liv.ac.uk](mailto:elizabeth.adams@liv.ac.uk) or tel +44 (0)151 795 4639.



## May 08

### Liverpool In Film: Mitchell and Kenyon

**Tuesday 13 May, 7.30pm**

St George's Hall, Lime Street, Liverpool  
**Limited number of free tickets available from [emma.smith1@liv.ac.uk](mailto:emma.smith1@liv.ac.uk) or tel +44 (0)151 794 6940**

The University in partnership with the British Film Institute brings these important films, collected between 1901 and 1903 back to Liverpool, setting them in context with the filmmakers and discussing the importance of documenting Liverpool and the cultural relevance they sustain now. Book early to avoid disappointment.

### Friends of the University

**Wednesday 14 May, 7pm**

'Reflections of a career in higher education; A Liverpool perspective'. Lecture Room 4, Rendall Building, Bedford Street South, Liverpool

Recently retired Director of Student Administration and Support, Dr Gary Walker (BSc Hons Mathematical Sciences 1965, PhD 1969), will talk about his experiences in teaching and administration at the University. Light refreshments available. Contact Elizabeth Adams, email [elizabeth.adams@liv.ac.uk](mailto:elizabeth.adams@liv.ac.uk) or tel +44 (0)151 795 4639.

### Football Industries Alumni event

**Tuesday 13 - Wednesday 14 May**

Following on from an Inaugural Football Industries MBA Alumni event last year, there are plans to host a second event in Liverpool on 13/14 May, coinciding with the UEFA cup in Manchester and incorporating talks from leading figures from the industry. Keep a look out for details of the event, which will be advertised via [www.liv.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.liv.ac.uk/alumni). Queries should be directed to Dr Rory Miller, [rory@liv.ac.uk](mailto:rory@liv.ac.uk)

## June 08

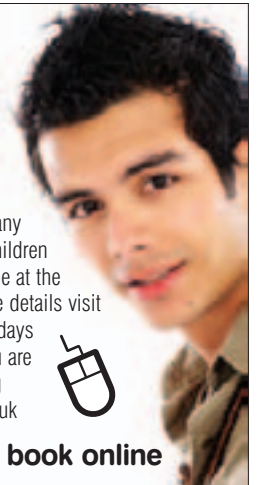
### Student Recruitment Open Day

**Friday 27 June**

We'd love to meet any alumni who have children considering a degree at the University. For more details visit [www.liv.ac.uk/opendays](http://www.liv.ac.uk/opendays) and let us know you are coming by emailing [clare.wride@liv.ac.uk](mailto:clare.wride@liv.ac.uk)



**book online**



### Friends of the University of Liverpool and Convocation AGM post-meeting tour of the Victoria Gallery and Museum

**Friday 27 June, 5.30pm**

Victoria Gallery and Museum,  
Brownlow Hill, Liverpool  
**FREE for AGM attendees**

Following the AGM, Matthew Clough, Director of the University's Art and Heritage Collections, will give a short talk about the gallery, before guests view the collections prior to the official opening in July. Please note this event is exclusively open to members of the Friends of the University and Convocation who have attended the AGM. Contact Elizabeth Adams email [elizabeth.adams@liv.ac.uk](mailto:elizabeth.adams@liv.ac.uk) or +44 (0)151 795 4639.



**book online**





## July 08

### House of Lords reception

**Friday 11 July, 6.30pm.**  
Tours available from  
**5.45pm. Please specify  
on booking for if you wish  
to take a tour.**

House of Lords, London  
**£25**

Lord Wade of Chorlton (Hon LLD 2006) hosts an exclusive drinks reception in the Peers' Dining Room. Alumni are invited to enjoy a Summer evening in the capital in the company of Vice-Chancellor, Professor Drummond Bone and Sir Howard Newby who succeeds him in September.



**book online**



## September 08

### Annual BEVA conference with free CPD pre-conference event

The British Equine Veterinary Association is holding its annual conference in Liverpool in September 2008 at the city's new Arena and Convention Centre.

To mark the occasion, the University is offering alumni an exclusive free Continuing Professional Development (CPD) pre-conference event on Wednesday 10 September 2008.

It will start with a sandwich lunch at noon with CPD taking place from 1pm-5pm. Members of the Veterinary Faculty will be running various sessions and the day will conclude with a drinks reception.

This event is exclusively for graduates of the University and booking is essential. Places can be reserved online at [www.liv.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.liv.ac.uk/alumni) or by contacting Clare Wride on +44 (0)151 795 4690 or by emailing [clare.wride@liv.ac.uk](mailto:clare.wride@liv.ac.uk)

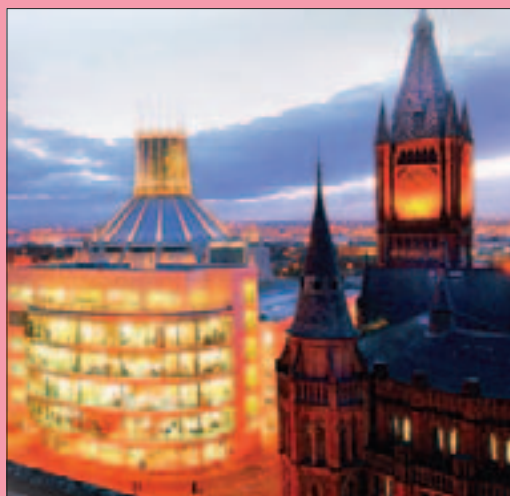


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### Friends of the University

**Friday 18 July, 2pm**  
A Campus Guide  
**£3.50**

Take a tour around the University campus to see the new developments with Project Manager Philip Woodward. Light refreshments available. Places are limited so please book early. Contact Elizabeth Adams email [elizabeth.adams@liv.ac.uk](mailto:elizabeth.adams@liv.ac.uk) or +44 (0)151 795 4639.



### Vet Association AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the University of Liverpool Veterinary Alumni Association (ULVAA) will take place on Saturday 13 September 2008, during the University's Alumni Weekend.

The meeting will take place at Leahurst from 3pm to 4pm, followed by light refreshments and a tour of the facilities for anyone interested in seeing how Leahurst has developed since their graduation.

Those wishing to attend must register their interest by booking online at [www.liv.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.liv.ac.uk/alumni) or by contacting Sheila Jones at [sheila.jones@liv.ac.uk](mailto:sheila.jones@liv.ac.uk) or +44 (0)151 794 4280.



## Friends of the University

**Tuesday 2 September, 10.30am**  
'Phantom Heads' facility tour and talk  
**£2**

Professor Callum Youngson, Head of the Division of Dentistry, will introduce the

exciting developments in the school, paying special attention to the Operative Skills Suite, containing the 'phantom heads'. Light refreshments available. Contact Elizabeth Adams, email [elizabeth.adams@liv.ac.uk](mailto:elizabeth.adams@liv.ac.uk) or tel +44 (0)151 795 4639.

## Alumni Weekend



**Friday 12  
– Sunday 14  
September  
2008**



**book online**

Latest programming and ticket prices can be viewed at [www.liv.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.liv.ac.uk/alumni)

Don't miss a trip back to the University in Liverpool's year as European Capital of Culture.

### THE WEEKEND AT A GLANCE

#### Friday

- Drinks and canapé reception at the Walker Art Gallery with artist Ben Johnson

#### Saturday

- Roger Bolton (BA Hon English Literature & Philosophy 1967) interviews Professor Phil Redmond CBE (BA Hons Social Studies 1977)
- Liverpool Ambassadors escort you on a campus tour
- Benefactors join the Vice-Chancellor for afternoon tea
- Dinner-dance in the fully adorned Mountford hall, with entertainment provided by opera singer Alexandra Bossom (BA Hons Music 1997) and after dinner speech by David Liddiment (BA Hons English Language and Literature 1974).

#### Sunday

- Take a trip to the beach to see 'Another Place', the famous Antony Gormley art installation
- See inside the Victoria Gallery and Museum and hear about its past and its future
- Enjoy a final lunch before you head for home.

See page 46 for the full details

## Verdi's Requiem

**Saturday 27 September**

Metropolitan Cathedral

The University is sponsoring the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra's performance of this musical masterpiece. Alumni can benefit from reduced price tickets during a special two-week priority booking period from Monday 9 to Monday 23 June. Call the Philharmonic Box Office on 0151 709 3789 and quote ULIVALUMNI.

## Student Recruitment Open Day

**Saturday 27 September**

We'd love to meet any alumni who have children considering a degree at the University. For more details visit [www.liv.ac.uk/opendays](http://www.liv.ac.uk/opendays) and let us know you are coming by emailing [clare.wride@liv.ac.uk](mailto:clare.wride@liv.ac.uk)



**book online**

## Watch out for the Big Liverpool Reunion 2008

Sign up to receive the latest news from the Big Liverpool Reunion team at [www.thebigliverpoolreunion.com](http://www.thebigliverpoolreunion.com) where you can also find pictures of the last event. The team is organising all sorts of activities to create a great northern event in the south. We hope to get 1,000 of our alumni together so get clicking and register your interest.

# Future events

Details will be confirmed in the Autumn issue of *insight*, but put these dates in your diary now!

#### Liverpool pub quizzes

- 13 November 2008  
and 5 March 2009

#### London informal networking events

- 6 November 2008  
and 12 March 2009

#### Seasonal celebrations at the University

- 4 December 2008

### What's happening in the Capital of Culture?

Visit [www.liverpool08.com](http://www.liverpool08.com) for a full listing of all the city's activities

### Have your say

Got an idea for an event, a venue that you can share or ideas for future reunions? We'd love to hear from you! Contact Emma Smith tel +44 (0)151 794 6940 or email [emma.smith1@liv.ac.uk](mailto:emma.smith1@liv.ac.uk)

### Advertise your event

Are you holding a reunion or an event? Tell us about it. We can help you tell your friends and fellow alumni by advertising it online and in *insight*. We may be able to help you in other ways too, so don't be shy, let us know!



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