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DEAR FRIENDS

The last six months of 2005 were striking for several reasons, not least the very memorable events and alumni meetings.

Midsummer's Day, a delightful reunion of Westfield ladies and friends in the leafy quad of St Peter's College in Oxford. Why?

Because ten of the ladies had studied there during World War II, when Westfield College was evacuated to Oxford (see page 13). The following weekend, 25 – 26 June, Hispanists from all over America, Europe and the UK descended on Mile End to celebrate 50 years of the teaching of Hispanic Studies as a degree subject at Queen Mary and Westfield colleges (see page 8).

With graduation ceremonies well underway, 6 July was memorable because London, and the East End in particular, celebrated the news that we would be hosting the Olympic Games in 2012. Queen Mary's campus is the closest to the Olympic site. While 7 July will be remembered by all those who graduated from Queen Mary and their families for the fact that despite the terrible bombings, the virtual closure of central London, long walks to the College and/or home, they all graduated. The day

will be remembered by the College for the amazing efforts of colleagues at Barts and The London, Queen Mary's School of Medicine and Dentistry and The Royal London Hospital who treated so many victims and saved lives.

And so summer happened and some of the team managed a holiday, and carefully considered the safety of flying as we took off and landed at our various destinations (see page 10).

For the Alumni Relations and Events team, one of the most enjoyable days of the year is the annual Campus Lunch and Mini-Reunions Day, last year on 17 September. Over 150 alumni returned to Queen Mary. Colleagues from a number of academic departments hosted tours for groups of alumni and offered a flavour of current research and teaching activity (see page 24). The day continued with the inaugural Family Welcome for new students and their families, and ended with over 100 former students, friends and colleagues from the Department of Law returning for a 40th anniversary dinner in Barts Great Hall.

At the beginning of the 2005-06

academic year, we welcomed new team members: Stephanie Mannion joins us as Membership and Database Officer; Amy Kobelis and George Foden as Events and Alumni Officers.

In November, there was a trip to Hong Kong to celebrate the graduation of Queen Mary's first graduates on the Open and Distance Learning programme in Computer Science and the chance to meet members of the Hong Kong Alumni Chapter, established 23 years ago (see page 18).

Finally, welcome to the new Development team of Annette Bullen (Alumni Giving and Academic Support); Mark Davies (Trusts and Foundations); Gary McAllister (Corporate Gifts); Claire Owen (Major Gifts); Liz Parrett (Research), and Alison Povall (Administration).

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Queen Mary News

The Principal confers degrees in Hong Kong



Queen Mary's first international graduation ceremony was held at the Langham Place Hotel in Hong Kong on Friday 18 November. Fifty-seven students successfully completed their undergraduate degrees in Computer Science, in a joint programme delivered by Queen Mary's Open and Distance Learning

Unit and the Hong Kong Vocational Training Council. At the ceremony, students received their University of London degrees from The Principal, Professor Adrian Smith.

Professor Edmund Robinson, Head of the Department of Computer Science, who also attended the ceremony, expressed his

pleasure to be able to meet the students and their guests. He said, "Many of the students had chosen the difficult path of working during the day and studying in the evening, and I hope this dedication will continue to inspire them as they pursue their chosen careers".

The Blizard Building receives a Royal opening



Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal, Chancellor of the University of London visited the Blizard Building, home to Queen Mary's stunning new £44 million medical school development, last autumn. Her Royal Highness was given a tour of the building, including the Centre of the Cell pod (see page 16), and met with a

number of staff based at the Whitechapel campus. The Chancellor then officially declared the building open and unveiled a plaque in the Perrin Lecture Theatre. Vicky Tittle (pictured), President of the Barts and The London Students' Association, presented The Chancellor with a framed print by the award-winning artist Bruce McLean who designed the vibrantly decorated glass panels on the building's exterior.

New support for International students

The College has announced a new scholarship scheme to encourage the sons and daughters of overseas alumni to come and study at Queen Mary.

From September 2006, students from non-EU countries, one of whose parents studied at Queen Mary, will be entitled to a scholarship worth ten per cent of their annual overseas tuition fees. The scholarships will be of particular benefit to students who do not qualify for other College prizes.

An increasing number of overseas parents are encouraging their children to pursue Higher Education in the UK: Queen Mary had received an 11 per cent increase in applications from prospective international students by December 2005 over and above the previous year's total.

Pat Power, Head of the International Office said, "We are delighted to be able to offer these new scholarships and we hope they will encourage more families to choose Queen Mary". For further information visit www.qmul.ac.uk/international

Research and Teaching

Queen Mary People

Queen's New Year's Honours



Professor Sir Nicholas Wright was awarded a knighthood in the New Year's Honours list for services to Medicine. He has been at the forefront of medical research and training for over 30 years, and Warden of Barts and The London, Queen Mary's School of Medicine and Dentistry since 2001.

Former member of staff, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Honorary Fellow, Emeritus Professor Peter Ricketts received an OBE for his services to medieval languages and literature and, more recently, a homage Festschrift from colleagues at the University of Birmingham. He had been Professor of Romance Philology at Queen Mary and Westfield.

British Academy Fellows

Professor Graham Rees from the School of English and Drama and Professor Roger Cotterrell from the Department of Law were recently made Fellows of the British Academy.

Professor Rees is Director of the Oxford Francis Bacon Project and Director of the Leverhulme-funded King's Printer Project which is researching Jacobean printing and publishing practices.

Professor Cotterrell has been Professor of Legal Theory at Queen Mary since 1990. He has also been appointed to the Queen Mary Anniversary Chair of Legal Theory which was created to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Law.



Graham Rees



Roger Cotterrell

Westfield alumnus wins Queen Mary's BrainAcademy 2005



Former student Simon Kinsey won BrainAcademy's first postgraduate competition in 2005. Having coincidentally graduated from Westfield College in 1984 with a First in Mathematics, his prize is a place on Queen Mary's MSc in Advanced Methods in Computer Science programme, as well as BCS HCI membership for 2007. Simon commented

on his win, "I am absolutely delighted to be offered this prize, and accept wholeheartedly. Needless to say, I am delighted to be studying again at Queen Mary – albeit after a minor 20 year break".

BrainAcademy was first launched in 2003, and is sponsored by Queen Mary, Microsoft, ZDNet and British HCI Group. Visit www.brainacademy.qmul.ac.uk for more information.

Harold Pinter CBE awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature for 2005

The playwright and poet, and Queen Mary Honorary Fellow, Harold Pinter was 'quite overwhelmed' to be awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in October. At the age of 75, he joins Saul Bellow, Samuel Beckett and George Bernard Shaw as a winner of the world's most prestigious literary honour. The Nobel Academy said they had singled Pinter out as a Laureate for his plays in which he "uncovers the precipice under everyday prattle and forces entry into oppression's closed rooms".

Harold Pinter was awarded an Honorary Fellowship in



1986. He most recently visited Queen Mary last April when he appeared 'in conversation' with his biographer Michael Billington, in the newly refurbished Pinter Studio in the Arts Building.

The first pandemic of the 21st century or just something in the air?

In recent months, news reports on the outbreak of bird, or avian, flu and the real threat of a global pandemic have been an almost daily occurrence. Although there are 16 types of bird flu, it is the deadly strain H5N1 which has proven fatal to humans who can contract the virus through close contact with infected live birds. The first human cases of bird flu were seen in Hong Kong in 1997 and just last month, the World Health Organization confirmed 146 cases across South-east Asia and more recently Turkey, leading to 76 deaths. The virus has since spread to wild migrating birds, such as ducks and geese, in Nigeria, Germany and France. The fear is that H5N1 will mutate into a form that can pass more easily between humans and cause a pandemic which could kill millions worldwide.

Internationally recognised virologist, Professor John Oxford from Barts and The London, Queen Mary's School of Medicine and Dentistry, has drawn a modern-day parallel with his research into the pathogenicity of influenza, in particular the Great Influenza Pandemic of 1918. The deadliest outbreak in history, the Spanish flu, is said to have been caused by an avian-flu virus and took more lives than both world wars combined – over 50 million people worldwide. Professor Oxford's research has taken him as far as the Arctic in search of genetic material from the frozen bodies of seven miners who died from the 1918 influenza. The team has also exhumed the



bodies of two victims in the UK who had been buried in lead coffins. It is not yet known what made this killer flu so deadly but it is hoped that an understanding of its sequence will provide an insight into how flu genes mutate and, in turn, enable protection against the next major epidemic.

Professor Oxford maintains that Britain is rather well prepared for the outbreak. The Department of Health has stockpiled new anti-flu drugs and is beginning to stock vaccines as well. Companies and groups, including his team at Queen Mary, have been asked to plan for an outbreak. He says, "The influenza virus was first isolated in London by Barts' scientists so it is pleasing that we are leading the world in our preparations".

Professor Oxford is also Director of Retroscreen Virology Ltd, a Queen Mary spin-out company and one of the most innovative virological research companies in its field. Visit www.retroscreen.com

Marked rise in student applications

December 2005 marked a 10 per cent increase in the number of applications from prospective undergraduates to study at Queen Mary. 10,963 applications were received between September and December, compared to 9948 during the same period in 2004. This contrasts with the national average which shows a fall of five per cent across England.

Nigel Relph, Director of Corporate Affairs commented "Students are

increasingly aware of just what an exciting and high quality institution Queen Mary is. We have spent in excess of £150 million over the past ten years making improvements to the facilities on offer to students, including creating the only self-contained residential campus in London. Greater awareness of the excellence of our academic departments also lies behind this striking increase in applications for the fifth year in succession".

The 'Tower Hamlet effect' on Cockney

Sue Fox, Research Fellow and sociolinguist in the School of English and Drama, says a new dialect is emerging to replace East End Cockney. Her findings from a nine-month study of youngsters at a youth club in Tower Hamlets revealed that young people from all cultures are speaking a mixture of English and Bangladeshi – reflecting the fact that the majority of school-age children in the borough are of Bangladeshi origin and that the traditional East End Cockney accent is shifting across to other towns and boroughs. This trend, the 'Tower Hamlet effect', has been noted in other multi-ethnic cities, namely Liverpool and Cardiff.

Broody bats

Research into the breeding habits of one of Britain's rarest species of bat, the greater horseshoe, or *Rhinolophus ferrumequinum*, has shown that female relatives regularly share male mates, yet nearly always avoid their blood relations. The study, published in *Nature* and led by Dr Stephen Rossiter from the School of Biological and Chemical Sciences, was part of a long-term collaboration between scientists at Queen Mary and the University of Bristol, and used genetic analysis to look at the breeding patterns of around 40 greater horseshoes.

The effects of aircraft noise

Recent research, led by Professor Stephen Stansfeld and accompanied by Dr Charlotte Clark from the Wolfson Institute of Preventative Medicine, has found that chronic exposure to aircraft noise impairs children's reading comprehension and increases their irritability. A Road Traffic and Aircraft Noise Exposure and Children's Cognition and Health (RANCH) Study examined almost 3,000 children in the UK, Spain and Netherlands and has provided the largest insight into the effects of noise on children's health. Its findings will be used to inform guidelines for a key EU directive on environmental noise.

Fuelling the future

Exceptionally cold weather across Europe, coupled with the politicisation of gas supplies being delivered from Russia at the beginning of 2006, focused attention on this finite resource. Susan Nettle met Frank Chapman (QMC, Mechanical Engineering 1974), CEO of BG Group plc in the company's London offices in St James's to talk about some of these issues.



"Passion for me is a really important word, nothing gets done without passion". Frank Chapman was actually describing his love of sailing and, in particular, ocean racing. What prompted the comment were several stunning photographs of crafted wooden-hulled ocean racing yachts which were hanging in his office. Competitive ocean racing is something that he has been doing for the past 25 years, particularly in the South China Seas and more recently in the 2003 FastNet race; and as a 'legger' on board the BG SPIRIT racing yacht during the final two legs of the 2004-05 Global Challenge, from Boston to Portsmouth, via La Rochelle.

Frank Chapman has strong East End roots, having grown up in Custom House E16 at a time when the dock walls still obscured any view of the Thames. His

father, a truck driver, who was very practically minded and good at carpentry, spent his spare time collecting and ingeniously mending broken sprung clocks, without spending any money on the spare parts. In fact, Frank's first career choice was to become a cabinet maker.

A traditional apprenticeship was still on the cards when Frank completed an Ordinary National Diploma in Engineering at East Ham Technical College. He took a student training position, learning design draughtsmanship, with local engineering firm Matthew Hawke while completing his Higher National Diploma. It was then that the idea of going to Queen Mary College became an easy stepping stone. "I had inherited a flat from my grandfather which meant staying in the area, and the College has such a tremendous reputation for engineering that it was a great solution for me".

The HND-university entry route meant that he was among a number of students whose understanding of mathematics was weak in relation to the complexities of engineering. Mr Plumpton undertook the task of providing the extra maths input. To him, Frank is especially grateful – although he adds, with a sparkle, "the Chief Accountant at BG Group might not think so". He remembers the inventor and Head of Department, Professor Thring, a fuel combustion specialist, and Stan Earls, later Sir Stanley Earls, who failed to persuade him to stay on and undertake research in dynamics.

Leaving Queen Mary with a First in Mechanical Engineering in 1974 opened many new avenues. When the opportunity arose to join BP at their then research centre in Sunbury, Middlesex, there was

no turning back. For Frank Chapman, BP provided an ideal training platform especially during the mid-1970s when the potential of North Sea oil and gas were being exploited, and new off-shore resources were discovered in Morecombe Bay. Frank remembers building pilot plants and test rigs, "which were then tested for everything: corrosions, permeability and pressurised material responses, among other things". The experience ensured that he worked with customers and scientists, wrote design specifications, interfaced with the constructors and commissioned projects, all on a miniature scale for the research laboratories.

Royal Dutch Shell offered the next career move which, in the end, lasted some eighteen years. Frank was particularly involved in the up-stream and manufacturing sides of the business, at the same time working abroad in Holland, Singapore, Malaysia, South Korea and Norway. By the time he was 42, he says, "I had realised I had lived in 24 houses; the worst time being when I moved house five times internationally in three years. At that point I decided that I wanted to settle down and run a business".

Frank Chapman joined BG on 11 November 1996, initially as Managing Director for exploration and production. Upon the de-merger of BG from Centrica/British Gas, just over three months later on 17 February 1997, he joined the main board and took over responsibility for BG International – all operations outside of the UK. Finally, upon BG's second de-merger from Transco, the company responsible for moving gas onto the UK National Grid distribution network, he became Chief Executive of BG Group plc.

The global company BG Group plc has a market capitalisation of some £23bn and is one of the most successful companies in the UK; in spite of this fact, it is not a household name. BG Group specialises in the exploration and production of gas,

power generation, gas marketing, transmission and distribution. It operates in twenty countries around the world, in both industrialised and developing markets, and has been a FTSE 100-listed company since its formation in February 1997.

As Chief Executive of BG Group, Frank Chapman has been overseeing the delivery of a commodity whose importance to the British economy has grown significantly in the nine years since he joined. In 1996, the company earned £35 million, of which 95 per cent came from activities in the UK market. By 2005, earnings had topped £1.5 billion, with more than 50 per cent coming from overseas markets.

BG Group has a relatively small workforce of 5,200 employees compared to its two million or so customers worldwide. The company serves forty customers in the UK and a further two hundred in the United States.

BG Group is the largest exporter of natural gas into the US market; in 2004, 40 per cent of the company's total gas product went there. Growth areas are in developing countries such as India and Brazil, where production satisfies both industrial and consumer markets.

At present Britain generates 40 per cent of its electricity requirement using gas-fired power stations; 19 per cent comes from nuclear fuels; a further 33 per cent from coal-fired stations, the remainder is supplied by renewable energy sources.

Frank explains that in the last 25 years, natural gas has become the 'preferred' fuel. It is more environmentally 'friendly' than coal, with 40 per cent less carbon; it is abundant, even more so than oil; and, technological improvements mean that it is becoming progressively easier to transport. By substituting gas for coal-fired power stations, the UK has achieved substantial improvements in its carbon, nitrous and sulphurous oxide emissions. "Scandinavian countries have also seen the benefits as acid rain used to be a major issue. I wouldn't say that it is now a non-issue, but things are progressing, although there remains a lot still to be done."

A national debate is currently taking place about the future of energy supplies. For supporters favouring the nuclear option,

this route means that new nuclear power stations will have to be built. Britain is not currently a net importer of gas even though the reserves in the North Sea are declining. With exploration and production interests in over twenty UK Continental Shelf Fields, BG Group produces approximately 7.6 bcm of gas per year from this area, roughly 7 per cent of the UK's total gas requirement. Frank has a positive view that there are some sixty years of known reserves still remaining, although often not in the same geographic locations as demand. Improvements in manufacturing technology means that gas is being used more efficiently, and further exploration and production could double or triple the length of the reserves timeline. However, for the UK to benefit, it will have to become a net importer of gas sooner rather than later.

To support this aim, BG Group is investing in the development of a Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility at the deep-water harbour at Milford Haven. LNG, or methane, is used by power stations. This facility will be able to receive shipped gas from Egypt, where by 2007, BG will be the largest gas producer.

Having worked in the gas and oil industry for almost thirty years, Frank Chapman

has seen many changes, not least those relating to corporate responsibility. Firstly, safety, particularly that of the employee or contractor, is now paramount and strengthening behaviour-based safety processes is at the heart of the business.

Secondly, the recognition that the development of resources in industrialising countries must reflect both the aspirations of governments and of the people in the communities where BG wants to work. For example, BG India, has run an employee awareness programme on HIV/Aids in collaboration with the International Labour Organisation. In Egypt, a water pipe was installed above the size needed by the LNG facility to enable a local water distribution company to remedy a significant water shortage for its locality.

Thirdly, environmental responsibility means developing and implementing more efficient uses of gas as an alternative to higher carbon content fuels.

Finally, reflecting on his own experience and returning to a familiar theme, Frank Chapman advises any young graduate who sees their career objective as wanting to run a company to "have the passion to love the job, rather than doing a job to achieve an end".



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The Global Challenge is run every four years, with 12 teams of mainly amateur sailors, skippered by a professional yachtsman, racing each other in identical 72-ft steel-hulled yachts. The round-the-world race, widely known as the 'Toughest

racing challenge in the world', is divided into seven stages. The competition was established in 1992 by yachtsman, Sir Chay Blyth. BG's challenge in 2004-05 featured some 12 crew members from within the company. BG SPIRIT was the only yacht to win three stages in the competition and went on to win the overall Global Challenge trophy.

For further information about previous Global Challenges and details about the 2008-09 race, visit www.challengebusiness.com

Hispanic Studies 50th Anniversary celebrations

A weekend of all things Hispanic was celebrated on 25-26 June 2005. Over 120 guests including former students and staff, current students, staff and partners came to Mile End to celebrate 50 years of the teaching of Spanish and Hispanic Studies at Queen Mary and Westfield colleges.

Professor Ralph Penny opened the weekend by warmly welcoming everyone. To mark the occasion, Professor Alan Deyermond produced an intriguing history of the two departments, *A Biographical Dictionary 1955-2005*. And, together with Lyn Ingamells and Dr Parvati Nair, they pooled memories about how the departments came together and strengthened their research and teaching vision.

Two lectures were given – one by Professor Peter Evans, current Head of the School of Modern Languages, on modern Spanish cinema; while Professor Nigel Glendinning spoke on Spanish literature and the visual arts.

Current and former staff associated with the department provided subject and area update seminars for alumni, as well as leading round table discussions.

Throughout the weekend, Professor Chris Pountain pulled together a choir of staff and alumni who led the singing during a Service of Thanksgiving in St Benet's Chapel and gave a brief concert of Spanish secular music to round-off the formal proceedings on the Sunday afternoon.

It felt hugely symbolic that Mrs Margaret Young (née Craig), who had been in the first class of three students at Westfield taking the inaugural Spanish Honours degree, should open the weekend by 'cracking' the brûlée, during the Saturday lunch.

A mouth-watering selection of Spanish sausage and tapas, kindly given by Products From Spain, greeted guests as they arrived for the 50th Anniversary Dinner in the Octagon. Guests of Honour

included the Spanish Ambassador, His Excellency Count Carlos Miranda, and Mrs Mitzi Gurgel Valente da Costa, Minister-Counsellor at the Brazilian Embassy. The Principal, Professor Adrian Smith proposed the toast, and Dr Alicia Jolles responded on behalf of the alumni. Before disappearing for a nightcap in the Global Village bar, guests were treated to a selection of Hispanic ballads sung by current student, John Shanks.

Ralph Penny officially retired at the end of September. To mark the occasion a special Festschrift volume of 25 papers was presented to him by colleagues and friends who had travelled from across Europe and North America to attend the 50th Anniversary dinner in the Octagon.

To continue celebrating its anniversary the Department of Hispanic Studies has launched an alumni fundraising appeal, which aims to provide a number of prizes to help and encourage future generations of Hispanists studying at Queen Mary. If you are interested in supporting this fund, you can either make a gift directly through the *Quad Update Form* or by contacting Annette Bullen for further details at a.bullen@qmul.ac.uk or +44 (0)20 7882 5961.



The Westfield 1956 class: Dr John Varey (second left), Margaret Young (née Craig) and Shirley Beavis (née Bedford) (both far right), together with students from King's College who shared their lectures.



A reunion of four of the 1972 Westfield Spanish graduates: (l-r) Catherine Lawrence, Rosalind Pearson, Sue Meredith and Hilary Topping. Catherine, Sue and Hilary travelled from Madrid to attend the reunion.



Ralph Penny thanking colleagues after being presented with a Festschrift volume in his honour

Cementing Anglo-German Cultural Relations

To mark the centenary of the appointment of the first members of staff to teach German at Queen Mary, the German Ambassador, Thomas Matussek visited the College on 1 December. His task was to launch the only university-based centre in the UK dedicated to the study of Anglo-German Cultural Relations. This new venture will be headed by Rüdiger Görner, Professor of German.

In his speech, Professor Görner described the Centre as representing both "an academic commitment and a symbol of genuine significance as it sought to become a landmark institution in its field of study and academic exchange". An MA programme in Anglo-German Cultural Relations will be offered from 2006-07. In addition, Dr Angus Nicholls already holds a Research Lectureship in German and

Comparative Literature, supported by the Claussen-Simon Foundation.

Throughout 2005-06 the Department of German will be hosting a number of celebratory events including a Heinriche Heine lecture series; an international conference entitled 'Mozart: A challenge for Literature and Thought' with Sir Peter Shaffer as special guest; and an alumni day.

The Alumni Reunion Day will take place on Saturday 8 April. It will begin with lunch in The Gallery and end with a dinner in the newly refurbished Octagon. A packed day will include the first German Alumni Lecture, entitled 'Mozart in London' to be given by critic, journalist and broadcaster Daniel Johnson, at 5pm in the Drapers' Lecture Theatre. Programmes for the conference and Alumni Day are available from the Events Office.



The Principal, Professor Adrian Smith (r) welcomes the German Ambassador to Queen Mary

40th Anniversary for Economics



Lord Roy Hattersley, former MP for Birmingham Sparkbrook, presented a well attended lecture on 'Intellect and Ideology: Maurice Peston in Government'. Maurice Peston and the late Bernard Corry

established the Department of Economics at Queen Mary in 1966.

This was the first event in a year of celebrations which will also include the inaugural Bernard Corry lecture on Thursday 9 March 2006 to be given by Professor John Roemer from Yale University. Other events are currently being planned.

25 years of CCLS

To mark 25 years of the Centre for Commercial Law Studies, founded by Sir Roy Goode, a celebratory gathering of former students and staff was held in Charterhouse Square. Sir Roy was presented with an antique print of Charterhouse Square by John Stow as a thank you for his outstanding contribution. Lady Diana Kerr, wife of the late Lord Justice Sir Michael Kerr, who was the first chair of the CCLS Advisory Council, made the presentation.



(l-r) Senior Vice-Principal, Professor Philip Ogden with Sir Roy Goode and Lady Diana Kerr

40 years of the Department of Law

Professor Philip Ogden, Senior Vice-Principal, officially opened the new foyer and refurbishment of the Department of Law building on Saturday 17 September. Current and former staff, together with Queen Mary alumni who had graduated from the Department in the past 37 years, proceeded to St Batholomew's Great Hall for a celebratory dinner. Ian Yeats presented an overview of the department during the 39 years of his association with it. Professor Graham Zellick, Head of Department (1984-1990), Principal of the College (1991-98) and Vice-Chancellor of the University of London (1997-2003), responded on behalf of the guests.

Professor William Wilson, the current Head of Department, took the opportunity to announce several fundraising initiatives to mark the 40th anniversary, including seeking funds for both undergraduate and postgraduate bursaries. For further information about these and other Law-based initiatives, please contact Annette Bullen at a.bullen@qmul.ac.uk or on +44 (0)20 7882 5961.

Operation Runway

The magic of watching aircraft take-off and land is one of those awe-inspiring moments in many a young person's life; whether it's a small Cessna, a Learjet, an Airbus or a Boeing 747.

Many Queen Mary alumni have worked in sectors of the aircraft industry, as engineers and designers, as pilots, and on the business-side of the industry. Simon Witts (QMC, Avionics 1979) has a foot in both camps, as Operations Director for British Airways CitiExpress, now BA Connect. Based in Manchester, he manages 50 aircraft and over 2,000 staff in an organisation that carries over three million passengers a year. Susan Nettle met him at the main British Airways hub, London Heathrow Airport, landside.



Ronaldsway on the Isle of Man is probably best remembered as one of the sea sectors on the BBC radio Shipping Forecast, along with Irish Sea, Dogger and German Bight. Tucked away on the western end of the island it is, to the casual visitor, a slightly quaint aerodrome where one's baggage is more often gliding around the carousel waiting for you to get off the plane than the other way round. The view from the departure lounge looks across the flat landscape towards the bleak Irish Sea and the King William School to the left and a number of aircraft hangars to the right. It is the only passenger airport on the island. It is also the engineering hub for British Airways CitiExpress operation.

CitiExpress is a wholly owned subsidiary of British Airways, and looks after the high-frequency short haul, business and short-break pleasure market. For passengers the brand is virtually indistinguishable since all the flight numbers use the standard BA format. The service uses 51 airports around Europe, of which 10 are in the United Kingdom, flies 61 routes and has a fleet of 50 aircraft; the aeroplanes having a maximum capacity of 110 passenger seats.

Simon Witts is Operations Director for British Airways CitiExpress, based in Manchester. He is responsible for flight operations, the pilots, the cabin services, the cabin crew, the engineers and the operations centre. In all, 80 per cent of CitiExpress staff work within the operations section/support staff. Simon's role is to produce safe aircraft, in sufficient numbers to fly the programme, and to meet company targets in terms of safety, quality of service and customer satisfaction. This also means having sufficient aircraft available to provide up to 300 flights each day, or some 2,000 flights each week.

Simon explains that operations include everything from making sure that passengers

turn-up on time, to ensuring that aircraft leave their stands on time, the obligations of the crew, right through to the standard of the aircraft, how it flies, where it flies, how high it flies, as well as getting the aerographic clearance to fly to various places.

Changes in technology mean that many passengers now have the opportunity to check-in and print their boarding passes from home, cutting queuing times on the land-side of airports. CitiExpress and British Airways run a strict policy of boarding gate closing times, all of which are well advertised. Punctuality and the convenience of services are two areas where the company finds itself competing with the “no frills” carriers.

Simon says, “Our passengers know how long it takes to fly from ‘a-to-b’, and if it takes longer they will find another carrier. We are able to offer land access, as well as reassurances on reliability, spare aircraft, back-up plans, all those sorts of things”.

“As a passenger, there has never been a better time to fly”

“The growth in the regional market and the “no-frills” carriers means there has been a huge growth in the number of people who choose air-travel as a cheap and more convenient option to either road or rail. British Airways’ response has been to develop the regional direct routes to Europe making flights convenient for regional passengers”.

“Take Manchester: there are now five airports within 40-square miles all serving a number of similar destinations. As a passenger there has never been a better time to fly”.

Back on the Isle of Man, for the many visitors, the airport is merely the arrival and departure point. Surprisingly, the noise of aircraft is rarely heard on the island, unlike along the Mile End Road, which is under the flight path for London City airport! Yet a large number of the British Airways planes landing there are empty and being positioned for aircraft maintenance purposes. Some 80 per cent of the maintenance for the entire fleet of 50 aircraft is undertaken at Ronaldsway. Three hundred engineers work at the airport in both maintenance and airline



An Embraer 145 BACX arrives for maintenance at Ronaldsway

technical support. British Airways CitiExpress is the major employer on the island of a highly skilled engineering workforce.

Simon explains that at any one time, three aircraft can be maintained on the Isle of Man, under-going maintenance checks. Each aircraft in the fleet would routinely expect to receive a major maintenance check every 18 months or so and a minor check every six weeks. The twenty-eight Embraer 145s, are the most frequently used mid-sized regional jets, carrying 49 passengers; at any point in time there will always be one receiving a major maintenance check on the island. The statistics start to mount up when one realises that most aircraft today can last 20-30 years, but in that lifetime they can also expect to have had a number of “careful” owners.

Simon Witts was one of the first students to graduate from Queen Mary in its newly introduced Avionics degree programme in 1979. He clearly remembers the day he arrived for his interview in 1976, it was the day of Concorde’s first commercial flight, “studying aviation was a real high at the time”. While less clear are his memories of his 21st birthday, which seems to have been spent in the Blind Beggar on Whitechapel Road.

Although Simon had initially intended to become a pilot, as his course progressed, combining as it did aspects of both aeronautical and electrical engineering, he became more interested in the complexities of how an aircraft worked. He believes that he made the right decision; with today’s fast changing developments in aeronautical and electronic engineering, there are now few opportunities for pilots to swap sides”.

After leaving university, he quickly realised that he actually knew very little about the practical side of aeroplanes. He was offered a mini-apprenticeship with Bristow Helicopters in

Bristol, which in three years took him both back to basics and instilled an entirely new perspective. Six years out of university, he joined the Civil Aviation Authority. For the first four years he was a flight test engineer, working from Gatwick, and then he moved into the wider role of bringing projects from design, through delivery to service.

In 1995, AirUK appointed Simon as Engineering Director. He was then approached by British Regional Airlines Group, to take on the role of Technical Director, based at Ronaldsway on the Isle of Man. Following the re-organisation of British Airways regional services he was appointed Operations Director for CitiExpress in Manchester in March 2005.

Simon is a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society and on the Executive Council of the International Federation of Airworthiness, which promotes safety in aircraft around the world.

British Airways CitiExpress was re-launched as BA Connect on the 1 February, a major new initiative by British Airways in providing regional airline travel with great value at low lead-in prices.

University of London Graduate Mountaineering



Are you interested in climbing or hill-walking? With/without partner? With/without kids?

The University of London Graduate Mountaineering Club is for ALL former students of the University who are interested in walking and climbing at ANY standard. With two huts in North Wales and the Peak District we have places to stay, and a programme of weekend meets throughout the year in all parts of Britain; including Cornwall and Ullapool in 2004.

For details and membership enquiries contact Sarah Hampton, Hon Membership Secretary ULGMC. Email: sarah.hampton@leeds.gov.uk

Degrees for employment

Queen Mary is rightly proud of the quality of its graduates. Ranked second highest in terms of starting salaries in the UK and sixth highest in England for graduate employability (HESA, 2002-03), there is no doubt that a Queen Mary degree represents an excellent investment that can deliver significant career advantages. However, employers' expectations of graduate capabilities are constantly changing to reflect the wider needs of the economy. The most recent survey of graduate recruiters emphasises the need for graduates to complement their academic achievements with good team-working and communication skills as well as cultural awareness.

In 2005, Graham Thomas was appointed Queen Mary's first Head of Skills and Employability. Working closely with staff in all sectors and disciplines, he aims to integrate the concept of employability into the wide range of teaching and learning practices at the College so that

all Queen Mary graduates develop skills that they recognise will be useful in a work environment.

To support this work, the College has established a Skills and Employability Advisory Board, chaired by the Vice-Principal for Teaching and Learning, Professor Morag Shiach. Among its members are three alumni who each bring their own wealth of experience and knowledge to forwarding this initiative.

Niall Bolger (Biology and Physical Geography 1987) is Director of Environment and Regeneration for the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham. He has noticed that "many graduates present their skills and achievements exceptionally well on their CVs and by doing so are likely to be rewarded with an interview. But at this point it's more about how they've developed themselves that becomes the key to being rewarded with a job".

Joanna Parker-Swift (Biology with Business Studies 1992) is Managing Director

of MiAD UK Ltd, a company specialising in developing management skills training for senior doctors. She says, "career appraisal highlights not only the immense benefits that occur when a personal development system is established and works well, but also the immense challenges in getting to that point".

Finally, Michael Trup (QMC, Economics 1979), who established his own company, Interactive Ideas Ltd in 1994. Michael will bring his entrepreneurial skills of founding a successful company and of the SME sector to support the work of the Advisory Group.

For further information about how your company may be able to support Queen Mary's student employability initiatives, contact Graham Thomas, Head of Skills and Employability, on +44 (0)20 7882 7027 or by email at graham.thomas@qmul.ac.uk

ALUMNI PROFILE: MICHAEL TRUP



Establishing a new company is a risky business at any time, but especially if one has left a career in the City and taken a year out to return to full-time study. But then Michael Trup is a true example of someone who by osmosis, flair and determination has achieved remarkable success.

In 2001, he was named Future Entrepreneur of the Year by *Enterprise Magazine*. In 2003, Interactive Ideas Ltd, the company he had founded just nine years before was included in the *Financial Times* top 100 fastest growing SME companies in the UK. In fact, a far cry from the first job he was offered after

leaving university as 'goat keeper' for one of the central London Boroughs – not what he thought a future social worker, his first career choice, should be asked to do!

Having gained a First in Economics at Queen Mary College, the question of 'what next?' had not really occupied him sufficiently, and he admits that he drifted into a research degree which did not suit him. After a spell working in his father's export company, and then answering an advertisement for an economic consultant in the City, a career began to take shape. Ten years down the line and with the economic crash of the early 1990s, once again he felt that the City hadn't trained him with any transferable skills. Changing career was not an option without a broader perspective, so a business management degree, offered him a year's thinking time

and ultimately the job he really wanted.

Interactive Ideas Ltd was born out of a business plan he wrote while doing an MBA at Middlesex University. The company markets and distributes some 4,000 different product lines in both proprietary and exclusive computer software and peripherals to customers that include specialist computer retailers and resellers, gaming, music and video chains as well as bookshops and supermarkets.

Michael says "the company ethos is 'big enough to compete, small enough to care' ". With a planned long-term view of developing customer relationships and a culture of exceptional customer service, the company today is one of Britain's largest and most respected computer software distributors.

A Westfield Wartime Reunion

'In St Peter's Quad on that lovely day of the summer solstice in 2005...,' so Jeanne Stoneley (French 1941) wrote of a reunion hosted last June for Westfielders at their wartime home in Oxford.



A warm welcome was given to a group of Westfielders by St Peter's College (formerly Hall), Oxford where ladies who had been studying or had successfully applied to study at Westfield College were evacuated between 1939 and 1945. The day began with a champagne reception and a welcome from College Master, Professor Bernard Silverman. A three-course lunch in Hannington Hall was followed by a campus tour with the Bursar, Brigadier Clendon Daukes, and finally afternoon tea.

Champagne reception in the Quad at St Peter's College, Oxford

Thank you to those of you who shared your reminiscences of St Peter's with us. A selection follows:

Dorothy Boardman (English 1944) recalls attending lectures by CS Lewis, JRR Tolkien and David Cecil. While

Alison Postage (History 1947), emailed from New Zealand to say, 'I do recall how very inspired I was by the brilliant lectures given by Professor Butterfield of St. Peter's'.

Barbara Halls (History 1940) wrote to say, 'Arrangements for our accommodation and study worked splendidly'. While **Cecilia Holden (née Howard)** (French and Latin 1941) adds 'we had to double up in a single room. We found the men's wardrobes too short for our evening dresses (we had to wear them for High Table)'.

Lorna Evans (née Hawkes) (History 1946) remembers 'climbing up the chapel tower, whereupon an incipient fear of heights and slight paralysis set in which was unfortunate as I was wearing my roommate's best dress (in wartime we shared our garments because of clothes rationing) which she required for dinner that evening at the Master's House'.

Dorothy (Peggy) Gulliver (née Newling) (English with French subsidiary 1943) wrote, 'I became Secretary, then President, of the Maynard (Debating) Society; acted in the annual production of the Dramatic Society; belonged to the choir and sang in the Glee'.

Dorothy Lowe (History 1947) and **Margaret Polack (née Hewison)** (Latin 1947; Greek 1953) both remember VE night: 'climbing back into St Peter's Hall over the adjoining garage and roof under the eagle eye of our adored Mary Stocks after celebrating VE night until dawn; only to learn that The Principal had instructed the porter to leave the gate open all night'.

Diana Sellors MBE (History 1943) also has vivid memories of Mrs Stocks: 'She put up a notice in the Porter's Lodge to the effect that "leave-takings at the Porter's Lodge should be brief to the point of frigidity"'. This caused such amusement that students from other Oxford colleges came to see this for themselves. Whereupon, the next notice that Prine (as Mrs Stocks was affectionately known) put up ended with the words "Copyright Reserved" '.

Penelope Mahy (née Langdale-Smith) (Biology 1942) recalled 'cycling out to the cake factory to queue for our allocation,

hoping the cakes wouldn't run out before our turn came'. A cycling excursion also changed **Hilda Wilmott's (née Evans)** (German 1945) life, when she met her future husband while sheltering from a torrential rainstorm at The Trout Inn in Ifley. She adds, 'I believe ours was the only marriage between Westfield and St Peter's'. This was not the only Oxford marriage, **Pamela Wilson (née Pankhurst)**, now living in the USA, wrote to say, 'it was during my time in Oxford that I met my husband, in the Oxford University Scout and Guide Club'.

Jeanne Stoneley (French 1941) said of the Reunion, 'I was delighted to visit the Chapel, where I used to play the organ, a Willis organ which has now been renovated and restored. I had been awarded an organ bursary back in Hampstead which amounted to the sum of £12 per annum!'

A reunion for Queen Mary College alumni who were evacuated to Cambridge is planned for Monday 26 June 2006. Please refer to 'Forthcoming Events' on the back page of *Quad* for further information.

Every picture tells a story

The connection between an Edwardian picture postcard album, purchased in 1970, and a battle bus may not be obvious, yet the former kindled an interest and ultimately a business that some 30 years later has touched many lives.

Susan Nettle went to meet Queen Mary alumna Valmai Holt, one half of the Major and Mrs Holt of the First and Second World War Battlefield Guides.

Interest in military history and in the two world wars has increased significantly over the past 10-15 years, not least through the anniversaries that have recently passed; the beginning of the Great War, 90 years ago; the 60th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy, both in 2004. Sixty years since the end of World War II in Europe and North Africa in 2005.

Even though the East End of London saw devastation during the fire bomb attacks in 1944, it is remarkable that at Queen Mary

only St Benet's Chapel was seriously damaged. QMC Students were evacuated to King's or Girton colleges, Cambridge; Westfield went to St Peter's, Oxford; and Barts and The Royal London's medical students were sent to Queens' College, Cambridge to continue their training.

At Queen Mary, on 11 November each year, a few minutes of silence and contemplation are held either in St Benet's Chapel or by the Books of Remembrance that are permanently displayed near the entrance to the Octagon. The Books contain the names of members of the College who were killed during the world wars: 4 staff, 18 students and 37 alumni between 1914-19, and one staff member, 11 students and 23 alumni between 1939-45.

At Ypres in Belgium each year, there is an increasing number of people who arrive at the Menin Gate to witness the solemn ceremonies of remembrance specifically for those Allied soldiers who died during the tragedy of the Great War. With over 1.1 million deaths of Allied soldiers recorded, together with many others whose remains were buried where they fell in the mud of Flanders, it is not surprising that many families suffered a lost generation of grandfathers, fathers, brothers and fiancés.

Visiting the numerous cemeteries and gaining some understanding of where these men died is no longer unusual. Finding a family name among the rows upon rows of white marble gravestones with their regimental badges, names, ranks and honours in the Allied cemeteries is a very moving experience. More so, the innumerable graves where the name of the soldier is unknown. Equally poignant is a visit to the only German cemetery in the Ypres Salient area at Langemark. Many visitors, over the years, have been helped by the books and advice given in *Major and Mrs Holt's Battlefield Guides*.

The books themselves are something of a publishing phenomenon. With the latest *The Western Front – South*, published in autumn 2005, bringing the total to 30 books,



excluding reprints and revised editions, that the Holts have researched and written in almost 30 years. With their publisher now requesting new, small pocket editions, the story goes on. In fact, writing the battlefield books could almost be described as a third career for this seemingly ageless couple.

Valmai Holt (née Williams) studied French and Spanish at Queen Mary in the 1950s, married and brought up a family and followed the military postings of her husband, Major Tonie Holt, who served in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. Yet, the story really begins in 1970, when Valmai bought a 'lot' at a house auction in Malvern which consisted of eight Edwardian picture postcard albums. To the surprise of the Holts there was no published guide to collecting these postcards, even though the 1960s and 70s saw many such cards come onto the collectors market as the generation of receivers died and houses were cleared of their accumulated ephemera.

The decision that they were the couple to write the book led to the Holts coming across postcards that had been specifically printed for the soldiers on the Western Front to send home to families and sweethearts. Much of the mail was censored, erasing specific regimental locations and tactics. Their second book *Till the Boys Come Home* (1977) was selected by Purnell, the Military Book Club, as one of their books of the year.

It was while discussing with the managing director how to maintain the interest of the 30,000 members of the Book Club after they had received their free books, that the Holts suggested special interest tours to the battlefields.

The first tour took place in June 1977 to the battlefields of northern France and Belgium with 50 members of the Military History Book Club. Valmai describes the tour as 'theatre on wheels'. While Tonie offered a thorough guide to the military campaigns, strategy and tactics; Valmai explored the human side, using tape recordings of music, poetry, newspaper reports and other readings, together with the testaments of soldiers depicting the awful conditions in the trenches and the confusion of battle.

Upon their return, acclaim from the inaugural participants and disappointment from those who were unable to book a

place, meant the tour ran again the following year. Over the years other tours and battlefields were added to the itinerary including more specialised visits to the French and Belgian World War I and II battlefields: Monte Cassino; Gallipoli; and the sites of the American Civil War. Following the opening of the Soviet Union to foreign tour groups in the 1980s, the Crimea and the sieges of Leningrad and Moscow were added to the list. Trips to the Falkland Islands also became a long distance destination.

“Military veterans and teachers have also welcomed her distinctive style as painting a real and extraordinary picture of the horrific realities of warfare”

The popularity of the tours led to the founding of Major and Mrs Holt's Battlefield Tours. Tonie and Valmai were keen to pass on their unique brand of husband and wife co-operation to other such teams. By the time there were some 30 coaches touring at any one time they took the decision to sell the company in 1993 in order to concentrate on their publishing enterprise.

The series of *Major and Mrs Holt's Battlefield Guides*, which sell thousands of copies each year, now includes *Ypres Salient*; *The Somme*; *The Normandy Landing Beaches*; *Operation Market Garden (Arnhem)*; *Gallipoli*; and the two-part *Concise Illustrated Guide to the Western Front, North and South*, which covers 23 battlefields of the Great War.

As Valmai points out, so much of the books are the first-hand reminiscences of the veterans they met during their years of leading tours. One memorable tour had six Great War veterans on board, re-visiting the battlefields. On another occasion, one of the first Victoria Cross recipients of the Second World War, "Dicky" Annand, took the Holts' tour to the Gallipoli peninsula in Turkey to see where his father had fought with distinction.

Each book also contains all the necessary tourist information about access to the sites,

special memorials, local museums, hotels, local tourist offices, information which requires never-ending updating and specially created maps. Valmai and Tonie overlay the battle-lines and troop movements across the standard topographical maps produced, for example, by the IGN in France, and then highlight museums, cemeteries, memorials, and associated places of interest.

The tours, the books and the maps, with their very human dimension and accessible approach to military history, have encouraged families and young people to engage more actively with this aspect of history. Military veterans and teachers have also welcomed her distinctive style as painting a real and extraordinary picture of the horrific realities of warfare.

For Valmai Holt, the word 'retirement', she explains, "does not exist in her vocabulary". With fresh ideas for the new 'pocket-series' of battlefield guides, continuous trips to the sites in order to update editions of the larger volumes and keeping an eye on the reprints is more than a full-time job.

Website: www.guide-books.co.uk

Email: battlefields@guide-books.co.uk

Edith Cavell (1865-1915) trained as a nurse at the London Hospital Nurses' Training School in 1895. She was executed by a German firing squad on 12 October 1915 on a charge of assisting over 200 captured Allied troops, who were being treated at the Berkendael Institute in Brussels where she was matron, to escape the battlefields to safety in Holland.



The Centre of the Cell

A world-class, innovative Bioscience Education Centre in east London for young people, their teachers and schools. A progress update from the Development Office.

In the last issue of *Quad* we described how this project was entering the end of the design stage. Internal construction is due to begin in February 2006 and the Centre is scheduled to be opened to the public in January 2007. It will be the first science education centre in the world sited within a major medical school and working research laboratories.

Biomedical science is one of the most important subjects of our time – breakthroughs are taking place daily in the fields of cell biology, molecular biology and genetics. It is vital that young people, teachers, their parents and carers are kept up-to-date with these issues and their implications.

The Centre of the Cell will provide an imaginative world-class resource which will reach all abilities, ages and backgrounds. It will play a major role in developing the medical scientists of the future, particularly from communities which currently send a low proportion of their young people to higher education and the further study of science.

Young people will hear stories of the research scientists who work in the building alongside and below them. The Centre will bring the work of scientists to life and dispel some stereotypes of scientists as mad, male and middle-aged amongst children.

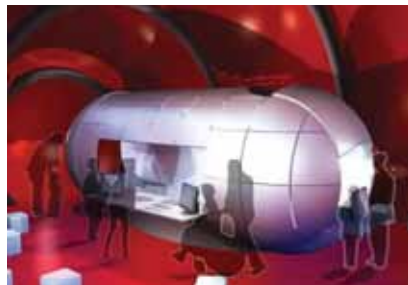
A Royal Visit

On Tuesday 25 October, HRH the Princess Royal visited the partially complete Centre of



the Cell as part of her official opening of the Blizard Building, home to the Institute of Cell and Molecular Science. Professor Fran Balkwill, Director of the Centre, outlined the ongoing consultation with local children to create the interactives for the Centre of the Cell. The Centre has embarked on a comprehensive outreach programme. Over 4,000 children and teachers have already been consulted on the content of the exhibition. This programme will continue after opening.

The Centre of the Cell will be a theatrical experience in which the story unfolds in a multi-media, interactive show; the central theme of which is the microscopic, amazing, complex cell – the building block of human life.



The inside of the pod will act as a stage with the interactives positioned in a main central nucleus structure in the middle of the pod. Further content, also available on the web, will be displayed as touch screen interactives around the periphery of the pod. These displays will change depending



on the National Curriculum Key Stage of the audience or the needs of the group.

Within the Centre's imaginative physical setting, young people will be faced with one of their favourite subjects – themselves. The message of the Centre will relate personally and practically to young people, and will address reasons for illness, including genetic, infections, lifestyle, cancer, and accident, to promote good health by teaching how the body works.

If you would like further information please contact Bernie McDermott on +44 (0)20 7882 6154 or by email at b.m.mcdermott@qmul.ac.uk
Visit: <http://www.centreofthecell.org.uk/>

Legacy News

Do you remember your time as a student and how difficult it was sometimes to make ends meet?

A number of alumni have made that connection and realised that some of their personal and professional success was due in part to the quality of educational experience they had during their student days at Queen Mary. They have decided that they will leave a bequest to the College in their Will to provide scholarships and prizes for the Queen Mary students of the future.

Legacies are a flexible and tax-efficient way of giving. If you would like further information about leaving a legacy to support future undergraduate and postgraduate students during their time at Queen Mary, or if you have ideas about other areas you would like to support, please contact Susan Nettle in the first instance on +44 (0)20 7882 7423.

Queen Mary is enormously grateful to the executors and future legators for all the support they have given the College.

Fundraising: a personal perspective

Annette Bullen, Alumni Giving and Academic Support Manager, writes:

"I had no idea when I enrolled as a mature student in the Department of History at Queen Mary in 2000 that, by the end of my three years, I would receive far more than a degree. Not only were my assumptions challenged by the content of the History programme, but I would also make lifelong friends. Queen Mary truly did change my life.

I, like you, will always be a graduate of Queen Mary, and be proud to be a member of such a distinguished community. We all know the College in a very personal way, and each of us has a unique and very individual relationship with it. If you would like to contact me to discuss ways in which you can help, please email me at a.bullen@qmul.ac.uk or call me on +44 (0)20 7882 5961."

Are you a Trustee of a Foundation or Trust?

If so, we would like to hear from you. Please contact Mark Davies, Trusts and Foundations Manager on +44 (0)20 7882 5951 or by email at m.davies@qmul.ac.uk

'Westfield circus' nears completion

Building work on Phase 3 of the Westfield Student Village is nearing completion. This last phase completes the eastern edge of the Mile End campus and will open in September 2006. Designed by Feilden Clegg Bradley Architects, the £10 million development will incorporate 200 student bedrooms in ten self-contained flats, a restaurant, a launderette, as well as office space for the Students' Union, and landscaping. Eion O'Maolalai, Projects Manager in Estates, says, "This pivotal site will provide a 'hinge-point' between the residential and academic quarters of campus".

The exterior of the building will be clad with andira, a sustainably resourced hard wood which was also used on the ground level of Sir Christopher France House – the idea being to use the same materials throughout all phases of the development.

Located on the ground floor, the restaurant will seat some 200 people and is set to replace the facilities in the Cut Above (formerly Level One); this new eating area will look out on to 'Westfield circus', a piazza similar to Library Square. The College expects to hire out the whole building as a residential conference suite during the summer vacation period.

The building will be named after Richard Feilden, the architect of the Westfield Student Village who died tragically in December 2004.



International Reunions

Hong Kong Alumni meet in Kowloon



The Principal meets **Mr Peter Ho** (Computer Science with Business 1993), newly appointed Associate Director of UBS AG.

Mr Robert Wang (QMC, Law 1969) hosted a reception in November at the Royal Garden Hotel for The Principal, alumni and recent graduates. Among the guests attending were: **Ir Jonathan Chung**, Immediate Past Chairman, IOSH HK; **Jeffrey Moy** (Computer Science with Statistics 1992), Technical Director, Global technology Integrator Ltd; **Mark S L Cheng** (Mathematics and Computing 1991), Chief Administration Officer, Citi Fubon Life Insurance; **Wyllie Lam** (QMC, Mechanical Engineering 1983), General Manager, The Hong Kong Ice & Cold Storage Company; **Steve Low** (QMC, Mathematics with Statistics 1985), Operations Director, The China Water Company Ltd; **Yung Tak Hung** (Civil Engineering 1993), Engineer with Sanfield (Management) Ltd; **Jackie Yuen** (Computer Science 1994), Program Manager, Technology Solutions Group, Hewlett-Packard HK; **Alex Wong**, Vice President, Haimer Asia Pacific; **Ricky Wan Kin Ho** (Computer Science 2005), JAL Avionet Asia Ltd; **Charles Yeung**, Project Manager, Lighthouse Technologies Ltd and, finally, **Jonathan Chung** and **Professor Mark MacAlpine**, both from Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

London Daigaku Kai Annual Party in Japan



(l-r) Mihoko Horiguchi, Jun Miyakawa, Yasuhiro Yoshida, Mr Martin Hatfull, Serena Iida, Mai Hagino and Takao Yoshida at a reception in Tokyo.

Mr Martin Hatfull, British Minister, hosted the 9th London Daigaku Kai Annual Party at his official residence in Tokyo in late June. In attendance were **Mihoko Horiguchi** (QMC, MA English Literature and Language 1984) who co-ordinates alumni meetings in Japan; **Jun Miyakawa** (LLM Intellectual Property 2000); **Yasuhiro Yoshida** (Mechanical Engineering 1999); **Serena Iida** (Politics 1993); **Mai Hagino** (MA Language, Society and Change in Europe 2003); **Takao Yoshida**, and **Adrian Burbanks** (QMC, Human Geography 1987) whose job has since been transferred to London.

A Family Affair



(l-r) **Zhen Bob Chew** (MSc Internet Computing 2005) with his father, **Ir Su Lip Chew** (QMC, Mechanical Engineering 1976)

When Zhen Bob Chew graduated in December 2005, his father did too. Ir Su Lip Chew had returned home to Malaysia as soon as he had completed his degree in 1976, and was unable to attend his graduation ceremony which would have taken place at the Royal Albert Hall. The College agreed to help and father and son graduated together. Bob has begun a research degree at Queen Mary.

We have international Alumni Correspondents in Argentina, China, Cyprus, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Pakistan, Singapore and Taiwan. Please refer to our website at www.qmul.ac.uk/alumni/contact/international.html for their contact details or telephone +44 (0)20 7882 3092.

Student News

QMWA Student Scholars

For the past three years, the Queen Mary and Westfield Alumni Benevolent Fund has been making a real impact by offering an increasing number of bursaries to help students from the London Borough of Tower Hamlets with their studies.

The common feeling among the recipients is that the bursaries alleviate many of the pressures of choosing to study, rather than leaving school and going into full-time employment. The Fund currently supports four students although it is hoped to increase this to six in the 2006-07 academic year.

Jakarin Khan and Muslehur Rajim are both in the second year of their degree programmes. Jakarin, who is studying Biochemistry, says, "The award has given

me the confidence and determination to work harder and achieve my goals, as well as giving me some financial independence". For Computer Science student, Muslehur Rajim, the award has allowed him to buy books and study materials, "which I would not otherwise have been able to afford".

Kevin Kayombo, who worked his way through his A-levels without the support of a guardian, is in the first year of his degree in French with Business Management. For him and Naharun Nessa, who is studying ICT with Business Management, the award has taken away some of the financial pressures of student life and is allowing both of them to concentrate on their studies.

You can support this important work by making a donation to the Queen Mary and



(l-r) Jakarin Khan, Kevin Kayombo, Naharun Nessa and Muslehur Rajim

Westfield Alumni Benevolent Fund, details can be found on the *Update Form* with this issue of *Quad*.

Past and Present Queen Mary Students Salute BUPT's 50th Anniversary

Queen Mary has a long-standing link with the Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications (BUPT). Over the years, many students have become alumni of both universities due to this unique partnership. The most recent flagship cooperation is the Joint QMUL/BUPT degree programme, with over 250 students already studying Electronic Engineering. The picture below shows BUPT alumni students at Queen Mary, in front of the Queens' Building, and was taken during a celebratory event. The event was organised by Dr Yue Chen, who is responsible for managing the educational aspects of



the Joint Programme, prior to the 50th anniversary of BUPT in October 2005.

Students' Union Sabbaticals for 2005-06



(l-r) Charlotte Arnold, Vicki Slater, Sam Shethran, Cindy Sharman and Vicky Tittle

The Queen Mary Students' Union team for 2005-06 are Vicki Slater, President; Cindy Sharman, Vice President Welfare and Education; Charlotte Arnold, Vice President Media and Communications and winner of the QMandWAlumni Student Achievement Award in 2004-05; Sam Shethran, Vice President Student Activities, and Vicky Tittle, Vice President Association and President of the Barts and The London Students' Association.

Vicki graduated last summer in Politics, both Charlotte and Cindy in English, while Sam read Biochemistry. Vicky Tittle has put her Medicine degree on hold for a year while she carries out her full-time role as sabbatical.

Catch-Up

Well over 150 alumni have written to us recently with their news. If you wish to contact a friend on the alumni list, please send us the correspondence and we will be happy to forward the message on your behalf. Many of you have attended reunions and other events; please remember to have a camera to hand to capture the occasion and we will try to print photographs here. For those who qualified at Barts and The London Hospital Dental and Medical Schools, your news will appear in the next issue of *Barts and The London Chronicle*.

QMandWAlumni Management Committee

Chair	Dr John C Williams (Electrical Engineering 1960; PhD 1965)
Hon Treasurer	Dr Alan Fox (Physics 1959; PhD 1963)
Elected Members	<p>Mr Graham Barnes (Mathematics 1968)</p> <p>Mrs Marjorie Church (MSc Mathematics 1950)</p> <p>Mr Steve Delo (Statistics 1989)</p> <p>Mr Richard Gascoigne (Geography 1989)</p> <p>Ms Mihoko Horiguchi (MA English 1984)</p> <p>Dr Tony Longden (Chemistry 1955; PhD 1958)</p> <p>Mr Karim Nanji (Mathematics and Business Studies 2002)</p> <p>Ms Kathryn Weaver (English 2003)</p> <p>Mrs Despina Zenonos (Economics 1997)</p>
Internal Members	<p>The Principal, Professor Adrian Smith FRS; Director of Corporate Affairs,</p> <p>Mr Nigel Relph; President of the Students' Union,</p> <p>Ms Vicki Slater; Head of Alumni Relations and Secretary,</p> <p>Ms Susan Nettle</p>

Alumni in the News

The Asian Women of Achievement Awards 2005

Four Queen Mary alumni have been involved in these prestigious annual awards, founded in 1999 by the entrepreneur Pinky Lilani to recognise all levels of achievement made by Asian women in the UK.



Bushra Nasir
CBE (QMC,
Microbiology
1974), Head
of Plashet

School for Girls in Newham, was named 'Professional Woman of the Year'. Mrs Nasir has been Head since 1993, and was the first Muslim woman to lead a state school in Britain. She is currently President of the Muslim Teachers' Association and a member of the Muslim Council of Great Britain.



Dr Yue Chen (PhD
Electronic
Engineering
2003) was
highly

commended in the category of 'Young Achiever of the Year'.

Dr Chen is a Teaching Fellow in the Department of Electronic Engineering at Queen Mary and has been at the forefront of the Queen Mary/BUPT initiative between London and Beijing.

Barrister **Emma Broadbent** (European Studies (French) 1984) was one of the eleven judges at the 2005 awards. Emma is vice-chair of the Public Affairs committee of the Bar Council and a part-time Judge in the Crown Court and the Magistrates' Court.

Parveen Kumar (q. Barts 1966) was the first ever 'Professional Woman' in 1999. Parveen is Professor of Clinical Medical Education at Barts and The London, Queen Mary's School of Medicine & Dentistry and Honorary Consultant Physician and Gastroenterologist at the Homerton Hospital NHS Trust.

Dr Sarah Waters' (PhD English 1995) latest novel *The Night Watch* was published in early 2006. She is also author of *Tipping the Velvet* (1998), *Affinity* (1999) and *Fingersmith* (2002).

Two of our alumni are editors for *Nature*, the weekly international and interdisciplinary journal of science which has been published since 1869.

Both are based in London, **Dr Philip Campbell** (QMW, MSc Astrophysics 1975) is Editor-in-Chief while **Dr Ritu Dhand** (QMW, Genetics 1988) is Chief Biological Sciences Editor.

1923



(l-r) Hilda Mary Smith and Marjorie Gotts in the Physics Department, 1921-1924

Philip Wood working in the lower physics lab in 1923-1924, during the third year of his physics degree course

Hilda Wood (née Smith) (ELC, Physics) wrote in October 2005 to say, 'having reached the age of 102, I have never been arrested or sent to prison and still enjoy hearing about what is going on at Queen Mary'. Mrs Wood died on 25 December 2005.

1935

Joan Hillyard (W, History) writes 'I am in Abbeyfield Residential Home near the sea and surrounded by Devon countryside'.

1937

Raymond Carr MBE (QMC, Engineering; MSc) writes 'I am now a widower and 90 years old. Subjected to several minor crimes, while refurbishing my home for eventual sale, I resorted to the police. Now I open the door cautiously, avoid paying in advance and stick to approved local tradesmen'.

1939

Charles Moss (QMC, Mathematics) retired in 1982 and became a great grandfather in 2003. He has been very happily married to **Joan** (QMC, French and Spanish Subsidiary) for 65 years. He writes, 'My wife was the *only* student in the class of JV

Barragán in 1939-40 at Cambridge [where QMC was evacuated during the war]. We still have a copy of his dictionary (published by Cassell)'.

Alexander Newall (QMC, Engineering) writes 'At 92 years of age, I have decided to retire from the position of CE and MD of Tool Co Ltd and NCPI Ltd'.

1941

Peter Hall OBE (QMC, Electrical Engineering) is still active in the Computer Conservation Society.

1944

Dr Margaret Roberts (née Naylor) (W, Botany; PhD Marine Phycology 1949) recently returned from six weeks touring and camping in Germany and France, usually in small and remote places. Trying to promote family interests – her elder daughter has qualified as the first woman to enter a cross-America cycle race and her son is working on the archives of Luciano Berio, having been his personal assistant.

1945

David Bage MBE (QMC, Civil Engineering) retired as Borough Engineer of Islington in 1985. He is now a church warden in Lynsted (since 1957) and editor of his local community newsletter. He was awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours in 2004.

Pamela Boulton (née Ewen) (QMC, Mathematics) – see **William Boulton** (QMC, General 1952).

1946

Lorna Evans (née Hawkes) (W, History) – see **Pamela Holder**.

Pamela Holder (W, History) writes 'I much enjoyed the Westfield Alumni lunch at St Peter's Oxford for those of us who were there during the war. **Lorna Evans** also attended but there were only three of us from 1943-46'.

1947

Alice Pickering (née Holmes) (W, Botany) is happily retired after many years teaching. 'I take great interest in the careers of my grandchildren (seven of them!) and enjoy the activities of my first great-grandchild'.

Margaret Polack (née Hewison) (W, Latin; Ancient Greek 1953) writes 'I was extremely sorry not to be able to attend the reunion of Westfield students at St Peter's Hall. My son Robin has terminal cancer and I was needed to look after my grandchildren while he settled into a hospice'.

Lorna Seidel (née Lake) (W, Botany) is busy with gardening, travelling (Barcelona, Shetlands, Orkney, Scotland, Ireland, etc). She is still walking on Dartmoor and enjoying her family and other retirement activities.

1948

Dorothy Crisp (née Hosie) (W, Mathematics) writes 'Nothing of interest, more or less housebound. Would have loved to go to Oxford but could find no one to take me. Take an interest in world affairs, family and friends, so on'.

Paul Crispin (QMC, Mathematics, Physics and Geography) is still living in the Stepney area and partaking in community and church activities.

1949

Dr Margaret Roberts (née Naylor) (W, Botany 1944; PhD Marine Phycology) – see 1944.

Margaret Varley (née Jessop) (W, Mathematics) was widowed on 18 February 2005. She writes 'I shall stay here as long as possible, fortunately I am in good health and have a lot of stamina so am still climbing mountains. Poor memory is a worry'.

1950

Kathleen Coutin (née Gordon) (W, History) has helped with a combined effort to produce an illustrated history of the parish of West Hoathly, despite still using a quill pen.

New Honorary Fellows

Eight Honorary Fellowships were awarded by the College Council during the July 2005 Degree Ceremonies for their contribution to the College and its local community.



Dame Laura Cox (The Hon. Mrs Justice Cox) (QMC, Law 1973; LLM

1975), practiced at the Bar from 1976, was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1994, and, from 1996, was Head of Chambers at Cloisters in the Temple. She was appointed a High Court Judge in November 2002, and is recognised as being one of the leading practitioners in human rights law, particularly discrimination and employment.



The renowned footballer, manager and commentator, **Sir Trevor Brooking** is

chiefly associated with West Ham United for whom he played as a midfielder between 1965 and 1984. Sir Trevor also

played for England on 47 occasions, including Euro 1980 and the 1982 World Cup, and has been actively involved with sports development agencies including Sport England and the Football Association.

Also awarded Honorary Fellowships were **Professor Geoff Kirk**, the industrial engineer and former Royal Academy of Engineering Visiting Professor in Design at Queen Mary; **Professor Patrice Pavis**, one of France's most brilliant theoreticians and a leading expert on the methodologies of theatre analysis; **Emeritus Professor Michael Besser**, founder of the Department of Endocrinology at St Bartholomew's Hospital; **Dr Enrique Wulff Alonso**, former Education Attaché to the Spanish Embassy in London and Director of the Instituto Cervantes, and **Emeritus Professor David Wingate**, one of the foremost neurogastroenterologists in the world, and former Chair in Gastrointestinal Science at the London Hospital Medical College in 1984.

Incidentally, both Pamela and Diana, together with **Barbara Ching (now Giles)** and **Margaret Woods** (QMC, Geography 1945) were at King's College, Cambridge. Pam went on to take her Certificate of Education at Senate House and enjoyed a teaching career in secondary and HE education until retirement in 1984. I spent my working life in insurance, retiring in 1990. We met in 1953 at a get-together at the house of the late **Doug** (QMC, Chemistry 1944) and **Marjorie Church (née Abbey)** (QMC, MSc Mathematics). Marjorie was secretary of QMCOSA at the time and Pam was subscriptions secretary. We still joke about Marjorie doing a bit of match-making. She and Doug gave us a wedding present of life membership of the Association. We should dearly have liked to attend some alumni functions but sadly Pam now has Parkinsons Disease which affects her mobility, and without a car, makes travelling difficult for me and impossible for her'.

Ian Ferguson (QMC, Geography) has been retired in Storrington for 13 years. He is well established with activities in conservation, church, twinning, Probus, NADFAS, etc – very busy!

Peter Jenkins (QMC, Geography) is still enjoying retirement in a peaceful Suffolk village.

Richard Norman (QMC, Engineering) has no news to report, he is still retired.

Francis Rendall (QMC, Engineering) would like to know of any alumni resident in South Africa with the possibility of forming a group there.

1953

Dr Derek Mills (QMC, Zoology) writes 'my final years of semi (early) retirement were as an Honorary Fellow at Edinburgh University in the Institute of Ecology and

Resource Management. Still mentally active as a member of two editorial boards of scientific journals; have also just completed a book on fishing – my 12th book – not all on fishing!'

Margaret Polack (née Hewison) (W, Latin 1947; Ancient Greek) – see 1947.

1954

Ann Marie Beard (W, Mathematics) spent most of 2005 recovering from a stroke.

Pam Buxton (QMC, Mathematics and Geography) has just finished a year as Town Mayor. She will be attending a reunion with members of the 1950s QMC Jazz Band in April.

1956

Eric Seal (QMC, History) writes 'Married **Paula Noonan** (QMC, History 1957) in 1959. Taught for 35 years after PGCE at King's, Stamford Hill/Enfield and Orrell. Retired in 1991. Osteo arthritic condition – now over four inches less tall! Chair of Kirkby 11-18 School, Vice-Chair Skelmersdale 11-16 School'.

Dr Sheila (Cherry) Williams (née Knapton) (QMC, English) retired in 1987 after a varied career, teaching students aged from three to 73, and at levels from nursery to masters. Since then she has been engaged in community work, paid and voluntary, with a wide range of ethnic minority groups and is travelling moderately widely. Dr Williams has three daughters, none in London, seven granddaughters and one grandson. She is separated and would like to hear from any of the wide acquaintances she had from 1944-56.

Barbara Winter (W, French with Latin Subsidiary) was recently in contact with Maureen Hedley,

1951

Ray Hassell (QMC, Modern History) is continuing with a busy retirement – holidays, visiting friends, voluntary activities, including a civic society and a patient and public involvement forum associated with a hospital trust.

1952

William Boulton (QMC, General) and **Pamela (née Ewen)** (QMC, Mathematics 1945) celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on the 27th August. He wrote, 'QMC was well represented as Pam's bridesmaid was **Diana Seal (now Dungary)** (QMC, Mathematics 1945) and the late **Kenneth Clarke** (QMC, History 1952) was an usher.

Jean Sinclair, Hazel Buckley, Audrie Edmondson and Doreen Rose. She has also completed her twelfth 110 mile sponsored swim 'not all at once!'.

1957

Margaret Langsford (W, Mathematics) is still retired and still very busy with church administration and family.

Derek Morris (QMC, Physics and Geology) writes 'my book, *Mile End Old Town, 1740-80: A Social History of an Early Modern London Suburb* received excellent reviews and has been described as "exemplary"!'

Paula Seal (née Noonan) (QMC, History) – see **Eric Seal** (QMC, History) 1956.

1958

Kathleen Archer (née Whitehead) (W, French with German) enjoys frequent visits to France and brushing up on her spoken French.

Daphne Jenkins (née Davison) (W, French) writes 'I still teach three days a week at Messier-Dowty, the leading landing gear company that is now owned by the French company, Safrar – recently formed from SNECMA and SAGEM'.

Evelyn Leckie (née Hallett) (History) was sorry to miss the alumni reunion on 17 September but she had a golden wedding anniversary to attend. She is enjoying life as a grandmother in a lovely part of Somerset. She is still a practicing arbitrator and was president of the CIARB last year.

Patrick Nott (QMC, Physics) is contentedly retired! He is currently working on a history of Isle of Wight churches over the last 350 years and also on a history of local technology.

Jennifer O'Donnell (née Steggals) (W, English) is enjoying living in a small village and keeping her mind active with the help of the OU. Her children, unfortunately, are at a distance – one in Kent, one in New Zealand... 'but that seems nothing unusual now'.

1959

Carol Brook (née Croft) (W, French and Italian) is still enjoying life in Oamaru with husband Jim, and loves having grandchildren not too far away. She is often busy at their local Anglican church as worship leader, preacher, magazine editor, etc, and is currently studying as a distance student at the University of Otago for Biblical Studies towards a BTh.

Malcolm Dyos (QMC, Mathematics) asks 'Where is the Maths class of 1959?'

Ann Edwards (W, English) was amongst seven Westfield alumni, who went up in 1956, who met at Brown's Restaurant, Oxford, on 28 July 2005. One Hungarian student was amongst them, as was one who has lived in New Zealand for 40 plus years.

Dr Ruth Fenn MBE (QMC, Physics) is still working with her husband in acoustic consultancy for a company they founded 14 years ago.

Dr Philip Spradbery (QMC, Zoology) is still refusing to retire. After a lifetime with Csiro Entomology and working in 35 different countries, he is now running a scientific consultancy and research programme in Canberra.

1960

David Gilbey (QMC, Biology) has a new granddaughter – Imogen.

BATLAA East Anglia Dinner at Queens' College, Cambridge



Doctors and dentists who qualified from Barts and The London gathered together in the Great Hall at Queens' College, Cambridge for an East Anglia regional reunion dinner on 6 December. Mr John Currie (Barts, q.1950) gave an account of his student days at Queens'.

The dinner was hosted by Professor Chris Hudson, President of BATLAA, with the Warden, Professor Sir Nick Wright and Dr Hugh Field, Director of Studies in Medical and Veterinary Sciences at Queens' College, as guests of honour.

1961

Mark Abbott (QMC, Mathematics) 'having run international leisure and publishing companies, both domestic and abroad, I have now retired to the UK and involve myself in voluntary work for the chemically addicted'.

1962

Professor Michael Williams (QMC, PhD Nuclear Engineering), 'after retiring from QMC in 1986, further adventures in the USA and with a consultancy firm, I am now Visiting Professor at Imperial. If you can't beat them, join them!'

Dr Peter Howarth (QMC, Mechanical Engineering; PhD 1965) – see 1965.

1963

Christine Hodgson (W, English) is still working towards a PhD on twentieth-century London novels – Virginia Woolf, Elizabeth Bowen, etc. She is also a volunteer guide at the Chelsea Physic Garden.

1964

Ivan Hurst (QMC, Electrical Engineering; Man Vice President 1963-64) is finally near to retiring after 30 years in Systems Engineering and the management of international collaborative aerospace programmes, in industry and the Civil Service. 'Oh how I abused my liver to keep the world safe for democracy!' He is now heavily involved with Model Engineering – both as a model maker (live steam) and as secretary of two societies.

Campus Lunch and Mini-Reunions, 17 September 2005

The 2005 Campus Lunch and Mini-Reunions Day marked our biggest gathering to date: 150 alumni, their friends and family came to Queen Mary. The day's programme included departmental tours by academic staff, and a three-course lunch in The Gallery. In the afternoon, Roger Lee, Professor of Geography, led a group on a "field-trip" to the Docklands development, while others went on a cruise along the Regent's Canal.



Dr Michael Roberts (QMC, PhD Mathematics) retired on 30 September 2004 after 40 years lecturing in mathematics and physics.

1965

Peter Crowe (QMC, Aeronautical Engineering) is busy doing "self-architecture" and building a large extension to his house.

Dr Jim (James) Robinson (QMC History; PhD 1972) is co-author (with Anthony Aldgate) of *Censorship in Theatre and Cinema*, published in March 2005 by the Edinburgh University Press.

1967

Lynne Faulkner (née Fisher) (QMC, Spanish), in May 2005, was elected as a County Councillor and a week later, was appointed to the Cabinet as Executive Member for Cultural Services. Her two

daughters are now married and she has four small grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

John Maple (QMC, Chemistry) has retired and is enjoying a new life.

Andrew Pearson (QMC, English) is now working two days a week as a CSA after retiring as Head of English at Colne Valley HS near Huddersfield in 2000. He is currently helping with research for Huddersfield University into the history of local cricket – he is still a sports fanatic and enjoyed his rugby at QMC from 1964-67.

Lady (Sue) Tunnicliffe (W, Zoology) has been appointed Vice President of the Berkshire Red Cross. She had been actively involved in the Red Cross until she started working in London.

1968

John Hands (QMC, Chemistry) was appointed Royal Literary Fund Fellow at UCL (see www.rlf.org.uk/fellow_hsischeme/current_fellows.cfm).

Emeritus Professor Keith Miller

(QMC, former staff in the Department of Mechanical Engineering/Materials) writes 'I have contracted an extremely rare blood cancer – Sezary Syndrome, and so I am slowly, very slowly, winding down my consultancy work (legal cases – as an expert witness) and completing family business/affairs'.

George Patsalidis (QMC, Engineering) is one year away from retirement. He has a grandson aged four who was enraptured by the Ashes!

1969

Frances Fernandes (née Collins) (W, Spanish with Italian), 'after a lifetime career as a journalist, I am now quite settled into the life of academic publications, where I use Spanish daily for the first time since I graduated in 1969. My newest publication deals with Mexican migrant health issues and can be accessed on the web at www.ucmexus.ucr.edu'

1970

Albert (Graham) Hawke (QMC, Mathematics) reports that there have been no significant changes – 'still enjoying my many and varied hobbies and interests since early retirement in 1997 from teaching.'

1971

Andrew Deeks (QMC, Mathematics), 'after 30 years of working in the manufacturing industry, latterly managing the UK operation of a Swindon-based aluminium company, I have set up a business consultancy specialising in marketing and business strategy'.

1972

Richard Brewester (W, Mathematics) retired in 1998 after 25 years teaching at Highgate School. He moved to Sussex a year later and became a Franciscan Tertiary in 1996. He is now responsible for the pastoral care of tertiaries throughout Sussex.

Professor Mohammad Reza Moghaddam (QMC, MSc Pure Mathematics; PhD 1975) writes 'I became full professor at Ferdowsi University in 1973, in which year I was also elected distinguished professor among all the Iranian universities and received a letter of commendation from the President of Iran. I am currently chief editor of the *Journal of Science*'.

Dr Jim (James) Robertson (QMC, History 1965; PhD) – see 1965.

1973

Christine Grove (née Moodie) (W, French and Italian) writes 'Living in Cheshire and, much to my surprise,

working in IT (after starting my career as a teacher of French). Remarried in 1993. I'd love to hear news of Corinne Ellison, Barbara Mayne, Hilary Topping and Yvonne Brown (Westfield):

Peter Smith (QMC, Nuclear Engineering), after working in the UK nuclear industry for nine years, moved to Canada in 1982 where he has continued to work in the energy industry in a number of different positions. He writes, 'I would love to hear from other Nuclear Eng graduates or from anyone who knew me during my time at QMC'.

1974

Shelagh Cohen (née Gold) (QMC, Mathematics) is married with one adult son. She teaches Maths at Immanuel College for Years 7 to 13.

1975

Gareth Davies (QMC, Politics) is very contented. His main leisure interest is playing the bass guitar in Hedgehog, an excellent rock covers band who gigged at QMC before he joined. They'd like to do so again!

Nick Fryars (W, Computer Science and Mathematics) currently runs Zebra Management Consulting, a small strategy consulting house in Amsterdam.

Professor Mohammad Reza Moghaddam (QMC, MSc Pure Mathematics 1972; PhD) – see 1972.

Graham Moore (QMC, Geography) spent 13 years teaching in Lewisham for the ILEA and moved for promotion to Norfolk to teach at a remote village secondary school in Suffolk. He is still "doing" geography and squash learnt at QMC.

Gillian Murray (QMC, Law) is still with the same law firm she took

articles with (thanks to help from Professors Crane and Goode) – she is now one of the more senior partners there!

Revd John G Simmons (W, Mathematics), 'after eight years as rector of a rural benefice of seven churches near Cambridge, I am moving to an urban parish as vicar from 1st September 2005'.

1976

Robert Dickson (QMC, Law) moved back to Australia in 1982, and is now living in Sydney with his wife, Frances, and 12 year old son, Liam. He is greatly enjoying the Aussie climate and cricket and would like to hear from those who remember him.

David Johnson (W, Chemistry) spent 23 years at Experian, 29 years overall in computing. He is currently becoming more involved in information security, whilst maintaining a link with change management. He writes 'I have certainly moved on from being a CICS Assembler Programmer!'

1977

Diane Hutton (QMC, Geology and Zoology) has been married to Chris for 24 years; they have two grown-up kids. She works for Birmingham LEA.

1978

Dr Kathryn Dancy (QMC, Environmental Biology; PhD Botany 1984) is still unable to work due to M.E. She is pursuing an interest in watercolour painting.

Geoffrey Pack (W, Associate: European History) is the US Defense Attaché to Copenhagen, Denmark until July 2006.

Elizabeth Drake (QMC, Geography) recently established

'CONTOUR', a conservation and tourism policy management company which provides advice on tourism development in culturally independent and environmentally rich areas.

Mark Williamson (QMC, Physics) gained an award in the Aerospace Journalist of the Year Awards (AJOYA) for 'Best Airshow Submission' (2005).

1979

Jo Bullock (QMC, Geography) is chair of the Oxford Citizens Housing Association as a volunteer while working full-time in social housing for Oxford City Council. She is still in touch with Nigel Vanion, Pauline (née Boyle) and Keith Davies.

John Davies (W, Chemistry) recently completed and then fled a management buyout at DSI from Upperpoint Manufacturing Limited.

Dr Gillian Hill (W, Mathematics) completed her PhD with Imperial in 2002 and has since published journal papers on it. The work is in computer science and constructs abstract mathematics for building systems.

Martin Roberts (QMC, Geology) returned to Aberdeen in 2005 following completion of another overseas tour. He is interested in making contact with fellow Geologists from 1979.

1980

Nicole Perrin Gelister (née Perrin) (W, French and Spanish) writes, 'I would really like to meet up with people who were at Westfield from 1977-80. I am a freelance French teacher and public service interpreter, with a legal specialism. I would love to hear from old friends'.

The Parents' Programme and Inaugural Family Welcome, September 2005



Over 250 parents of incoming first years joined us for afternoon tea and cakes at the Inaugural Family Welcome and an overview of the College by Senior Vice-Principal, Professor Philip Ogden.

The occasion also marked the launch of the Family and Friends Book Fund which enables alumni, family and friends of the College to give support to the library for the purchase of student textbooks. Pictured above, is the Djazeb family who made a donation to the Fund. Mr and Mrs Djazeb's son, Dayhim is in his first year of a degree in French (European Studies).

QMandWAlumni AGM and Annual Reunion, May 2005



AGM and coffee, held in the Nucleas Café part of the new Blizard Building, Whitechapel

On Saturday 7 May, a group of alumni convened for a tour of the new Medical School building at Whitechapel. This occasion marked the first opportunity for alumni to look around the £44 million Queen Mary School of Medicine and Dentistry development which was officially opened by HRH The Princess Royal in October. Following the AGM, there was a behind-the-scenes visit to the Whitechapel Art Gallery organised by Tom Wilcox, General Manager and Queen Mary alumnus (History 1998).

1981

Carol Rivas (née Alexander) (QMC, Zoology) returned to Queen Mary in 2003 as a researcher. Old friends can email c.a.rivas@qmul.ac.uk She says the Zoology block, new in the 1970s, shows signs of age; she hopes she has fared better. She helps tutor medical undergraduates and is researching the interplay of culture, social support and domestic violence for a PhD.

Linda Sharpe (QMC, French and Spanish) got married in 2004 and moved from Lancashire to Surrey through her husband's work. She gave up her own employment and is now a full-time mum.

1983

Ian Soloman (QMC, Electrical and Electronic Engineering) has been working in Hong Kong since 1997 for a Dutch geotechnical/structural instrumentation company.

Carolyn Nathanson (née Collins) (QMC, Law) is 'married with two teenage children and living and working in West London, practicing family law after a 15 year career break looking after the children. We lived in New York for four wonderful years, returning to the UK in 2000'.

1984

Teresa Bannister (née Watts) (QMC, Biological Sciences) is married with two children – James, 14, and Isobel, 11. She is teaching

in a primary school where she is Science curriculum leader and Head of the Infants Department.

Dr Kathryn Dancy (QMC, Environmental Biology 1978; PhD Botany) – see 1978.

Margaret Hearne (W, French), writes 'after being at home for several years as a full-time mum, I have just finished re-training as a speech and language therapist at City University. It was great but exhausting being a student again!'

Chris Solomonides (QMC, MSc Economics) has just been promoted to Senior Commerce and Industry Officer at the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism in Nicosia, Cyprus where he has been working for the past 19 years.

Kate Standen (W, English) wrote, 'I had a second son, Finn Wright, on 27 January 2005 – a brother for Eli, aged five. I am continuing a career break from advertising while we work on converting a derelict cow byre in Nidderdale – we hope to be in for Christmas 2005. I continue to serve on the Westfield Trust'.

Marios Themis (QMC, Civil Engineering), has lived and worked in Switzerland for the past 20 years. He would like to hear from anyone who still remembers him.

Richard Wong (QMC, Mathematics; MPhil 1988) writes 'No news is good news'.

1985

Carl Halling (W, French and Drama) writes 'I'm still actively pursuing acting work, despite my musical activities: I'm recording a CD later on this year, originals as well as covers. To hear my music visit: www.imgifted.co.uk/carl_halling or via.profiles.yahoo.com/wally70uk'

1986

Dr Helen Blanchard (QMC, Chemistry; PhD Chemistry and Crystallography 1990) is currently employed by Griffith University, Australia, running a research group in structural biology.

Pamela Campbell (W, German with English Subsidiary) had a letter and a poem published in *The Spectator*.

Author **Stuart Christie** (QMC, History and Politics) published his autobiography, *Granny Made Me an Anarchist* (Simon & Schuster) on 1 August 2005.

Dr Jackson Kong (QMC, Civil Engineering) is looking for his former classmates. Do get in touch!

1987

Adrian Burbanks (QMC, Human Geography), after living for 12 of the last 14 years in Japan, relocated to London with his family in December 2005 to take up a new position as head of credit for Merrill Lynch, covering Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

Graeme King (QMC, Genetics and Microbiology) emigrated to New Zealand in January 2005 after teaching in the UK since 1990 in the London and Liverpool education sectors. Married with an eight year old son, he is enjoying their new way of life with a barbeque on the beach on Christmas day!

David Russell (QMC, History) writes 'life continuing in a similar fashion but with the addition of a fourth child (Dominic) and a dog! We have moved full-time into the country although I do spend a couple of nights a week in London. Regards to all'.

1988

Simon Chau (Aeronautical Engineering) writes 'completed an MBA at Nottingham University after QMC. Currently residing in HK but travelling a lot in Asia-Pacific. Been working with BT for nearly four years now, looking after four countries: Korea, HK, China and Taiwan as Channel Marketing Director for North-east Asia. Still single but with a long time girlfriend and have a Rottweiler at home in HK. Gave up racing car driving in Macau and Brands Hatch a long time ago to spend holidays surfing the big waves at secret spots with Balinese professional surfers in Indonesia. Also spend much of my free time doing charity work in HK'.

Martina Doble (née Bludau) (QMC, Plant Biology) enrolled at Queen Mary in September 2005 for a PhD in the Department of Geography. She is 'thrilled and excited'.

Lesley Hampton (W, English) writes 'I loved being a mature student at Westfield! It gave me the three happiest years of my life. I miss it! I am now Head of Department, teaching Business Admin to students for a Primary Care Trust. Five years ago I converted to Catholicism which has changed my life. I am very active within my church, and am studying to qualify as a teacher of Catholicism. I would love to hear from all who knew me, especially from the English faculty, 1985-88.'

Jeremy Marsh (QMC, Modern History with Ancient History) 'recently left the East End after 20 years and am now at Kent C.C. as Trading Standards Team Leader. However, my niece, Marianna, is following in my footsteps – she is in her final year for a degree in Film Studies with Hispanic Studies'.

Richard Wong (QMC, Mathematics 1984; MPhil) – see 1984.

1989

Karen Duxbury-Watkinson (Marine and Freshwater Biology) has moved and now owns their own freehold country pub, set in the Dartmoor/Exmoor borders. They have taken the plunge and own it lock, stock and barrel... 'loving every minute of it!'

Diana Johnson (Law) writes 'I was elected as a Labour Member of Parliament in the May 2005 General Election. My constituency is Kingston-upon-Hull North'.

Maqsood Mughal (Mechanical Engineering), since graduating, has been working for Aircontrol Technologies where he has worked on various environmental control systems for military vehicles. He has two daughters and lives with them and his wife in Slough.

1990

Dr Helen Blanchard (Chemistry 1986; PhD Chemistry and Crystallography) – see 1986.

Kam Chi Kan (Computer Science) writes 'I am back in the IT field, but only one foot, another foot is still in financial planning. Catch me, guys!'

Lisa McLachlan (née Comley) (English and Drama) got married two years ago.

Robert Steane (English) writes 'I married Lourdes in 2001 and we have a son of four called George. I've lived in Madrid since 1991, teaching English and currently work for the British Council there. I usually return to the UK twice a year'.

1991

Karen Goh (Law) is 'looking to get in touch again with Jacqueline Kurdian who was on her LLM course – we somehow lost each other's contact details'.

Osundu Everestus Oguike (MSc Information Technology) writes 'QMW prepared me for the lecturing work that I am doing at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka. I am grateful to the College'.

Andre Palfrey-Martin (Modern History) is Head of Department at Sussex Downs College, Lewes Campus, where he is responsible for Uniformed Public Services and Travel and Tourism.

Linakis Vasileios (Mathematics and Computer Science; MSc Advanced Methods in Computer Science 1995) is currently employed by FORTHnet S.A. which is a privately owned telecommunications company in Greece. His position is "HellusNet Director" which means that he is in charge of a B.U. specialising in Web Applications Development.

Mary Westcott-Young (German) graduated in 1991 with a degree in German and is now training to be a nurse!

1992

Penny Bowman (née Higgins) (French) married another teacher in 1995. They have two daughters, aged seven and four. She is now working at Southend High School for Girls, coordinating their primary liaison and community programmes for languages as well as overseeing the implementation of PMFL across the borough.

Derek Coope (MSc Applicable Maths) is retired. He has just gained an MMath with the OU (2004) and is now doing a Geology course as a hobby.

New Honorary Graduates

The following Honorary degrees were awarded by the University of London to those whom the College wishes to honour for achievements in their field.



Professor Alexander Bradshaw
Doctor of Science

(*honoris causa*) graduated from QMC in 1968 with a BSc and PhD in Chemistry.

Sir Tony Hoare, the most influential computer scientist in Britain and discoverer of the axiom system, now referred to as Hoare Logic. Doctor of Science (*honoris causa*).

Emeritus Professor Ian MacDonald, one of the most influential mathematicians of recent generations. Following a varied academic career, Professor MacDonald joined Queen Mary in 1976, where he remained until early retirement in 1987. Doctor of Science (*honoris causa*).

Bushra Mubashar (English) is second in the Department for English at Stratford School where she has been working for 12 years. She lives in Beckton with her two children, Adam, ten, and Sabah, seven.

Stephen Papanayiotou (Economics – see **Dr Despina Maniotis** (Genetics 1996).

An audience with Chinua Achebe, October 2005



On an October evening, we were joined by the Nigerian novelist and poet Chinua Achebe, probably Black Africa's most widely read writer. His first work, *Things Fall Apart*, is regarded as a classic of world literature and has been translated into 40 languages.

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1994

Dr Svetlana Bochman (née Brook) (English Associate) completed a PhD in English Literature in April 2005. She gave birth to a baby girl, Rachel Alice in May 2005 ('Rachel attended my graduation from the City University of New York').

Jane May (French and Drama) is a freelance production manager for circus companies and course management at Lambeth College. She had a daughter, Maggie, in March 2005.

Heath Watt (LLM Laws) is now working with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation in Sydney, as a Senior Lawyer in television. Heath and his wife, Annie, herself a lawyer, have two beautiful boys, Ethan, three, and Harry, two.

1995

Mohammed Asghar (MSc Information Technology) became a father last April and has got a new job working in Norway for the next two years.

Lee Curran (Drama and English) recently completed the lighting design for Rambert's Associate Choreographer, Rafael Bonachela's *Curious Conscience* which opened at Sadler's Wells in November 2005. Lee is Technical Manager of the ICA and has worked with various contemporary dance practitioners.

Bernice Glatt (French and Hispanic Studies) has been teaching in secondary schools since 1997 and is now Director of Studies at the London Academy. She also teaches French/Spanish to 11-18 year olds.

Glenn Hadikin (Physics) is still living with his girlfriend Stacy in South Korea and studying part-time for an MA in linguistics. He hopes to begin a PhD at the IoE next autumn.

Jeremy Harmsworth (Civil Engineering with Business Studies) achieved his Incorporated Engineer status and full membership of the Institution of Civil Engineers. He has a daughter, Rosie Kate. His wife **Laura Harmsworth (née Brown)** (Human Geography) has given up her job in Human Resources and is loving every minute of looking after their 16-month old daughter.

Nicola Hildesbrand (Hispanic Studies with Geography) is 'married to one of the few remaining commercial farmers in Zimbabwe. Pretty challenging times!'

Thomas Lebarbe (MEng Telecommunications) writes 'after a PhD in Computer Science, I now live in Grenoble, France, with my partner. I teach and research language technology at the Université Stendahl. I'd love to get back in touch with those who still remember me'.

Neil Mitchell (Civil Engineering) – see **Sonja Mitchell (née Middleditch)** (German and French 1997)

Linakis Vasileios (Mathematics and Computer Science 1991; MSc Advanced Methods in Computer Science) – see 1991.

1996

Ayisha Filfil (née Khabbazeh) (European Studies (French)) writes 'I had a baby daughter, born on 1st January 2005, Sara Yasmin. Bouncing, beautiful and keeping me busy!'

Laura Harding (née Shelford) (Environmental Science) married **James Harding** (Biology) in July 2000 and celebrated the birth of their first child, Isobel, last year.

Dr Despina Maniotis (Genetics) is married to **Stephen Papapanayiotou** (Economics 1992). 'We have a son aged 3 years (Dionysis). I do breast cancer research in the Institute of Cancer Research and Stephen is a Vice President in Investment Banking with Credit Suisse First Boston. We live in London'.

Raffaella Pappalardo (European Studies (Hispanic Studies with French)) reports 'After a year traveling around the world, it was time to get back home to The Netherlands and "settle" back in. I am now working at the European Space Agency as a contractor. We are now planning our next trip, though it will "only" be a holiday this time'.

Sergio Pisanu (Computer Science, Hispanic Studies and Linguistics; MSc Human Interaction 1997), after completing an MSc, 'I then worked for Sony in Technical Support for three years, and in the year 2000, moved to Spain until 2003. I'm now back in London and not planning to move!'

Brian Sun (Modern History) writes, 'after leaving London for Hong Kong, I relocated to Shanghai in 2000. No plans to move yet as I am running my own boutique executive search firm. Am interested in catching up with alumni who might pass through China'.

1997

Lauretta Aydiner (Human Geography) gave birth on 30 May 2005 to Chris Jared Wright. She is planning her wedding in Turkey for May 2006.

Mark Cunnell's (Computer Science) first child, Amy, was born on the 27 November 2005.

Rena Guseynova (Certificate in Social Studies) has started a new job in Watson, Farley, Sp Williams as an IP solicitor in the Finance Group of the firm.

Kathryn Hall (Geography) is now working for Dorset Police as an Events Planner. This is a long awaited move to the Police.

Berit Hovda (Economics) writes 'I have unfortunately been diagnosed with chronic myelogenous leukemia, and have been on chemo for a year, but not getting the result they were hoping for. Will get bone

marrow transplant, probably before the new year, luckily my brother was a match. I have been mostly ill since graduation, so my CV is not particularly long :-)

Claire Kelly (Physical Geography) writes 'Living and working in Auckland, New Zealand – hoping to get residency next year. Beautiful country, has its issues but where doesn't?'

Sonja Mitchell (née Middleditch) (German and French) married **Neil Mitchell** (Civil Engineering 1995) in 2000. They recently moved to Norwich and now have a son, Fredrik.

1998

Nadia Ahmad (née Rahman), (Law) having married and moved to Birmingham, is currently on maternity leave from the Bar and is the proud mum of a baby boy.

Katherine Barlow (Environmental Science) is currently working as a technical author following her MSc in Software Engineering. She is living with her fiancé and gave birth to their first baby in March 2004.

Chris Hawthorne (Ecology), 'having been working at Highbury Baptist Church for the last four years we are now moving on. Joshua is three and Reuben is seven months. I will be the pastor of St John's Wood Road Baptist Church. Helen and I are looking forward to a new challenge'.

Ala'a Yamani (LLM Law) has established his own law office in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Samir Yousuf (Environmental Science) moved to Christchurch, NZ in 2002. He has been working as a primary school teacher for six years and would love to hear from the class of 98/99.

1999

Viola Bertolotti (German and Politics) writes 'I am momentarily on maternity leave. After graduation, I moved to the US, then back to Milan in 2003. I have two children and am expecting my third'.

Sarah Pashley (née Davies) (English) is returning to university in Sheffield in September 2005 to study radiotherapy and oncology.

Dr Farah Ramjohn (Zoology and Physiology) is currently working as a dentist in Bayswater. She is still training as a jazz vocalist and writing a lot of music in her spare time.

2000

Angela Inwood (English and History) says 'I loved Queen Mary so much I couldn't stay away! After working in the Civil Service for just over two years, I ended up returning to work at Queen Mary, in the Student Administration Office, where I have now worked for over a year and a half'.

Dr Oliver Jones (Marine and Freshwater Biology) went on to study for an MSc in Environmental Technology and a PhD in Environmental Chemistry at Imperial. From August he will undertake postdoctoral research in (Environmental) Metabolomics in the Department of Biochemistry at Cambridge.

Richard Lawn (Zoology) is studying Veterinary Medicine at Edinburgh University. He is now in his fourth year and hopes to qualify in just under two years.

Dr Jonathan Lucke (Biology), after graduating, completed a BDS at Manchester and is now working as an NHS dentist in a practice in Queensferry, North Wales. He still lives in Manchester but enjoys coming down to London to visit now and again.

Joanna March (English) writes 'I moved to Bangkok at Easter with my partner's job. I have started work with Hill & Knoulton as a Senior Account Manager. Life in Thailand is fantastic!'

2001

Dr Nick Baker (PhD History) is teaching history to A-Level students in a London sixth form college. He lives with his partner, Rosemary, and their two children, Mollie, nine, and Alex, 20 months, in Herne Hill. They are aiming to move to Australia in the next year or so.

Caro (Caroline) Harper (Geography) 'having finished my Masters in the States, I am now moving to Vancouver to do my PhD. Things are cool'.

2002

Dr Dana Allen (PhD Spanish) is currently an Associate Lecturer in

Linguistics at the University of Hertfordshire. 'I thoroughly enjoyed the 50 years of Hispanic Studies celebrations and the fabulous Saturday evening dinner. I loved hearing about what the department was like a long time ago'.

Elaine Broderick (History) is studying for an HND in Civil Engineering.

Kunj Gupta (Mathematics) is working in banking for UBS, London.

Richard Lyons (Physical Geography) completed a PGCE in Geography at the IoE in 2003. Since September 2003, he has worked as a geography teacher at Salvatorian College, Harrow. He has worked on two school productions and is now KS3 exam co-ordinator.

Jason Ridgway-Taylor (Astrophysics) is finishing his PhD in Mathematical Physics at Nottingham University; he is writing up his thesis.

Carrie Salier (Combined Studies Associate) is currently undertaking research into HIV and is applying for medical school.

Last night @ e1



Former SU President, **Karim Nanji** (Mathematics and Business Studies 2002) invites you back to Club e1 on Saturday 25 March.

Tickets: £10 each (inclusive of a donation to the QMWA Benevolent Fund which supports student bursaries)

For online bookings, visit www.qmul.ac.uk/alummi/e1

James Young (Geography), 'following my graduation in 2002, I worked as a session musician in New York, touring with Paul Weller in early 2003. Later the same year, I moved to Paris to learn French. Finally, I returned to the UK to study for a Masters in International Relations and European Studies with a view to working in EU policy'.

2003

Sarah Harris (Geography) is engaged and hopes to get married in 2009 or 2010 once she has finished all her accountancy exams.

Omer Irfan (Chemistry with Business Management) is training for his Chartered Accountancy qualification. He enjoys helping his local community and educating people of all ages. 'Uni was the best time of my life'.

Mian-Guan Lim (MSc Advanced Methods in Computer Science) has bought a new apartment and is proud of it.

Christopher Snow (Zoology) started an MSc in Wild Animal Biology at the Royal Veterinary College in October 2005.

Frank Wesslowski (MSc Information Technology) is employed as a software developer at Bloomberg. He writes that

they look for IT graduates to fill junior software developer positions every year.

Hai Zhou (Joe) (MSc Public Policy) received his second masters degree, an MBA, from Nanjing University, China on 26 May 2005.

2004

Nasser Imam (Mathematics) has started temporary work at the Home Office but may go into teaching.

Sobia Iqbal (Computer Science with Business Management) is doing a PGCE in Secondary ICT at the IoE.

Emily Jarvis (English) is now studying for an MA in Modernism at Royal Holloway, University of London.

Christiana Loizides (Law) has just finished her LPC.

Chizoma Onuoha (Geography) is now retired and looking after her family.

Shiv Sharmar (History and Politics), 'after completing a Diploma in Journalism at City University, I have been appointed Broadcast Journalist/Reporter for a new Russian/English language news channel to promote Russian interests in "The West".'

OBITUARIES

We have been informed of the deaths of the following members of the College:

STAFF AND HONORARY FELLOWS

Professor Nigel Alexander, Head of English at Queen Mary in the 1970s and 80s died at his home in Lowestoft in October 2005, at the age of 71. At Queen Mary, Professor Alexander will be particularly remembered for the pioneering educational outreach programmes he developed with his wife Ros King, a lecturer at the College. Together they staged productions with undergraduates in repertory combining these with study days for schools.

Emeritus Professor Frank M Fowler, Reader in German (1970-77), Professor of German (1977-93), and Head of Department (1977-91), died on 29 October 2005. A graduate of Aberdeen and Oxford, he had taught at Aberdeen, the University of Kent at Canterbury, and King's College London before coming to QMC. His main academic interests were drama and poetry, particularly those of the great eighteenth-century German writers, and his

most passionate hobby was organ music, above all Bach – he could himself play the organ. He was a demanding and inspiring teacher and a natural administrator, and was, for 22 years, Joint Secretary of the English Goethe Society.

The Rt Hon Sir Edward Heath, KG, MBE died on 17 July 2005, aged 89. The former Conservative Prime Minister was described as a "political giant" and "in every sense the first modern Conservative leader" by his successor Margaret Thatcher. After more than 50 years as an MP he retired from politics in 2001. Knighted in 1992, Sir Edward led the UK into the EU. In 1990 Sir Edward was made an Honorary Fellow of Queen Mary.

Miss Dorothy Moore MBE, an Honorary Fellow of the College since 1978, died on 15 October 2005. Miss Moore was Westfield's first professional librarian when appointed in 1941; when she retired in 1975 she had served Westfield for 34 years. Amongst her achievements was a new purpose-built library building which opened in 1972. One of

her great interests was the Society of Theatre Research and, on retirement, she devoted much time to the Theatre Museum in Covent Garden.

Sir Joseph Rotblat, KB, Honorary Fellow, nuclear physicist and Nobel Peace Prize winner, died on 31 August 2005, at the age of 96. Sir Joseph became Professor of Physics at St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College in 1950 and remained in post until 1976, later becoming emeritus professor. He will be remembered by many as a founder of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, launched in 1958, and for the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs which he helped organise between 1958 and 1997.

Professor J D Williams, who held the post of Goldsmith's Chair of Medical Microbiology at Queen Mary from the mid-1970s until his retirement in 1996, sadly passed away on 11 July. Professor Williams was both well liked and respected nationally and internationally.

STUDENTS

Mr Brian Warren Adams (QMC, Mathematics 1944) died in early December 2005 at the age of 81.

Mrs Joyce Bladon (née Pooley) (W, History 1940) passed away in mid-July. She had been evacuated to St Peter's Hall from Westfield College with the first tranche of students in 1939. In later years she was a member of the University of London Convocation.

Dr Norbert Cabrera (Materials, 2005) died in a road accident in Paris on 24 September. Norbert was a PhD student with Ton Peijs; his thesis was on 'Recyclable polypropylene composites: concept, properties and manufacturing'. In September 2005 he had been awarded the Dow Energy Dissertation Award for his PhD work. In June 2004, Norbert married Dr Saba Abdulghani who had also been an undergraduate and PhD student in the Department.

Rabin Ezra (QMW, Economics with Computer Science 1988) died on 27 June; he had been suffering from pneumonia.

Sarah Gibson (English 1993) died on 21 November 2004 at the age of 33. Her mother, Pam Gibson, wrote to say that Sarah passed away after a long battle against a brain tumour.

Mrs Patricia Elizabeth Hawkins (née Colwell) (W, English 1950) died on 4 May 2005. Her friend from university days, Mrs Hazel Watson, wrote to say that Patricia is survived by her husband, a daughter, two sons and seven grandchildren. She had worked for many years at the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford, as well as the Bodleian Library as a guide. She had developed a special interest in jewellery and lectured freelance in the Oxford area.

Professor Harry House (QMC, Engineering 1950) died on 1st May 2005.

Leonard Knowles (QMC, Geology 1950) passed away in April 2005; he was 82. Leonard had been a close classmate of Dr Frank Middlemiss (QMC, PhD Geology 1955; Honorary Fellow 1996) and best man at his wedding in 1949. They later worked together on a project to map the geology of parts of Surrey and Hampshire, and Leonard subsequently went on to have a successful career as a teacher in Cheshire.

Mrs Janet Jonas (W, History 1959) passed away on 25 January 2005.

Miss A J Markham (QMC, Geography) died in June 2005.

Mr John McMillan (QMC, Engineering 1950) died on 27 May after a long illness.

We have been informed by Ms Susan Mensah that **Ms Abimbola**

Ojura (QMW, Economics 1993) was killed in an air crash in Lagos, Nigeria on 22 October 2005.

Mr Warren Osborne (QMW, Theoretical Physics 1995) died at the end of March 2005; he was 33.

Mr Tim Sargeant (QMC, History and Politics 1982) died at the age of 44 in September 2005. Tim will be remembered by fellow QM Players; the Football Club of which he was also secretary; and by the SU where he was the External Relations Officer during his three years at QMC. He was also an active member of the History Society. In terms of his career, he worked in the PR industry, was both a Conservative, briefly, and for longer time, a Labour Councillor before being elected Mayor of Lambeth in 2003-04. Colin Mayes (QMW, English 1982) contacted the Alumni Relations Office with news about Tim's life.

Sister Margaret M Thompson (QMC, General Arts 1960) died in December 2003.

Garry Tozer (QMW, English 1997) died in September 2005 after battling against throat cancer. He had come to Queen Mary as a mature student in 1994 at the age of 43.

Mr Graeme White (QMC, LLB 1977) died suddenly of a heart attack on 23 June 2005.

Mrs Margaret Worsfield (QMC, Physics with Maths 1959) died in August 2005, aged 69.

Mr Peter Yates (QMC, Chemistry 1947) has passed away. During his time at Queen Mary, Peter combined being both Student Union President and President of the University of London Union in 1946-47. He was Professor of Organic Chemistry at Ontario University.

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MARCH

Monday 6 March

5.30pm onwards

The Opening of the Centre for Catalan Studies

'From the Olympic torch to the world forum of cultures: The after-image of Barcelona's modernity'

Joan Ramon Resina, Professor of Romance Studies and Film Studies, Cornell University

Arts Lecture Theatre, Arts Building, Mile End

6.30pm onwards

West of England and South Wales Regional Reunion

Join fellow alumni and friends for a reception aboard Brunel's ss *Great Britain*, the world's first great ocean liner which is moored at the Great Western Dockyard in Bristol. The Principal, Professor Adrian Smith FRS will provide an overview of recent developments at the College.

Tickets: £18.50 per person, including wine and canapés

Wednesday 8 March

5.30pm onwards

Inaugural Lecture 'What's wrong with murder?'

William Wilson, Professor of Criminal Law and Head of Department

Clinical Lecture Theatre, Francis Bancroft Building, Mile End

Thursday 9 March

6pm onwards

Inaugural Bernard Corry Memorial Lecture 'Some thoughts on the prospects of achieving equality in market economies.'

Professor John E Roemer, Yale University Chaired by Lord Desai, LSE

Skeel Lecture Theatre, People's Palace, Mile End

Tuesday 21 March

5.30pm onwards

Inaugural Lecture 'Bribery and Corruption Law, 1997-2006'

Peter Allridge, Drapers' Professor of Law

Clinical Lecture Theatre, Francis Bancroft Building, Mile End

Saturday 25 March



8pm onwards
Last Night at e1!

Graduates from the last 10 years are invited back to celebrate/comiserate one last night in Club e1.

Tickets: £10 each, inclusive of a donation to the QMWA Benevolent Fund which supports student bursaries

Online booking at www.qmul.ac.uk/alumni/e1

Monday 27 March

5.30pm onwards

Inaugural Lecture 'The birth and divergence of plant species'

Andrew Leitch, Professor of Plant Genetics, School of Biological and Chemical Sciences

Clinical Lecture Theatre, Francis Bancroft Building, Mile End

APRIL

Saturday 1 April

12.30pm onwards

QMWA Westfield Reunion Luncheon

Hosted by Professor Anne Jones (W, French and Spanish 1956; SU President 1955), this event will include a three-course lunch in the newly restored Octagon at Queen Mary followed by campus tours.

Senior Vice-Principal, Professor Philip Ogden will provide an overview of developments at the College.

Tickets: £21.50 per person

Tuesday 4 April

5.30pm onwards

Inaugural Lecture 'Economic choices and revealed preference'

Professor Marco Mariotti, Department of Economics

Clinical Lecture Theatre, Francis Bancroft Building, Mile End

Friday 7 April

2pm onwards

Chemistry Conference: Eighth Hickenbottom Research Symposium

This symposium will include lectures with guest speakers, a reception and poster session, and a buffet supper in The Gallery.

Chemistry doctorate alumni are particularly encouraged to attend.

For further information contact: Professor Ray Bonnett, Emeritus Professor of Organic Chemistry, School of Biological and Chemical Sciences at r.bonnett@qmul.ac.uk, or on +44 (0)20 7882 5024.

Saturday 8 April

Noon onwards

German Centenary Alumni Reunion Day

Held to mark the 100th anniversary of the teaching of German at Queen Mary and Westfield colleges, the day's programme will commence with lunch, followed by an afternoon of talks about the Department and its history, and the opportunity to look around the College campus, including the Westfield Student Village. The programme will conclude with a lecture 'Mozart in London' to be given by the critic and broadcaster, Daniel Johnson at 5pm. In the evening, a celebratory dinner will be held in the Octagon, formerly the College Library. This is an ideal opportunity to meet up with contemporaries from your year.

For further information or to register your interest, please contact +44 (0)20 7882 5147 or events@qmul.ac.uk

MAY

Saturday 6 May

10am onwards

QMWA AGM and Alumni Reunion

There will be a morning visit to Guildhall Library where alumna and Deputy Keeper of Manuscripts, Philippa Smith (Westfield, History 1980) will provide a guided tour of the Manuscripts Section. As limited spaces are available for this tour, you may visit an exhibition on 'Late Victorian watercolours by John Crowther (c.1837-1902)' or alternatively, the Guildhall Art Gallery which is located nearby.

Lunch and the AGM at Queen Mary's Charterhouse Square campus will be followed by an afternoon visit and private tour of one of London's museums of immigration and diversity at 19 Princelet Street in Spitalfields. This is a unique opportunity to visit a place that is not ordinarily open to the public.

Tickets: £26.50 per person, inclusive of lunch and a donation to 19 Princelet Street

JUNE

Monday 26 June

Noon onwards

Queen Mary College Wartime Reunion in Cambridge

During the Second World War, students from Queen Mary College were evacuated to Cambridge: women initially to Girton College, and the men to King's College.

The Alumni Relations Office at Queen Mary is sponsoring this event which will include lunch at Girton and a tour, followed by afternoon tea at King's and a tour.

Tickets: Free for pre-1947 graduates and one guest: £25 per person, inclusive of lunch, afternoon tea and transport between Girton and King's colleges, for graduates of later years.

Annual Campus Lunch and Mini-Reunions Day 2006

A special date for your diaries, the Annual Campus Lunch and Mini-Reunions Day will be held on Saturday 16 September.

Departmental tours and afternoon excursions are being planned.

If you would like to host a table at lunch for your contemporaries, please contact the Events Office on +44 (0)20 7882 5147.