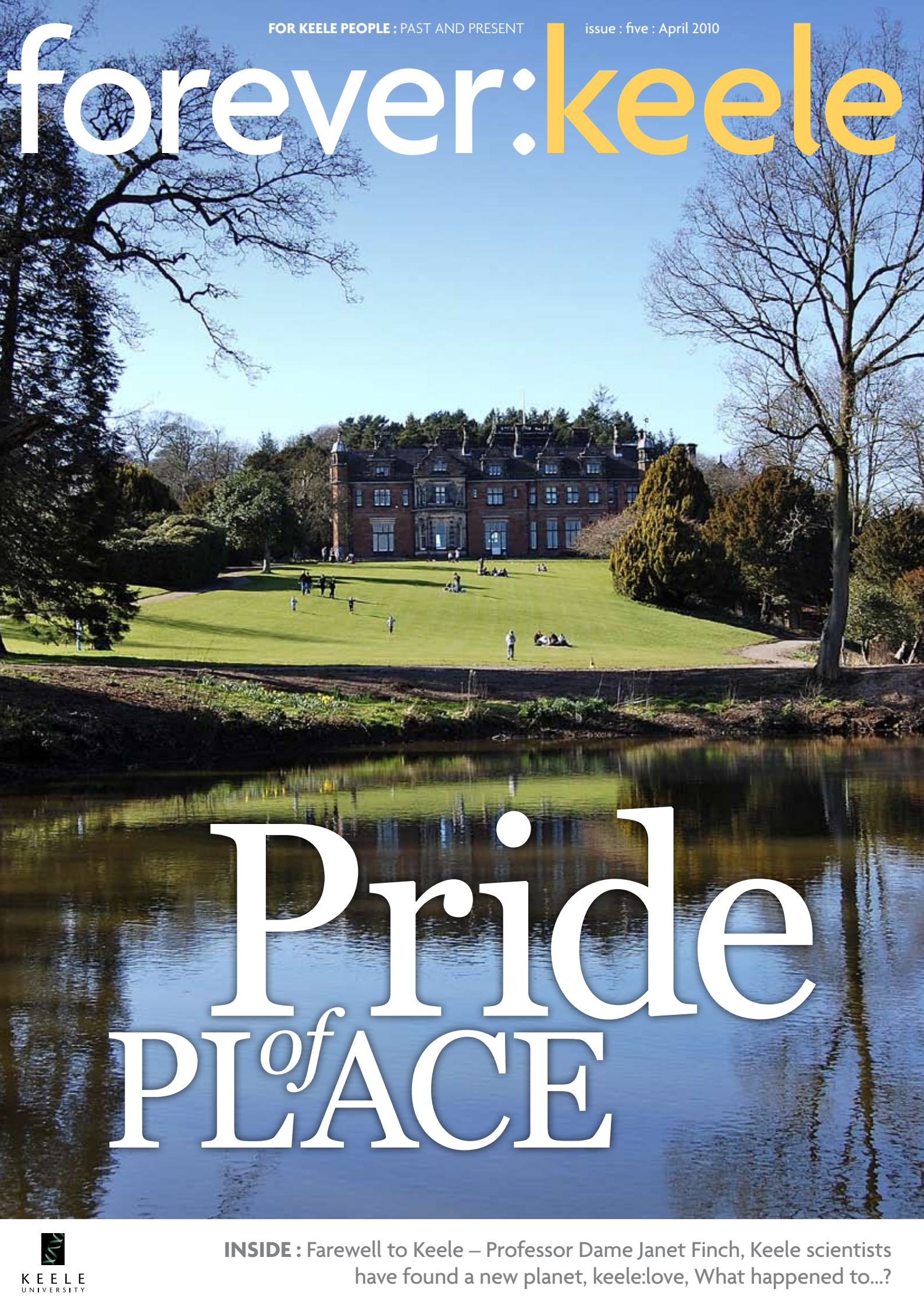


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COME HOME TO KEELE **bigger,** KEELE'S FLAGSHIP ALUMNI EVENT IS BACK, **better & brighter** THAN EVER!



The day will look like this:

- *An Afternoon In The Outback* – with music and a barbecue
- *Historical Mystery Tour* – Matt Hicks (2003) will offer a unique tour of the campus and its ghostly and mysterious past
- *Entertainments and Frivolities* – à la Grad Ball
- *The Legendary forever:keele Disco* – featuring your very own alumni playlist of Keele favourites!
- *Yearbook Mayhem* – Mark “Sparky” Holtz (1993) brings his back copies of the Keele Yearbook extending nearly fifteen years... Check out your embarrassing hairstyle and fancy dress disasters!
- *Feeding Frenzy* – the Kiln serves luscious loads of late-night cheesy chips and all your old school favourite fodder

Not only is Homecoming the ideal opportunity to catch up with your friends, it's also the perfect occasion to bring together members of club and societies. The Alumni Office can help publicise your “reunion within a reunion”.
We look forward to welcoming you home to Keele!

This event was attended by 450 Keelites last year and Homecoming 2010 – to be held on Saturday, July 10, in the Students' Union – will bring back all your Keele memories, from the cheesy disco to the chips and cheese.

And for the first time, on-campus accommodation will be available in Horwood and Barnes at £25 for a single occupancy en suite room.

We work closely with the Students' Union to bring you a night to remember and this year the Union will be decked out in its Grad Ball finery. Our DJ, KUSU's Jayne Winstanley (2001), is putting together a special forever:keele playlist full of the songs that remind you of Keele, such as Never Forget by Take That.



I want to come home to Keele! WHAT DO I DO NOW?

STEP ONE / Sign up for the event via the **forever:keele group on Facebook** or contact **John Easom** on **j.c.easom@kfm.keele.ac.uk** or **01782 733370**

STEP TWO / Book your on-campus accommodation online at **www.keele-conferencemanagement.com/homecoming2010**

STEP THREE / Suggest a song for the playlist in the **forever:keele group on Facebook** or contact **Hannah Hiles** on **h.e.hiles@kfm.keele.ac.uk** or **01782 733857**

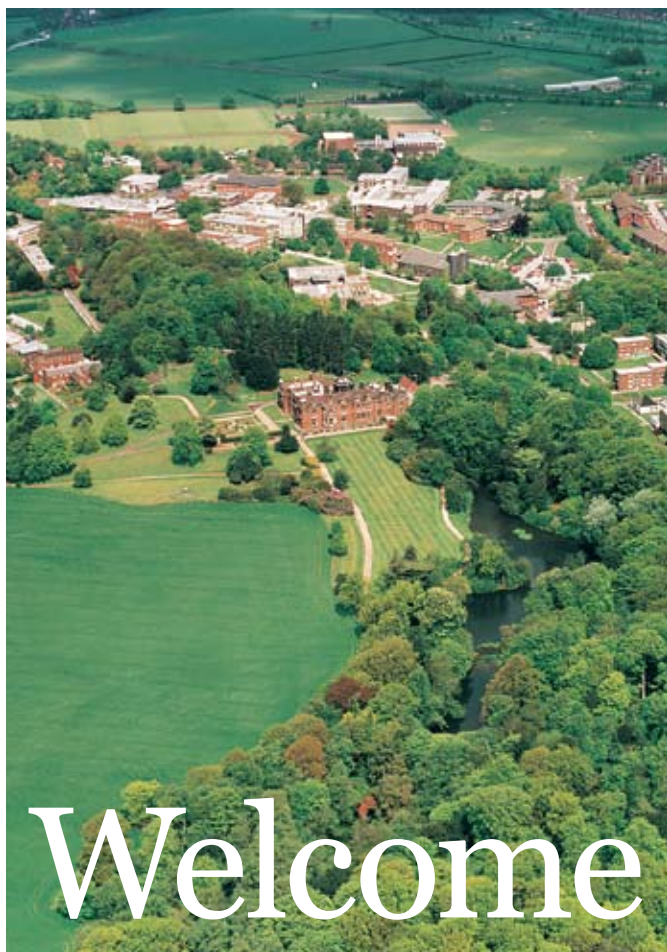
STEP FOUR / Spread the word among your Keele friends!

CELEBRATE Keele in Canada

Canadian Keelites are set to get together to celebrate the **60th anniversary of the foundation of Keele University as the University College of North Staffordshire (UCNS)**.

The event is set to take place on **Saturday, June 19, in Toronto**. Alumni will be joined by members of staff from Keele for an informal social gathering and a chance to hear about what's new at Keele. The 60th anniversary has already been celebrated at Keele during Pioneers Reunions and in the USA at the California Beach Party.

For more information please contact John Easom on j.c.easom@kfm.keele.ac.uk or 0044 1782 733370.



I am delighted to introduce the 2010 edition of **forever:keele** to all our alumni and honorary graduates.

During my 15 years as Vice-Chancellor I have met many of you and I will miss the interactions with our alumni – you are the enduring embodiment of the Keele community and our representatives in the wider world.

It has been an eventful period in Keele's history, which has seen many changes. But Keele has always remained true to the principles of its founder Lord Lindsay, to provide a broad-based education within a close-knit campus community – or as he put it, *“the pursuit of truth in the company of friends”*.

As I hand on the vice-chancellorship to Professor Nick Foskett, I look forward to seeing future developments at the University, a University of which I will always be proud.

Professor Dame Janet Finch DBE DL AcSS
Vice-Chancellor, Keele University

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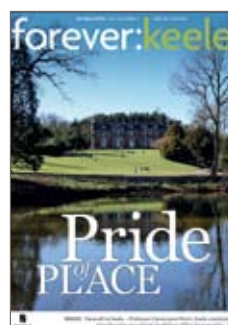
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Farewell to Keele



Professor Dame Janet Finch is retiring in July after almost 15 years as Keele's Vice-Chancellor. *forever:keele* caught up with her for a chat about her time at the University.

What is your best memory of your time at Keele?

It's not easy to choose just one. One of my favourites is when the Queen came to open the new entrance to the University in 1999; not just because it was the Queen, but also because it represented the first step of moving Keele into a new phase of academic and commercial development. The new entrance opened up 40 acres of the site, meaning we could build the medical school and the Science Park.

What do you consider your biggest success?

It is difficult not to say the medical school. It was such a visible new development for the University, and it was something that the University and the community wanted from the beginning. Almost half of the medical students who graduated last year stayed in the West Midlands to work, so it has been important for the region.

Is there anything else you would have liked to have done?

There are lots of things! I would have liked us to complete the programme of refurbishment of student residences more quickly, and to really push forward the enhancing of facilities to what students today need and expect. It's not a failure but there is still more to be done in enhancing facilities for students.

What words of wisdom would you give to the next Vice-Chancellor?

Keele is a very distinctive type of university and that is its great strength. I hear again and again from our staff, students and alumni that they value Keele's strong commitment to breadth in education and the campus community. My words of wisdom would be that the next Vice-Chancellor should try to make sure that Keele goes on being distinctive and that they should not try to make it more like other places.

What are your hopes for Keele in the future?

I hope that Keele will remain a strong and distinctive university and that people will increasingly recognise the name Keele as standing for these things.

What are your plans for life after Keele?

I am planning another career which has a mixture of activities. I am planning to continue my research into the sociology of family relationships and I expect to play national roles in a non-executive capacity in a variety of organisations. I want to contribute the expertise I have built up in my working life to a range of other organisations in other capacities.

And finally... Sum up Keele in three words.

I love it.

He will succeed Professor Dame Janet Finch, who is retiring as Vice-Chancellor of the University in July, after 15 years' service.

Professor Foskett is a professor of education, with an international research profile in higher education policy.

Born in North Staffordshire, his family lived for several generations in Burslem and Wolstanton working in the pottery industry. Professor Foskett lived in Stockton Brook until he was 18, attending Greenways Primary School in Stockton Brook and Wolstanton Grammar School in Newcastle-under-Lyme, before reading geography at Keble College, Oxford.

A keen sports fan, his career has taken him away from North Staffordshire but he has retained a keen interest in the fortunes of Port Vale and Stoke City.

Professor Foskett, aged 54, began his career as a geography teacher in secondary schools and further education before moving into higher education, firstly as a senior university administrator and then in academic posts, teaching and undertaking internationally recognised research in education. He has held senior posts in schools and in HE, has worked as a consultant to government and to a wide range of educational institutions both in the UK and internationally.



Keele

Announces New Vice-Chancellor

Keele University has announced that

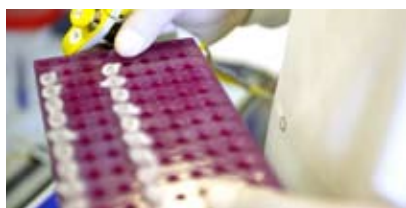
Professor Nick Foskett, currently Dean of the Faculty of Law, Arts and Social Sciences at the University of Southampton, will take up the appointment of Vice-Chancellor at Keele on August 1.

He moved to the University of Southampton as a lecturer in education in 1989 and was promoted to professor of education in 2000. He held senior leadership roles as head of initial teacher training, then head of the School of Education at Southampton before becoming Dean of the Faculty of Law, Arts and Social Sciences in 2005.

Professor Foskett said:

"I am delighted to be taking on the role of Vice-Chancellor at Keele in succession to Professor Dame Janet Finch. The next few years will be challenging for all universities but Keele is well placed to have a strong profile in the higher education world and in its local community. I also look forward to returning to North Staffordshire where my family has its roots."

Professor Dame Janet Finch said: *"I am delighted that Professor Nick Foskett has been chosen to succeed me as Vice-Chancellor this year. His strong background in higher education management and policy, partnerships and international agendas makes him an ideal choice to lead Keele through its next phase and to make a strong personal impact in the region where he was born."*



DISCOVERY MAY HELP BREAST CANCER DIAGNOSIS

Keele researchers have identified two genes which may help improve the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer patients.

The team, which also included colleagues from Nottingham and Cambridge universities and King's College London, is identifying and studying genes which control whether a cell lives or dies.

They found that the survival rate for patients with a low expression of a gene known as Fau, a tumour suppressor, is twice as bad as for people with normal levels, while a high expression of cancer-causing gene MELK has a similar effect.

Professor Gwyn Williams, who has been working on the study for 20 years, said he was excited by the discovery, published in the journal *Breast Cancer Research*, as it had clear real world relevance.

“Our ongoing research is about finding the genes which may go wrong in people with cancer,” he said. **“Genetic changes give hints to where to target therapy and can also help diagnose cancer. When you know enough about genes like these you could carry out a general screening of people who might be at risk.”**

Research teams will now study the two genes in greater depth to identify their uses in diagnosis. The findings may also prove significant in ovarian and prostate cancer research.



Keele awarded prestigious Queen's Anniversary Prize

Keele has been named as one of the 21 winners of the eighth round of the prestigious Queen's Anniversary Prizes for Higher and Further Education.

The Award recognises the work of the internationally renowned Primary Care Sciences Research Centre at Keele. The Centre's work is focused on chronic pain (especially back pain and arthritis) – the main cause of disability in the United Kingdom and the developed world.

Since the Centre was founded in 1996 between academic departments at Keele and local NHS partners, it has:

- attracted funding support totalling £27 million from major UK research bodies
- created a general practice network of 30 participating practices
- established long-term studies of pain in patients involving more than 50,000 patients
- recruited 3,419 participants into nine trials, comparing common treatments and prevention programmes for chronic pain in primary care
- and established a staff of 106 dedicated to the support of primary care research into chronic pain

In 2008 it was chosen to be the Arthritis Research Campaign's National Primary Care Centre. The Queen's Anniversary Prizes are awarded every two years to institutions of higher and further education across the UK for work of outstanding excellence.



Vice-Chancellor
Professor Dame Janet Finch said:

“The University is extremely proud to receive this prestigious award, which recognises the outstanding work and dedication of the team in the Primary Care Sciences Research Centre. Practical applications of their research work have created beneficial results for the wider economic health of the nation and the health and wellbeing of an ageing society, which has led to direct improvement in the quality of life for affected individuals.”

Swearing

can make you feel better

Researchers from Keele's School of Psychology have determined that swearing can have a 'pain-lesening effect'.



The study, by Dr Richard Stephens and his colleagues John Atkins and Andrew Kingston, was published in the journal *NeuroReport* and received worldwide media attention.

Sixty-four undergraduate volunteers were asked to submerge their hand in a tub of ice water for as long as possible while repeating a swear word of their choice; they were then asked to repeat the experiment, this time using a more commonplace word that they would use to describe a table.

The researchers found that the volunteers were able to keep their hands submerged in the ice water for a longer period of time when repeating the swear word, establishing a link between swearing and an increase in pain tolerance.

The team believes that the pain-lesening effect occurs because swearing triggers our natural 'fight-or-flight' response.

Dr Stephens said: "Swearing has been around for centuries and is an almost universal human linguistic phenomenon. It taps into emotional brain centres and appears to arise in the right brain, whereas most language production occurs in the left cerebral hemisphere of the brain. Our research shows one potential reason why swearing developed and why it persists."

SCIENTISTS IN THEIR ELEMENT WITH CHEMISTRY PODCASTS

Two Keele scientists have contributed podcasts to an interactive look at the periodic table.

Professor Pat Bailey and Dr Katherine Haxton appear in Chemistry World's Chemistry In Its Element series, in which a leading scientist or author takes a look at the story behind an element.

Professor Bailey compares Boron to a "boring, middle-aged accountant [...] with an unexpected side to him in his spare time", while Dr Haxton's look at Platinum takes in blonde hair, expensive jewellery, a new generation of catalysts, anti-cancer drugs and the Spanish conquistadors.

The interactive periodic table can be found at www.rsc.org/chemistryworld/podcast/element.asp

AWARD FOR PIONEERING STEM CELL RESEARCH TO MEND BROKEN BONES

The Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) awarded almost £4 million to scientists from Keele, Imperial College London, Nottingham and Southampton to develop new and better treatments for broken bones and other orthopaedic problems associated with ageing.

Fractures, bone loss due to trauma or disease and other orthopaedic conditions pose a significant clinical and socioeconomic problem, especially with an ageing population, but as yet there is no large scale effective treatment for replacing or repairing damaged bones.

Over five years, the scientists will combine their expertise in skeletal stem cells, scaffolds and materials chemistry to identify the key growth factors, matrix proteins and physical conditions that will enhance tissue regeneration and ultimately lead to more effective skeletal repair strategies.

KEELE'S NEW DOCTORS STAY IN THE WEST MIDLANDS

Almost half of the 88 medical students who graduated in July from Keele's School of Medicine stayed in the West Midlands.

All the new graduates started their medical careers in well-earned first jobs across the country, but 40 of them stayed within the West Midlands Deanery to work in hospitals in North Staffordshire, Stafford, Shrewsbury, Telford and Birmingham.





HUGE NEW PLANET TELLS OF GAME OF PLANETARY BILLIARDS

Keele scientists have found a new planet which orbits the wrong way around its host star. The planet, named **WASP-17** and orbiting a star 1,000 light years away, was found by Keele's WASP-South search for new planets.

Graduate student David Anderson was surprised to find that the 17th new planet, WASP-17, is in a 'retrograde' orbit – the first planet to be found orbiting the 'wrong' way.

WASP-17 appears to have been the victim of a game of planetary billiards, flung into its unusual orbit by a close encounter with a 'big brother' planet. Professor Coel Hellier said: "Shakespeare said that two planets could no more occupy the same orbit than two kings could rule England; WASP-17 shows that he was right."

The first sign that WASP-17 was unusual was its large size. Though it is only half the mass of Jupiter it is bloated to nearly twice Jupiter's size, making it the largest planet known. It is 70 times less dense than the Earth.

Professor Keith Mason, Chief Executive of the Science and Technology Facilities Council, which funded the research, said: "The WASP team has proved once again why this project is currently the world's most successful project searching for transiting exoplanets."

Keele's WASP-South team search for planets using an array of cameras that monitor hundreds of thousands of stars, searching for small dips in their light when a planet transits in front of them. The camera array is sited at the South African Astronomical Observatory, taking advantage of the clear South African skies.

PROJECT GREEN OFFERS NEW SKILLS OPPORTUNITY TO GRADUATES

Graduates have the chance to nurture the green shoots of a new career thanks to Keele's Project Green scheme.

The sustainable business programme offers unemployed graduates – or those at risk of unemployment – the chance to gain new skills and get paid at the same time.

The programme includes study towards a postgraduate certificate in Environmental Management and a paid work placement with a business to tackle an environmental project lasting at least four weeks and up to a possible 12 weeks.

Applicants need not have an environmental background and the scheme is open to newly qualified graduates and those who graduated some time ago.

The next rounds of placements will begin in April 2010 and June 2010. Each will have an intake of around 35 graduates.



Applicants and interested companies can get more information from
ecif@uso.keele.ac.uk 01782 733587 or www.keele.ac.uk/depts/aa/postgraduate/projectgreen.html

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JOIN OUR SOCIAL NETWORKS



Keele University has been at the forefront of using social networks to connect with prospective and current students, staff and alumni, so if you use Facebook, LinkedIn or Twitter come and join us online.

Facebook

Keele's alumni Facebook group, *forever.keele* (<http://bit.ly/6pqVuL>) has more than 2,400 members. You'll find ongoing discussions (check out "Why did you choose Keele?" on the right for an example) and reminiscing – and we often use the group to make announcements so if you want to be first with the news do join! You can also sign up for events such as Homecoming and Keele in the City through the group.

We also have a page, Keele University (www.facebook.com/KeeleUniversity) with more than 4,500 fans, where we post updates from the University straight into your news feeds.

LinkedIn

We have more than 900 members in the Keele University Alumni LinkedIn group (<http://bit.ly/6S6c9z>) which is ideal for professional networking. There are a number of subgroups for professional areas such as Marketing and Education to allow you to connect with fellow alumni in your field. All members are approved by a member of the Alumni Office team so you can be sure of bona fide Keele connections.

Twitter

Keele has a lively Twitter feed at <http://twitter.com/keeleuniversity> where you can keep up to date with news from the University in no more than 140 characters at a time.

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Hannah Hiles (staff) What was it about Keele that made you decide to come here?



Catherine Mortimore (2003) It was the only university in the country where I could study music and computer science at the same time. Dual honours is a huge attraction.

Charles Stewart (1979) Wanted to live on campus. Liked the idea of the foundation year. Not too close and not too far from home.

Cathy Green (Threadgold) (1997) My cousin 'found' Keele, as it had a good ladies' rugby team. I came to spend a weekend with her when I was looking at universities, spent a Friday night in the Union and made up my mind Keele was for me there and then!



Jim Nield (1990) I didn't know what to do after A levels, but I knew I wanted to leave home and Keele was the only place where I could do music and psychology. I went to an open day on a crisp, sunny, winter's day in 1985 or 1986. Everyone seemed really friendly and genuinely happy there, and the campus and surrounding area was absolutely beautiful with six inches of snow under a clear blue sky. I guess I fell in love with the place, and I've never regretted my choice.

Simone Williams (2000) I chose Keele because of the foundation year and the fact that my hubby was doing his Masters there.

Lauren Binnington (2005) One of my friends showed me the prospectus and after I visited, I loved it. I think she thought that I was stalking her! It was the study abroad that swayed me in the end, and I had a fantastic four months in New Orleans because of it! Happy days.

David Beauchamp (1985) It came down to a choice between City Uni in London or Keele, and Keele had trees, whereas every visit to London left me feeling dirty. Never regretted it for a moment.

Jane Reid (1992) It looked sunny in the prospectus! Went for an open day and it was cold, foggy and muddy and I fell in love with the place at once. It just felt so right, unlike anywhere else I had visited. Wasn't planning on doing FY but dropped a grade. Some of the best four years of my life – my other half says he thinks people from Keele have a stronger attachment to the place than other students have to theirs.

Adam Ward (2000) I was a mature student. For me it had a foundation year, a nice campus and it was small enough to enjoy being at without being intimidating. Plus the girls were all stunning...

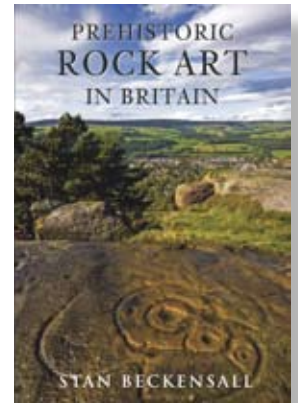
Bec Beloe (2006) I was looking through the prospectus in my year 12 and I saw a picture of the steps by the music block and I just had a feeling about it. I went there on an open day on a rainy day in October and fell in love with it. I made some of the best friends I could ever have there and I met my (still) boyfriend during finals so I've got a lot to thank Keele for.

If you want to keep up to date on the goings-on at Keele but don't want to wait for the next magazine, sign up for our electronic alumni mailing lists.

More than 9,800 Keelites are already subscribed to our monthly e-zine, with more than 5,400 also receiving the weekly email from the Alumni Office. And for graduates of the 1950s and 1960s there is our Pioneers mailing list for lively discussion and nostalgia.

You can sign up for the monthly e-zine online at <http://bit.ly/zorPz> If you would like to join the other mailing lists send an email to j.c.easom@kfm.keele.ac.uk

NEWS FROM KEELE



A book for Keele

Rock art expert Stan Beckensall (1954 English/History/Education) has dedicated his latest book to the founders of Keele University.

The dedication reads: "As one of the first students at the University College of North Staffordshire in 1950 (now the University of Keele), I wish to dedicate this book to the founders, especially 'The Vicar and the Master' – Lord Lindsay of Birker and Alderman the Reverend Thomas Horwood. They dared to be different."

The book, Prehistoric Rock Art In Britain (Amberley), represents many years of internationally recognised research and has a preface by Dr Paul Bahn, an expert on cave painting.

Stan said: "When I look back on the important formative years at Keele, I can see how such a broad approach to education stood me in good stead. I had no academic training in archaeology, but I picked up what I know by direct experience, kept an open mind, and worked hard while enjoying it. Thus I had no doubts about the dedication of this book. Keele was an amazing place, thanks to the vision of its founders."




NELLO CELEBRATES FIFTY YEARS AT KEELE

Keele institution Neil Baldwin – also known as the Great Nello – celebrates 50 years at Keele this year. Known to generations of Keelites as a sporting legend and constant presence on campus, Neil's golden anniversary was commemorated with a series of events organised by the chapel community, including a service of celebration and a football testimonial match. Alumni officer John Easom awarded him an honorary alumnihood and described Neil, formerly Stoke City's kit man and a circus clown, as "a memorable man with a million mates".

Celebratory mugs and T-shirts are available from chaplaincy_assistant@cha.keele.ac.uk

Bishop of Lichfield receives House of Lords call-up



The Bishop of Lichfield, the Right Reverend Jonathan Gledhill (1972 French/German), joined the House of Lords in November as one of the 26 senior bishops who makes up the Lords Spiritual.

He said he was glad to be able to "represent the interests of the West Midlands, especially the poorer parts, which I believe are under-represented in the Lords".

KEELE UNIVERSITY HONORARY DEGREES 2009

Keele University awarded honorary degrees during 2009 to a group of people who have made outstanding contributions within their fields of expertise.



David Cooney



Jo Williams

The recipients were:

- Film director **Ken Loach**, who was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Letters in recognition of his outstanding contribution to film
- **James Hawley**, the Lord-Lieutenant of Staffordshire, who was awarded a Doctor of the University in recognition of his contribution to the county of Staffordshire
- Former chief executive of Mencap **Dame Jo Williams** received a Doctor of Letters in recognition of her contribution to social work and disability services
- Former deputy Pro-Chancellor of Keele **Eric Hassall CBE** received a Doctor of the University in recognition of his contribution to industry and the work of the University
- **David Cooney**, Secretary General of the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Ireland, received a Doctor of the University in recognition of his contribution to diplomacy and public service
- Medical scientist **Professor Sir Alex Markham** will receive a Doctor of Science in recognition of his contribution to molecular medicine

Dame Jo Williams (1971 Applied Social Studies/Sociology and Social Anthropology) and David Cooney (1976 History/Politics) added their honorary degrees to their Keele undergraduate degrees.



Keele student is runner-up in Miss Ghana UK competition

Melissa Obosi (2009 International Relations/History) has been named first runner-up in the Miss Ghana UK competition at a gala pageant in London.

Melissa, who is now studying for a Masters degree in International Relations at Keele, was among nine finalists in the competition, which aims to highlight Ghana's rich heritage and bring together UK-based Ghanaians in a celebration of their culture. She also received the Miss Eloquence award at the pageant.

The 22-year-old, who comes from North London, is a keen charity worker and her ambition is to work on overseas development and humanitarian campaigns.

She said: "I am extremely happy and wish to take this opportunity to congratulate all the other contestants. We all worked very hard and the night was a tremendous success."



Doctor Sam takes top student prize

Medical student Sam Creavin picked up Keele's prestigious Neil and Gina Smith Student of the Year Award for 2009.

The first in his family to go to university, Sam achieved a Masters degree (MPhil) at the same time as his undergraduate studies in Medicine, the first student at Keele to achieve this.

He has had work from his MPhil accepted for publication and has presented at conferences nationally and internationally – and gained "Best Overall Performance" in every progress test over four years.

In addition to his strong academic performance, Sam contributed both to Keele and to the wider community in an extensive range of extracurricular activities.

He was involved with Keele Marrow, a charity devoted to the development of bone marrow donation; he worked with the British Heart Foundation's Heartstart programme; and he was the founding chairman of Medsin Keele, which includes a teddy bear hospital, aimed at encouraging young children to have confidence in dealing with health professionals.

Sam, who now works as a junior doctor in Bristol, said: "I'm very grateful to have been given so many opportunities while at university and am honoured to win this award."

YOUR IMAGES OF

Keele





telethon

Alumni buck the trends in record support for Keele students



Campaign Medals

Vicky Abrahams, Mariam Adamson, Jon Banks, James Barraclough, Mausam Bhanji, Becky Bisset, Steph Case, Russell Cook, Kathryn Ford, Arun Ghale, Hanita Gill, Firas Al-Hamed, Rachel Hodgkinson, Shayda Kanani, Claire Knapper, Tara Lal, James Lavender, Suzie Loding, Audrey Marshall, Ellie Morton, Abla O'Callaghan, Anne Olayinka, Tessa Piper, Chris Prendergast, Usman Sajid, Raz Sesay, Caroline Towler, Athena Wilson

Special awards

The award for excellence for being the best team member – Usman Sajid

The telethon veteran award – Ian Mahoney

Keelites have pledged almost £200,000 to support current students through the Keele Key Fund, smashing the telethon target of £65,000.

Each year, current students telephone their predecessors to strengthen links, share information and compare the unique Keele experience across the generations as well as raising funds for the Keele Key Fund.

Due to the financial climate in the UK, the 2009 telethon set a conservative target of raising £65,000 for the Key Fund using 28 student callers who contacted more than 1,000 alumni during the last three weeks of November.

After just one week of the three-week campaign, alumni had already pledged almost £60,000, and the target for the campaign was raised to £100,000. That target was shattered after two weeks, with the total reaching £191,500 – most of which will benefit from Gift Aid, adding an additional 50 per cent of the donation as a result of the Government matched funding scheme for UK universities.

Alex Baugh of Buffalo Fundraising Consultants, who managed the caller team, said: "The generosity of Keele alumni achieved some of the best results we have seen at any university. The success is attributed to the exceptional affection and generosity of Keele's alumni and also to the skill and passion of an exceptional calling team."

Fundraising officer Robin Cross added: "*The Keele Key Fund offers a way for former students of Keele University to make a real difference to the University for current Keele students. We are grateful for this very generous support by our alumni.*"

Behind the scenes at the campaign

Ian Mahoney (2009 Criminology/History) is currently studying for an MRes in Social Relations and was the assistant campaign manager of the 2009 telethon.



You've been involved with the telethon since the first one. What made you decide to get involved?

Initially I got involved through curiosity; I had worked in bars and restaurants before and wanted to try something new.

Why is the Keele Key Fund important?

The Key Fund is important in raising funds for student facilities and scholarships which will continue to be affected by the continuing decrease in Government funding per student, widening the availability of Keele and University life to all who are interested in the experience. The other projects supported by the Fund are also vital in making Keele appeal to the wider community.

How has your role changed over the years?

Initially I was recruited, along with 40 others, as a caller so I spent all my time on the telephone talking to our alumni about their time at and after Keele, letting them know about what was going on and seeking support for the fund. During the 2008 telethon I worked with Joel Radiven as a call team supervisor and in the 2009 campaign I was the assistant campaign manager to Alex Baugh of Buffalo Fundraising Consultants. I helped with training the call team and in the day-to-day running of the campaign, including supporting and motivating the callers, preparing and posting envelopes so that we could thank those contacted, and eventually taking over the show for a couple of days when Alex had some time off.

What was the best call you have ever made?

That was probably one of the first calls I made on my first day. I can't remember who I was talking to but the conversation was fantastic. When I first spoke to the lovely lady in question I used her nickname rather than her full name and that was the only reason she didn't hang up on me right from the start! I think we spoke for about half an hour about her time here and also about how much she had learnt in the few years after leaving Keele. She also told me my first bit of Keele folklore; the moving of a chandelier from Keele Hall to an archway on the way to the Clockhouse by the students!

And have you had any bad experiences?

There has occasionally been someone who has forgotten to opt out, but otherwise there has been a largely positive response. The worst days are the ones where no one is able to get through to anyone at all for a couple of hours, normally on a Saturday afternoon when the sport is on! But conveniently lunch always seemed to fall in the middle of that...

What have you learned from being involved in the telethon?

It is a great way to develop new people skills and build self-confidence. This year I think I have learnt the most as I was assisting in organising and setting up the campaign from the start. I have also learnt a lot from helping to run the campaign, in particular organising the call teams, keeping them motivated and dealing with unexpected problems, and I'm sure all these new skills will be useful alongside any career I choose.

I would like to thank all the alumni who we have contacted over the past three years for taking the time to talk to us current students, for all of the valuable advice and the fantastic levels of support which you have given us. Please come back and see the changes that you are all helping to make!

What is the Keele Key Fund?

We have established the Keele Key Fund to bring together the goodwill of alumni and friends to benefit both current and future students.

As we near our 60th anniversary, Keele maintains its mission to be the UK's leading example of an open, integrated intellectual community – our alumni are part of that story.



KUBE Radio

Bursaries and Scholarships

The Keele Key Fund assists students from lower income backgrounds or communities under-represented in Higher Education. Scholarships and Bursaries range from £500 to £1,000 p.a. In 2008 a study abroad hardship programme was set up with funding from the Keele Key Fund.

Academic Excellence

The fund supports Keele's commitment to continuous investment in high quality education, research and the purchase of new facilities and equipment. Funding from the Keele Key Fund is being used to create a Moot Court to allow Keele Law students to take part in more inter-university mooting competitions as well as further developing mooting at Keele.

Heritage and Environment

The Heritage Lakes and Valleys project aims to continue the work started with the restoration of the top lake and further improve the attractive features of the Keele Estate. The Keele Key Fund has supported the new network of footpaths and way marks. The Keele Arboretum has also benefited with a new labelling system and information guide.

Enhancing the student experience

The Fund supports Keele's volunteering and cultural programmes including the Voluntary Experience Group, International Cultural Experience and KUBE Radio. This enables our students to engage with other cultures and the wider community, enhancing their experience and developing their skills for the future. The University continually works towards making the Keele experience more memorable and distinctive for students.

Sports, Arts and Leisure

Our Talented Athlete and Coaching programmes allow our students to perform in a variety of sports both nationally and internationally. We always require funds to provide or upgrade our facilities and equipment. The KUSU Dancesport team recently benefited from funding for competition outfits, coaching and transport to the competition venues.

Annual Project

Each year the Keele Key Fund supports a special project within the University. In 2008/9 the Keele Key Fund supported the £350,000 restoration and enhancement of the Observatory. The newly completed Keele Earth and Space Observatory will provide visitors, community groups, local businesses and schools with a 'hands on' experience of the research activities in the physical sciences and astronomy.

The special project for 2009/10 is the restoration of the boathouse located on the recently restored top lake. We need to raise £35,000 to restore the boathouse and its surrounds and this will be part of the long term development plans for the University lakes and valleys project.



Boathouse



Moot Court, Teesside



Dancesport



Arboretum

A new dawn for the Keele Earth and Space Observatory

Keele University's historic observatory has been refurbished in a major transformation designed to open up the natural sciences to a wider audience.

The observatory has evolved from a centre of scientific research and amateur astronomy to one which will be used by a wider range of visitors to increase the public understanding of science.

The Keele Earth and Space Observatory was officially reopened by Lord Rees of Ludlow, Astronomer Royal and President of the Royal Society, on Tuesday, February 2.

The £360,000 transformation includes the refurbishment of the existing observatory and telescopes, and an extension to the lecture room and its teaching and presentation facilities. It has been funded by the Wolfson Foundation, alumni donations to the Keele Key Fund and Keele University.

The centre aims to raise people's awareness of science while continuing its long-standing commitment to teaching and outreach. Visitors will be able to experience practical examples of physical and earth sciences and astronomy, using equipment dating from the 19th century to the present day.

The original observatory at Keele was built in 1962 and was established to house the historic Grubb telescope, which was built in Oxford in 1873 and used by Einstein on a visit to Oxford.

Fundraising officer Robin Cross said: "*The Keele Observatory had been showing its age for some time and was in a poor state, with leaking domes, rotting window frames and a lack of disabled access among the many issues it faced.*"

"*The refurbishment and re-equipping of the facilities provides an exciting, safe and attractive environment in which organised groups, businesses, schools and educators can enjoy a 'hands on' experience into the research activities in the physical sciences, astronomy, earth sciences and the environment.*"

Professor Nye Evans, of Keele's astrophysics group, said: "*The Observatory at Keele has a long tradition of exciting both youngsters and adults from the area. We anticipate that this exciting new facility will enhance their experience, and continue the strong links we have with the community.*"

Before



During



After

New Scholarships Launched

The North American Foundation for Keele University has launched a new scholarship scheme to fund postgraduate courses for American and Canadian students at Keele.

The scholarships were launched at a beach party weekend in Del Mar, near San Diego, California, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the foundation of Keele University.

NAFKU has pledged to support annual awards of US\$ 4,000 per scholar and an immediate \$6,000 was raised at the reunion to launch the first scholarship. Further donations will be invited from other alumni in North America to extend the programme each year.

Alumni officer John Easom said: "*We hope that from 2011 NAFKU Scholarships will run in parallel with other prestigious programmes such as those of the Fulbright Commission and the Marshall Commission to enable more North Americans to benefit from the unique Keele experience.*"

Keen Keelites Mark Hill (1974) and Rick Levak (1971) hosted the reunion event, attended by representatives from Keele and NAFKU and alumni and current students from as far afield as Vancouver, New York, Florida, and the UK.

You can find more information at www.nafku.org

The Keele Key Fund in action

The Keele Key Fund awarded £16,000 to projects across the University during 2009. Here are some of the projects supported by your generous donations:



First Responders



Overseas Challenge

Keele First Responders – Working alongside the West Midlands Ambulance service, Keele now has a team of dedicated volunteers who are trained to respond to emergency 999 calls on campus, reducing waiting time and improving the chances of survival for the patient.

Keele Moth Project – Students in natural sciences as well as those interested in green issues and school outreach activities, will now have the opportunity to monitor the 350 species of moths found at Keele to establish the health of the population compared with the last records of 20 years ago.

Foundations of Sociology (Le Play) Archive Exhibition – An exhibition was held to launch the archive collection, which is intended to stimulate discussion across a range of areas, including sociology, geography, criminology, literature, politics and the visual arts. The exhibition is drawn from a wide range of materials including photographs, manuscripts, survey data and correspondence.

Keele Voluntary Experience Overseas Challenge 2009 and 2010 – An exciting project for Keele students to be involved in summer schools for primary school children in Sri Lanka, India and Thailand.

“What makes you so special?” career planning workshops – A programme of career planning workshops for final-year students, which included developing skills in CV and application writing, application forms, first impressions and interview techniques.

Keele Philharmonic Orchestra and Choir – The grant was given to support the orchestra and choir in their 2009/10 concert programme.

Nurses Welcome Event – This provided groups of students who often live off campus with the opportunity to meet other Keele students in a social setting.

Keele Concerts Society – The student ticket subsidy aims to encourage students to attend some or the entire programme of classical, jazz, world and early music concerts.

Keele Voluntary Experience community projects – Events aimed at developing links with local Keele residents and other communities close to Keele. A Christmas party was held for Keele village residents in 2009 and was a great success.

Thank you!

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1968

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1969

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Philip Soar

1970

Keith Bradshaw
Sue Edwards (Horsman)
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John Walker
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1971

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Christopher Cornford
Phil Davies
Bob Digby
Ronald Graham
Frankie McGauran (Shaw)
Linda Sohawon (Goodall)
Alec Spencer
Jo Williams (Heald)

1972

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1973

Stephen Brooks & Janet Phelps (1972)
Warren Colman
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Xandra Gilchrist
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1974

Peter Bradley
Anne Copley (Readshaw)
David Dix
Patrick Durkan
Christopher Graham
Steve Johnson
Andrew & Sarah Packer (Phillips)
Derick Parry
Christine Spratt (Howells)
Robert Willan

1975

Ruth Benson (Amery)
Jeoffrey Gleave
Bob Hawkes
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Hamish McArthur
Susan McKenna
Joanna McVeagh
Gordon & Katy Mousinho (Rutherford – 1978)
Karen Pollock
Andy Watts

1976

Pat Blackburn
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Oonagh Harpur (Clamp)
Richard King
Venera Lawton (Falletta)
Gordon McKeown
Alison Nicolson (Atkins)
Victor Trigg

1977

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Anne Lindsay (Cleall)
Susan (Robinson) & Neil Murray
Val Newman
Christopher Thompson
Len & Angela Tingle (Marsh – 1978)
Ray Woodfine

1978

Jonathan Beckett
Pamela Dalley (Ladbrook)
Dave Hill
Harris Rosenberg
Steve Russell
Roger Wilson

1979

Sally Austerberry
Julie Dudley (Potter)
Howard Hopkins
Alex Hunt
Anju Kaler
Lawford Martin
John Patton
Martin Webster

1980

Jonty Ainsworth
Carol (Stretton) & Steve Botham (1979)
Ian Gray
Angela Lawrence
Ian Norman

1981

Jonathan Brown
Frank & Sharon Clark (Sullivan – 1982)
Anna Evans (Popadopoulos)
Andrew Harris &

Margaret Parker (1982)
 Lisa Lee (Simpson-White)
 Debra (Croucher) &
 Kieron Sheehy (1982)
 Eileen Ward (O'Callaghan)
 Peter Wentworth

1982

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 Nigel Bartram
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 Rodney Dukes
 David Ellis
 Timothy & Helen
 Hunt (Ross)
 Simon Knock
 Sona Osman
 Kath Parsons (Riley)
 Richard & Anne White
 (Tebbutt – 1981)

1983

Amanda Croft-Pearman
 Cicely Davey (Corke)
 Dave Gambling
 Helen Hope (Moore)
 Phil Isbill
 Catherine Martin (Davies)
 Simon Morris
 Mike Nicholas
 Barrie Pope
 Jeremy Sogno
 Alan Wakeman

1984

Laurence Broyd
 David Harris
 Neil Infield
 Roger Jackson
 Janet Meadowcroft
 Alison Prowse
 Christine Snaith

1985

Angela Chatfield (Smyth)
 Jon Davey
 Philippa Frost (Bracewell)
 Ro Gorell (Mee)
 Anne Smithson
 Fiona Whitelaw

1986

Andy Benn
 Edwin Fuller
 Richard Russell
 Barbara Scase

1987

Michele Combes (Fielding)
 Phil Jones
 Duncan Maggs
 Rowey Tysall

1988

Martin Bazley
 Richard Blows
 Katherine Gosling
 (Thompson)
 Stephen Green
 Tim Howle
 Simon & Helen Jones
 (Underwood)
 Helena Kinrade (Kane)
 Anne O'Brien (Riding)
 Philippa Tyler
 Patrick Williamson

1989

Helen Burgess
 Simon Hearn
 Matthew Hill
 Kate Maddock (Heeley)
 Jonathan Peacock
 Denise Pickard
 Matt Shearlock
 Lorraine Tucker (Bowley)
 Julie Welch (Harrison)
 Mark & Tracy Yates
 (Glennon)

1990

Kate Bradshaw (Lees)
 Susan Cannings
 (Bottomley)
 Guy & Tracy Crawford
 (Woodroffe)
 Marie Fogg
 Steven Howe
 Hafsi Kadiri
 Mary-Ann Preston
 (Dowling)

1991

Neil Dube
 Emma Greenhough
 (Crampin)
 Matthew Reed

1992

Lisa Allen
 Matt Barker
 Jean Beattie
 Charles Falk
 Albert Greatrex
 Gareth Jarrett
 Harriet Warner (Barlow)

1993

Donna Clancy
 Alison Cowan
 Spike Crossley
 Philip Ditchfield
 Clare (Brownlee)
 & Richard Duncan
 Ross English
 Andrew Freeman
 David Gentleman
 Nicola Gibson
 Melanie Haisley (Blissett)
 Claire Haslam (Cartridge)
 Rahul Nath Moodgal
 Tracy Nelson (King)
 Kate Read (Flint)

1994

Richard Batty
 Andrew Cooper
 Andy Dutton
 Leroy Greene
 Tom Grinyer
 Robert John Gunnell
 Helen Harrison
 Jonathan Hirsch
 John Hunt
 Melanie Jones
 Thomas Kirby
 Glynis Kirkland
 Mohammed Rizwan Mirza
 Marsha O'Mahony
 Philippa Parker (Bell)
 Mo Ray
 Pauline Tomkins
 Marion Unwin
 Roger Walker
 Mandy Watts (Woolford)

1995

Carol Barker (Jackson)
 Jonathan Butlin
 Mark Elliot
 Kerry Fenton (Wilding)
 Peter Harris
 Amanda Hatton (Jempson)
 Catherine Holland
 Ian Howells
 Chris Kirby
 Lee Lam (Brooks)
 Liz Mooney
 Simon Pryde
 Joy Sailes
 Victoria Spong (Toop)
 Andrea Washington
 (Banham)

1996

Ann Astley
 Tony Ball
 Alastair Bradley
 Jenny Bradshaw
 (McCarthy)
 Stuart Paul Bramley
 Neil Bunford
 Roger Burgess
 Richard Gorman
 Joanne Green (Stevenson)
 Abi Jessop
 Andrew Johnson
 David Jones
 Esther Jones
 Rosemary Longden
 Nicholas Maxey
 Helen O'Neill-
 Adkins (O'Neill)
 Paul Onions
 Jessie Palmer
 Martin Patterson
 Glen Pearson
 Lyndon Steele
 Fiona Wilson
 Linda Wilson
 Stephen Womack

1997

Beth Bliss (Smith)
 Suzanna Davies (Buggins)
 Roger Errington
 Darrel Swift

1998

Catherine Brannan (Topliss)
 Krysia Dziedzic
 Helen Johnston
 Jennifer Lloyd
 Barry Malpass
 Karen Mortimore
 Olutayo Oke
 Andrea Palmer (Deakin)
 Barnabas Panayiotou
 Keith Pugh
 Andrew Samu
 Ruth Stewart
 Wendy Toon

1999

Sharon Collis
 Helen Green
 Katherine Lundie-Hill
 Heather MacLennan
 Debbie McAllister
 Rosie Pearson
 Sankar Sinha

Gillian Tuckwell
 Annabel Wade
 Karen Young (Williams)

2000

Lesley Bunn (Dean)
 Matthew Carey
 Sarah Carmody
 Anthea Chapman
 Simon Edward
 Amanda Hall (Cannings)
 Neil Lakeland
 Claire Owen (Hart)
 Susan Perry
 Ruhi Singh
 Amy Stuttle (Bell)
 Deb Sutton
 Kristian Toms
 Paul Unsworth

2001

Sarah Hayward
 Becky Moore
 Jane Parker
 Emma Turner

2002

Kirsty Doherty (Davies)
 Naomi Greensmith (Martin)
 Laura Hart
 Andy Mackay
 Vicky Marshall
 Thomas & Charlotte
 Pearson (Reynolds – 2001)
 Jonathan Wynne

2003

David Allsop
 Syed Anwer
 Michael Banks
 Kate Blackmore
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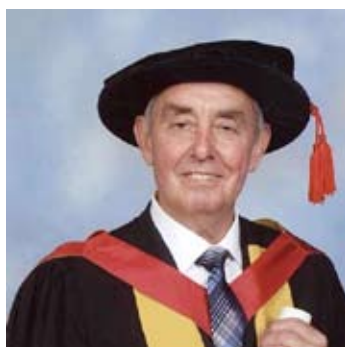


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Guy Evans (1997 Biomedical Sciences)
- 2. Five-a-side –**
Sarah Powell (2005 Psychology/Neuroscience)
- 3. Lindsay Court –**
Hiren Mehta (2003 Management Science/Computer Science)
- 4. Fence and tree –**
Ejay Williams (2011 Media, Communications and Culture/Marketing)
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Stan Beckensall (1954 English/History/Education)
- 6. Keele Hall lakes –**
David Gentleman (1993 French/German/Law)
- 7. Relaxation –**
Lu Yichao (2009 MA Human Resource Management)
- 8. Snowy day at Keele Hall –**
Linda Foster (Keele staff)
- 9. St John's Church, Keele –**
David Williams (1995 German/Chemistry)

A passion for learning



When Barry Malpass (1998 Philosophy/Politics, 2001 MA Environmental Politics, 2008 PhD) returned to education as a mature student, he found it to be a life-changing experience. He told *forever:keele* why he is so glad he came to Keele.

I left school when I was 15 in 1951 and spent most of my life doing manual work. I've been a coal miner and scaffolder and was an overhead lineman for British Rail for 28 years.

In 1992 at the age of 56 I decided to go to Stoke-on-Trent College to do a GCSE in English. I was a reasonably articulate union rep but found it quite difficult to write a note to arrange a meeting.

When I wrote my first essay in college I spent three hours on it and only managed four lines on a bit of paper, but I persevered and got better and better.

I went on to take an access course at college. I was working shifts and had to keep swapping with people to be able to go. I got an A level and it boosted my confidence.

I had the opportunity to take redundancy, which meant I was able to come to Keele. I remember walking across the car park on the first morning and thinking "if I last six months it will be a miracle". Fifteen years later I am still here. I got hooked on it.

It was extraordinary and quite bewildering. I was much older than the other students and I learned from experience not to give them advice. It was exhilarating; we threw ideas around and I got rid of a lot of my baggage. I found it difficult to debate things – I had to learn to be open and not get too passionate.

After I finished my undergraduate degree I went to work in the care industry. My politics lecturer Dr John Barry phoned me one day to ask if I would like to be Keele's candidate for the ESRC studentship, and I jumped at it straightaway. Although I failed to get the funding, I decided to go ahead with the MA in Environmental Politics and pay for it myself, at just under £3,000.

After that I had to keep going to do a PhD. I argued in my thesis for an eclectic conception of sustainable development as the best answer to the ecological crisis and the adoption of greater political control of the world's economies as the best form of agency.

When I was writing up my PhD, my computer crashed and I lost a lot of work. I had gallstones

and a heart problem with the stress – and was in hospital for a month. The rewrites should have taken six months but took two years. I had moments when I thought I was never going to finish, but then I realised that I just had to get down to it.

That is the kind of thing you learn from doing a PhD. The certificate itself is nowhere near as valuable as how much it has changed me. I am far more open-minded and far more confident. Even though I don't always like the world, I now understand it.

My family are very proud of me and I still keep in touch with my old work colleagues. I am now three-quarters of the way through my first novel, an historical drama set in Stoke-on-Trent at the beginning of the 20th century.

Anyone thinking about going back to studying should absolutely grasp it with both hands. It is the most wonderful thing I have ever done. I have been exceptionally lucky and I want to keep pinching myself. It has been a life-changing experience for me.

KEELE'S FIRST DECADE BROUGHT TO LIFE

Volunteer alumni have produced a DVD and CD set to celebrate the Diamond Anniversary of the founding of Keele.

Focusing on the experiences of students, *First Decade* is an account of Keele during the earliest years, and includes:

First Decade (DVD) – a movie about students' early years with contemporary photographs, music and narrative

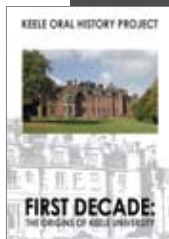
In Our Own Words (CD) – Brian Walker (1970) remembers the early years through interviews recorded with pioneer alumni

The Keele Experiment 1947-1972 (Bonus CD) – produced in 1972 by Gerry Northam (1970) and David Harding (1970)

Ron Maddison (Class of 1957 and Senior Lecturer at Keele until 1991) said of *First Decade*:

"I congratulate all those involved on the excellent discs that I recently received about the pioneering days at Keele. The whole collection represents a true picture of the place as I remember it and it was set up to achieve the wonderful results that those early years provided."

Copies of *First Decade* can be obtained free from the Alumni Office, although donations to the Keele Key Fund are welcomed.



Contact John Easom on 01782 733370 or j.c.easom@kfm.keele.ac.uk
You can find out more about the Keele Oral History Project at www.keele.ac.uk/alumni/alumni_kohp.htm

Up in the air



If you'd told Liz Meek (1984 Greek Studies/Roman Studies) during her time at Keele that she would one day be awarded the Freedom of the City of London for services to ballooning, she would never have believed it. She told *forever:keele* how she got there.

I got into ballooning because I was a journalist and I fell into journalism because I was desperate to avoid my final block teaching practice on my primary PGCE course (not at Keele). It was Easter and I happened to be back in Newcastle-under-Lyme when I saw a vacancy in the job centre for an editorial assistant on Staffordshire County Magazine. I had an interview and had to write an article so I cribbed my (then) Keelite boyfriend's thesis on Staffordshire's castles and got the job.

Three years later, after two other jobs, I was working at the Chester Chronicle when we had an invitation for a journalist to attend a summer school at Millfield in Somerset. I jumped at the chance and, because it was free, I chose ballooning, one of the more expensive options.

It was a brilliant week but it would probably have stopped there had I not been moving house to Shrewsbury that summer. The first leaflet through the door advertised an evening class in ballooning at the local college – the only one they've ever run. Perhaps it was fate, but I've been involved ever since.

I got my balloon pilot's licence in 1991 and I've flown across the Channel and the Alps, been ballooning in Jordan, Northern Cyprus, Kazakhstan, the Philippines and Mongolia. During this time I've also been a sub-editor on newspapers in Shropshire, Hong Kong, Scotland and London so when the editorship of *Aerostat* became vacant in 2001, I applied and got the job. *Aerostat* is the journal of the British Balloon and Airship Club (BBAC) a glossy, bi-monthly magazine, which I edit from home in Kent.

In 2008 I was one of a batch of balloonists awarded the Freedom of the City of London for services to the sport. We put a balloon up outside the Guildhall and then made our vows inside. In the Middle Ages you had to be a Freeman in order to trade in the city, including selling your sheep at market, hence the supposed right to drive your animals over

London Bridge. That doesn't actually apply any more but apparently I might be eligible for an almshouse if I'm destitute in my old age!

In order to try to avoid penury, I also still do subbing shifts at *The Sunday Times* and work with my 'other half', Glen, in his balloon business, Flying Adverts. We did supply a tethered hot air balloon to give rides at a conference held at Keele a few years ago.

Currently, on behalf of the BBAC, I'm seeking sponsorship to bring the historic gas balloon race, the Gordon Bennett Cup, to Britain in 2010. It will be the first time in this prestigious race's 100-year history that it will have launched from Britain and is a great opportunity for any Keelite company directors or marketing executives to generate publicity, especially to promote that green fuel, hydrogen, which is what the balloons will be using. Check out the website at www.gordonbennett2010.com or contact me at liz@flyingadverts.co.uk



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Many Keelites have taken our motto love:keele to heart and met their partners at the University.



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meets a few of our
numerous Keele Kouples.

1. Leanne Lemmings (Clark) (2001) and Ross Lemmings (2000) I am part of a group of eight friends who met at Keele and remain close 11 years on. We are Ross Lemmings, Phil Liu, Ruth (Langley) Liu, Sunil Agalgatti, Michael Turnham, Ben Pritchard and Nicholas Gardiner.

I met Ross through Keele karate club, where the other boys in our group also trained. The men have acted as best men and ushers and Ruth and I have shared the trauma of organising weddings, sharing pregnancies and having our children. We celebrated six and seven years of marriage in August.

Phil and Ruth remain in Newcastle-under-Lyme and every get-together sees us herding our entire group down to Keele lakes for a picnic or a wet weather trudge, boring the little ones with 'and this is where...and this is what...'

2. Katie Hamilton (2006) and Carl Pudney (2006) I met Carl during the November of our first year on an infamous Wednesday night out in the Union and we have been together ever since. At Christmas 2007, Carl asked me to marry him. I gladly accepted and we are getting married in April 2011. We have been through some challenging times together but we have always come out the other end stronger than ever and even when people doubted us, we never gave up.

I will always be forever thankful to Keele because she didn't just bring me some great friends, but she brought Carl and me together and I truly cannot wait to spend the rest of my life with him.

3. Laura Goodhew (Brown) (2006) and Mark Goodhew (2007) Mark and I met in June 2005 when we were elected to run Keele Philharmonic Orchestra and Choir – and we hated each other. At the Christmas social meal I ended up reluctantly sitting next to Mark. We realised how much we actually had in common and had our first kiss that night. When we got back from the Christmas holidays, we were inseparable. Even when I'd graduated, I spent most of my time at Keele with Mark.

He proposed in May 2007 and I accepted straightaway! I asked my best friend Jenny Douglass (2006) to be my chief bridesmaid and Jo Fuller (2006) along with one of Mark's friends from home to be bridesmaids. Mark asked Paul Ollerenshaw (2007) to be his best man.

We got married at my local church and Keele Hall was the obvious choice for the reception venue. The wedding was the most amazing day of our lives and was filled with references to Keele.

We still come up to Keele every Thursday for Keele Bach Choir rehearsals and frequently visit the KPA. The memories and friendships we made and shared at Keele just can't be described. Mark and I are so happy and really, we have Keele to thank for that.

4. Natalie Mehrotra-Hughes (2003) and Alexander Hughes (2005) Alex and I didn't meet until our PGCE year at Keele and we didn't get together until our grad ball in June 2006, two weeks before we were due to leave. It transpired that we had both been there for a long time and most of our friends travelled in the same circle.

We then discovered that we both lived a mere 20 minutes from each other back home in South Wales, and again we had some of the same friends and acquaintances, yet still our paths had never crossed. We married at Keele Hall in August 2009 with a civil ceremony and wedding reception. This was the only place either of us wanted to marry as not only is it stunningly beautiful, but Keele means the world to both of us.

5. Jill Wheeler (Park) (1996) and David Wheeler (1996) I met my husband David on our first day as Freshers in October 1992. We were allocated rooms on the same corridor in the newly built Oaks Hall of Residence. Our first date was the official opening of the Oaks – not very romantic but oddly enough I had a strange feeling that night that we would always be together. When I returned home at Christmas with "the man I was definitely going to marry" my Mum and Dad thought that I was totally mad!

David and I got engaged during our final year at Keele and married in June 1997. However, during 1998 I was diagnosed with Crohns Disease and we decided to move to be closer to my family. Shortly after our move my health deteriorated further and I spent several weeks in hospital before having major surgery.

Just a few months later in early 1999, we were both quite shocked to discover that I was expecting our first baby! Following a very traumatic pregnancy, Nathan was born healthy albeit a month early in July 1999. Our second child, Theo, was born in 2003, and our little girl, Lucy-Alice, came along just after our third move in five years in April 2005.

Our kids know that we met at Keele and love looking through old photos of the campus, nights out and Keele balls. David and I will be eternally grateful to the accommodation team at Keele, as we may never have met if we had not been allocated rooms on the same corridor.

6. Ellen Tines (2009) and Tom Ellison (2009) I am from Oklahoma State University and was at Keele for the spring semester of my third year. I met Tom in my second week during the Students' Union's Super Bowl party but we didn't start hanging out again until three months later. A group of us went to Ireland the week after Finalists Friday and we "unofficially dated" for my last month at Keele in May.

We thought we would never see each other again when I left to travel Europe in June. The second I left Keele and got on my first flight I knew I was making a massive mistake. After a month I came back to get my luggage from a friend's house at Keele and spent my one last day and night in England with Tom at Barnes. We both realised we loved each other and have been together ever since.

He came to visit me in Oklahoma for two weeks in October. After he left we decided we are in this for the long haul and plan on our relationship growing stronger with every day. I never saw myself being in a long-distance relationship, but I could not imagine it any other way.

7. Gaétan Dumonceau (1995) and Agnès (Barbaud) Dumonceau (1995) Agnès and I met each other at Keele University during an Erasmus programme in 1994-1995.

She was an economics student from Montpellier in France and I was studying international relations in Louvain-La-Neuve in Belgium. We are now married and live in the south of France in Carcassonne, with our two children Clara and Alexis.

8. Alison Roberts (Craig) (1997) and Barry Roberts (1996) We met in the Ballroom one Friday night in October 1994 during our second year. Some mutual friends introduced us. Barry asked me to dance, Nirvana's Smells Like Teen Spirit came on and he ended up losing his glasses in a mad jumping frenzy. I rescued them and (to use a cliché) the rest is history. We got engaged six months later just before I went off for my year abroad in France and Germany. We eventually married in May 1999 with Smells Like Teen Spirit as our first dance. We had our daughter Lottie in 2006 and we are still going strong.

9. Monica Larsson (Cappelli) (1999) and JP Larsson (1999) JP and I met in September 1996 at an End of Empire tutorial while we were both studying for a BA in International Relations. After remaining friends for many years we finally took the plunge in 2007. The picture shows better than words our crazy love! We got married on a wedding-white motorcycle at the drive-thru window of The Little White Wedding Chapel in the wildly fun Las Vegas! As we rode off down the strip and into the sunset I knew that the best journey of my life had just begun. And it shows no sign of stopping!

10. Helen Ross (1984) and Tim Hunt (1982) Tim Hunt and I met in his last year at a GaySoc meeting. Unsurprisingly, we didn't get together at that point but stayed in touch through mutual friends and became a couple about 18 months later. We got married in Jamaica (so people could make the obvious joke) after 20 years together as I was beginning to think it might last. You can see from the photo that Tim still doesn't wear suits.

11. Sonja Hall (Jones) (1999) and Warren Hall (1999) My husband and I met at Keele in 1998 during our final year of studies. He was a party animal and I was much less infamous around campus so we were a somewhat unlikely combination. What started as a major crush on my part was followed by a decade of friendship, culminating in our wedding in July last year after four years together as a couple. We have so far been lucky enough to see a large part of the world together, holidaying in New Zealand and Canada, and living in Australia for almost three years. We have since returned to live in the UK and are just now embarking on a major house renovation. Thank you Keele for bringing us together.

12. Margaret Steele (Owen) (1962) and Jeremy Steele (1962) Jeremy and I went to Keele in 1958. We met early on because the 'freshers' in Hut 10 (Jeremy, Alan, Tub and Mato) invited all the girls they liked the look of, in turn, to dinner on Sunday nights. We paired up in January 1962 married in August 1963. We left for Sydney, where we still live, in September 1969. We have four children and 13 grandchildren. At the 2007 Pioneers Reunion we caught up with many old friends and reminisced about Keele as an intellectual holiday camp and marriage bureau.

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Life after Keele. Find old friends, and reconnect with peers from the past in the ever-growing community of Keele alumni. Join us as we discover...

1954 Stan Beckensall: Stan was given the Channel 4 ICT British Archaeology Award in 2006 and an honorary doctorate from Newcastle University. He is now working on another book which includes many of his aerial and ground photographs.

Clive Collier and Margaret Collier (Winton): In 1954 Margaret and I married and went to Malaya (now Western Malaysia). In 1963, we came back to Britain. I retired from the post of Secretary of the Southern Electricity Board in 1988. Thereafter, I did some part-time work in the water industry and wrote a book.

1955 Rex Markham: Gave up local supply teaching of Year 7. Bookings secretary of local U3A. Now spend time gardening when my wife isn't taking me on holiday.

1956 Philip Sheppard: I came to Keele in 1952 and left unexpectedly (to me at any rate) in 1954 to do National Service. Worked for IBM from 1960, retired in 1993. Now work part-time as a counsellor and supervisor. Three daughters, one grandson.

1957 Ron Maddison: I retired from Keele in 1991 after 20 years as a senior lecturer in physics and moved to the USA to become the Director of the Observatory at the Astronaut Memorial Planetarium and Observatory in Florida. I finally retired in 2002 and live with my wife Margaret in Florida.

Chris Oliver and Marina Oliver (Stroud): Chris and Marina celebrated their golden wedding in 2009, with their four children and seven grandchildren. In January 2010 Marina publishes her sixtieth book. She is now a Vice-President of the Romantic Novelists' Association. Chris helped to develop what are now called microchips. They spend the winters in Madeira.

1958 Pat Fletcher (Glazer): I am an 'outside' member of ADAS's Ethics Committee, a member of WI, member of a book club, record people's histories for local heritage centre, and a reader of newspapers for the blind. Enjoy writing, travelling, Open Lectures at UKC. Two sons.

Mike Morris: My wife Sally (Blunsdon) and I are enjoying retirement in Berkshire. We are busy with a large garden, Labradors and caravan holidays.

1961 Andy Black: Andy was a teacher for 35 years and became Head of English at Altrincham Grammar School for Boys. He is now a freelance trainer. Andy plays with the rhythm-and-blues group Band-Age and is also a lay reader at St Bernard's RC church in Burnage.

Priscilla Padley (Paten) and Mike Padley: Mike and I celebrated our 70th birthdays this year, with our three children and six grandchildren. Mike sold our family hotel company last year and I retired from Corby Magistrates' Bench last week. We've just bought the village pub!

1962 Colin Thomas: Having worked as a television producer/director since leaving Keele, Colin Thomas has just written his first book. *Dreaming A City* is available as a book/DVD package and includes the award-winning series *Hughesovka* and the *New Russia* that he made for BBC2.

1963 Pat Buckmaster (Fidler): It's two years since my husband Mike died and I'm now ready to start a new phase in my life. I still love hiking and adventure travel. Now all I need to do is learn how to cook, garden and look after the car!

Margaret Smith (Jones): Have recently moved, living separately from my husband and close to my son so I can help take care of grandson Charlie, now two years old.

1965 Jenny Harrower (Johnson): I have spent nearly 20 years writing poetry and have had two books published. I have produced three volumes of circle dances and a fourth volume is almost complete. I also practise reiki at a centre for people on low incomes. I married for the second time in 1990.

1966 Alan Bailey: Now happily retired and living on Exmoor and in the Yorkshire Dales and travelling as often as possible.

Peter Chambers: I'm a freelance editor, writer and trainer in business writing, based near Monmouth. Married with three children and three grandsons. Recently got back onto motorbikes after a 33-year gap.

Graham Daborn: I retired from Acadia University last year, and have just been appointed Professor Emeritus. I am currently co-ordinating development of a regional research network to examine marine energy options in Eastern Canada and run my own small consulting company.

Frances Ward (Healey): Taught quilt-making, then worked for Hampshire County Council in the Social Services communications team, now retired. Moved to rural Wales this year. Oldest son, Jon Healey, who was six months old when I sat finals, is now a reader in Applied Maths at Keele.

Alasdair Hawkyard: Alasdair has been elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries.

Peter Willetts: Having worked for many years as the only politics academic at City University in London, Peter retired in 2008. He was very excited to be able to finish his career by establishing the Department of Politics and seeing the first cohort of students through to graduation.

1968 Tony Barrant: Tony teaches folklore and psychology at Boston University. He maintains an active career as a singer of English songs and ballads and received a lifetime achievement award from the Country Dance and Song Society of America in 2009.

Rosemary Rijks-Harrison (Harrison): Am now retired having spent many years in the Dutch education system at different levels. Have three sons in their twenties.

Tom Ryan: Still working in education, teaching English in a French college in Northern Ontario.

Don Smith: Just moved (never again!). Lesley and I now have four grandkids. Still playing "In the Midnight Hour" but had to learn it in a new key.

1969 Morna Frandsen (Farmer): I worked with the UN Economic Commission for Africa and the Association for Social Work Education for Africa to improve social work in Africa. There I met and married my Danish husband Niels. Between overseas stays we had three children. I trained as a teacher in Denmark, finishing in 1989. I have been teaching, mostly English in Denmark ever since. My husband died peacefully in a hospice in December 2008.

1970 John Chubb: After a very short career in banking, took a second degree at SOAS then entered education, leaving as an assistant head in a Staffordshire comprehensive. Left this and founded a presentation and communication company specialising in speech-writing and voice/presentation consultancy to business and the media.

Marty Klann (Dahlgren): Enjoying life thoroughly, and have just taken up motorcycling.

David Underhill: After working as a town planner for many years after graduation I now spend my time travelling, sitting as a magistrate, and working on tribunals.

1971 Chris Cornford: Living on the North Devon coast twixt petroleum geochemistry and farming.

Alan Currer and Caroline Currer (Johnson): Caroline recently took up post as priest-in-charge of the Downland Benefice. Alan is continuing to work as a management consultant, primarily in health and social care. During 2008 we spent some time doing a feasibility study and business plan to establish a new university in the Solomon Islands, a venture by the (Anglican) Church of Melanesia.

Daniel Joseph: Grandson now nine months and a bright light in my life. No plans to retire; enjoying working hard. Writing a book on philosophy and religious faith.

Frank King: Recently completed a Comprehensive Chronicle of World History in four volumes.

Richard Offer: I was successively the head of communication for the Police Complaints Authority and then head of media for the Independent Police Complaints Commission. I retired in 2008 and I am now carrying out research for a book.

Judith Wilson: Having retired as Chaplain at Norwich Prison, I am now taking a break before starting two part-time jobs – Chaplain to the Great Hospital and Priest in Charge of St Helen's Bishopsgate and assistant director of Ordinands.

1972 Ian Clark: I finished my teaching career in 2004 with eight years as vice principal of Plymouth College of FE; became a civil servant for four years and am now doing a photography degree at Plymouth College of Art – and also running my own photography business.

Ray Dutton: I have spent most of my career in IT and telecommunications. In recent years I have been chairman of WorldCom UK, CEO of iAxis and managing director of Enition plc. I'm now back in the UK working on a number of internet projects and undertaking consulting assignments.

Brian Hill: After a few more years studying I drifted into software development for the last 30 years. I am now living (still working) in Vancouver with my wife, three children and granddaughter.

Owen Kelly: I worked in London as a community artist and wrote *Community, Art and the State*. I was a cultural consultant with Comedia and wrote *Digital Creativity*. I moved to Finland to design and program CD-ROMS, and started lecturing. I am currently researching for a doctorate in e-pedagogy at the University of Art and Design.

Elizabeth Harris: I'm the author of 25 books, the last 14 of which are medieval murder mysteries published under the pseudonym Alys Clare. I've lectured on creative writing at various venues although have now given this up in favour of more time spent travelling and enjoying my first grandson.

Jurek (George) Kolorz: I was made redundant in 1999 and have enjoyed several part-time or temporary jobs, culminating in stock control in a large garage in West London. Otherwise employed for free helping to run Alpha courses, teaching ESOL, parish council chairman and playing golf.

Peter Lee-Smith and Sue Lee-Smith (Marshall): Peter and Sue have now taken slightly early (semi) retirement and are setting up a new home in Evesham.

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Bob Stow: I retired in 2007 as Director of Curriculum at Greenwich Community College. I now divide my time between part-time consultancy work and fell walking in the Lakes, where I moved after nearly 40 years in London. I live in Kendal with my second wife, Caroline.

Clive Whitfield-Jones and Rosemary Whitfield-Jones (Norris): married in 1975, have three grown-up children and live in Wimbledon. Clive is managing partner at West End solicitors Jeffrey Green Russell. Rosemary is group company secretary and general counsel at Groupama Insurances in the City of London.

1973 Andrew Cobley: Currently working for a major building society in Yorkshire. I made three appearances on Brain of Britain, won £32,000 on Who Wants To Be A Millionaire and appeared on Mastermind. Married (for the third time!) and very happy; slowing down slightly because of Parkinson's, so I've had to give up my mountaineering and mountain rescue interests; instead, I started singing with the village choir!

Jane Evans (Munns): Before returning to work as a librarian I enjoyed writing five books on the history of local Northampton businesses and organisations.

Rob Hiron: Opened The Lodge At Big Falls in 2003 and run wellness retreats, bird watching and adventure holiday packages.

Sylvie Summer: After 20 years in health promotion for the NHS, for a national charity and as a freelance consultant. She is involved in developing friendship links between Leamington and a town in the Palestinian Occupied Territories.

1974 Benjamin Adeniji: I have been a member of the planning committee of Wesley University of Science and Technology since 1996. It officially opened in 2008, and is now flourishing in Ondo Town, Nigeria, where I have lived for 41 years.

Anne Hurworth: Still working at Park Lane College in Leeds. Eldest daughter is about to get married in May and my youngest is still in Hong Kong and may be considering a move to New York.

Stuart Raymond: I am an author of guides and handbooks for family and local historians. The Family History Partnership has just published my two latest books: Parish registers: a history and guide, and The Census 1801-1911: a guide for the internet era.

1975 Mick Byrne: My partner, Svetlana, gave birth to our daughter Ilona on 28.02.09.

Richard Evans: After training to be an English teacher I gained my first post in Chester. I am now head teacher of a high school in Cheshire. I still haven't given up trying to play hockey!

Helen Nellis (Jones): I have joined Perrett Laver Partnership as Principal.

Chris Newby: Chris was sales director for Fuzzy Felt for many years. He later started his own hobby craft company. In 1997 he was involved in a huge car crash leaving him comatose for several days. He made a complete recovery and is now a self-employed driving instructor. He is now enjoying the 12th year of his second marriage and is extremely happy living in Dorset.

1976 Terry Barnes: About to retire after 23 years as deputy head at St Bede's College in Manchester. Will be able to spend more time with my horse, painting and playing guitar.

1977 Stephen Anslow: Married a fellow Keele graduate, had two children. Worked in local government for 20 years then became general secretary of the British Union of Social Work Employees (BUSWE). After separating from my wife I now work as senior social work manager in blissful semi-retirement.

Martin Bates: A long and magnificently unsuccessful career in the wine trade has peaked with a third redundancy, from which I confidently expect to coast happily to retirement in genteel poverty! I have, however, enjoyed a blissful marriage over almost as long a period.

Mark Brazil: He is living in Hokkaido, northern Japan, where until recently he was Professor of Biodiversity and Conservation at Rakuno Gakuen University near Sapporo. Mark's regular natural history column Wild Watch has appeared in The Japan Times newspaper since April 1982. He is the author of several books including the recently published A Field Guide to the Birds of East Asia.

Simon Hickie: I'm still at the University of Derby and lecturing in Business Information Systems as well as being a senior academic counsellor in the University's joint honours scheme. Clare (Mitton) still works in the NHS as a Clinical Facilitator for new IT systems.

Cindy McAuliffe: I now run a homebuilding company in Maryland.

Trevor Robinson: Nearing the end of a policing career. Recently back from secondment in Baghdad and, yes, still obsessed with motorcycling. Married to Nina for the last 28 years with two sons.

Michael Templeton: Since leaving Keele I've been at Heathrow Airport, working in flight operations.

Glyn Thomas: I play hockey for Wales Over 60s and we won a tournament in Lille.

1978 Richard Berry: I returned to the UK after living for 13 years in Singapore and now live and work in London. I recently celebrated 25 years of marriage to my wife Sharon. I have three kids. I attend a Baptist Church in Greenford.

Shirish Chauhan: Taught physics for about six years before leaving to join BT where I started as a computing analyst. Did an MBA at Cranfield and moved to Strategy, ran a commercial finance team for £300m portfolio and then joined BT Openworld. Several senior roles, the last one was VP Business Affairs. I now run an internet consultancy.

Steve Keeble: After 22 years teaching in the UK, Sue, my three children and I embarked for Bahrain where I am currently assistant head teacher (the head teacher is also a Keele graduate).

Alun Lawthom: I am principal educational psychologist for Bridgend County Borough Council. As part of this role I am also the anti-bullying co-ordinator for the authority and have some responsibility for critical incident response within the Children's Services Directorate.

Marianne Stuppel (Reid): Left teaching, just finishing an advanced diploma in counselling and loving it.

1979 Peter Meade: Now working as a freelance medical writing scientist and photographer.

Sue Titley (Wainwright): Worked as a teacher for many years before moving into tennis officiating. Now travelling with tennis events worldwide and have officiated at 11 Wimbledon, two US Opens, three Australian Opens, one French Open and the Athens Olympics.

Andrew Wells: My current job provides me with the opportunity to speak German on a daily basis. Two daughters.

Philip Williams: Managing Director of Spectrum Thea Pharmaceuticals, based in Macclesfield. Married to Linda for 29 years and have two daughters who both graduated. Now a grandad!

1980 Alison Bate (Godfrey): Has been living in Melbourne, Australia since 1999. Teaching French and German still after 26 years! Married to Gerard, three daughters, a dog and two mice.

Joan Bennett: Currently working for HM Revenue and Customs in London.

Lynne Brown (Dickinson): I am just completing graduate teacher training, living in Queensland, Australia. I have a daughter, Zoe. Music for children is my speciality.

Paul Clark: Paul was elected Member of Parliament for Gillingham in 1997 – his home town in Kent. He has been Parliamentary Private Secretary to Lord Falconer, John Prescott as Deputy Prime Minister and Ed Balls; a Government Whip and now Transport Minister with responsibility for aviation, shipping, road safety and agencies.

Patsy Gangari (Mbafero): I retired last summer and now work part-time at a high school in Harrow.

Jim Naylor: Have lived in Singapore with my family since 2006.

1981 Jonathan Brown: I work with Helix RDS as consulting principal geophysicist. I live in Cambridge and work in London. Having abandoned the guitar some time ago, I am now teaching myself to play piano and enjoy cooking and photography.

Richard Eldridge: Thoroughly enjoying running a guest house with my partner Elaine, in the Highlands. Brilliant roads for the motorbike, which even after all this time I still enjoy. Been married twice and divorced twice! Have one son aged 18.

Rod Fine: Spent the last 15 years in product development at Oracle. Non-work time is taken up with stage stuff – I've written the local panto, as well as appearing in it. Still go and see Watford FC. Two sons at university.

1982 Mark Ayres: Worked at TV-am for five years before turning freelance as music composer and producer. I look after the BBC Radiophonic Workshop archive and perform as part of The Radiophonic Workshop. Married to Nicki with two sons.

Paulene Jones (Preston): Worked in Harrods as exec trainee, up to assistant buyer, then left to live in Malawi in 1987. Left in 2003 with three children, then stayed in Sierra Leone for three years. Back to Malawi in 2006 until now, but moving to Lusaka in March 2009.

Paul Murphy: Since 1987 I have worked for transport consultancy AE COM. Outside work I am Secretary of South Manchester Credit Union which I help set up in 2000. I am married to Sue – we have no children.

Janet Clapham (Cotterill): Janet is happily married to Phil and living in West Yorkshire with their two children Steph and Alex, and their cairn terrier dog Scarlett. Janet is just about to start a job in a local primary school as a bursar.

Nikki Fine (Gale): Gave up teaching in 2007 after several years as head of English at a Buckinghamshire prep school. Now concentrating full-time on writing: doing a creative writing course, working on my first novel, and wrote and directed a one-act play in 2008. Celebrated our silver wedding anniversary in 2008.

Nick Michaels: For the last 10 years I have been self-employed and working as a specialist consultant on mergers and staff transfers. Living in North London with Diana, no kids but two spaniels.

Rod Odell: Married, four kids (three of which are "inherited"). Left outdoor education for the classroom in 2002. Still active on live music scene. House in France, yacht.

Peter Roberts: Ten years in the shipping industry. Next nine as a bookseller. In 2002 I moved to the voluntary sector and in 2003 found time banking.

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Forrest Stone and Annabelle Howard: We met at Keele and named our first son Keele Howard-Stone. Aside from Keele and our other son, Rye, who's finishing high school, our labours together have been aimed at bringing some of the fun to education in America that Annabelle experienced as part of her teaching certificate from Keele. At the heart of our work is a technique of teaching via quiz-playing.

Stephen Townsley: I am currently working for Newcastle City Council as an email administrator for the corporate email system.

1984 William Bangert: We have departed from Canada and moved to the Florida gulf coast. I am now working for an international business process outsourcing company.

Helen Crooks: Living on the Surrey/Hampshire border with my son. After several years working in software/CRM specialist consultancy, took the plunge and now work for Virgin Media's customer intelligence team.

Mike Goldsmith: I'm living and working in Teddington, working with the National Physical Laboratory's acoustics group, and writing science books for children.

1985 Gary Dodson: Left Keele, then 10 years at ICL including project management of National Lottery, 10 years at Fujitsu including two years in France, three years running Greenlight Computers to date.

Mark Ellicott: Have been in London since 1987 running live music venues and nightclubs and promoting events. I still get dewy eyed if I hear a Stoke accent.

John Fraser: Have recently been made redundant but have previously completed a book which is being published c. Feb 2010 with the working title Ghost Hunting – A Survivor's Guide. Have been married for the last six years to my very lovely wife Dominique.

Helen Mower: Returned from 20 years of living in Canada and sailing the Pacific and now running a small business near Glasgow.

Jatinder Sehmi: Now living in Burbank, California.

1986 Simon Miller: Worked in PR for 20 years, including MD roles at my last two agencies. I have been married to Catherine (Kate) Jenkins for 17 years.

Robert Oldfield: Now semi-retired after 24 years teaching in state schools and enjoying the wonderful environment, staff and pupils at Stafford Grammar School

1987 Mohamed Ishgi: In 1991, I joined Aramco, an oil company, where I worked as management training consultant for 15 years. I still conduct management training courses and workshops, and provide performance solutions and consultations for private sector. I have two daughters and two sons.

John McKenzie: I am working for a small mental health charity. We now have two grandchildren. My wife Pat had a massive stroke in July 2007, so I am also a full-time carer when I'm not at work.

Lynn Saunders: Lynn is currently the Governor of Whatton Prison in Nottinghamshire.

Tan Hee Liang: The bulk of my spare time is spent with the children. There has been some travelling to China lately to do business.

Rick Regan: Worked in Washington DC for 10 years, got married, moved to Raleigh, North Carolina. Now starting a new business offering LED-based lighting products.

Caroline Walton (Bollen): Married to Geoff Walton (class of 1984). We are both involved in folk music in the locality and have two children.

1988 Isaac Endeley: After a few years as a Professor of Political Science in Minnesota, I am currently working as a legal officer for the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) based in Arusha, Tanzania.

Sarah Hodgson (McIntosh): I have worked, travelled, married and have a beautiful little girl.

Tim Howle: Still composing, teaching and researching in music.

Louis Leung: I was VP for Corporate Finance for Asia with Citibank before setting up my own venture, MICRODIA. Now I am the Founder and CEO of MICRODIA doing business in over 135 countries.

1989 Martin Berkeley: Living in Wales, enjoying life.

Joscelyn Burke (Upendran): I have worked as a solicitor and lecturer in law in HE/FE and now co-run a start-up e-learning company. Married to James for 10 years – no kids and two dogs.

Jon Courthold: Married Shirley, who still works at Keele, in 1988. Two daughters. I work as a clinical psychologist in renal services in the NHS at Manchester Royal Infirmary. Attending St James' Church, Audley.

John Coxhead: Went on to do a Masters and Doctorate. Published a couple of books. Doing part-time lecturing/writing.

Chris George: I have set up my own company, A New Life Abroad International Ltd. I worked in South America and the Caribbean for 10 years.

Stefan Gleeson (Szynalski): Currently doing medical education degree and working as community psychiatrist in Winchester, honorary consultant in Cambridge and some lecturing at Southampton. Married to ex-radio/TV producer/teacher. With four kids the pressure is on to remain amusing (increasingly impossible).

Faetra Logothetis: A freelance counselling psychologist and the founder of the Centre for Self Esteem and Positive Thinking "Lovesmiles" in Athens, Greece. She is married and has a 16-year-old son.

Stephen Palmer: Married Suman Kalpanath Singh (class of 1992). Lived in Singapore for six years. Now live in Devon but travel around Europe providing software development consultancy.

Jonathan Peacock: Working at St Peter's Collegiate School, Wolverhampton, as a teacher of music and performing regularly as a soloist. Am a member of several tribute and function bands in addition to composing for and running an ensemble with my new recording House Filled with Light.

Brenda Shone: Moved from Nantwich to Inverness 15 years ago. Now retired from work, and busier than ever with community and charity work as well as a large garden and a dog.

Juliet Smith: I am presently writing my first series of children's book entitled The Krow Twins.

1990 Martin Bates: Qualified ACA with Coopers & Lybrand. Now finance director with Freshfayre Limited.

Andrea Bechtold-Zwiener (Zwiener): I teach English and German at the local grammar school. I've been married to a fellow teacher since 1996 and we have twin girls aged eight.

Taranjeet Singh Bhagwan: I have joined Hewitt Associates as a lead for talent management for Malaysia with coverage in SE Asia.

Derek Perriam: Moved to Singapore in March 1996.

Paula Walker (Reeves): Now bringing up two children. Still really very close to friends I met at Keele.

Susanne 'Wadi' Wardle: I have worked in mental health/probation and continued to study. I am mum of two boys, and working as a psychotherapist in Norwich.

1991 Jenny Brown: I've been working as a trainer since 2001 which I really enjoy as it's creative, people-orientated and gives a real sense of achievement at the end of the day.

Lisa Carter: Lisa is currently reading for an MA in writing for children at Manchester Metropolitan University and is finally following her dream of writing a novel!

Gus Lee: Gus is now a primary school teacher at Field Lane Primary School teaching Year 6. He is married to Ruth and has two children.

Stuart Lynch: I currently have an instrumental easy listening CD out called Postcards From Here. In conjunction with the promotion people, we are donating 50 per cent of a year's royalties to Children in Need.

Zainab Omar: I will be undertaking my MSc and on to do a PhD starting June 2009. I am involved in charity work in Brunei, conducting motivational talks to youth in development centres and voluntary work in several special centres.

1992 Bunjun Sanjay Bissessur: I went to the USA on a Humphrey Fellowship where I spent 10 months at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and

Harvard on a professional programme. I am now working as project manager for IT Security.

Richard Hayler: Went back to London and started work for the Foreign Office. Thought I'd maybe stay for a couple of years... but 14 years later I'm still there and having a great time.

Tom Jorgensen: I am a self-employed consultant helping mainly Scandinavian companies with their dealings in Poland.

Graym McMillan: Living with my partner, Jason Symonds, in the City of London.

Vijay Murugiah: He is running his own practice called MVKumar.

Amba Wade: After graduating I did an MA in Medieval Studies at York University. I am now working in Whitehall for the Government at the MOD and the FCO.

1993 Alexandra Barnes (Graham): I have two sons, the elder aged five, and I am home educating them.

Chris Booth: Working in financial software development in the City of London. Took a year out in 2007/2008 to travel. Planning more adventures for 2010. Still writing music and chipping away at my first novel.

Saras Dorairaju: I worked at the legal unit of a bank and then went back into practising law for several years. Six years ago I joined Franklin Covey here in Malaysia.

Anna Drogosz: After graduating I worked as a teacher of English and continued learning and studying. In 2003 I did my PhD in linguistics and became lecturer in Linguistics at Warmia and Mazury University in Olsztyn, my hometown. I married Piotr and we have one daughter, Gosia.

Chris Fong Wah: Chris teaches at a secondary school in Castleford. He got married in 2006 and has two wonderful children.

Grahame Jackson: Father of two wonderful boys. Living in Gibraltar and nearly finished my retraining as a solicitor.

Joanne Kirkham: Since leaving Keele I have taught English to adults (GCSE and ES OL) and also gained experience in the primary/secondary sectors. I am now moving to Guernsey to lecture in English.

Andrew Loughry: After leaving Keele, worked for Oxford University for 14 years as a research scientist, before getting bored and retraining as a physiotherapist. Now working at the John Radcliffe Hospital.

Liz Spooner: Liz undertook the PG Diploma in Law and the LPC part-time while working. She graduated in 2003 and ran the London Marathon and got married in the same year. She now lives in Wakefield with her husband, their son and stepchildren.

Paul Upton: I have four young daughters and am a founding director of Evolution Underwriting Group.

Ioannis Vournous: For the last 13 years I have been teaching History and English language courses in Athens. I got married in 2009 and moved to a new flat with my wife who is a nursery school teacher.

Andrea Waterhouse: My paid day job is as a library assistant at Chesterfield Library. By night, my unpaid job is as a beer taster for the Good Beer Guide, organiser of CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale) Beer Festivals and Press and Publicity Officer for Chesterfield CAMRA.

1994 David Brazier: David (Head of the Order of Amida Buddha) has just written his seventh book: Love and Its Disappointment: The meaning of life, therapy and art.

Nina Bunton: Following a six-month career break I am now working as postgraduate programmes and industrial liaison officer in civil engineering at Bristol University and loving it. I am also building up a business as a freelance editor.

Christopher Lonsdale: Now married, living in the States. We have a daughter who is a great joy.

Selina Noton (Flynn): My husband and I have established a marketing consultancy called Business Vitamins.

Marc Sargeant: Currently working in Trinidad and Tobago after spells in Dubai, Miami and Geneva.

Jane Taylor: Since leaving Keele I set up my own record label and launched two albums, played on Radio 2, supported Jools Holland and toured the UK, Germany,

Italy and Ireland. I'm currently taking a break to have a baby, who is due in May 2009, with my beautiful man, Lee.

Daniel Whitehead: Now employed at Citibank as the lawyer advising Citi's corporate trust business in the Europe, Middle East and Africa region. On the personal front I'm married and living in Wimbledon with my wife and the most gorgeous daughter ever.

1995 Christophe Allo: After almost 10 years in Egypt working at AISE, I'm now back in Europe, in Denmark where I'm teaching French and English at a private international school in the beautiful city of Odense. I have been married to Johanne for six years and we have two extremely lively daughters.

Sandrine Batista: Married, two children.

Glen Campbell: Now living in Metz, France, and working as a civil servant for the European Commission in Luxembourg. Married to Isabelle Gaudy who was an Erasmus student and assistant lecturer at Keele. Father of a son and a daughter.

Matthew Cole: Still living in Staffordshire, and working for npower in Worcester as residential energy product manager. Am now working four days a week, so can spend more time at home (with Noah, three in February). And got engaged in May to Jenny...

Judy Jackson (Evans): I got into prison education by accident.

Kate Spender (Davies): After a brief spell at a West End theatre design and advertising agency I started to work on contracts for festivals, dance companies and a young people's film-making company. In between I got married to a fellow Keele student, and we now live in New York with our five-year-old.

Peter Granby: Married and living in sunny Stevenage.

Andrew Green: Andrew's work Power Resistance Knowledge: the epistemology of policing was published by Midwinter and Oliphant in 2008.

Liz Payne: After 10 years in journalism (working my way up to Special Projects Editor at the Lancashire Evening Post) I've recently joined the NHS to work in communications. Now living in Lancashire.

Piotr Misiarz: Currently based in Stavanger, exploring for oil as senior geoscientist at LOTOS E&P Norge. I married my wife Ewa in 2000.

Neil Morris: Qualified as a chartered accountant with Deloitte; gained an MBA from Leeds University Business School. Now Head of Strategy for a large building society.

Joanne Parker: After leaving Keele I sold software to Germans before moving to work for SAP in Germany for three years. I returned to the UK to work for a rival software company before setting up my own company, working as a translator and technical author.

Nadia Trehiou (Dowling): Moved to Jersey after graduation 'for a couple of years!' still here 14 years later... Married, two children and a great job in the funds industry in Jersey.

Céline Villiers (Marchand): I'm now an English teacher in Senlis in the north of Paris. I am also our school webmaster; apart from that, I'm an author. I've just published my first book and have just started writing a second one.

1996 Craig Bowen: Working as technical director for an IT services company in Nottingham. Married with a little boy.

Steve Broughton: I travelled to Australia for a year in 1997. I started my own company CleanSafe five years ago. It is interesting work and I have been on TV twice.

Jenny Cook (Simpson): I have been the Director of Planning and Performance Improvement at Guide Dogs for the Blind for three years. Married Tim in 2006 and have a son, Oliver.

Sarah Dixon (Hunt): I am due to have my second child in three weeks' time! Married to Richard, we have a two-and-a-half-year-old son, called Matthew. When not on maternity leave I work three days a week for Fujifilm teaching radiographers digital X-ray products.

Claire Farmer (Godfrey): Moved to Abruzzo in Italy in 2008 with my husband Alan. We are juggling work in the business travel industry with the allotment and house renovation.

Andrew Hields: Andrew is still teaching in the Staffordshire Moorlands and now lives in Mow Cop. He still enjoys music and plays with the Trentham Brass Band.

Sonja Smith: I'm currently on maternity leave as I have recently given birth to twins.

Andrew Spender: My first role was at a management consulting firm in West London working for Ford of Europe. After four years, I worked at a niche consulting firm for a year before joining my current employer, Gartner. I'm currently living in New York

Linda Wilson: Sadly I was widowed in 2005, but have met someone else and we will be marrying in October 2009. Have maintained my links as external examiner in the school of nursing and my son Adam graduated in media, marketing and communication in 2008.

1997 Neil Aitken: Lived in Thailand teaching English for eight-and-a-half years back in 2007 and finally got on a graduate programme in 2008, 11 years after graduating!

Gareth Clark: Working in the City for Accenture.

Thomas Craigen: Moved to York and started a design and publishing business with fellow Keele graduates. Left in 2002 to tour and record with a band, Colour of Fire. Quit the band in 2005 and now live in York with my wife and daughter, working in marketing for a not-for-profit mutual healthcare society.

Jackie Hanes (Hartley): Married Terry in summer 2007, and had a baby girl Eleanor in November 2008. Currently enjoying maternity leave from The College of Law.

Alan Hill: Since leaving Keele I travelled around Australia and New Zealand for a year with fellow Keelite Dan Newton. I then worked for Schlumberger before leaving them in March 2009.

Emma Keightley: Graduated from Sheffield in Physiotherapy in 2005 and now work within the NHS and in private practice.

Kim Leahy: I took a career break in 2008, renting my house and car out in order to travel the world with my partner. I have since returned to the UK and have resumed a career in fundraising within the countryside sector and am currently planning our wedding in 2010.

Karen Matthews (Davis): I have married, relocated to New Zealand and have had a son.

Karen Richards: In February 2006, I took on the role of special needs co-ordinator at a specialist school for pupils with emotional and behavioural difficulties and more recently the role of head of learning, at the same school.

Amy Robbins: I've worked my way up to producer/director over the last nine years, on projects ranging from What Not To Wear and A Place In the Sun, to Cash In The Attic, and even a documentary about swingers in America!

Louise Scale: Working in Greenhill School, Tenby, overlooking the campsite where we stayed in 1994 for the Pembrokeshire field trip. Started as a science teacher and now I am head of careers.

1998 Frank Albrecht: I am now a teacher at a large secondary foundation school in Central London.

Michael Atter: After working in South Africa, the USA, Australia, Canada and London my fiancée tells me now I am settled for good. Getting married in March 2010, with a house and dog – I am pretty much tied down now!

Chris Beach and Sarah Beach (Taylor): We married in 2001 and now have three lovely rug rats, Dougie, Lu and Daisy. Sarah worked briefly as a lobbyist before becoming a full-time mum in 2003 and Chris is currently working for UBS. We are moving to Connecticut, USA for three years from July 2009.

Julie Beavis: I qualified as a Chartered Certified Accountant in August 2004 and was awarded the Gold Medal for the best examination results of 30,000 candidates globally. I qualified as an insolvency practitioner in December 2006 and became an Associate with my firm in May 2008. I am marrying my partner, Steven, in April 2009.

Emily Brewer: Currently a full-time mum, looking after a baby daughter, Alexa Rose. Enjoying it so much.

Neil Houchen: Completed a PGCE at UEA in 1999-2000. Joined the Eastwood School in 2000 and became deputy head teacher in March 2009. I aim to take up a headship in the next 18 months.

Scott Keay: After graduating I travelled for almost a year. Now work in the field of intelligence analysis with a Masters degree in the same.

Anna Lindholm: I have worked in different fields – radio station, NGOs and also The Royal Library of Sweden. I now work as an assistant in a city archive.

Rachel Nash (Scotney) and Mark Nash: Married after meeting on a Chapel trip to Iona. Travelled six months before postgraduate study at Birmingham and having three sons. Now working in London and living in sunny Kent.

Caroline Rance (Griffiths): I got the idea for my novel Kill-Grief while doing my history dissertation, and have used some of the real-life characters and events I unearthed during my research.

Andrew Samu: I've moved to Poland in my quest to escape the crisis...

Emma Sundblad (Betteridge): After eight years abroad in Sweden and the Philippines we are back in the UK. Our eldest started his GCSEs this year so we expect to stay here for the next few years.

1999 Rajdeep Dhaliwal: Working in London.
Cheryl Field: I'm working for an environmental consultancy in Birmingham.

Matthew Keeble: I am married with a seven-month-old daughter. I work for West Mercia Constabulary as Detective Sergeant within the CID.

Neil Lakeland: I passed all my CIM marketing exams in December 2003 and then moved to work in Kent.

Derek Lakin: I worked at Keele, University of Manchester, and now at Edge Hill University.

Michelle Pope: Living in France and working as a freelance translator.

Saul Pope: I have recently had a novel published, entitled Russia, The Man and Jonathan David. I spent five years living in and around St Petersburg and have married a Russian.

Vicky Weise: I am still working for QinetiQ as a research business development manager. In 2009 I also set up my own bespoke cakes business, Willow Tree Kitchen. A full-time job, part-time business and two small children means that life is never dull in my house!

Claire Wimbles (Fisher): Taught in Surrey for four years then moved back north. Managed to keep a long distance relationship with Marcus who I met on my first night at Keele. We got married in 2002 and now have two sons.

2001 Adam Frankenberg: I am in the final stages of a PhD, still at Manchester, researching non-orthodox Halakha. I have obtained a place to study for the rabbinate, at Leo Baeck College, starting in 2010.

Kerry Garland (Day): Joined the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in 2001. Have so far worked in London and Bosnia. Got married in 2009.

Chris Horner: Currently teaching History in Manchester.

Stuart Kerr: After a serious amount of travelling, now working for games room suppliers Liberty Games.

Tim Metje: I have worked for different international law firms in Germany and recently became a civil servant, currently assigned as an assistant to the Minister for Innovation, Higher Education, Research and Technology in the state of North-Rhine Westphalia.

Adam Pengelly: Proud father of Alfie George. Often stressed and harassed high school English/Lit/Drama teacher.

Paul Peros: After graduating I worked in the postgraduate office until marrying in April 2003 (to Helena Bence, class of 2000) and moving to London. I am now a fundraising officer for British Quakers. Helena works for the London Borough of Barnet as a training commissioner for adult social services.

Louisa Ruderman: Studied adult nursing with registration at Kings College London.

Rachel Smith: Working as a French teacher in Cheshire since 2001 and also run my own business, Lovedays Jewellery.

KEELE:PEOPLE

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Jenna Trigg: I work two days a week at Priory Hospital North London and two days a week at the Tavistock and Portman Clinic. I have also just started on a new project as lead co-ordinator drawing together all young people's services in Barnet.

2002 Carlos Anonuevo: I became the education secretary of the global trade union federation Building and Woodworkers International (BWI). I am now based in Switzerland.

Sian Batchelor: I am currently working in the child abuse investigation unit at Luton Police Station as a trainee investigator.

Kirsty Doherty (Davies): I work for Blackburn Rovers Community Trust as a full-time teacher in the Education Centre at Ewood Park. I married Paul in August

2006 Emma Hill (Bough): Qualified as a solicitor in 2007, currently working as private client solicitor for private practice in Surrey. Married in 2008.

Jamie MacDonald: Teaching Geography near Chester.

Alexandre Pouliquen: After leaving Keele, I became a philosophy teacher for some years in high schools in France. I met a Korean girl whom I married in October 2009. I am currently studying my doctorate degree in Sogang University in Seoul.

Lucy Sentence (Jones): Living in Cambridge. Got married in 2005 and had my son Kieran in 2006.

Adam Walker: I set up my own small consulting firm in 2007 which operates remotely out of Buenos Aires, continuing to service my investment banking clients in London on HR and recruitment projects. I manage a small team here, working on projects globally in London, Asia, New York and Brazil.

2003 Claire Ashmead: Moved near Brecon in January 2009 to start a new job.

Mark Hallam: I am working in the power utility sector but in my spare time I have been practising karate for 29 years. I regularly teach both nationally and internationally and I have now returned to Keele as the resident karate instructor for the Keele karate club.

Marianne James: Worked in environmental enforcement, set up enforcement teams and neighbourhood warden teams in various councils.

Grant McKindley: I'm currently living in London and working as an account manager at EMC. I still have spiky hair but no longer put fluorescent paint in it before going out on a Friday!

2004 Karen Collins (Pugh): I registered a civil partnership in 2006. I took a year out to travel around the world 2007-2008. I have just finished my Masters degree in counselling with the University of Chester.

Jamie Fleming: I worked in New York for 13 months, after which I travelled through Central America for three months. I am now currently working in London but plan on going back to New York for good.

Andrea Hemmings (Burge): Gained qualified teacher status and am now head of Year 6 at a middle school in Worcestershire.

Ruth Noonan (Pickles): Now a primary teacher living in Worcester. I got married in July 2008.

Andrew Taylor: Studying LPC at College of Law Bloomsbury.

2005 Sarah Hancock (McMaster): I got married in April 2008. Unfortunately I was on crutches for the wedding after fracturing my pelvis in a car accident. I had a lovely day though and am almost fully recovered. My husband and I have just bought our first home together.

Amina F Hasnain: I got married in August 2007, stayed with my husband in Karachi, worked in human resources consulting, and a bank. Currently I am in Toronto completing a postgraduate certificate in Human Resources Management.

Hayato Nakamura: I serve as research assistant of UN Centre for Regional Development. Mostly in charge of the structural safety and implementation of safety regulation with focus on China, Indonesia, Peru, and Pakistan.

2006 Meghana Bahar: Presently reading for my MA in Women's Studies which shall be completed in 2010. Have been with Health Action International Asia-Pacific (HAIP) for a year now and thoroughly enjoying turning my ideas into action.

Tess Beniston: I will be marrying my fiancé Chris Lloyd at Keele Hall on 27 June, 2009. Chris and I met at Keele during our studies and we currently live in Australia.

Gemma Clement: After the College Of Law in Birmingham I got a job at a solicitors where I was a legal secretary and personal assistant. I started my training contract in January 2009 and I am currently training in the family department.

Markus Karlsson-Jones: I'm working in admin at Manchester Uni and trying to get some acting experience in my spare time.

Oliver Kean: As a result of my time working for Centrica I was offered a job as a graduate geoscientist and have been working here recently following a short period of recovery after my Masters!

Jonathan Legge: Jonathan met his fiancée, Krystal Simpson, at Keele during his first year. They are getting married in October 2009 and Jonathan is now an accountant for Wal-Mart Canada.

Ben Merry: I went to Singdi, Nepal, trekking and raising funds to provide educational materials for the Pahar Trust. This is the highest school in Nepal and is linked with the school where I teach in Westbury-on-Trym.

Claire Warren: I am studying for a Masters in Information and Library Management at Loughborough.

Molly Wasti: I was selected on a regional graduate scheme for Barclays Bank. Currently my role is that of a relationship support manager for medium business in Slough.

2007 Laura Bekeris: I am a PhD student at Manchester University.

Christine Bonsmann (Horton): Currently working as psychological therapist in primary care in the NHS.

Sebastian Burrows: I am the editor of a poetry book comprising work from 35 students past or present of Keele University. The cover image of On The Green shows Keele Hall and the lawns leading to it.

Jennifer Clack: I took part in a volunteer programme in South Africa. I have recently joined Corpus Christi College, Oxford University, as access and admissions administrator.

Lucy Hinton: I have recently moved to Sevenoaks in Kent with my partner and am about to start a new job at the Hever Castle Estate Office.

Greg Iceton: Currently in Munich, Germany, training to be a patent attorney with Frank B Dehn & Co.

Katie Marris: Getting married in August 2009.

Antonia Mey: I am studying a PhD in Physics at the University of Nottingham.

Bradford Middleton: I've now almost completed my first novel and recently began performing my poetry in London and Brighton.

Simon Ren (Ren Si Qiu): I have settled down in Beijing and got a consulting job in the investment industry.

Richard Screen: I begin medical school at the University of Birmingham in September 2009.

James Stuart: I am now a serving police officer at Thames Valley Police.

2008 Sarah Andrew: I've stayed in the area but started working with young offenders in various capacities.

Maggie Atkinson: Maggie was President of the Association of Directors of Children's Services in 2008 for 12 months and is in the thick of policymaking, as well as leading the "voice of calm and common sense" post Baby P.

Jennifer Heathcote-Osborne: As a result of my research which looked at the experiences of mothers living apart from their children, a friend and I were inspired to create Maypole, an organisation supporting mothers parenting through parental separation and custody disputes.

Kristine Hodgkinson: I am currently studying a MSc at Lancaster University in Contaminated Land and Remediation.

Kirsty Hodgson: Studying MRes Music at Keele.

Cagin Husnu: Doing LPC at College of Law, Birmingham.

Sanmugam Kannan: Working as Senior Software Architect at Glenzsoft.

Matthew Lewis: Reading an MSc in International Marketing at Queen Mary, University of London.

Anirban Maitra: Currently finishing training in paediatric respiratory medicine at Sheffield Children's Hospital.

Jane Mills: Working as a research technician at the Human Tissue Bank at De Monfort University in Leicester.

Kelly Murphy: Studying the Legal Practice Course at the College of Law in Chester, in the hope of becoming a property lawyer.

Liam Owen: I am currently taking my LPC at College of Law, Chester.

Alifya Pacha: Doing a PhD at Academic Medical Centre in Amsterdam.

Ben Shutt: After Keele I was mobilised and went on a tour of duty to Iraq from May to December 2008. I am now working for the NHS as a Biomedical Scientist and look forward to joining the Army full-time in a few years when my two children are old enough to go to school.

Thomas Uhlen: Still studying in Germany and working in the German parliament in Berlin.

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Swanmaster title revived



Swans were an important part of the scenery at Keele from the beginning, and the swanmaster and swanmistress had an honorary and practical role in the Students' Union.

Pairs of swans lived happily at Keele until they flew to pastures new in the early 1980s, making the swanmaster redundant.

But now the title is back in use after Rich Hill, KUSU VP for Education and Welfare, came up with the idea of reviving the tradition last year.

Keele's deputy head of Planning and Secretariat (Governance), Edward Youngman, was chosen for the honour and presented with an official swanmaster's tie to mark the occasion.

Rich said:

"After I heard about the title's history I spoke to John Easom in the alumni office and the other sabbatical officers and they all thought it was a good idea too. Edward was the ideal recipient of the title because he is such a friendly face around KUSU and Keele. This is a fitting tribute to his dedication to the University."

New swanmaster Edward said:

"Since coming to Keele in July 2005 I have worked with many elected KUSU officers and have been impressed with their commitment to Keele, to improving the experience of all students and the novel and unusual approach that this sometimes takes. Despite expecting the unexpected this award took me by surprise and I am both thrilled and touched to be part of the revival of the tradition."

Rich added that while there are currently no swans at Keele, he hoped Edward would be able to bring about their return.

KEELE KONNECTIONS

The Keele community spirit is always in evidence when Keelites meet outside the Bubble – no matter how unusual the situation!

Lesley Blankfield (1982 English/Philosophy): I was swimming in a small pool in rural Turkey and found that I recognised the chap swimming towards me as a fellow Keelite. I couldn't remember his name though and he obviously couldn't remember mine so we both said "hello" and swam on. It was such an English moment!

Steve Rogers (1987 Management Science/Geology): About five years ago I was flying from London to Vancouver (where I now live) and was upgraded to Business Class. As I sat down I noticed that in the seat adjacent to me was a good friend from Keele, Cley Crouch, who I hadn't seen since 1987 (18 years on) and next to him was his then girlfriend and now wife Jane. It was the most enjoyable flight to Vancouver I've had in a long time.

Richard O'Hagan (1989 History/Sociology & Social Anthropology): I have had three 'Keele Konnections'. First I found out that my friend Rob Smyth had been at Keele about eight years after I left. Then, one of my cricket club, Jim Davies, was there doing a post-grad the year after I left. And just this week a friend of a friend has turned out to have been at Keele at the same time as me, though I have no recollection of meeting him.

Stephen Booth (1993 Biochemistry): I recently discovered, when we connected on LinkedIn, that one of my co-workers is not only a Keelite but was at Keele at the same time I was. So far as either of us can recall we never met at Keele but it was quite a surprise. I also bumped into someone from Keele once when I was walking down Birmingham High Street and he recognised my gold, red and black Keele scarf.

Have you met a fellow Keelite in unexpected circumstances?
Email Hannah Hiles on h.e.hiles@kfm.keele.ac.uk

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ALUMNI

Ormond Edwards (1954)
Malcolm Langton (1956)
Barbara Parry (Williams) (1961)
Philippa Taylor (Green) (1961)
David Webster (1961)
Tony Clewett (1967)
Steve Jones (1968)
Peter de Mestre (1969)
Jim Lagden (1970)
Peter Mountjoy (1971)
Christopher Davies (1972)

Linda Robinson (Whitelaw) (1974)
Gillian Everett-Golt (1981)
Pat Hill (1982)
Catherine Broyd (Carslake) (1984)
James Hall (1994)
Thomas Harrison (1995)
Philip Young (1997, 1999, 2004)
Kenneth (Ted) Brooks (1998)
Kelly Marie Duffy (1998)
Patricia Duncalf (2004)
Judith Snelling (2006)

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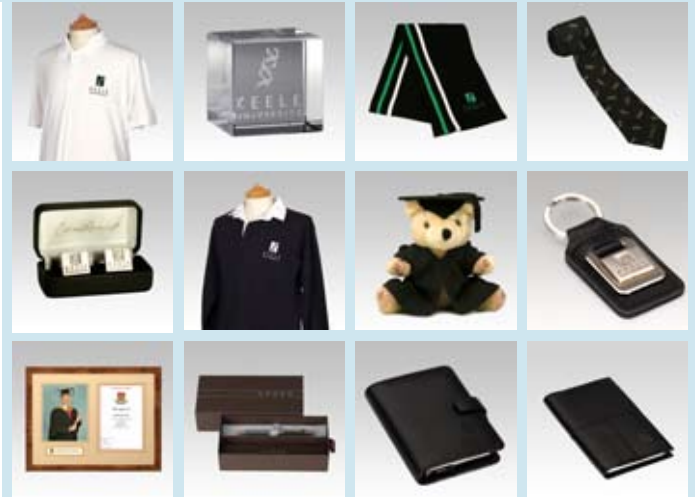
Kath Bromage, Adult and Continuing Education/Examinations Office
Meg Broome, formerly the University's Information Officer, and Secretary of the Keele Society 1973-1983
Philip Crisp, former Catering Manager and Projects Manager
Roger McLure, former lecturer in French
Frank Moseley, former lecturer in Geology
Ruth Murphy, former senior lecturer in French
Jim Plack, former lecturer in Plant Physiology
Vic Reynolds, former Lab Superintendent of the Department of Communication and Neuroscience
Noel Walley, formerly of the Finance department

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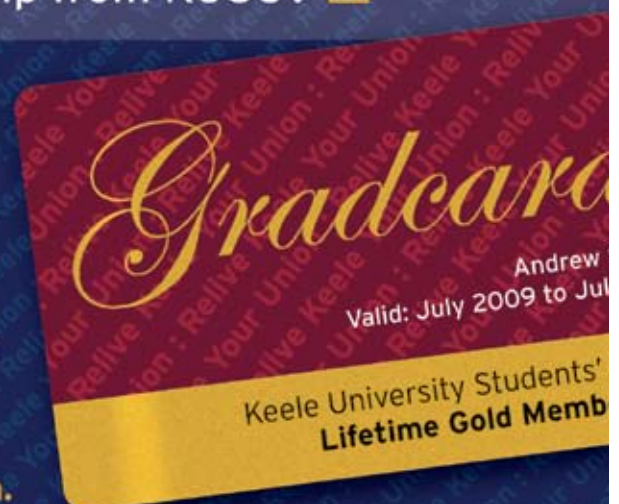
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