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HELLO ALUMNI

Congratulations to all our new graduates and hello again to all our old friends.

The past 12 months have been an exciting time for the Alumni Association. This year the University has celebrated 80 years of higher education on Teesside, and we have been at the forefront of those celebrations. We were delighted to see so many alumni come along to our events and share in the festivities. To learn more about our 80th celebrations turn to [page 5](#).

One of the most exciting events for our alumni this year was the Play on the Park football tournament, where a team of graduates took on a team of staff at Middlesbrough Football Club's Riverside Stadium in a full 90-minute match. You can check out the highlights on [pages 6 and 7](#). Plus Teesside hosted the Tall Ships in August and we were able to offer graduates the

opportunity to come along to a deck party on the largest ship the *Mir*, see the photos on [pages 8 and 9](#).

Despite this year's hectic events schedule we have managed to launch our new online alumni community TeesMe so if you have not already registered for this service you can find out more on [page 30](#).

We have also had some internal changes this year, our department has now grown to include colleagues who work in development and event planning. You may have seen some of them if you have been along to our events but to help familiarise you with the team our photograph is below.

As always remember to keep in touch and let us know when you move house or get a new email address. We hope you enjoy reading the magazine and would appreciate any feedback (alumni.office@tees.ac.uk).

Best wishes for the rest of the year and for 2011.



Sarah and Claire
The Alumni Relations Team



Left to Right: Karen Kirkup, Claire Pearson, Alex Robertson, Sarah Irving, Jessica Turner and Amy Temple.

PRIZE DRAW

Win an exclusive bottle of Teesside University champagne. All you need to do is spot this **80** symbol in this edition of the magazine then simply email us your name, course, year of graduation and the page number and location of the symbol. First correct answer received by email to alumni.office@tees.ac.uk wins!

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Welcome

Dear Alumni Association Member

I am delighted , once again, to bring greetings to our alumni community.

As I write this, we are gearing up for our annual celebration of student success in our academic awards ceremonies - a celebration which will come at the end of a year that I will never forget - a year of exceptional success for our University.

The last edition of your magazine celebrated our success as the *Times Higher Education* University of the Year and in the 12 months which followed that exceptional accolade we have built the foundations of, what I am sure, will be a future characterised by even greater achievement.

This year has also seen the University celebrate its 80th birthday and I have been humbled by the recollections of staff and students who have played such a significant part in our history. They clearly take great pride from both their own contribution and the recent success of the institution and its present generation of students and staff.

It was with a similar sense of pride that I recently received, on behalf of the University, the prestigious Hotspur award of the Northumbria Association – their award for 'bold endeavour'. That term says a lot, I think, about the ambition of the Teesside University of 2010 – an ambition that reflects both the current 'can do' mentality of our University community, and the ambition of our founder Joseph Constantine back in the 1920s – an ambition to be an institution of excellence, an institution of scholarship and an institution crucially engaged with the businesses and employers and communities which are our key partners. And, as we remember the generosity of our founder and his family, I would like to draw your attention to the launch of our new Annual Fund which seeks to build upon that great act of philanthropy which gave our institution its start in life.

I am saying a lot about pride in this article, but it is wonderful to have so much to celebrate. I hope that members of our Alumni Association enjoy reading about, and sharing in, our success. And, another proud moment for me, and the University,

was the recent visit of Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal, to officially open our new Centuria South building – a building which provides new, state-of-the art facilities for the delivery of nursing, dental and sport therapy education.

We have tried in this edition of your magazine to tell you a little about the success and progress of your University, and of members of our alumni family. It is a pleasure and a privilege to welcome you all to another year of membership of the Association, and I send all members my warmest personal best wishes.

As always, we want to hear about your own progress and your recollections and I do encourage you to keep in touch.

With my warmest best wishes

Professor Graham Henderson
Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive

Happy Birthday Teesside

Representatives of graduates, honorary graduates and staff past and present joined together to celebrate Teesside University's 80th birthday on Friday 7 July – exactly 80 years to the day since His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales officially opened its predecessor, Constantine College, in 1930.

80TH



Main picture left to right: Professor Joe Herbst, Natalie Robinson, Gillian McKay, Professor Graham Henderson, Mary Butterwick OBE, Jonathan Bowden, Hilary Willers, Margaret Walters and Richard Potter.

Above: His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales officially opens Constantine College in 1930

Guests were invited to toast the University's history with a glass of bucks fizz and watch as Vice-Chancellor Professor Graham Henderson cut an anniversary cake.

The oldest guest was 85-year-old Richard Potter, Engineering Cadets Group III, 1945. After graduating he went on to do his national service in Libya then returned to the College and graduated with a BEng in Engineering in 1951. He said, 'There was a great sense of comradeship. We were a tight little group and came from all over the country. We lodged in Middlesbrough and

still keep in touch. In fact we had a 50th reunion at the Post House in 1993 and it was great to see the old faces.'

Professor Joe Herbst was also there to represent retired staff. He built up an international reputation for Teesside as a world centre to study instrumentation and control engineering, became an Emeritus Professor on retiring and received an honorary degree in 2001. He said, 'I think it is wonderful the way the University has grown and developed without losing its commitment to giving greater opportunities

to local people. There can't be a major petro-chemical plant anywhere in the world that doesn't have someone working there with a degree from Teesside.'

Professor Henderson said, 'We've come a long way since Joseph Constantine first dreamed of having a technical college in Middlesbrough and it is great to have reached our 80th anniversary at the same time as we are still celebrating being the *Times Higher Education* University of the Year.'

Staff, students, alumni and honorary graduates have been sending us their birthday messages throughout the year. To see their comments or leave your own message visit www.tees.ac.uk/minisites/80years/birthday.cfm.



80TH
Anniversary

PLAY ON THE PARK



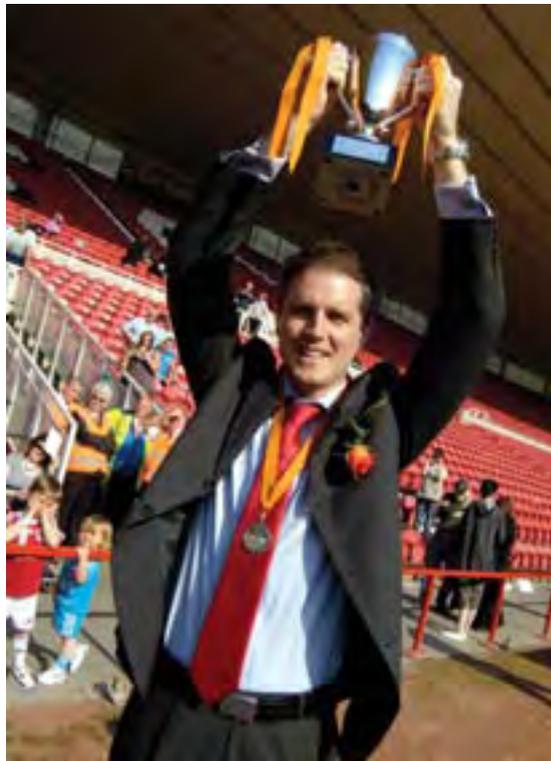
Dreams came true for football-mad graduates and staff when they were offered a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to play a full 90-minute match at the Riverside Stadium, home of Middlesbrough Football Club (MFC). And there was no shortage of interest with hundreds of applications for the 32 places on offer. The match was part of the University's 80th celebrations and all the applications went into a draw and were selected at random.

All the players received a medal, personalised kit and a DVD of match highlights. It was a fantastic match on a glorious sunny May afternoon in Middlesbrough and 200 supporters turned up to cheer on their nearest and dearest. Two University staff were delighted to step up and act as team managers, Richard Bowden from Student Services and Tony Clapham from the Students' Union. And

Abingdon Primary School pupils Aleeza Mansha and Faizan Hussain were team mascots.

One of the graduate players was Phil Durrant, BSc (Hons) Chemical Engineering, 1985, his son Martin is currently a student at Teesside studying a Foundation Degree in Journalism and he kindly agreed to write our match report.





ALUMNI AND STAFF PLAY OUT CLASSIC ”

by Martin Durrant

The players ran out to the usual MFC anthems and then it was down to the action. First on the score sheet after just 22 minutes, was Joshua Bonathan for the staff, with a looping header from the penalty spot after a wonderfully accurate corner kick. Alexander Robertson scored the second goal for the staff during an increased period of dominance by his team. Once more the graduates were caught out by the excellent passing from the staff team.

Just before half-time Danny Honeyman scored the third goal for the staff team and the graduates went off 3-0 down. As the second half began the graduates came out all guns blazing looking like they were going to make something happen. Then finally graduate Daniel Marshall, BSc (Hons) Criminology with Psychology, 2006, muscled his way past the last defender and slotted the ball under the keeper and into the bottom corner.

This seemed to inspire a renewed energy in the graduate team with another goal from Paul Kreczak, BSc (Hons) Sport and Exercise (Applied Sport Science), 2003. Then Tristan Alltimes, BA (Hons) Marketing, 2001, made it three, with a great placed shot in the bottom corner, a spectacular comeback for the graduates and edge-of-the-seat stuff for the spectators.

With the game looking destined for a draw, a piece of footballing magic was witnessed in the second minute of injury time.

Stephen Aithwaite from the staff team powered a tracer-bullet shot into the top corner to clinch a victory for the staff 4-3.

Ian Vaughan, goalkeeper from the staff team, was named man of the match. Ian works in Campus Facilities and is a lifelong Middlesbrough fan. He said, 'I started going to games in 1970 and I've always dreamed of being able to put on a Boro shirt. It's been really special to be able to play in this match.'



TALL SHIPS

Tall Ships 2010 was a fantastic spectacle which saw around 60 vessels sail into Hartlepool, together with an array of entertainment, including live music, fairground rides and international foods. We joined the celebrations with a deck party onboard the *Mir*, the largest of the Tall Ships, to mark our 80th anniversary.

Almost 200 of our staff, graduates and students attended the event on the Saturday evening. Member of staff Maggie Parker from the School of Computing said, 'When I saw the advert to purchase tickets for the event on the *Mir* I thought it was the opportunity of a lifetime. It is a fantastic way to celebrate the University's 80th birthday,

particularly in this the year we are University of the Year. I am so proud to be associated with the University.'

Guests were greeted on arrival with drinks and the sounds of a three-piece band that played a number of requests throughout the evening, which inevitably included the theme from the movie *Titanic*. They had the opportunity to have a good look

around the Russian-crewed ship and enjoy the fireworks that finished off the evening from a fantastic vantage point.

James McDermott, MSc Management, 2005, said, 'This has been such an exciting opportunity, to come aboard one of the Tall Ships is amazing. I am so grateful to the University for this opportunity.'

FEATURES



Alumni are immersed at the Tall Ships

Dominic Lusardi, BSc (Hons) Visualisation, 2001, and his business partner Sam Harrison, BA (Hons) Creative Visualisation, 2001, are the creative brains behind Animmersion UK Ltd, a visualisation studio. The company was asked to devise a virtual map of key features for the Tall Ships Festival's official website. Dominic said, 'For the virtual interactive map, which was launched a year ago, we displayed how the Tall Ships village was going to be broken down into various zones. It's an information

source showing where traders and emergency services can be found. We are really pleased with the results and hope it will be a helpful tool for spectators.'

Animmersion was initially based on campus at Teesside in one of the graduate business units, then last year it moved into Middlesbrough's Boho One building. This development, supported by the regional development agency One North East and Middlesbrough Council, aims to attract digital companies to the town.

Mike Gillott works as global head of technology production control for Goldman Sachs in New York. Mike's team acts as a technology risk manager for the firm, ensuring that changes are well planned and incidents are quickly managed and reported.

When he graduated from Teesside in 1995 with a BA (Hons) Business Administration he was not sure what he wanted to do. He said, 'I had worked for a few summers in a film company, working in the creative department on publicity design and marketing and that was what I thought I wanted to do. After I finished at Teesside I was offered a full-time role at the same company and in the same week I had been interviewed at an investment bank for a role in technology.'

'I had a personal interest in IT, but it hadn't been something I had studied towards. Technology was obviously critical to the course because we used it for stats and study but I hadn't pursued a qualification in anything specifically technology orientated.'

'It wasn't clear to me where the career in the film industry would take me but it was much easier to see a potential to learn more about technology and the investment banking industry and so I took the job at Barclays.'

It turned out to be a good decision for Mike. Not only has he carved out a 15-year career

in Investment banking which recently saw him and his family relocate to New York, he also met his future wife at Barclays.

Mike married Janine in 1998 and has two children, Evie, who is six and Annabelle, who is one. Mike said of their recent move, 'Obviously any move is a challenge and moving jobs, house and country is even more so. We had lots of support from people who had made the move before and from friends in the US. I'm especially proud of the children who have gone through a lot of upheaval but are settling in really well.'

'It is taking some getting used to, many aspects of life are different and it's obviously hard to dedicate time to getting used to that at the same time as settling into a new job, but it's an enjoyable challenge to have.'

Mike's hobbies include snowboarding and cars, both of which, he says, he will be able to leverage his new home to enjoy even more.

His lasting memory of his time here at Teesside is the strong community spirit



amongst the students. 'On my first day, I met a few people in Parkside Halls and we went off to Whitby for the day. It's funny – there are a lot of parallels to my first few weeks at Teesside and my first in the USA.'

'You arrive, not knowing much about the area and not knowing anyone, and people support you, offer advice and make you feel welcome. That never went away at Teesside. It wasn't a policy, it was just what we did. I'm lucky to have found a career at a company that operates in exactly the same way.'

MICHAEL IS MAKING AN **INVESTMENT**



FEATURES

ENGINEERING THE ENVIRONMENT

International student Betty Nhachi (née Masango) was firmly focused on success when she came to Teesside in 1982 from her native Zimbabwe and, as a woman studying engineering at that time, she needed all her tenacity and resilience.



Betty and her family

Betty graduated in 1986 with a BEng (Hons) Chemical Engineering. She chose to study engineering as she wanted to learn something that would be helpful to companies in Zimbabwe when she returned home, and she has most certainly met this ambition. Betty was one of the first female chemical engineers in Zimbabwe and is a leading figure in the country's environmental management.

Whilst studying at Teesside she met and married fellow graduate Philemon Nhachi, BEng (Hons) Chemical Engineering, 1983, and in her final year of study had her first daughter. After graduating she returned to Zimbabwe and taught chemical engineering at one of Zimbabwe's most respected technical training centres. She then had numerous different roles including mark certification inspector at the Standards Association of Zimbabwe, and production training engineer at Hunyani Pulp and Paper. She then became technical manager at CAFCA, where she spent 12 years and was instrumental in the organisation attaining ISO quality management system standards. She went on to study for a master's and now runs her own consultancy company BN Environmental Consultancy (Pvt) Ltd.

Betty said, 'My vision is for my organisation to be recognised among the world leaders in

sustainable development, quality environmental management and business excellence training and consultancy.' She is a co-founder of Women in Sustainable Development (WSD) and sits on various boards. She is chairperson of the Waste Technical Committee of the Business Council of Sustainable Development for Zimbabwe.

Away from work she has two grown-up daughters and a son and enjoys playing golf. She has fond memories of her time at Teesside. Before coming to the area Betty's favourite author was Catherine Cookson and she loved the opportunity to visit the region which the author had so well captured in her stories. Despite all her achievements Betty still has many ambitions, one of which is to produce environmental films and books. She says, 'I want future generations to know the effort being put in by the present generation to preserve the environment for them.'

WEBSITE WINNER

The University's website won the Chartered Institute for Public Relations (CIPR) Excellence Award in the category of Best Website, Microsite or Intranet.



This year the CIPR Excellence Awards received over 750 entries across 27 categories. Teesside was the only University to be shortlisted in the Awards, alongside national companies such as the Nationwide Building Society, Sainsbury's and McDonald's. The judges praised the team for the brand execution throughout the site, the innovative approach to design, video, photography and use of imaginative content.

The judge's citation said of the University's website, 'Launched

to take advantage of a new name and brand for the University, this website delivered impressive results in terms of year-on-year improvements to all sections of the site. Showing good use of social media, including an active presence on Facebook and Twitter, this is a site that delivered against all its objectives in a fun, refreshing and lively way. All the more impressive given the tight deadlines and the even tighter budget.'



Matthew Chapman, LLB Law with Criminology, graduated in 2003. After graduating he went to work for BMW as a marketing executive and then moved on to be Global Partnerships Manager for *The Guardian* newspaper. Having taken voluntary redundancy from this role, due to the decline of printed media, he used this opportunity to pursue a career in the field he is most passionate about, sports.

He now works as a club level executive at Arsenal Football Club which involves him looking after VIP memberships and club operations. He said, 'Having studied law, a career in marketing and partnerships might not seem the obvious choice but I found my background useful in terms of handling contracts and have been able to use information to strengthen my company's position in negotiations.'

Matthew was always an Arsenal fan so this is most definitely his dream job. He said, 'My job is very varied – from working on VIP membership sales, creating innovative ways to promote the Football Club with corporate to playing on the Emirates pitch and entertaining our VIPs at matches. Sitting, watching and cheering Arsenal on when playing FC Barcelona with JLS was certainly very surreal!'

Outside of work Matthew is married and still enjoys playing rugby, something he loved whilst at Teesside. He is also working with various charities to support their use of social media.

GRADUATE TO GUNNERS' EXEC

Centuria South gets Royal seal of approval

The latest building on Teesside's ever-expanding campus was officially opened just weeks ago by HRH the Princess Royal. The Princess was visiting the region specially to open this fantastic new facility.

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Henderson said, 'I am thrilled that Her Royal Highness was able to open our Centuria South building. Today was a wonderful event and a most memorable feature of our year as University of the Year and our 80th birthday celebrations. I am deeply grateful to Her Royal Highness for the time she spent with us today.'

The new £17m health and sport facility provides state-of-the-art teaching and learning facilities for students. The dental

nursing, hygiene and therapy courses started in October. The dental suite has 20 dentists' chairs to treat patients and a separate 'phantom heads' suite for students to practise upon, plus an on-site dentist to examine, diagnose and treat patients. The dentist can then refer patients to be treated by the students under the supervision of dental practice nurses and hygienists. The dental practice will be available to any members of the local community and the University student population. There are also

very large nursing and rehabilitation skills laboratories, with the latest equipment and technology.

The sport and exercise facilities include a purpose-built sports therapy clinic and bespoke hydrotherapy pool. Plus anatomy laboratories, and dedicated strength and conditioning and physical activity space. Both the University and the wider community are able to benefit from these new facilities through the University's Sports Injury Clinic.



Above top: principal lecturer for dental care, Erica Clough with some of the new dental facilities.

Above: the bespoke hydrotherapy pool.

Left: HRH the Princess Royal unveils the commemorative plaque.

DESIGNS ON DARLINGTON

The building of our new University campus at Darlington began in the summer and we marked the official start of construction with a special turf cutting event.



The building is due to be completed by September 2011 and will provide teaching space, and facilities for business and conference activity. As many as 3,000 full-time and part-time students could be accommodated in the building. The project is being funded by the University, One North East, via Tees Valley Unlimited, and Darlington Council and is also supported by Darlington College and Tees Valley Regeneration.

Professor Henderson said, 'Darlington's pivotal location provides us with a number of exciting new development opportunities, particularly in relation to our rapidly expanding programme of work with regional and national employers. I am absolutely delighted to see work now underway on such a significant project.'

Partners and supporters of the project all came together to celebrate this milestone in expanding higher education opportunities in Darlington and the west end of the Tees Valley. The £13m five-storey high-quality undergraduate and postgraduate teaching building will be built right next door to Darlington College.

Those attending the event included John Williams, Leader of Darlington Council and

the local authority's Chief Executive Ada Burns, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Graham Henderson, Principal of Darlington College Tim Grant and Darlington MP Jenny Chapman. Jenny said, 'I am so proud to see the expansion of Teesside University in Darlington. This new building will bring exciting educational prospects to the town, not to mention fantastic facilities. I look forward to watching the building grow over the next 12 months.'

If you are interested in studying at Darlington the University currently has a site off The Fairway which is offering a range of courses. For more information visit our website

www.tees.ac.uk/darlington and click on courses in the left menu or email enquiries@tees.ac.uk.

INTERNATIONAL RECRUITMENT 2011

We will soon be starting our international recruitment visits and would like to invite those of you living abroad to come along and say hello when we are visiting your country this year. If you have the time, it would be great if you could spend some time on the stand talking to potential students about your experiences at Teesside.

January	> Bangkok, Thailand
March	> Manila, Philippines > Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Event schedules are always being updated, for further details please contact international@tees.ac.uk.

Correct at time of publication, subject to changes and additions.



OPEN DAYS AND POSTGRADUATE VIRTUAL OPEN DAYS



The next University Open Day will be held on Wednesday 22 June 2011. University staff will be available throughout the day to answer any of your questions, plus there will also be a programme of talks and tours.

We will also be holding our second Postgraduate Virtual Open Day on Tuesday 7 December. This event is an opportunity to find out about postgraduate study from the

comfort of your own home! Campus tours, presentations, University videos and the chance to speak directly to current staff and students via a chat-room facility are all available online.

If you have any further questions regarding these events, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Open Day Team on **01642 342275** or email enquiries@tees.ac.uk.

Students' sporting success

This year the sporting prowess of Teesside students is unmistakable as they have swept a host of awards.

Louis Cunnigham, a first-year BSc (Hons) Sport and Exercise (Applied Sport Science) student, has fought his way to a gold medal in the England Universities Boxing Championship. He was also crowned Best Open Male Boxer and Best Boxer of the Tournament.

Ricky Stevenson, a final-year BSc (Hons) Sport and Exercise (Applied Sport Science) student, has entered the history books after winning the British University Indoor 3,000 metre title for the third consecutive year. He won the race in eight minutes and four seconds. He said, 'It's special stepping out on to the track and thinking, that's my title and nobody else is having it.'



Jonathan Taylor, who is also a BSc (Hons) Sport and Exercise (Applied Sport Science) student, smashed the 1,500 metre record at the same event. He crossed the line in three minutes and 46 seconds to win his third successive gold.

Stacey Louise Smith, BSc (Hons) Sports Therapy, scooped a silver medal in the women's 1,500 metres.

Ben Rowe, who is studying BSc (Hons) Sports Therapy, won silver medals at the world under 23 and world student rowing championships.

Ricky, Stacey and Jonathan are all on the University's Elite Athlete Bursary Scheme, which provides a comprehensive support structure to help talented athletes reach their potential. For more information email m.wright@tees.ac.uk.

But the victories don't stop there – even the teams were getting in on the act:

- the Students' Union netball team won the British Universities and Colleges Sport league title
- the men's futsal team crowned British University Champions
- the Students' Union women's football team won a trio of awards this year - the British Universities and Colleges Sport Northern Conference Cup, the British Universities League title and they finished top of their Sunday league



Congratulations to everyone on these outstanding achievements.

STAFFNEWS

TEESSIDE TWO GAIN

TOP

HONOURS

We were delighted this year when **Sandy Anderson**, Chairman of the Board of Governors and Pro-Chancellor, and Professor **Paul Keane**, Dean of the School of Health & Social Care, both received OBEs in the Queen's New Year Honours list. Mr Anderson received his for services to the North East community and Professor Keane for his services to health care.

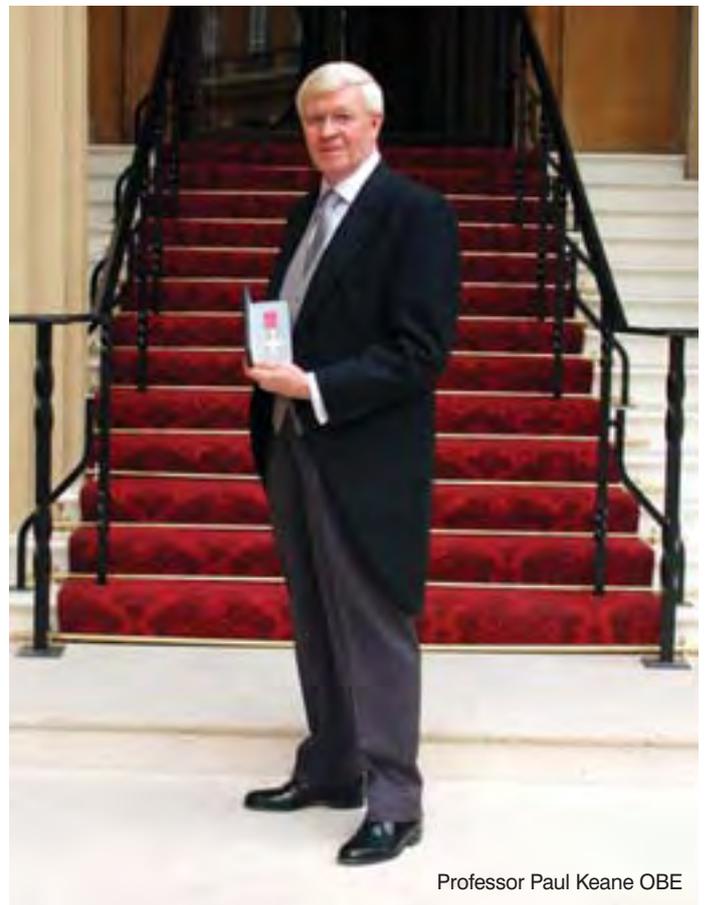
Mr Anderson is now chairman of Ensus UK which was involved in the building of Europe's largest wheat refinery to produce bio ethanol, at Wilton, on Teesside. He said, 'I was absolutely delighted and honoured to receive the award, although lots of people have helped to make these achievements.'

Professor Keane worked in the health service for many years

before joining the University in 1995. He became Dean in 2000 and since then the School has grown from taking 3,000 students to well over 10,000. He said, 'I am deeply honoured to receive this award. I wish to acknowledge the support of my family as well as the excellent working relationships I have had with my colleagues over the past 40 years.'



Mr Sandy Anderson OBE



Professor Paul Keane OBE

Senior appointments

In the summer a new Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development) was appointed, **Professor Eileen Martin**. Professor Martin joins the University from the University of Central Lancashire where she held the post of Pro-Vice-Chancellor focusing on teaching and learning and the student experience. She is responsible for a wide range of development activity at Teesside, from the academic portfolio to collaborative partnerships and lifelong learning. Professor Martin said, 'I am absolutely delighted



with my appointment at Teesside University. Teesside has very good student satisfaction ratings and an excellent reputation for employer engagement. I am looking forward to working with staff and students.'

In the spring **Dr Mark Simpson** was appointed as the new Dean of the School of Social Sciences & Law. Dr Simpson is also an alumnus of Teesside having studied BA (Hons) Politics, 1995. He said, 'When I came here as an 18-year-old I could not have imagined that I would end up as Dean of the School in which I was



studying. I am delighted with my new role, I want to see the School continue to deliver excellence at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels and to further develop the business-facing aspects of our work.'

Dr Simon Stobart is the new Dean of the School of Computing. He first joined the University two years ago as Assistant Dean in the School. He



said, 'To be appointed as Dean when we are the University of the Year is absolutely fantastic. I am aiming to make the School the number one place for anyone in the world who wants to study computing, animation and games design.'

Retirements

Dr Derek Simpson, Dean of the School of Computing, and also a Teesside graduate, BSc Computer Science 1971, retired in the spring after 26 years as an academic with the University. He said, 'When I first came to Teesside (then Constantine College) as a student some 43 years ago, little did I realise it would play such a large (and enjoyable) part in my life. Nor did I think my association would last so long and I would finish my academic career working for the University of the Year. It is great credit to the many staff and students of the University over the years that Teesside has not only developed to where it is today but has maintained its great ethos as a friendly and supportive institution.'

Kathy Ludlow, Research Quality and Policy Manager retired in the summer. Many of you, in particular research students, will remember Kathy who worked at Teesside for over 33 years. Her retirement was marked by many comments from students thanking Kathy for her support during their research and, particularly, during their viva voce examinations. Kathy has been a fantastic University officer and we are sure that Alumni Association members send her their best wishes.

Another member of the School of Computing, **Phil Willers**, also retired in the spring after 45 years as student and staff with the University. He first came to Teesside as a student and graduated in 1971 with a BSc Mathematics, Phil has many fond memories of his time at Teesside,



Second from right Phil Willers, outside the Waterhouse Building 1966.

both as a student and a staff member. Whilst studying here he met his wife Hilary, who also graduated in 1971 with a BSc Mathematics. We asked Phil if he could write us a short piece about his memories of Teesside.

'I came from London to Constantine College in 1965 to study a two-year College Diploma in Mathematics, Statistics and Computing. I was welcomed by Bill Grieg, the Head of Department, who told me about the course and helped me to find lodgings. At that time, the College consisted of what is now known as the Constantine Building, the Waterhouse Building (then known as the G Block) and a small prefabricated building (which served school-type dinners for a shilling). The Tower Block was in the process of being built. There were very few full-time students which meant that there was hardly any social life until 1966, when the arrival of the first Computer Science degree students provided sufficient numbers for a departmental society to be formed. It was called COMAST (Co for Computing, Ma for Maths and St for Statistics).



'The College started a mathematics degree as I finished the Diploma, and I joined that course. The first Students' Union social area (called The Buttery) opened in 1967. Four years later, including a year's industrial training, I graduated and Bill offered me a lecturing post in Statistics and Operational Research for a salary of £1,485. Over the years, I progressed through the academic ranks, finishing as an Assistant Dean in the School of Computing. Like many other students of my time, I am indebted to Bill Greig for his friendship, support and belief in me.'

Tributes

This year the University sadly lost **Dr Rob Lee**, aged 50, a very gifted historian and inspirational teacher. Dr Lee specialised in 19th-century history, which he researched and wrote on extensively. He was appointed as a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Durham in January 2003, as part of the AHRB North-East England History Institute. On completion of that post, Teesside University snapped him up and he began teaching in the history section in 2006.



It started with a gift...



Thanks to the generosity and vision of Joseph Constantine, who donated £80,000 back in 1930, Teesside University was born. Worth over £4m in today's value, his gift established Constantine College, which became Teesside Polytechnic and later Teesside University.

To celebrate Joseph Constantine's gift and our 80th anniversary, we are inviting you to make a donation to your University. You should have received your exclusive gift wrap and we hope that you have used it to wrap a gift for someone special.

In return we are inviting our alumni to give the gift of knowledge back to Teesside University by donating to the 80th Anniversary Fund. You can donate by post by returning the donation form which you have received or online at www.tees.ac.uk/gift.

There has never been a better time to give as the government-backed HEFCE matched giving scheme and Gift Aid will more than double the value of any donation received before 30 July 2011. Every £10 donated to Teesside University could be worth up to £25.30!



There are three funds to support:

Scholarships and bursaries Supporting both high achievers and those who need financial assistance, this fund will focus on supporting students in postgraduate study.

Inspire fund This student opportunity fund will accept bids from individuals or groups of students who require funding for projects. Whether it is funding for an arts performance, a field trip or equipment for a student society the students will decide. Let's help inspire their success!

Research Teesside University's reputation for first-class research is growing by the year. Our researchers are transforming the region and the world around us. Examples of the work are shown in this magazine and they require world-class facilities and equipment to push the boundaries of innovation and technology.

If you are interested in giving a larger gift, giving to a different cause or leaving a legacy to Teesside University please contact the Development Office on 01642 738227.

How did you use your gift wrap?

Let us know what you gave, to whom and why to alumni.office@tees.ac.uk. We'll give a prize to the most interesting story received.

What donor's say

Professor Oglesby gives back to Teesside

One of the earliest donors to the newly formed Development Office was Professor Leni Oglesby who in 2009 gave £3,000, to be awarded to students as prizes for outstanding improvement or achievement. Twelve winners received £250 each as well as a real boost to their CVs. Professor Oglesby recently renewed her generous donation and a further 12 students will benefit from her generosity again this year.

Professor Oglesby said, 'I have worked in many universities but without a doubt Teesside most exemplifies my personal vision of the purpose of higher education. It is an institution that combines excellence and opportunity and it is a pleasure to make this small contribution.'

What a beneficiary says

Ibtihal Al Basry, BA English now in her third year, won a Professor Leni Oglesby prize last year for most improved student. She said, 'When I found out I had won this prize I was so happy I was crying because the University had chosen me and recognised all my efforts and hard work. I came to this country for protection in 2006 because my husband was kidnapped and killed in Iraq. Despite my qualifications I was unable to find employment and sought to improve my opportunities by studying for a degree. I am so proud of myself and this prize gave me the motivation to work and study harder.'



80TH ANNIVERSARY FUND, A DONOR'S TALE



The first donor to the recently launched 80th Anniversary Fund was Gordon Appleton, BSc Chemistry, 1951.

It is poignant that a member of the Appleton family gave this initial gift as the University has played a significant part in their lives. Gordon's father John Cornwell Appleton, was District Commissioner for the Scouts in Middlesbrough in the 1930s and took part in the official opening of Constantine College, the University's predecessor institution. As has been mentioned Gordon then went on to graduate from Constantine, in fact he met his wife Jean at the Saturday night band dances held in Constantine hall.

After graduation Gordon became a part-time chemistry and metallurgy lecturer, then senior lecturer, at Constantine College and taught at Teesside until his retirement in 1985. He said, 'It was very encouraging to see the development from what we called the Tech to a Polytechnic. And then to get

University status is wonderful. I taught students who didn't have grammar school educations but still went on to get very good, high-earning jobs. I sometimes see some of my old students and they say hello, and I think I have helped that guy.'

Gordon's sons have carried on the family association with Teesside, his son Paul graduated in 1985 with a BSc Chemistry. His other son Mike launched his company, Apple Action Planning (AAP), which offers sales training and consultancy to companies, through the University's Virtual Incubator Scheme. The Scheme provides advice and support to new businesses. So over the last 60 years the Appleton family with the support of the University are still delivering training to the people of Teesside.

Appleton and Teesside Timeline

- 1927** Construction on a new technical college starts after Joseph Constantine donates £80,000
- 1930** Constantine College officially opened by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on 2 July
- 1930** John Cornwell Appleton took part in the opening of Constantine College
- 1939** Student numbers reach 2,211
- 1940s** John Cornwell Appleton gives guest lecture at Constantine on homemade radios
- 1947** Gordon Appleton enrolls on a part-time Chemistry degree at Constantine, sponsored by British Steel
- 1951** Gordon Appleton graduates
- 1953** Gordon Appleton began part-time lecturing at Constantine in Chemistry and Metallurgy
- 1956** Gordon Appleton appointed as full-time lecturer, progressing later to senior lecturer
- 1969** Constantine College became Teesside Polytechnic after a decade of growth and expansion
- 1978** Teesside Polytechnic merges with Teesside College of Education
- 1985** Paul Appleton graduates with a Chemistry degree, Gordon retires from the Polytechnic
- 1989** Teesside Polytechnic becomes a self-governing independent institution of higher education, student numbers reach 6,500
- 1992** Teesside Polytechnic becomes the University of Teesside
- 2009** The University of Teesside becomes Teesside University and wins University of the Year
- 2009** Mike Appleton joins the University's Virtual Incubation Scheme for Business
- 2010** Teesside University celebrates its 80th birthday, Mike Appleton delivers a workshop at Teesside, Gordon Appleton becomes the first 80th Anniversary Fund donor

ONE MAN'S WASTE IS ANOTHER MAN'S RESOURCE

The Industrial Symbiosis team within the University's Clean Environment Management Centre (CLEMANCE) will use a £1.76m research grant, from the Institute of Local Governance, to find innovative new uses for industrial and domestic waste in North East England.



As well as researching new uses for the industrial waste, the investment will allow the Centre to investigate ways of re-using domestic waste collected from kerbsides by councils. The market for recycled items recently collapsed which could potentially give local councils major problems. This research will examine ways in which materials can be recycled in the region, possibly as raw materials, and will investigate the amount of materials exported overseas.

With regards to industrial waste, the research intends to increase the capacity of small and medium enterprises utilising waste as a raw material. North East Symbiosis Project Manager, Christine Parry, said, 'Companies need to consider ways of re-using their waste. Legislation is constantly driving them in that direction and they are also facing increased landfill charges. A growing number of materials are being banned from landfill, such as electrical items, tyres, liquids and gypsum. This will increase pressure on companies to find alternative uses for their waste.'

WOULD YOU TRUST THE MALE PILL?

Researchers at Teesside have been posing the question – would you trust men to take a male pill? The male contraceptive pill is currently undergoing trials, and researchers from the University's Social Futures Institute, led by Judith Eberhardt, have interviewed 140 men and 240 women to find out their views.



Judith said, 'There has been some research work into the male pill, predominately in the USA and Australia. However the North East of England is perceived as a male-dominated society and we felt this research would be of interest. Men in the North don't go to the doctor very often and we wanted to see if their approach to healthcare would influence their attitude to the male pill.'

Their findings show that both men and women had a positive attitude to the male pill and thought it was a good idea.

Women were slightly more positive than men, however they thought their partners could not be trusted to take the pill regularly, which could lead to unplanned pregnancies. Men in stable relationships had a more positive opinion of the male pill than those in casual sexual relationships.

These findings suggest that pharmaceutical companies may need to look at developing other options, such as a monthly injection or implant.

RESEARCH ROUND-UP

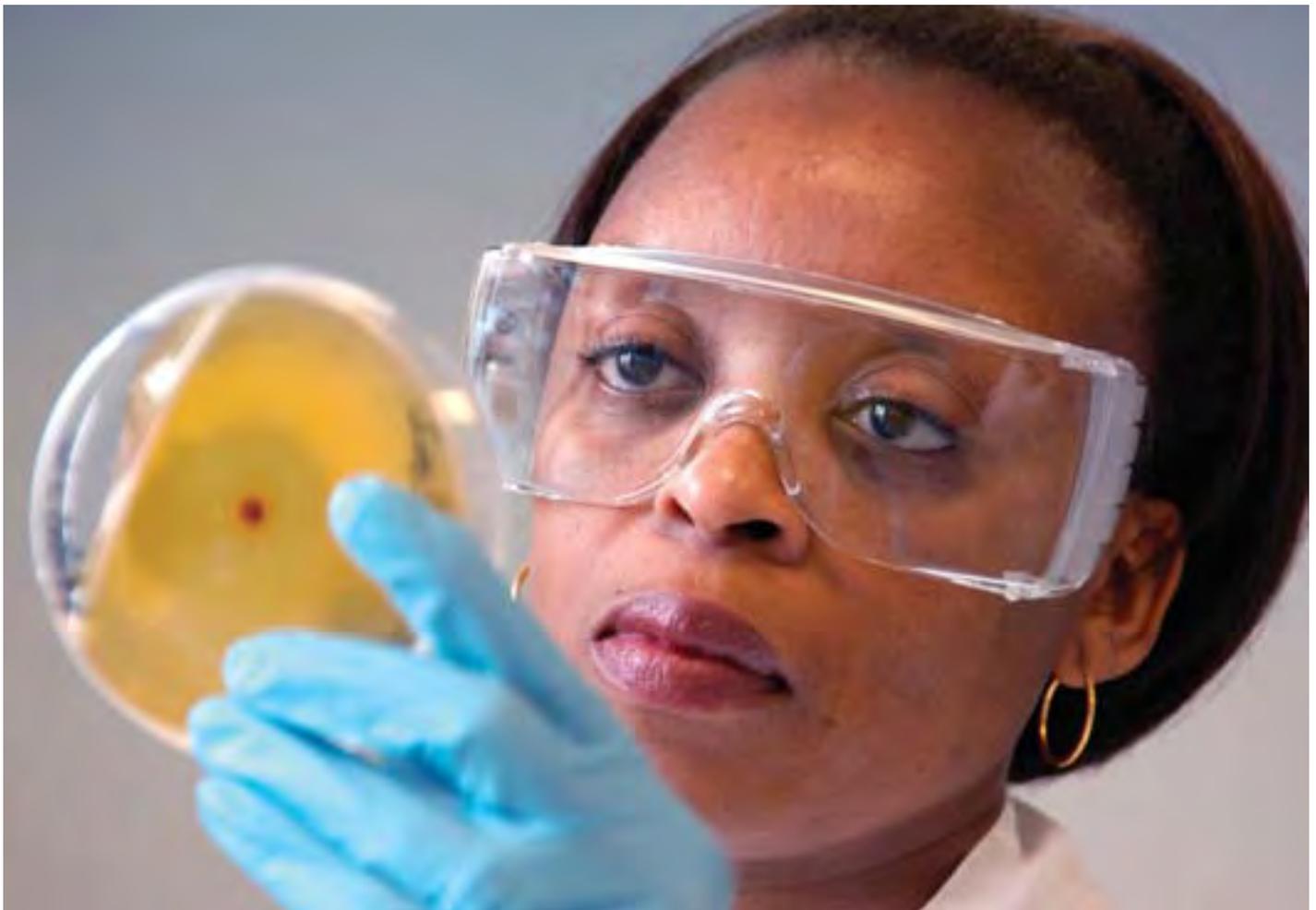
Food or fuel?

Scientists at Teesside are helping to find the answers to one of the most difficult problems facing the world – generating energy without accelerating climate change or harming food production. Biofuels appear to be the perfect solution because they are not net producers of harmful environmental by-products, but they can encourage farmers to grow energy crops instead of badly needed food crops – particularly in poorer countries.

Dr Komang Ralebitso-Senior, Senior Lecturer in Molecular Biology, is leading a research team that is investigating the generation of biofuels from waste. These are seen by many as the 'green alternative' to fossil fuels. The team is studying whether biofuel production could use waste materials, such as domestic or municipal refuse and sewage sludge, instead of energy crops to generate biogas. The biogas could then be used directly or to produce alternative energy sources such as electricity.

She said, 'We are carrying out laboratory investigations to optimise the production of biogas through a process known as anaerobic digestion. This uses naturally occurring micro-organisms to break down waste in closed vessels. Although this process is already being used by some waste-to-energy companies, it is not reaching its full potential. We are exploring how we can optimise and exploit the anaerobic digestive process.'

This work has significant potential as it can produce biofuel which is truly sustainable. As a result, it has attracted support from Teesside's Centre for Process Innovation which is supporting, in principle, the PhD programme associated with this work.





Doctor David

David Sykes initially studied an MSc in IT at Teesside, graduating in 1995. Once he graduated he found that he was interested in returning to the subject of his first degree in biotechnology. He said, 'When the opportunity presented itself for me to undertake a funded PhD in my first area of interest – biotechnology – I jumped at the opportunity.'

'Studying for a PhD is a very intense experience. It gave me many opportunities, in the course of my research, to travel around the UK and Europe. I also got the chance to work with several different companies which exposed me to industry and developed my skills for future use.'

David was awarded a Doctorate of Philosophy in 2006, his thesis was entitled *The Development of a Bioaerosol Sampler for the Detection of Enzymes in Industry*. He now works as Separation Project Leader for HooverCandy based in Scotland. David said, 'I get to practise real science and lead the development of new ideas and projects within the company. My PhD has been instrumental in the development of cyclones and the understanding of filtration used in vacuum cleaner manufacture. In the future I am looking to become a consultant in the field of aerosol science and technology.'

Graduate Research School

The Graduate Research School (GRS) is Teesside University's central support office for all aspects of research including research funding and projects, research degrees, and policy and strategy. The GRS assists academic and research staff to source, apply for and manage external research funding and helps to promote research undertaken across the University. Research students and supervisors are supported from the initial application to completion stage, with GRS acting as a first point of contact for prospective students seeking guidance on research opportunities. We also advise staff and students on all policy, procedure and compliance issues. For more information call **01642 738033** or email graduateresearchschool@tees.ac.uk.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

FROM PROSE TO PRINCIPAL

Maryssa O'Connor (née Fixter), BA (Hons) English, 1994 opened the doors to a new school this autumn as Principal of Thornaby Academy in Thornaby-on-Tees. The Academy is a new school and Teesside University is the lead sponsor.

Maryssa said, 'My new role is a really exciting opportunity and I'm looking forward to working with my old University as the lead sponsor. Our Academy specialises in Business and Enterprise which is very important. I am looking forward to ensuring that all the students have a skills foundation which gives them employability skills and enables them to progress.'

Maryssa has good memories of her time studying at Teesside, she said, 'I remember the great support from members of the University staff and how quickly they made you feel a part of life at the University. Of course, it's much bigger now but it felt like you got to know everybody on your course even though there was such a wide range of modules to choose from. I really enjoyed the three years of my degree and it's fantastic to be a part of the University again.'

When she left Teesside Maryssa went on to do a postgraduate teaching certificate and then began her teaching career in North Tyneside. She eventually moved on to Croydon where she became Assistant Head and then moved back to the North East to take up a post as Deputy Head at Tanfield School.

Maryssa said, 'Teaching was a focus for me throughout my own education. It's an incredibly rewarding career, which challenges you right from the start. It was always my ambition to be a senior leader in a school so to be given this opportunity and working back on Teesside with the young people of Thornaby is very exciting. I know that the staff are looking forward to working with the University and the wider team of sponsors to positively impact on the life chances of our students.'



SPORTING LINKS

When Jon Woodward and Matthew Williams met whilst studying BSc (Hons) Sport Science little did they know that their paths were destined to cross once more.



Jon graduated with a BSc (Hons) Sport Science in 1997. He has great memories of his time at Teesside – great nights in the Students' Union bar, breakfasts at Roy's Café and an introduction to the 'London' pizza (topped with chips!). After graduation he worked for local authorities fulfilling various roles in sports development and then as a football development officer at Derby County Football Club and for the Football Association. He now works as a coach education adviser, for Sports Coach UK, and loves being involved in sport and making an impact on enhancing the coaching experience. It is in his current post that he bumped into Matthew.

Matthew also graduated in 1997 with a BSc (Hons) Sport Science. Since graduating he has lectured in further education and spent nine years working in sports development with the London Borough of Barnet, North Yorkshire Sport and Sports Coach UK. He is now the National Club and Coach Manager for the Amateur Boxing Association of England and is working with old classmate Jonathan to develop the coach education programme for boxing. Matthew said, 'I was surprised when I bumped into Jon, it is great to be working with an old friend and Jon's expertise has been a real help with the developments we are working on. It's great to be using my degree to make a difference in the sport I've followed all my life.'

Jon said, 'It has been a great experience working with a fellow Teesside alum, within a field we are both enthusiastic and passionate about. Matthew's enthusiasm for boxing has certainly rubbed off on me and I hope we can develop the sport more. In the future I hope to continue to develop sport and coach education and hope to bump into more Teesside graduates.'



Lee Firman beat thousands of other applicants to secure a highly sought-after place on the Vodafone Graduate Scheme which starts this autumn. But Lee, who graduated in 2009 with a BA (Hons) Creative Multimedia, is used to challenges as his path as a student was not all plain sailing.

Lee was a mature student who came to the University having worked full time for two years, so initially being back in full-time education was a shock to the system. Lee said, 'I needed a part-time job to support myself whilst studying and initially I was too committed to this and my results suffered. I realised I needed to re-prioritise if I wanted to succeed so I began to focus wholeheartedly on my studies. Then during the summer of my second year my girlfriend

became pregnant, so my third year was tricky balancing studying and family life.'

Despite these commitments Lee graduated with a first-class honours degree. He said, 'My daughter was my inspiration and I now have a son. It is wonderful being a father and has made me even more focused and determined to succeed. I can't wait to start at Vodafone! The scheme sounds very structured and offers a lot of scope, with limitless possibilities. Initially I have to work

for two months in a Vodafone retail store, experiencing first-hand what it's like to be on the front line and getting to understand our customers. I then embark on two separate five-month placements within different areas of Vodafone.

'It's all very exciting, and Vodafone has been great so far in preparing us for our time there. I'm certain I've made the right career move, and will make the most of this opportunity.'

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

NURSE TURNS TO CRIME

Isobell Jackson had been in nursing for over 20 years when she graduated from Teesside in 1998 with an MSc Health Psychology. She said, 'I initially trained as a nurse in Darlington and then went on to join the Armed Forces, where I worked in Aldershot and Munster in Germany.'



'I returned to the North East to work in intensive care and latterly as a senior nurse in critical care. Then following my early retirement I became interested in writing and joined the Darlington-based writing group Inkerman Writers.'

Writing under the pseudonym Kath Radford, Isobell has already had her first two short

stories published, one of which gained a highly recommended award in the Sid Chaplin competition. She has used some of her experience working as a nurse in her writings. *Beyond Belief* is a crime story which is partly set in a busy general hospital.

Isobell said, 'Using my experience as a nurse along with an in-depth study of the

psyche of the serial killer gave me a really good grounding for the novel. In the future, I would like to have the same success with the children's book I'm working on. I also have a second thriller in the pipeline.'

Beyond Belief is published by Legend Press and can be found in online bookstores.

LOCAL AUTHORITY TO LUXURY RETAIL

Part-time study has allowed Marc Thompson to achieve the career he always wanted. Marc was working in a management role for a local authority when he was offered the opportunity to study a Certificate in Management at the University part time – he jumped at the opportunity and has never looked back.

After graduating he left his job in the local authority and went on to spend ten years working in tourism management overseas, in both Europe and Asia. He worked for P&O cruise ships and TUI travel group before he returned to the North East in 2005. On his return he worked in hotel management in Newcastle for a couple of years before moving to London for his current post, working in business development for Harvey Nichols.

He said, 'I love my role at Harvey Nichols. It is challenging and includes various aspects of business management such as sales, marketing, people development and financial management.'

Marc has nothing but praise for his experience at Teesside. He says, 'The key elements of my course have continually benefited my career, particularly managing change, employee relations and the marketing elements. I really enjoyed my time at Teesside, the skills I learnt are so transferable. In the future I would love to work for myself, advising small businesses on brand management and marketing. I have taken my first steps to do this by helping to introduce doll face eco chic skincare to the UK market via online marketplace notonthehighstreet.com. In the meantime I am very happy working at Harvey Nicks.'



TEESSIDERS ARE TOP TACKLERS

When Jennifer Edwards, MSc Sport and Exercise, 2004, and Georgina Roberts, MSc Forensic Science, 2007, came to Teesside to study they were both persuaded to join the women's rugby team and this sparked fantastic achievements for both women. When they first met it was as team mates playing rugby union for Darlington Mowden Park Sharks Ladies Team. They would later go on to play for the England 7s Team and the England A side together.

This year they both played for England A women's team throughout the competitive season, playing in Spain, France and London against an array of quality international opposition including the current World Champions, the New Zealand Black Ferns. Jen said, 'It was an amazing experience to travel to these different countries and experience the different cultures. We have also both been fortunate enough to represent the England 7s team in the European Championships in Moscow recently.'

Jen now works as a Healthy Schools Project Officer for Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council. She said, 'My work is really rewarding and allows me to work with children across the Borough educating them in many

different aspects of a healthy lifestyle. I believe my sporting success makes me a good role model to the children and young people I work with.'

But for George the rugby world is a far cry from her day job as an analytical chemist. She said, 'It is a great contrast being in the lab all day playing the science geek role only to hit the training field afterwards and start smashing up tackle pads or the opposition!'

They both now play for local women's premiership rugby union team Darlington Mowden Park Sharks. Jen said, 'We gained promotion to the top flight last year and in our first season finished third out of eight. We are hoping to build on our success and really challenge for the title this year.'



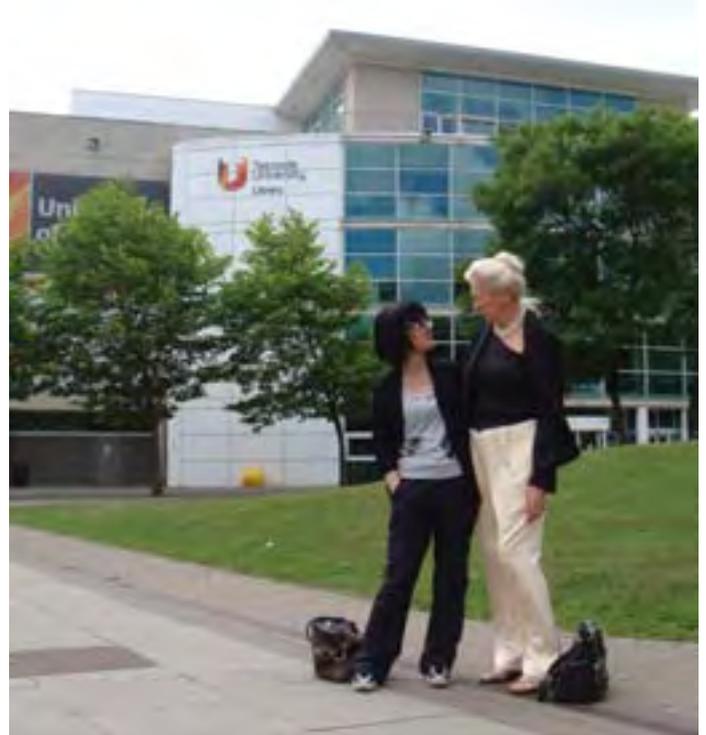
WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Ruth's an award winner

Ruth Cheng, MSc CAGTA, 1993, was surprised to see how the campus had changed when she returned to Teesside earlier this year. Ruth said, 'It was fantastic to be given a tour of the ever-growing campus, so much has changed since I was a student. All the new facilities and being named University of the Year by *THE* are such wonderful achievements for Teesside.'

On graduating Ruth returned to her native Hong Kong and now works for Radio Television Hong Kong as Deputy Production Manager (Technical & Art Services). When she arrived home from her trip to the UK she was surprised to discover she had been selected to receive the Chief Executive's Commendation for Government/Public Service 2010. This is a wonderful honour for Ruth who received her certificate in October. The award recognised her efforts in the 2009 East Asian Games. She said, 'Organising television coverage of such a large-scale sports event was both challenging and rewarding and I am delighted to receive this award.'

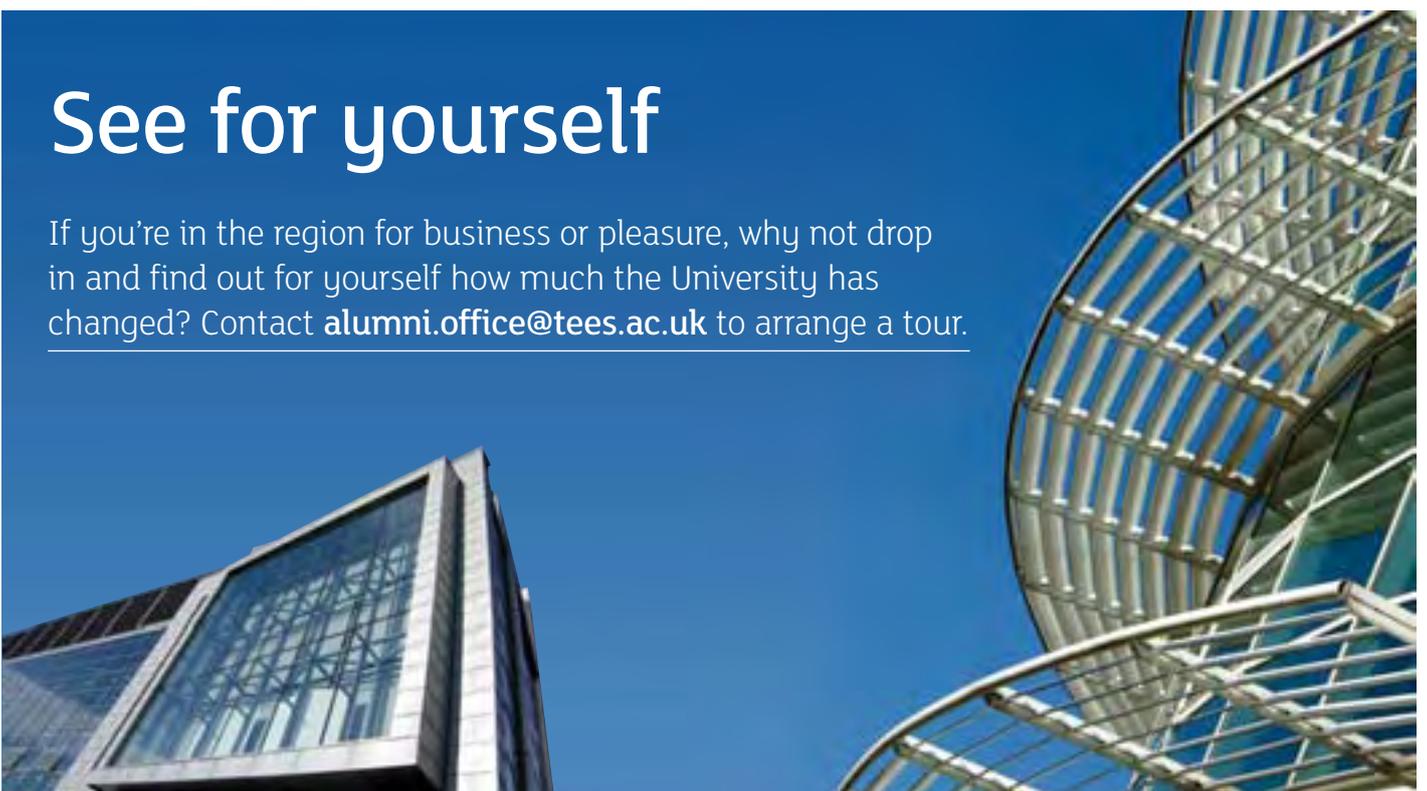
As for the future, Ruth said, 'I would like to come back more often to witness higher transition of Teesside University.'



Ruth Cheng and Janice Webster, former director of the IDI.

See for yourself

If you're in the region for business or pleasure, why not drop in and find out for yourself how much the University has changed? Contact alumni.office@tees.ac.uk to arrange a tour.



MARSHALL IS MOVIE MAKER

Since leaving Teesside in 2008 Tom Marshall, BA (Hons) Television Production Professional Practice, has been working as a freelance film maker and he certainly has not let the grass grow under his feet!

He said, 'Before going to university I had decided that I wanted to pursue a career in film production. I realised that this field was fiercely competitive and knew I would have to work hard. I began entering short film competitions whilst still at Teesside – and I believe this has gone a long way in helping me achieve the success I have had to date.'

Tom's filmography is certainly impressive. Amongst his many credits to date he has won the BBC New Talent Award in 2007 for

his short film (screened on BBC 3) entitled *bigboy_74* and also won the title of Best Director for the same film at the Milwaukee International Short Film Festival in 2009. This year his short film *Remember my face* was one of 12 shortlisted from hundreds in the Reed.co.uk Workplace Short Film Competition.

He writes, directs and edits the majority of his productions. Tom said, 'I enjoy the freedom of developing my own style as

a film maker. I have had numerous commissions, in particular from the UK Film Council and Northern Film and Media. At the moment I am working on my next short film, *Happy Clapper* starring Joe Dempsie (*Skins*) and Felicity Montagu (*I'm Alan Partridge*). Made with funding from UKFC, it is the story of a low-level gangster living alone in a caravan, who gets a visit from a born-again Christian.

Tom working on location in Northumberland



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



RAD CONTINUES TEESSIDE LINKS

Robert Dougall (nickname Rad) graduated from Teesside in 2005 with a BSc (Hons) Computer Studies and went on to complete an MSc Forensic Visualisation in 2006. Upon leaving Middlesbrough he returned to his native Bournemouth and worked in IT recruitment, which he quickly decided was not for him and fell back into working in the hospitality industry which he had done part time since the age of 16. He moved into restaurant management and used his degree experience to help market the restaurant and then began doing freelance work.

He now runs his own web and brand design company StudioWorks. Rad said, 'Initially becoming self-employed is daunting, however I have never looked back and am continuing to get more and more clients, usually by word-of-mouth recommendation which is fantastic.'

Rad is very passionate about Teesside, he said, 'I have very good memories of

Middlesbrough – attending the final fling events at the Students' Union bar, spending hours playing pool on a Sunday afternoon and a great trip to Les Deux Alps in France with the snow sports club.'

In 2008 Rad started a group on LinkedIN for Teesside Alumni. He had got almost 100 members when we at the alumni office approached him and asked to take it over.

Rad is still doing a sterling job managing the group for us and we now have over 700 members. If you are interested in joining our group please visit www.linkedin.com and search for Teesside alumni.

www.studioworks.eu

Enduring engineer

In this our 80th year it is fitting that we celebrate the successes of some of our oldest alumni. Leslie Kerridge, whilst an apprentice fitter and turner at Dorman Long, enrolled at Constantine College, our predecessor institution, in September 1934. This 'night school' course for ONC Mechanical Engineering was followed by an HNC which he completed in July 1938.

The continuation of his education was interrupted by seven years' war service in the Royal Artillery. On returning to Dorman Long he transferred to their design office at the Royal Exchange where, among many projects, he was engaged in the development of the Lackenby Beam Mill. His HNC endorsements were completed on 'day release', still at Constantine College on Borough Road, and this gained him entry to the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. This year, aged 92, he has received a certificate

from the Institution for 50 years as a full Member and Chartered Engineer, a fantastic achievement.

We asked Leslie about his memories of studying in Middlesbrough at this time. He said, 'I can remember three evenings a week 6pm to 9pm was particularly demanding when I was on night shift. Dormans were supportive in letting me start an hour late at 11pm. My fees and bus fares were paid by the council education department but I used to bike in and out from Eston to save the



fare. You never thought about having to lock your bike up. I recall the College arranging for us to go to Doxford's shipyard in Sunderland to witness tests on their first heavy oil marine engine which we followed up with performance calculations at the College.'

In 1960 Les moved from Dormans to ICI at Wilton where he worked as Plant Engineer making nylon until he retired. He is still very active, particularly enjoying playing the accordion and piano.

ENTERPRISING ALUMNI



TEESME

We are delighted to announce that TeesMe, our new online alumni community, is now live. All you need to do is register and you will then be provided with a username and password.

TeesMe is a secure area for Teesside graduates to communicate with both the University and one another. You will be able to view and amend your own personal details and search for old friends. TeesMe will offer you priority information regarding registering for events and special affinity groups with others who studied the same field as you or work in the same professional area, for example our enterprise group for self-employed alumni. There is also some fun stuff such as recipes for that delightful local delicacy the chicken parmo or quizzes to test your knowledge of all things Teesside.

So don't delay, register your details today at www.tees.ac.uk/alumni.

In the spring we launched our Enterprise Alumni Group which is aimed at supporting self-employed and entrepreneurial alumni. Sarah Terry, Enterprise Alumni Campaign Officer, said, 'The group is intended to provide help, encouragement and inspiration for our entrepreneurs through events, training and networking. The Enterprise Alumni Group pages on TeesMe provide news, profiles, links to support organisations and the opportunity to network online.'



The launch event was part of the March Teesside Enterprise Network or TEN meeting. Guest speaker, Emily Humphrys, of Cambridge Research Biochemicals, shared her experiences of how she and her business partner bought out the organisation they worked for and set about adopting new practices and instigating changes.

Since the launch members of the Group were invited to two other TEN events in June and September and the monthly Victoria Business Networking meetings were launched in May.

Mark Quinn HND Computing (Software Development), 2008, a member of the Enterprise Alumni Group said, 'Attending these events has provided a useful skill set that will help me greatly in the workplace.'

All events gave attendees opportunities to network and seek advice from their peers.

If you are a graduate interested in joining the group then please email alumni.office@tees.ac.uk. The next event is the Victoria Business Network meeting at 10.30am – 12.00pm on 16 December. All events give attendees opportunities to network and seek advice from their peers.

ALUMNI NEWS

WHAT'S ON

AN **audience** WITH ...

Wednesday 1 December 2010	Professor Eric Senior	Rubbish dumps and beyond – one man's environmental quest
Wednesday 16 February 2011	Professor Eileen Liddell	No more heroic leaders – it's time to join up the dots
Wednesday 16 March 2011	Dr Andy Lomas	From Avatar to art, the computer graphics way
Wednesday 27 April 2011	Dr Adele Parks	From Cinderella to bestseller


**Honorary and
Professorial Public
Lecture Series 2010-11**

Lectures are free of charge and open to everyone. They are held on the University campus in the Centuria Building with refreshments available from 6.00pm. For further details or to reserve a place, call **01642 342887**, email alumni.office@tees.ac.uk or visit www.tees.ac.uk.

**Past v Present
Sports Tournament**


Thank you to all of those of you with a registered interest in the Past versus Present tournament who kindly took part in our recent survey about the event. The overall results showed that you are all pretty happy with the scheduling of the event in November and the format generally. Suggestions about referees, the evening arrangements and overall experience of the event will be taken on board.

As you are probably aware, last year the Past team swooped to victory once more. As it stands the overall results are 13 to the Past and only four to the Present plus one draw in the very first tournament in 1992. So we need your support more than ever this year, it is a matter of honour!

The 19th annual Past versus Present Sports Tournament will take place on Saturday 20 November 2010. This year's

event will be extra special as it is part of the University's 80th anniversary celebrations. We will be enhancing the event with live entertainment and a few other added extras. We are keen to see as many of you there as possible either as a participant or a spectator – so what are you waiting for, register your interest at www.tees.ac.uk/alumni or for more details call **01642 342267** or email sport@tees.ac.uk.

REMEMBER to regularly check our website for details of other forthcoming events at Teesside – www.tees.ac.uk/alumni

ALUMNI UPDATES & DESPERATELY SEEKING

1974

Peter Jefferson, BSc (Hons) Sociology, holds everlasting memories from the course, fellow students, the Students' Union and the Buttery. Peter loved the friendliness, mixing with students and playing football for the (then) Polytechnic. He completed a Postgraduate Diploma in Personnel Management at Leeds Polytechnic and joined Cleveland County Council in 1976. Peter is now Deputy Director of Human Resources at Teesside University. He looks forward to hearing from fellow students to reminisce over the good old days. E: p.jefferson@tees.ac.uk

1979

Peter Stanforth, BSc (Hons) Computer Science, had great fun during his time at King Edward's Square – he played sports, socialised and helped found the Mint Sauce Club. Do any of you remember that? Peter has worked in the telecomms industry and enjoyed travelling around the world. He now lives in Florida, having started his third successful company. Peter dreams of retiring on a sheep farm in Yorkshire. He'd be thrilled to hear from his old friends. E: peter@stanforth.com

1980

Andrew Simcock, BA Humanities, holds great memories especially as co-editor of the student newspaper *Buggerall* and serving two years as the President of the Students' Union. He started out in the financial sector as a graduate trainee in London, before moving to Manchester and now works for KPMG as a Business Development Manager. In 2010 he cycled over a thousand miles from Aberdeen to London with colleagues. Collectively they raised £165,000 for the charity Help the Hospices. Andrew is looking forward to hearing from all who remember him. E: andrew.simcock@kpmg.co.uk



1981

Jon McGrady, BA Humanities, taught as a visiting lecturer in the history of ideas at the University before he moved on to teach in secondary education at York. Jon soon became a successful freelance writer and editor and published articles in a variety of publications in the UK and overseas. As a writer, Jon reverted to his original name, Sean McGrady, when he developed a passion for fiction and successfully sold two literary novels to a US publisher which will be available in the UK and the USA in 2011-12. Former friends can get in touch. E: seanmcg1@aol.co.uk



1985

Philip Durrant, BSc (Hons) Chemical Engineering, has enjoyed his varied and success-filled career and is now a self-employed consultant to a portfolio of clients in the chemical and nuclear sectors. Phil was newlywed when he started his course and loved playing football as part of the Frank Morton sports day with the Chemical Engineering department. He enjoyed playing in the 80th Anniversary Play on the Park at Middlesbrough Football Club in May and is especially proud to have his son studying Journalism at Teesside too. If you'd like to get back in touch with Phil he'd love to catch up with you. E: phil@pda-consultants.co.uk

1989

Alison Davies, PG Diploma Personnel Management, worked in retail as an HR manager before she moved into a consultancy role within training and management. Alison is now Director of Management Programmes at a private university college business school, with a PhD on the horizon. Her true aspiration is to become a dean of a business school. If you remember Alison you can get in touch. E: alisondavies@bpp.com

1991

Lim Teck Hoe, BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering, joined multinational company



ExxonMobil as an operation engineer and worked in various departments before being made asset management manager. After ten years he left to start his own business as a service provider to ExxonMobil venturing into property development. He hopes to pursue a Master's in Business Administration sometime in the near future. Lim, also known as Terence, would be overjoyed to reunite with former friends, especially Miguel (Mike) from Spain. E: terence.lim@rebanajaya.com

1993

Lynne Redfern (née Tonge), BA (Hons) Humanities, has spent her career mostly in the voluntary sector working with teenagers who have learning difficulties, including horticultural therapy work in London. She studied for a PGCE in Huddersfield and has taught at various colleges. Lynne now works as a trainer/assessor for the Shaw Trust in Middlesbrough supporting disabled and disadvantaged people and would be happy to hear from former friends who studied at Teesside. E: lynne.redfern@shaw-trust.org.uk

1996

Linda Turvey (née Furness), BA (Hons) English, is now a teacher and head of psychology at Polam Hall School in Darlington. She is also involved with teaching English to expatriate students in the south of France remotely and through holiday workshops. If you'd like to get back in touch with Linda she would be pleased to hear from you. E: linda.turvey@virgin.net

ALUMNI NEWS

2001

Jane Smith (née Charnley), BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy, enjoyed two years as a



physiotherapist in a hospital before spending a memorable year travelling with fellow students from Teesside and is now a community-based physiotherapist.

Jane completed an astonishing challenge in October when she trekked to Mount Kilimanjaro, to reach Africa's highest point and raised money for the Multiple Sclerosis Trust. If you remember the nights out at Zoo/Club One, especially the fancy dress outings, and have lost touch with her she'd be over the moon to hear from you. E: janiejanejanis@yahoo.co.uk

2002

Stacey Nottingham, BA (Hons) Graphic Design, always shared a passion for graphic design and moved to London to work for a design company to pursue her career. Stacey moved back to the Tees Valley to set up her own graphic and web design company, Bombshell Design, which has gone from strength to strength with the successful opening of a second office in Norfolk. If you would like to get back in touch with Stacey just drop her a line.

E: bombshell.design@btconnect.com

Stephanie Wolsey-Pawley and Luke Pawley, BA (Hons) English, are thrilled to announce the arrival of their baby daughter Niamh who is now one year old. Stephanie worked in the retail industry for a short while before becoming an infant school teacher and Luke also teaches 14-18 year olds and aspires to be a television writer one day. They'd be excited to hear from former friends who knew them at Teesside.

E: lukeandstephanie@btinternet.com

2003

John Short, BSc (Hons) Information Technology, studied computing after 15 years of truck driving and says it was the best decision he ever made. He now works for Durham County Council as a Senior ICT Developer and is really happy with his new profession and enhanced quality of life. You can reunite with John.

E: john.short@durham.gov.uk

2005



Sadly Robert Hamlett, who achieved BA (Hons) English Studies, 2005, passed away in June. Our deepest sympathies go to his family.

Christopher White, BA (Hons) E-Business, fell in love with marketing instantly whilst studying at Teesside and realised he wanted to get straight into this area of work. After working at previous organisations applying the design and graphic concepts and planning programmes, he now works as a marketing officer at Redcar & Cleveland College and aims to run his own marketing department in the future. Chris has successfully completed his MSc Marketing Management this November which he studied part time. If you'd like to get back in touch he'd be happy to hear from you. E: cgpwhite@ntlworld.com

2006



Ebere Joy Alo, MSc Management, now works as an internal audit manager for the British Council and is extremely focused on becoming a key player in

nurturing the global economy. She was especially overjoyed to overcome the 'academic and cultural shock' compared to studying in Nigeria and describes her time at Teesside as the most precious experience in her life. Old friends can contact Joy. E: Joyalo2003@yahoo.com

2007

Paul Ladyman, BA (Hons) Business Management, thoroughly enjoyed his time at Teesside and met some great people who he still keeps in touch with. He worked for a social housing company and a lettings business franchise network before he set up and established My-Homelettings which is based at the Business Incubation Units on campus. He'd love to hear from former friends.

E: paul.myhomelets@fsmail.net

2008

Kim Richards, BA (Hons) English Studies, was thrilled to be chosen as one of the top 40 Student Leaders in the country by the Scottish Institute for Enterprise. Kim is a project officer with the National Graduate Development Programme (NGDP) at Middlesbrough Council, showcasing the great things Middlesbrough has to offer. Kim took part in the 'One and Other' Antony Gormley 4th Plinth project last year and still enjoys the Students' Union with her lifetime membership card.

E: kim_richards86@hotmail.com

Douglas Edey, BSc (Hons) Software Engineering, worked in the Students' Union whilst completing his degree. He'd always been interested in computers from an early age and believes he wouldn't be in his current role without achieving his degree at Teesside. Douglas is a software engineer at IBM Canada Ltd after transferring from the IBM Hursley Lab in the UK. Former friends are welcome to get back in touch. E: douglass@ca.ibm.com

2009

Elaine Chamberlain, BA (Hons) English Studies, had managed a chronic health condition and finished the degree at home, whilst recovering from two major operations and intense physiotherapy. She won awards for the best overall degree in English and the new David Smith award for poetry. After such an inspirational journey Elaine continues her dream and is currently completing an MA Creative Writing, despite the possibility of further surgery in the future. To keep in touch with Elaine she'd be happy to hear from you.

E: mecathall@sky.com

YOUR FEEDBACK

Here we share with you some of the letters and emails we have received this year.



Feedback from Play on the Park:

Thanks to everyone involved for making the whole thing happen. I absolutely loved it, as a lifelong Boro fan to play on the pitch was one of the best things I've ever done. I couldn't sleep last night I was still on such a high. Thanks once more to everyone at the Uni and MFC!!!

Peter Raby, staff School of Health & Social Care.

Thanks to you for a fantastic day, the only downside was losing to that last minute goal! Well done for putting it all together and executing it so well. Kind regards.

Jonathan Bowden, BA (Hons) Business Administration, 1999.

I just want to say thank you very much for organising yesterday, I hope you had a chance to enjoy it as much as I did. It was a better experience than I imagined, and must have taken a lot of organising for it to run so smoothly.

Marc Stokes, BA (Hons) Business Management, 2008.

Thank you for all of your hard work, and putting up with (what seemed like) my endless emails and questions. It was a great day, and very well put together,

a credit to you both... I look forward to the embarrassment of watching it on the DVD!

Daniel Marshall, BSc (Hons) Criminology with Psychology, 2006.

I've been a Boro season ticket holder for eight years, since the age of 11, so I was really pleased to play at the Riverside. It felt great to score the first goal and I'm going to display the shirt I wore on my wall at home.

Joshua Bonathan, staff School of Health & Social Care.

I've been a Middlesbrough supporter since 1968, it has been a fantastic experience playing this match. It is something I have always dreamed of doing.

Gerry Burton, staff School of Science & Engineering.

It was a fabulous day and the weather was amazing too, all the graduates were gutted we got beat but we should have put our chances away more. This was a fantastic opportunity to come back to Middlesbrough and engage with other alumni.

Tristan Alltimes, BA (Hons) Marketing, 2001.

Thank you so much for inviting me to the coffee and cake birthday celebration with the Vice-Chancellor. I was also delighted to represent the 'noughties'. I felt really honoured to have been one of the few that were asked to be involved so thanks again.

Natalie Robinson, BSc (Hons) Criminology, 2005.

ORGANISE A REUNION

Want to catch up with your old classmates, sports team or year group? Then organise a reunion with our help. We can get in touch with your friends, help you to find a venue and local accommodation, and even arrange a campus tour to bring back all those happy memories. Contact the Alumni Association for more information.

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