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WELCOME



# Welcome Alumni

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

**Whatever you studied, whenever you graduated, wherever you are living and whatever you are doing – we'd love to hear from you. And so would your former fellow students. Our email address is below, and we are on Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter.**

We were overwhelmed by the response to our survey in the summer – thank you so much for updating us. We are delighted to announce that Lindsey Flynn MBA (Public Management), 2008 was the lucky winner of the £100 Marks & Spencer voucher – spend it wisely!

This issue as always is packed with interesting stories including an intriguing new feature – Looking back, a candid interview with one of our honorary alumni. This time it is actress Liz Carling (page 42). We'll also bring you all the latest news on student fees. Plus loads of stories about our graduates and what you have been up to since leaving us, including a really interesting article about some of our entrepreneurial alumni (pages 6-7).

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 2012.

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FEATURES

# Celebrating Darlington

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'I am very pleased and very honoured to be associated with Teesside University, and now it's come to Darlington, which makes me so proud'.

.....  
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Entrepreneur, Dragon's Den star and honorary graduate of Teesside University

'I believe that Teesside University in Darlington is perfectly placed to meet the needs of business, and to serve the higher education needs of young people and adults in the town and beyond. The building and its facilities match our ambitions for a thriving economy with opportunities for all.'

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**Ada Burns**, Chief Executive,  
Darlington Borough Council



# Welcome

## from the Vice-Chancellor

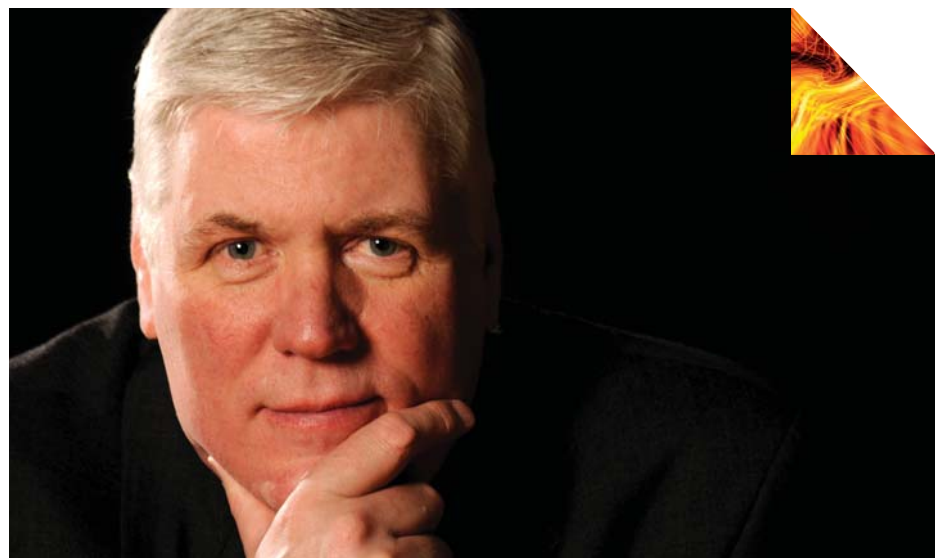
In my last introduction to your magazine I reflected on our 80th birthday celebrations and next year will see us celebrating another anniversary when, in 2012, we celebrate 20 years since our designation as a university – and what a 20 years they have been.

**We have watched the University grow from a small, modest institution with 8,000 students to the large, mature, multi-cultural and highly respected institution that is now Teesside University, and I hope that as members of our Alumni Association you will all agree that your University has made remarkable progress over that period – exerting an ever increasing impact upon both the Tees Valley economy and the higher education sector since 16 June 1992, the day when Her Majesty the Queen gave her assent to the establishment of our University.**

And, of course, throughout 2012 we will be making sure that we record and celebrate the success of Teesside University over the last 20 years and indeed throughout its 82 year history – success that we will endeavour to reflect upon through the pages of this, our Alumni magazine.

I am also proud and delighted to be able to report that over the summer I had my own appointment with her Majesty the Queen when I was honoured to attend Buckingham Palace to be installed as a Commander of the Order of the British Empire for services to local and national higher education. It is hard for me to convey the pride that I felt in receiving that huge honour, which I genuinely believe was also a tribute to the success and achievements of the governors, staff, students and graduates of the University that I am so privileged to lead. Indeed it is an honour in itself for me to lead such a talented and enthusiastic community and I can assure you that the current members of our community are eager to secure even greater success for the University in the future.

Members of the Alumni Association will, of course, be aware of the much-reported changes in university funding that will be introduced from 2012, but it is a concern that there is still such a lot of misunderstanding about the exact nature of those changes and



my colleagues and I believe that once those changes are fully understood people will realise that university education can, and will, still be available to all. In particular, we believe that what is most significant is that UK higher education will continue to be free at the point of entry for all UK and EU undergraduate students – students will not pay any upfront fees – and that loans, grants and scholarships will also be available to help students meet their living support costs while they are students. Indeed, although graduates will have to repay their loans after graduation, these repayments will be based upon what they earn not what they owe and graduates will actually be paying less per month in future than they do under the current funding arrangements.

Given the huge positive benefits that higher education can have upon the life chances of individuals it is, I believe, essential that anyone who is in a position to do so helps to demystify the funding changes, as it would be deeply regrettable for both individuals and our

future social, economic and cultural success if potential students thought that university was no longer an option for them.

In the last issue we launched our annual fund campaign 'It started with a Gift...' commemorating 80 years of higher education in Middlesbrough. Nearly 300 donors contributed to our first year of fundraising, resulting in donations of £66,270. I extend my personal thanks to all our donors, whose names appear throughout the magazine, and hope you enjoy reading about the difference your donations have made.

But, in closing, can I take this opportunity to say thanks for your ongoing interest – it is always a great privilege to be able to keep in contact with our past graduates and we truly welcome your involvement and your support.

With my warmest best wishes

**Professor Graham Henderson CBE**

Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive  
Teesside University

## FEATURES

## Excellent entrepreneurs

Your career after University does not have to be working for someone else – here we look at three different entrepreneurial graduate stories...

## Graduate turned entrepreneur retains Teesside links

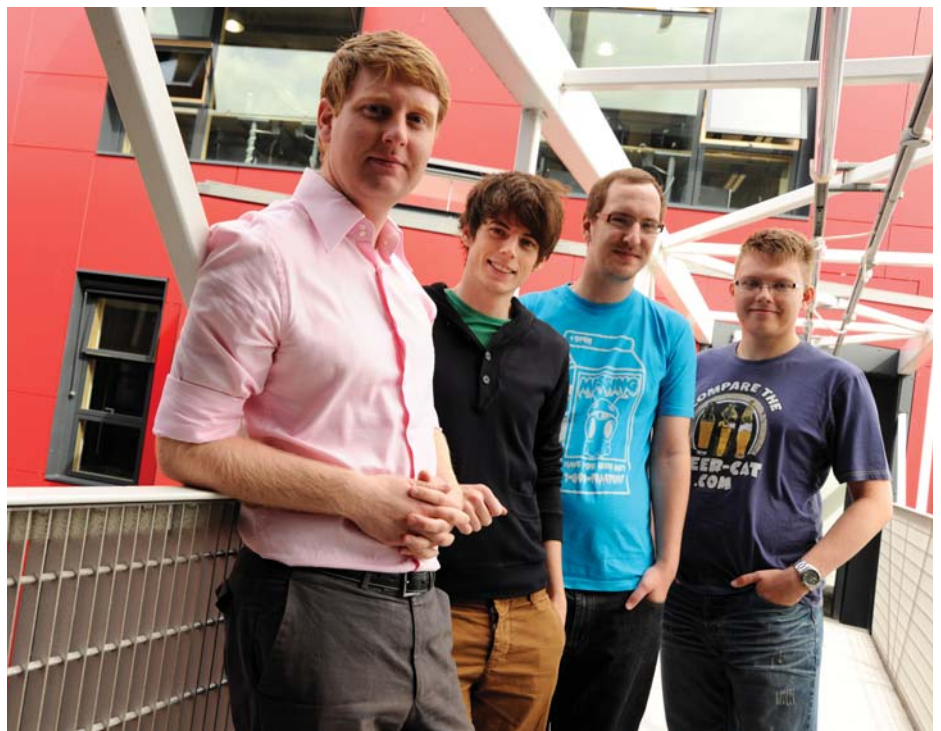
**Having gone from graduate to entrepreneur, Tom Howsam is continuing his close links with the University. With almost half of the seven-strong workforce at Tom's software development company THAP being fellow Teesside alumni, Tom says a lot of where he is now is down to the support from the University in the initial days of setting up in business.**

Tom went from studying at Teesside to set up a business in a graduate start-up unit on campus, before moving across town to Boho One in Middlesbrough. He took the entrepreneurial plunge with old school friend Adam Paxton after graduating with a BSc (Hons) Information Technology. The pair later went their separate ways, but remain close friends.

Tom said, 'I chose to study at Teesside as I wanted to gain a well rounded computing-related qualification without being too specialised in one area. I also wanted to gain an understanding of the way business needs drive technology. I didn't fancy working for a big organisation and after a conversation with my computer science tutor, I decided to try working for myself with help from the University's graduate business start-up scheme. I love the buzz of working for yourself and chasing your dreams.

'Without the University's Department of Academic Enterprise it may not have been possible to get where I am now. Their scheme was invaluable for us to get our first business off the ground. I forged relationships with people back then who I'm still working with now.'

When Tom is seeking new staff for his business, which has already grown to become one of the region's most exciting software creation specialists, he's happy to use those links with Teesside to seek out home-grown talent. 'We've recruited from across the north-east, but one of the benefits of studying at Teesside means that I know the lecturers and hear about talented students and in turn, help to keep talented people here in Teesside.'



Tom Howsam, John Hodkinson, Jon Levett & Tony Williams

The latest recruit, John Hodkinson, joined full-time following a successful graduate internship with the company. John gained his BSc (Hons) Informatics in 2009 and finished off a part-time MSc Software Engineering this year while working for THAP on the internship. John said, 'I feel extremely lucky to have studied at Teesside, as not only did my studies provide me with the knowledge and skills to be ahead of the curve for industry, but the graduate internship programme provided me with an opportunity to work for a unique company alongside some very talented individuals.'

Also working with Tom are Tony Williams, BSc (Hons) Computer Science, 2008 and Jon Levett, BSc (Hons) Web Development, 2011. Tony said, 'The course gave me the fundamental knowledge and skills which allow me to work at a high quality software company such as THAP. It was through one

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of Teesside's lecturers that I was introduced to Tom who offered me a fantastic job that kept me in the north-east."

Jon said, 'Throughout the course we were taught many industry-used practices, and since starting work with THAP, I have already added much more to the wealth of knowledge gained from studying at Teesside University.'

## Dominic's business improves online shopping

**Dominic Edmunds, BA (Hons) Graphic Design, 1999, is behind an innovative venture which captures online shoppers who select goods but then fail to complete the sale. Dominic is managing director of SaleCycle, his own company, which ensures online companies keep in touch with customers who abandon their shopping cart during the purchasing process.**

He said, 'After graduating, I joined leading digital agency Leighton and worked my way through various creative roles, before

focusing on client services. This led me to work with brands such as British Airways, Pretty Polly, Tourism Australia, Sage and Malmaison. From this I was able to develop my business leadership skills and move into the role of operations manager.'

This led Dominic to identify a market for his sales venture SaleCycle, which has grown significantly in the past year and taken him across the world. SaleCycle is currently based in Sunderland and near Washington DC in America. 'I believe the creativity that I honed during my time at Teesside has

allowed me to think laterally and approach any obstacle with an open mind. I'm rarely hands on with design these days, but I've certainly learned how to spot a talented designer and I've been fortunate to recruit several in recent years.'

Dominic said a highlight of his time at Teesside was achieving his degree at a level he did not realise he was capable of. His ambition is to see SaleCycle grow into a global leader of shopping cart recovery online. More information can be found at [www.salecycle.com/](http://www.salecycle.com/).

## Consultancy career

**Sarah Metcalfe went from studying business to acting as a consultant for firms across the country. Having graduated with a BA (Hons) Business Studies in 2001, Sarah completed a graduate placement with Marconi Telecommunications as a business analyst. Five years later, she had set up her own company SJA Business Consultancy, based in Ellerby, near Whitby.**

Sarah became interested in business consultancy during her degree. She said, 'During the course I completed a management consultancy module which I found fascinating and felt that was the way that I wanted to go.'

After spending two years working in Coventry on the graduate placement with Marconi, Sarah moved back to the North-east and took on a role in business consultancy. Her role with Caxton Consulting, part of the Kier Group, involved work with local authorities and public sector organisations. She went on to work for Deloitte, based in Newcastle but working with companies across the country.

She said, 'I loved it and although it was hard work and long hours, it was very rewarding.

Although I love business consultancy work, the job involved lots of travelling. Living out of a suitcase in fabulous hotels may sound glamorous, but it can be tiring.'

Sarah decided to focus her attention back on the North-east and tendered for a consultancy role with Middlesbrough Council, which led her to establish many contacts and decide to set up her own business in 2006. Since then, through networking and establishing many other contacts, further clients have been secured.

'I'd always wanted to work for myself but had thought it was a bit daunting. Successfully securing the contract to work with Middlesbrough Council was the trigger in setting up my own consultancy. The support I got from the University's Careers Service was tremendous as they provided me with a lot of support, advice and the ambition to set me on the right track to starting my own business. Studying in Tees Valley also enabled me to work at a local business support organisation, during which I gained so much vital experience and made some great contacts, whom I still do business with today.'



## FEATURES



Julie Sparrow

## Teesside Olympian

**On 6 July 2005 Teesside University Physiotherapy lecturer Julie Sparrow was one of thousands throughout the UK who celebrated the announcement of London hosting the 2012 Olympics. Over six years later, she is preparing to play a key physiotherapy role at the London Olympic and Paralympic Games. This will be Julie's third Olympic experience as a physiotherapist and she has also worked at four Commonwealth Games.**

Julie has worked as a senior lecturer in physiotherapy at the University since 2001 and graduated from Teesside herself with a Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning in higher education in 2003. At the London Olympic and Paralympic Games she will be part of an elite team of physiotherapy trouble-shooters, ready to respond across the Olympic venues, to ensure the physiotherapy needs of athletes from around the world are met. Over 750 physiotherapists are expected to be volunteering their services, to help the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games deliver the best service to the world's best athletes.

Julie will be based in London for seven weeks, covering the run up to the Olympics and the conclusion of the Paralympics. She said, 'I remember very clearly the day London was announced for 2012, I was watching it on my computer at the University and ran around the landing so excited. I think it's going to be absolutely fabulous. I've spoken to cabbies in the capital and they're really looking forward to it, they're very proud of their city. I'll be able to see whatever there is to see, if you are behind the scenes what you get to view is even more special.'

Former physical education teacher Julie previously worked as a head quarters physiotherapist with team Great Britain at the Olympics in Atlanta in 1996 and Sydney in 2000, taking secondments from her previous role with South Tees NHS Trust. In Atlanta she was based with the diving and fencing teams and in Sydney with the rowers. At Sydney she saw Sir Steve Redgrave clinch his fifth Olympic rowing gold. 'That was such an amazing day. I was sitting at the side of the water on the same level. That was a privileged position to be in and so emotional.'

**It was my ambition when I came into teaching that I would have graduates working at the Olympics**

Julie is also delighted that some of her former students will also be working as physiotherapists at London 2012. She added, 'It was my ambition when I came into teaching that I would have graduates working at the Olympics. Sarah McDonnell, a master's graduate has worked at the winter Olympics with the bobsleigh team and Alistair Little and Rob Smart, BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy, 2002 who were in the first cohort I taught, will be at London. I'll probably catch up with them for a beer!'

Julie has also worked as a physiotherapist at the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur in 1998, Manchester in 2002, Melbourne in 2006 and Delhi in 2010.



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# Energetic engineer

**Sustainability has played a large part in the career of Mohammed Saddiq who graduated from Teesside in 1993 with a BEng (Hons) Process Biotechnology.**

His first post after University was with United Utilities on their process engineering graduate training programme. Mohammed said, 'I had always had an interest in engineering and renewable energy and the degree course at Teesside gave me a really good grounding in this subject while the graduate training programme also helped to equip me to pursue a career in this field.'

In 2000 he began working for Wessex Water, heading up their waste water recycling operations. He has since worked his way up to director of Wessex Water

Enterprises. This multi-faceted role includes running waste-to-energy company GENco. And if this was not enough, Mohammed is also Managing Director of Swiss Combi Technology, part of the Wessex Water group of companies which delivers thermal drying technologies and operating contracts worldwide.

Outside of work Mohammed is an active supporter of the Prince's Trust and is a Trustee of Transition Bath, a charity which promotes sustainability within the city of Bath. Mohammed has recently been invited to sit on the Council of the University of Bristol. He said of this link to academia, 'The current complexity surrounding higher education is fascinating and presents many challenges and opportunities for UK universities.'



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## Law's the draw for Nick



**Nick Ellis graduated from Teesside in 1996 with an LLB (Hons) Law. Little did he realise that more than 20 years later he would be an integral part of the legal team that sealed the \$468m Sahaviriya Steel Industries (SSI) deal to purchase Teesside Cast Products at Redcar.**

Nick came to Teesside as a mature student. He was keen to move into a career in the legal field and the favourable costs of living here made the area more attractive to him than London. He completed further study in London and then trained with Nabarro, qualifying as a solicitor in 1999.

In 2003 he set up his own practice, which he later sold. In 2008 he took on his current post as a partner at international law firm, Salans LLP. Nick predominantly works on property deals – during his career he has been involved in developing of HSBC Tower in London and selling the Millennium Dome.

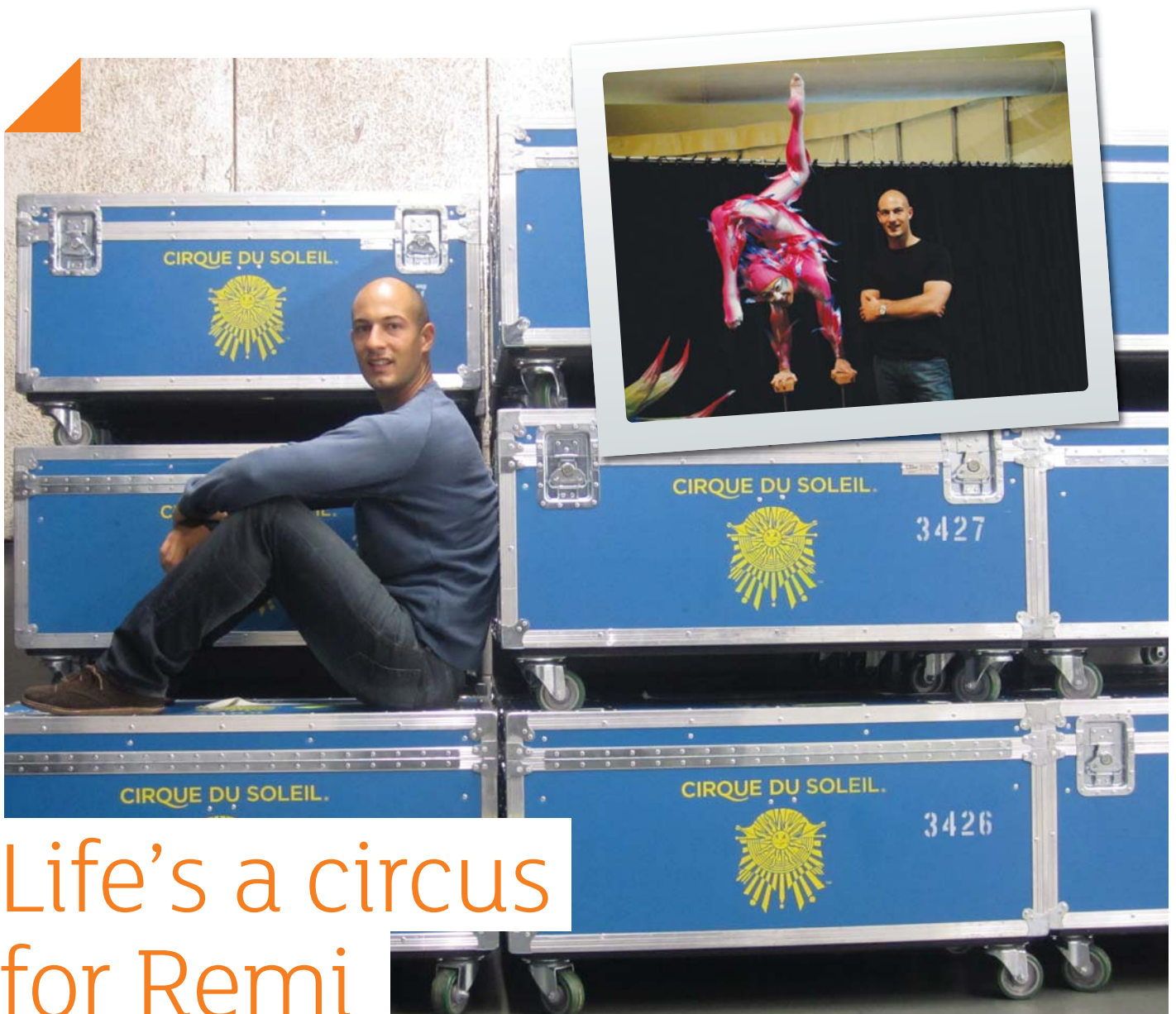
As part of his job, he regularly travels to China and the Far East where the economy

remains far more buoyant than in the UK. 'Internationalisation is now business critical. We are increasingly part of a global economy – graduates may need to consider employment opportunities across the world, not just in the UK.'

Nick's advice to today's graduates is that communication skills are key to getting a job but progression requires management skills too. His role now is less about the law and more about the business side of obtaining clients. And don't give up – he initially completed over 100 applications, to which he only received five responses, which led to three interviews and finally to his first post. 'You only need one application to succeed but it is important to spread the net widely and remain motivated.'

Nick has very fond memories of his time at Teesside, 'There's nothing like a pint of 80 bob and a parmo!'

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# Life's a circus for Remi

**When Remi Mobed graduated in 2006 with a BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy, he knew exactly what he wanted to do. He made the decision to specialise in sports physiotherapy from the start. He said, 'I worked for London Wasps Rugby Football Club for three years, first as the academy physiotherapist and then as physiotherapist for the first team. During this time the club won the Heineken Cup and Guinness Premiership. Being part of the medical team that supported this achievement has to be one of my career highs.'**

With the London Wasps experience under his belt, Remi took up a post in the performance medicine department of Cirque Du Soleil. He initially worked with the touring show Varekai, and has since toured

the world. 'I have worked in 15 cities on three continents and am about to start an 18-month tour of South America. Working both for Cirque and in the world of professional sport has highs and lows. The highs are obvious. The lows are being away from home for long periods. Being involved in this profession requires you to work 60-hour weeks so you have to have a strong passion for the job.'

Remi is thoroughly enjoying this unique opportunity. He hopes to work on more Cirque shows to gain more experience – the shows are so varied and performers need to have different strengths and abilities. Typically his day consists of therapeutic appointments, taking the performers through rehabilitation protocols, treatments and admin. He works alongside

another physiotherapist and all duties are shared.

In his spare time, Remi tries to enjoy the cities he is working in as much as possible. As he travels from city to city every six to eight weeks, it is difficult to create a base to call home – it's one of the realities of touring life. In the future he hopes to set up a high-performance centre in the UK.

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## FEATURES

## Celebrating our campus

Many people think Teesside University's campus is full of modern buildings – but it's based on some older and historically important structures. Here we examine one of those more closely – the Constantine Building.

**The Constantine Building is the original Constantine Technical College, officially opened in July 1930. It was the result of longstanding debate about the relationship between industrial education and industrial progress.**

In 1916 at a meeting between Cleveland Institution of Engineers, a number of the town's manufacturers and some members of the educational authority, local ship owner Joseph Constantine offered £40,000 to build a technical college. Wartime technology, trade embargoes and shortages called attention to a crucial need for up-to-date scientific knowledge and research. After the war, when building costs had rocketed, this offer was increased to £80,000.

Constantine Technical College was officially opened in 1930 by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. The building was the work of architect Graham R Dawbarn, a Cambridge graduate who served in the Royal Flying Corps during the First World War. Much of his professional life was connected with aviation, as he and his business partner Sir Nigel Norman became renowned as airport designers and consultants. His most well-known works are the BBC's Television Centre in Shepherd's Bush and Raffles College in Hong Kong, which bears more than a passing resemblance to the Constantine building.

Constantine College was planned in three sections. The heavy laboratories on the lower ground floor included four engineering labs, the furnace room and a foundry. This floor was also for practical training in the building trades. The main

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block was a U-shaped building of three floors: administration and metallurgy on the ground floor, engineering and pure science on the first, and commerce plus arts and crafts studios on the second. An assembly hall was centrally placed with a stage to the south.

The quality of materials and construction was extremely high and the building's design was simple. Today the building houses lecture theatres and teaching areas for the School of Arts & Media, the School of Health & Social Care and the School of Social Sciences & Law. It also houses the Northern Region Film and Television Archive. The plaques in the concourse area remind students of that first generous donation by Joseph Constantine, and his descendants still have an important link with the University.



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# Careering ahead

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As a graduate in work, you can offer other graduates your expertise and opportunities.

Recent graduates can get help compiling a CV, writing covering letters and completing application forms as well as more interactive support. Senior careers adviser, Bill Greenwood explains, 'Our filmed mock interviews are popular with new graduates who can book an 80-minute session with a careers adviser who interviews them for a position before reviewing the film, giving tips for improvement.'

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careers workshops  
every year.**

## Graduate placements lead to bright future

A Washington-based engineering company is reaping the benefits of Teesside University's business services for graduates.

Having discovered the University's graduate placement service last September, Griffith Textile Machines (GTM) is now working with its fourth graduate and they have not looked back. All the graduates taken on by GTM were employed through the University's graduate recruitment scheme on a one-year contract. The University provides support to the company and the graduate throughout the contract.

Peter Ward graduated in 2010 with an MSc Applied Computing and was recruited by GTM through the University's Graduates for Business programme. Technical director for GTM, Chris Clarke said, 'Peter has definitely brought something new to the company, with fresh ideas and a different perspective on the work we do. We will certainly use Teesside University again – it seems to be a really good source of computing and engineering students, but I'm sure all types of companies can benefit from its services.'

If you are interested in offering a placement to a graduate please email [graduatesforbusiness@tees.ac.uk](mailto:graduatesforbusiness@tees.ac.uk)



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one advice.**

Peter Ward (centre) with Chris Clarke (right) and Julian Emslie

## Volunteering led to a full-time job for Teesside University graduate Jessica Herron.

Jessica Herron graduated in 2010 with a BSc (Hons) Psychology. She is now a support worker with Interact Specialist Children's Services. Jessica feels that the time she spent volunteering as a student helped her to embark on her career path in youth work. 'During my third year I registered with Volun-tees and found an opportunity to work locally with a youth organisation called Kidz Konnekt, a project in South Bank, working with 8 to 19-year-olds. I started volunteering with them in March 2010 and continued with them after graduating from University.'

Jayne Villiers, volunteer co-ordinator, said, 'Volunteering is a great way for our students to enhance their employability skills and give back something to the local community at the same time.'

Recognising the difficulties of the current jobs market, Volun-tees is now open to graduates for the two-year period after they complete their studies.

For more information email [volunteering@tees.co.uk](mailto:volunteering@tees.co.uk) or visit [www.volunteers.co.uk](http://www.volunteers.co.uk)

1,300 students  
are currently  
registered on  
Volun-tees

## Jessica's route into youth work through volunteering

## Interested in developing your skills by mentoring a student?

Diversi-tees is a mentoring scheme that enhances the career prospects of students most disadvantaged in the graduate employment market. Mentors can benefit from the scheme by enhancing their CV, extending their professional network and developing their skills. Employers also gain from the scheme by reviewing working practices and improving awareness of diversity. Debbie Hurwood, Head of Taxation for Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, said, 'Diversi-tees is an excellent example of how the University and local employers can work together with positive results.'

To mentor a student, you need to complete a short application form, attend a two-hour induction, hold an initial meeting with your mentee and then a minimum of four meetings afterwards – with feedback. And you will be invited to a celebration event.



Debbie Hurwood (left) with her mentee, Angela Heslop



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## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

# Steve's at home in the Dales

**When Steve Wensley embarked on a career as an accountant, he didn't anticipate spending his working life at a creamery in the beautiful Yorkshire Dales countryside. But fate has been kind to Steve, who graduated in 2003 with a BA (Hons) Accounting and Finance.**

His first graduate job was as an accounts assistant for a mortgage company in Teesside. He then moved on to an accountancy practice as a trainee accountant. Then in 2010 he became the accountant at the famous Wensleydale Creamery in Hawes. Steve said, 'I have been very fortunate to secure a dream job in a fantastic location. Working for a household name and helping to build upon the brand and reputation has helped me gain excellent hands on experience which I can use and develop as my career progresses with the company. There is no doubt my degree helped me land my dream job by giving me a great foundation of accounting knowledge.'

Outside of work Steve enjoys the great outdoors – mountain biking, walking, camping and fishing. He also loves to travel and plays in a band. In the future he hopes to stay with Wensleydale Dairy Products and progress through the ranks. The company is growing year on year, despite the economic conditions and he would like to continue to be part of that success.



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## An eye on the future

**Studying part time has certainly paid off for Miranda Middleton, who graduates this year with a University Certificate in Continuing Education (UCCE) in Principles of Ophthalmic Care. She said, 'I studied this course part time while working in ophthalmic imaging. It has given me a greater understanding of the patient care in our ophthalmology department.'**

Miranda works at South Tees NHS Trust as an ophthalmic science practitioner. She has been working there for two years. She said, 'I really enjoy my job. The best parts are the

people that I meet. All patients are individual and have their own requirements which I try to meet in their consultations with me. I also enjoy photographing a lot of interesting cases and I am lucky enough to attend meetings with the consultants where they decide on a diagnosis and treatment.'

Miranda is interested in studying further, in particular in the field of eye casualty, which examines patient care in an emergency setting. Her ambition is to achieve as many qualifications as possible that will benefit the patients, the department and her personal development.



## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

## Seeing double

**Two Teesside graduates were reunited by employment in 2007, Daniel Zelcs graduated in 1999 with BSc (Hons) Visualisation and Ashley Tilley graduated in 2003 with BA (Hons) Creative Visualisation. Both now work together at The Moving Picture Company, one of the world's leading post production facilities.**

After graduating Dan worked for six years in computer games development at Empire Interactive. He then moved to London and worked at Blue Zoo, a studio producing children's animation and commercials for television. In 2006 he began working as a character rigger at the Moving Picture Company and was promoted to his current role of lead character technical director. Dan said, 'My role involves working closely with modellers, animators and supervisors to produce realistic character setups for use in film visual effects. I help to define the underlying structure and behaviour of these

characters so that the animators can bring them to life. It includes a mixture of anatomy, mathematics and artistic considerations.'

Ashley moved to London to work on an animated film shortly after graduating. He stayed on at the studio after the film was finished, working on illustrations and animation for the advertising and games industries. In 2007 he joined The Moving Picture Company. He explains, 'I was part of a small team working on Tim Burton's movie *Sweeney Todd* helping to create the extensive period London environments and some digital cockroaches and rats!'

Dan and Ashley have been lucky enough to work on some fantastic projects including *Harry Potter 6 and 7* and the *Prince Caspian Narnia* movies. Ashley explains, 'As part of the asset department we help design, create, rig and detail all the characters, environments, props and vehicles required on a show. Bringing realism and

believability to these things really is a collaborative effort between our modellers, texturers and riggers. Currently I am lead artist on *World War Z*. The work is challenging as audience expectations are always increasing, but it's exciting.'

Dan said, 'Working in the visual effects industry was always my ambition. Like any kid, I loved effects-heavy films like *Star Wars*, *Clash of the Titans* and *Ghostbusters*, and would try to recreate the characters and scenes with Lego. Growing up I had a talent for art and technical topics at school and was glad to find the visualisation course at Teesside which allowed me to continue developing these skills at degree level.

'Working with a fellow Teesside graduate is very gratifying – we are all like-minded individuals, passionate about getting the job done well, always putting in the extra mile to make the work really shine.'



## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

## Paul's progress

**Paul Metcalfe began studying part time in 2006 whilst working as a fitter. He completed an HNC Manufacturing Engineering in 2007, then a foundation degree in Engineering Design before graduating last year with a BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering.**

A career in engineering was an easy choice for Paul who has always had a keen interest in engineering. He said, 'For me an engineering career was never in doubt. I've spent my whole life working towards this point in my career. I love engineering, and have always been involved with it, from the very start, progressing to repairing engines, tractors cars, and then on to making new parts. When I was 17 I thought I could really make a career out of this, and I became an apprentice engineer.'

Paul now works as a mechanical design engineer at Cummins Engines in Darlington – a role he is really enjoying. 'I think Cummins is a great place to be. It appreciates people not just for their experience, which is always a strong point, but also for their potential, and as such, instills its faith in graduates and young engineers, meaning bright, talented people who otherwise would not get onto the engineering ladder have a chance to shine.'

'I am happy to be getting involved in the very latest engineering technology. Journeying in to very much uncharted waters in the pursuit of achieving even greater levels of performance, economy and emission control for our engines.' Paul is keen to carry on with his studies in the future, perhaps doing a master's, and hopes to progress to a more senior role.



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## Chris cultivates a garden business



**When Chris Eves graduated in 1998 with a BA (Hons) Fine Art, he began working in landscape maintenance to make ends meet. He did not realise it then but this was his first step towards a career as a garden designer.**

Chris said, 'Working on the gardens unlocked a real passion and I began to see massive creative potential. In 1999 I decided to become self employed as a garden designer which enabled me the flexibility to be creative and use my art background and love of gardening.'

He then went on to take part time horticulture courses and won a gold medal for his *Garden on the March* at the amateur gardener show in Stoneleigh in 2001. Chris said, 'My winning garden incorporated a sculpture that I had developed during my

course at University and this really fuelled my enthusiasm for combining art and gardening.' The following year he won a sponsorship to create a show garden for Mateus Rosé at *BBC Gardeners World Live* at the NEC and was awarded an RHS medal.

In 2006 he moved from Northampton back to the North east with his partner and they now work together designing gardens and managing their construction. In March this year they became full members of the Society of Garden Designers. Chris said, 'My fine art background is often a contributing factor in a customer's decision to commission us over a competitor. I love creating artistic and beautiful functional spaces.'

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## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

# Tourist to teacher

**For Rachel Brayfield an interest in travel and an interesting mentoring experience have allowed her to see her career ambitions clearly. Rachel initially sought a career in the tourism industry and studied for a Diploma of higher education in Tourism Management in 2006. Whilst she was studying she worked part-time at Durham Tees Valley airport and also took part in a University mentoring scheme.**

'Mentoring helped me identify that I had a good rapport with young people and that teaching and mentoring was the career path for me. With most of my work experience within the travel and tourism industry, I decided to become a qualified teacher within further education, hopefully teaching travel and tourism.'

'I currently work as a development support worker at 2D Voluntary and Community Support, an organisation which supports local community and voluntary groups. I support individuals who have an interest in

volunteering, providing them with advice and guidance about their interests and future career goals and finding them suitable voluntary roles. I support them with training and CV writing.'

During Rachel's time at 2D, she has achieved NVQ Level 3 and 4 in Advice Guidance. 'It's been extremely useful and will also support me in my future role as a teacher within further education.' Rachel is currently studying part time for her teaching qualification – she is on placement, teaching within the travel and tourism programmes at Middlesbrough College.

She said, 'I love my role at 2D and it has helped confirm my goal. Even my initial interest in tourism was down to the fact that I enjoy helping people – both my degree and my work experience have helped me pinpoint my career goal. Without my University experience and qualifications, I don't think I would have been able to secure my current post. Having experience of both the business and volunteer worlds can only enhance my teaching skills.'

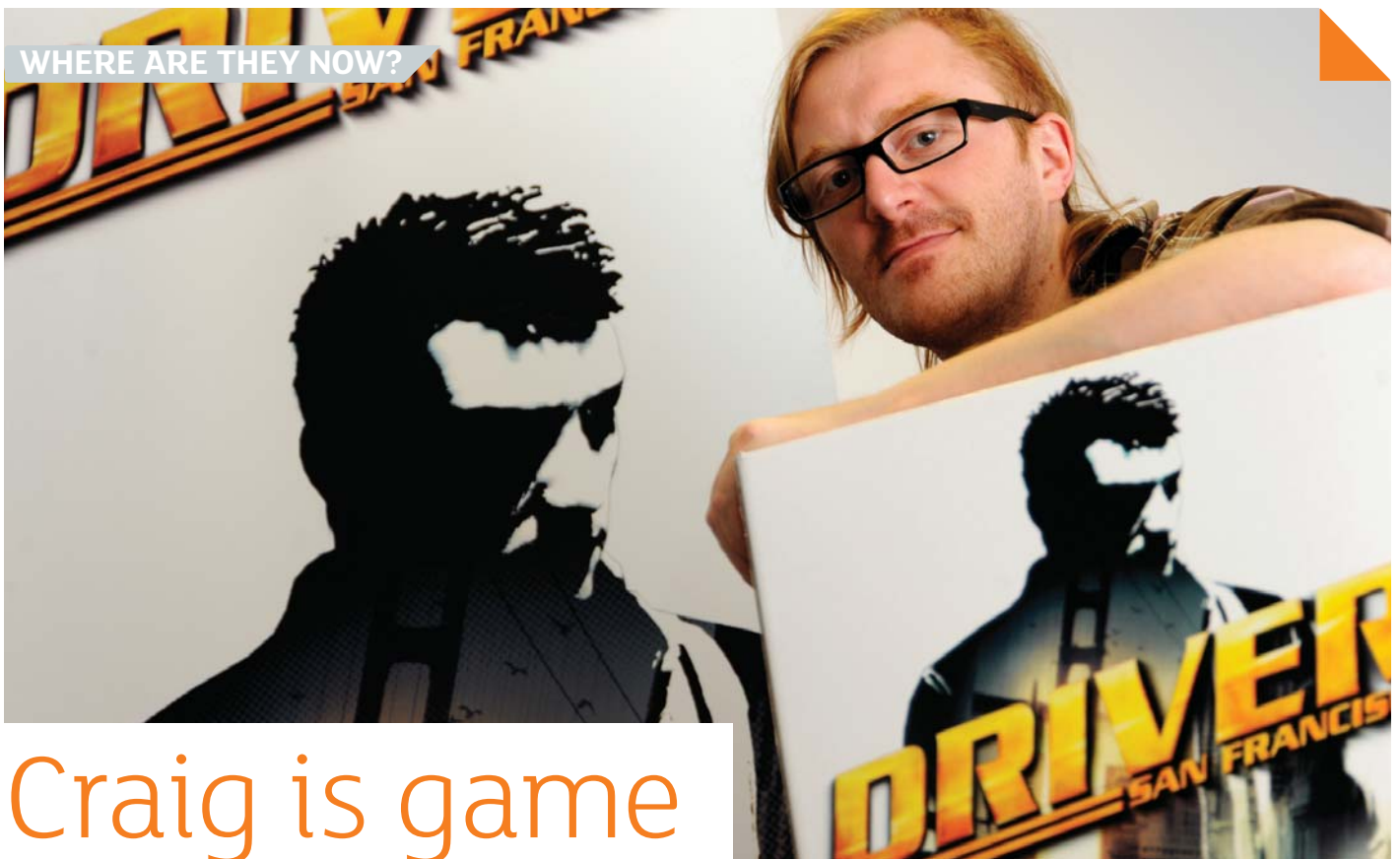
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## Craig is game

**Craig Anderson has always had a passion for computer games, so when deciding upon a career he knew exactly what he wanted to do.**

He said, 'I was always interested in two things – drawing things and computer games, ever since *Chuckie Egg* taught me that giant ducks can be homicidal maniacs I knew that this was where I wanted to take my life. In the past a lot of people would turn their noses up at computer games and the related culture but that never really bothered me and thankfully by the time I got to higher education the structure for study in the field was being formed.'

He graduated in 2003 with a BA (Hons) Computer Games Design and since then

has had various different roles within the games industry, an industry which in 2010 UKIE\* identified as generating a total of £2.8 billion in the UK alone.

Craig said, 'I have worked on an array of games for various formats which have been released worldwide and went on to sell millions of units. I have worked my way up to the post of team lead and most recently worked on the soon to be released *Driver: San Francisco*, on PS3, Xbox360, PC and Mac platforms.'

He has been lucky enough to work in France as well as the UK and has been involved with directing teams across multiple continents. But does working in the games industry mean that this is something

Craig no longer does in his leisure time? Craig said, 'In my free time I am a keen basketball player, swimmer and surfer amongst other things. My most recent achievement was swimming the extended two mile great north swim in Windermere – and not being last. A lot of people are surprised at what people in the games industry do in their free time, there are very few of the computer-nerd stereotypes left in the industry. Of course I regularly partake in the sultry pleasures of online gaming too and if anyone wants to beat me at streetfighter then I am more than happy to oblige.'

\*The association for UK Interactive Entertainment figure from their website [www.ukie.info](http://www.ukie.info)

## Social responsibilities

**Amanda Richards graduated in 2000 with a BSc (Hons) Social Policy and went on to obtain a Diploma in Social Work in 2005. She says, 'I was always interested in working in the public sector, hence my initial choice of social policy. Once I graduated I wanted to gain a more vocational qualification – social work seemed like the perfect option for me.'**

She initially worked as a social work assistant. In 2005, having gained her diploma she secured a post as a children and families

social worker. In 2008 she moved to her current role as a fostering and adoption social worker for Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council.

Amanda explained, 'Working as a social worker can be challenging for lots of different reasons but ultimately it is highly rewarding to know that you are making a positive difference to the lives of so many children and families.'

If you are living in Stockton and are interested in fostering or adoption you can contact their child placement team on **01642 526218**.



## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

## A fractured dream

**Senior physiotherapist, Jane Smith (née Charnley) had always wanted to be a physiotherapist, since fracturing her arm aged nine and receiving treatment at Alder Hey Children's Hospital.**



She said, 'All of the treatment I received at the time was outstanding but most memorable to me were the physiotherapists who were very patient and helped me get back to the sports which I loved so much. I think it was that positive experience that helped me to decide on a career at such a young age.'

Jane graduated in 2001 with a BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy. She now works as at Liverpool Community Health Trust, working within the community. She started her career at her local district general hospital where she stayed for two years, completing her rotations in various specialisms. She then took a year out to go travelling with Teesside University friends before taking up a post in the Spinal Injuries Unit and then securing her current role as a Community Physiotherapist.

So does Jane think that her career measures up to her dreams aged nine? She said, 'I'm sure at that age I imagined I'd either be working in a hospital treating children or working with young active sports people, neither of which have happened. The profession offers so many different paths and opportunities I could never have known which direction I was going to take.'

Outside of work Jane enjoys walking. Last year she climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, raising over £3,500 for the Multiple Sclerosis Trust. In the future she hopes to be able to fundraise for some other charities which mean a lot to her, 'Hopefully I'll get another chance to push myself to the limits with perhaps a trek to Everest Base Camp, if I'm feeling particularly ambitious!'

### Grace's grand designs



**Grace Moulder, BA (Hons) Interior Design has only just graduated from Teesside but she is already steaming ahead with a career in design. She recently won the National Design Academy's National Design Award 2011 to create an interior for a £1million penthouse apartment for a live client on an existing development in Nottingham.**

Her prize was £3,000 and a work placement at NDA Private Clients. She will also receive a professional portfolio of photographs of her design and a one year student membership of the British Institute of Interior Design. She explains, 'As this was a national competition I realised the standards would be very high, so I am really proud that my hard work has paid off.'

'I look forward to working with the NDA design team and hope that my genuine enthusiasm and passion for interior design will shine through. I will treasure all the experience I gain and hope it will give me the confidence to succeed in the design world. Thanks again to the NDA for giving me such a fantastic opportunity.'

This has certainly given Grace a taste for competitions. She also entered the Radisson Blu competition to design a mood board for your ultimate hotel room. As we go to press the results are being announced.

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

# Sam fits in at Boots



**Even before Sam Pearce graduated in 2010 with a BSc (Hons) Crime Scene Science she had already been interviewed by Boots Head Office about an opportunity in their commercial trading department.**

She explains, 'Whilst my degree is not directly related to my current job I know I could not have secured the post without having a degree. Lots of my University skills are transferrable, such as organisation and self discipline, and are highly valued by employers.'

Currently Sam is working as commercial trading assistant for over-the-counter medicines, pain relief and children's medicines. Sam loves working for Boots, one of the UK's most popular chemists. In the next year she is hoping to be promoted to assistant buying manager. She has been very busy outside of work too – she has recently got married and is now Sam Gledhill.

## Lewis wins hockey career

**After graduating in 2000 Lewis Butcher, BSc (Hons) Sport Science, first took up a post working in insurance. He said, 'Initially I felt I needed a job as it is always easier to secure another post if you already have one. Although this was not necessarily the field in which I wanted to have a career I did work my way up. But I was always keen to pursue a career in sport.'**

In 2005 Lewis started working for the England Hockey Board (EHB) as regional officer for the north region. He was promoted to project officer working on

national projects, then in 2009, became regional manager for the north. This year the organisation has restructured and Lewis is now relationship manager for Yorkshire and Humber. His role is to encourage the development of hockey in his region.

Alongside this role Lewis coaches hockey at club level and for the past few years has been a centrally contracted coach for EHB coaching north regional teams. Lewis said, 'Long term I want to coach at the Olympic Games, preferably Great Britain, and I would like to continue to develop sport in general, not just hockey.'



## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

## Banking on success

**Zareen Smith (née Kazeminia) left Teesside in 2005. Since then her career has gone from strength to strength.**

She graduated in 2005 with a BA (Hons) Business Studies and began working for HSBC bank immediately. After six months she entered the HSBC retail graduate scheme, which trains graduates to be Branch Managers. She also studied towards an Applied Diploma in Retail Financial Services, and spent some time working in HSBC head office at Canary Wharf in London.

'My time at head office was fun. I worked on our internal television channel and

even presented some of the programmes to my 60,000 colleagues. I went on to work as a project manager in the chief executive's office at Canary Wharf, then as head of department, in one of our customer contact centres in Leicester, where I had over 120 staff.'

Zareen is now based in Northern Ireland where she works as branch manager in HSBC's flagship branch in Belfast. 'My role involves leading a team to deliver consistent superior customer service, maximising sales opportunities and minimising risks. It is both challenging and rewarding and I love living in Ireland.'



## Liam's silver screen

**BA (Hons) Television Production and Professional Practice graduate Liam Hamilton had always had a passion for good television hence his course selection. On graduating in 2008 he started working for 20th Century Fox Film Company Ltd in London as a temp, four months later he secured a permanent position as senior cross divisional technician.**

'My role involves primarily running the two preview theatres at 20th Century Fox. I deal with internal Fox colleagues and clients that can include directors, producers, sound-technicians and editors. The aim is to reproduce the highest quality picture and sound for every screening and maintain all equipment in the projection booths.'

'This was something of a dream job for me. I have worked for some brilliant directors, producers, sound technicians and editors whilst at Fox and have been proud to see them walk away happy. My highlight is definitely being here for the first UK screenings of *Avatar*.'



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

# Legal eagle reaches high note

**For Lucy Butler, LLB (Hons) Law obtaining a law degree has been a key stepping stone in her legal career. Lucy explains, 'I always wanted to pursue a law career, practising as a solicitor. When I left Teesside University in 2006 the careers department were very supportive. With their help I secured an interview at Archers Law LLP in Stockton.'**

Lucy completed a two year training contract with Archers, which involved working in different parts of the business. Archers have both commercial and private client departments and deal with a wide range of legal areas including family law, property, business law, personal injury, wills probate and trusts and employment law.

She now has a permanent post as a family solicitor. 'I work in the family unit and advise clients on divorce, separation, financial matters, pre-nuptial agreements, co-habitation agreements and child related issues. My work is varied and I enjoy assisting clients at difficult times in their lives. It is rewarding to help them move forward and resolve matters.'

In addition to her successful law career Lucy is a keen musician and plays the piano at a number of local hotels.

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## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

## Food for thought

**As a mature student with three small children to care for, Sarah Miller already had a lot on her plate when she decided to embark on full-time degree. And plates play a large role in Sarah's life now.**

She graduated this year with a BSc (Hons) Food, Nutrition and Health Sciences and has since become a specification technologist at International Cuisine. Her job involves creating a product label by liaising with the new product development team and also the customers. She ensures that the information needed for a product is correct and makes sure the product labels and artwork are accurate.

Sarah said, 'The majority of my jobs have always involved working within kitchens and I have a real passion for cooking. I always wanted to learn about the finer aspects of nutrition and this need for information

increased when I became pregnant with my first child. I knew I wanted a job which would involve both aspects of cooking and nutrition. This led me to the course at Teesside and it was here that I learnt more about the food industry which made me realise this was definitely the career path I wanted to take.

Being a mature student was hard work for Sarah – juggling family responsibilities and studying was certainly a lot of pressure. But Sarah believes this has secured a good future for, and set a great example to her young family. 'Both myself and my husband are graduating this year so the past few years have certainly been tough. But I love knowing that my children will have a secure future due to my decision to study. They have also seen how far hard work can get you and this is a great example to set for any child.'



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## Sporting success



**Participation co-ordinator Adam Rogers always wanted a career in sport, which is why he chose to study for a BSc (Hons) Sport and Exercise (Coaching Science), graduating in 2009.**

Adam's current role for the English Institute of Sport based in Sheffield is primarily concerned with increasing sports participation of the community and education within the facility. He started out on his career as a play leader in a primary school alongside a job coaching athletics and then moved on to work for Sheffield City Council as a sport, play and physical activity assistant working as part of the physical activity team.

He said, 'My course at Teesside gave me good specific sport knowledge plus transferable skills that can be used across a variety of jobs. I have had a number of different roles which have allowed me to progress to my current post at the English Institute of Sport. The most rewarding part of my job is getting others to have the same enthusiasm and buzz about sport that I do.'

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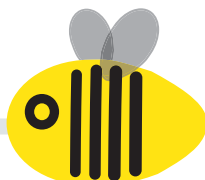
# Supporting scholars

**Satish Shewhorak recently returned to Teesside to research for a PhD. He's delighted to be the first student to receive the James Caldwell Scholarship. The Scholarship provides funding for a PhD course through the generosity of Professor Caldwell, a graduate and former member of staff here at Teesside.**

Satish's involvement with the University goes back to his days as a postgraduate student. He graduated in 2004 with an MA Computer Animation. After graduating along with a couple of colleagues he set up moShine Animation Studio, with the University's support, in one of the on-campus incubation units. Satish later moved to Newcastle-based digital agency, TH\_NK, account managing a variety of digital clients. Although he has had spells away from the campus, he's always kept in touch. Returning to academia was always an ambition.

As part of his PhD, Satish is studying emotional interactivity in animated characters featured in dynamic crowd scenes. When he discovered that his PhD is sponsored by Professor Caldwell, Satish was inspired by his generosity. 'Professor Caldwell has made an amazing commitment to reinvest in Teesside University and its community. I'd love to meet him in person to thank him. One day I would like to repay his generosity to the next generation.'

Dr Martin Leyland from the University's Graduate Research School said that Satish's background made him an exceptionally strong candidate for the scholarship. 'Having spent time in industry and started up his own business, Satish came to us with a clear idea of what he wanted and was equipped with the experience and knowledge he needs.'



## Regular giving

**Mark Brown BEng (Hons) Chemical Engineering graduated in 1999. He currently works as a finance director at Hoults Ltd and recently made the decision to give a regular gift to the University.**

He said, 'I really enjoyed my time at Teesside and my degree gave me a great spring board for my career. When I received a mailing from the University about the 'It started with a gift campaign', I felt it was something I would love to get involved with. I decided to give a regular donation to the University each month, to support the University's scholarships and bursaries fund. I think it is important to give something back, particularly having had such a positive experience myself.'

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## No disasters for Manuela

Manuela Roedler was a Leni Oglesby prize winner in 2010. She graduated in 2010 with a BSc (Hons) Disaster Management from the School of Science & Engineering. She was able to start her career in her native Germany almost immediately, thanks to an outstanding performance during her professional placement.

She returned to Munich's Fire Department last summer as project leader developing disaster management plans. Thinking back to her time at Teesside, Manuela said, 'Teesside equipped me with all the essential skills to start my career. Studying and living there was the best time of my life. Being awarded the prize was a great honour and the cherry on the icing of my achievement.'

Professor Leni Oglesby generously gives £3,000 a year, providing a prize of £250 to each winner. If you are interested in providing a prize, E: [gift@tees.ac.uk](mailto:gift@tees.ac.uk).

## Teesside CSI

Cleveland Scientific Institution (CSI) has donated £24,400 to Teesside University. Over 81 years ago CSI was one of the local organisations that made a donation towards founding Constantine College, the University's predecessor institution.

The donation, which was awarded to the School of Science & Engineering, will go towards supporting placements, scholarships and academic prizes at graduation. Keith Bell, President of CSI said, 'We are delighted to make this donation to Teesside University. We have a long-standing, positive relationship with Teesside and trust this will continue for years to come.'

Professor Simon Hodgson, Dean of the School of Science & Engineering, said, 'This donation is fantastic. It enables us to offer additional opportunities for our students that otherwise would not have been possible.'



## Teesside calling

The 'It started with a gift...' campaign is now in its second year.

The focus for this year's fundraising will be scholarships, refurbishment of both the Library and Brittan Hall, and student sport facilities. Please get in touch if you would like to help.

Also In 2012 we will be holding our first ever telephone campaign in which we hope to be able to speak to you about your experiences at Teesside, inform you about forthcoming events and give you the opportunity to make a donation to the 'It started with a gift...' campaign.

### Donor roll of honour

You will have noticed throughout this issue of the magazine the butterfly symbol with names listed below.

These are the kind individuals who have already contributed to the campaign. We would like to thank them for their support, we have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our graduates and friends.

## GRADUATES FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

# Diagnosing down under

**When Rachel Barrass embarked on her BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography she didn't realise that this experience would lead to her emigrating.**

During her degree she had the opportunity to take a four-week work placement overseas. Rachel and a couple of her colleagues secured placements in Sydney, Australia. They had a wonderful experience which ignited a passion for travel and experiencing new cultures.

On graduation in 2009 Rachel was offered a one-year contract at Queen Elizabeth Hospital where she completed her placement. 'My first year as a qualified radiographer was enhanced and supported by the training opportunities given at the hospital. When my contract was up I spent a year travelling – I had a fabulous time visiting Malaysia, Cambodia, Bali, and Thailand and exploring Australia.'

Having recently returned, Rachel is delighted to have been offered a full-time permanent post as a diagnostic radiographer at a private clinic in Auckland, New Zealand.

'My dreams have come true – a career in diagnostic radiography, travelling the world and working in places I only ever dreamed of visiting. Teesside and Queen Elizabeth Hospital have given me the skills, support and opportunities to become a confident professional. I made some firm friendships at University and am loving my new life.'

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Rachel in Thailand during her travels



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## GRADUATES FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

**BA (Hons) History graduate Chris Saxby has been living in Australia since he graduated in 2001. There he studied for a masters in journalism and was lucky enough to immediately take up the position of communications officer at the University of Queensland.**

He worked there for several years and learnt a lot. He said, 'It was a great place to start my career in a team of media professionals who had worked at some of Australia's leading news outlets such as the Australia Broadcast Company and The Australian newspaper. I was able to learn a lot from them and move around into a few different roles, which has since allowed me to cross from communications into marketing and business development.'

In 2009 he took up the post of strategic communications officer at Thiess, which is Australia's leading integrated construction, mining and services company and the world's largest contract coal miner, with a turnover of \$8 billion.

This year he was promoted to the post of marketing manager. Chris is responsible for promoting the company to clients, future staff and the communities in which Thiess works. His role covers Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, India and the Middle East, so it is challenging but rewarding. Chris explains, 'I have been able to see parts of Australia that are foreign to even most Australians, many of our mining projects are located in rural and remote Australia and it's a different world. Even in the city centres our projects are usually on such a massive scale that every day is exciting. You can be 30 storeys up at the top of a building that is being constructed or 50 metres below ground at the opening of a new road tunnel.'

Having lived in Australia for almost ten years now Chris certainly feels like it is his home, 'I really enjoy it here. Brisbane is a large multicultural city and is close to the beach and national parks. I certainly take advantage of all it has to offer.'

## Chris is a corporate communicator



## Mudie is making his mark

**Alan Mudie graduated from Teesside in 1981 with a Diploma in Management Studies. He then followed a career in the financial services industry, initially with Barclays Bank in Paris.**



This year he was appointed to his current post as chief investment officer (CIO) of Union Bancaire Privée (UBP) Private Banking division. Based in Geneva it's one of the major Swiss asset management banks for both private and institutional clients.

Previously, Alan was CIO at BNP Paribas International Private Bank and also held various high-level positions at United European Bank (UEB) in Geneva and Crédit Agricole in London. Before joining UBP he was at Syz & Co, as head of oyster funds and most recently as head of fund research.

As CIO, Alan is in charge of the global investment process, the overall investment strategy and asset allocation for private banking. He said, 'UBP is a leader in wealth management and I enjoy playing a part in the organisation's development.'

Alan has been living in Switzerland since 1993. In his free time he enjoys swimming and skiing, both of which are well catered for in the Geneva region. He has fond memories of his time at Teesside - he made strong friendships and still sees his old colleagues Vincent, Denis, Jack and Michael for regular holidays.

## GRADUATES FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

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## Middlesbrough to Mumbai

**James Whittingham graduated in 2004 with a BSc (Hons) Computer Science and was subsequently awarded a digital city fellowship from the University which he used to develop a web based health and fitness training system which could digitally plan an individual's workout schedule and track progress over time.**

He then decided to take a year out. 'I spent a year travelling while deciding what to do next in my career. I decided to study for my masters in management and finance and this course really opened my eyes to the

world of investment and entrepreneurship.'

After completing his studies he began working for Blenheim Chalcot Investment Group in London in 2006 as a business analyst. He was then promoted to an investment manager and in 2009 took a further promotion to head of new investments setting up the group's Asia office out in Mumbai, India. James said, 'I have really settled in to life in Mumbai. I love the diversity of the place and everybody here is incredibly friendly and welcoming. From an investment

perspective India is a fantastic place to be at the moment and things are never dull living in a city of 20 million people!'

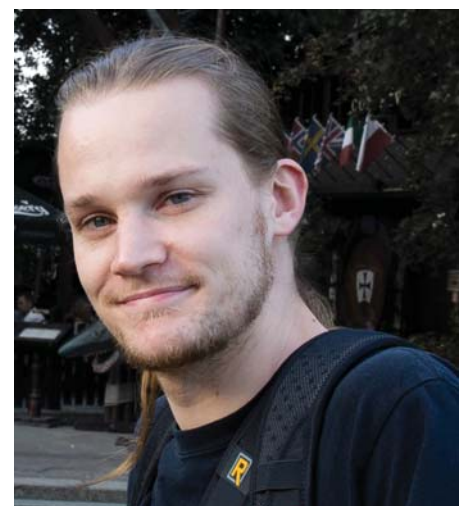
James is also a keen athlete. He took part in the Mumbai marathon earlier in the year, 'Running in 90 degree heat was tough but despite being ill in the lead up to the race, the enthusiasm of the crowd got me round and I managed to raise over £1000 for a local charity in the process.' He is also commercial head of the Rajasthan Royals Indian Premier Cricket League, Shane Warne's team.

## Florian flourishes

**Florian Zender already had a computer science degree from Trier University in Germany when he came to Teesside.**

He said, 'I wanted to get more in to the art side of things as I was interested in pursuing a career in video games art. I wanted to study in the UK because I thought learning English would be helpful, and the course at Teesside was just what I was looking for.' After graduating in 2008 with a BA (Hons) in Computer Games Art, Florian returned to Germany where he took up a post as an environment artist with Yager Development in Berlin.

He is now the lead effects artist at Yager Development. 'My work involves creating effects as well as managing a team of visual effects artists. It is an interesting challenge to build assets while doing the planning, and keeping the team running as smoothly as possible. The rewards at the end of the day are when all the work gets done at a high level of quality, nothing went wrong and everybody goes home happy.' His creative passions continue outside of work too, he enjoys drawing and photography and of course computer games.



## UNIVERSITY NEWS

# Mackenzie Thorpe



Mr and Mrs Fordyce, Sarah Irving, Mr and Mrs Durrant

**The University were delighted to welcome back world renowned artist and Teesside honorary graduate Dr Mackenzie Thorpe in October for an exclusive exhibition, entitled Middlesbrough Murals.**

The month long exhibition of eight new and unique pieces was the very first exhibition Mackenzie has held in central Middlesbrough. He has always wanted to show his work at the heart of the town in which he was born and which has been an integral influence on his art. He certainly received a fantastic reception – crowds flocked to see the exhibition which was held in the Constantine Gallery.

He said, 'I wanted to create something new and fresh, something that would celebrate the fact that this is a landmark exhibition for me. Having an exhibition in my home town that is about my home town is a very special honour.'

Six alumni were lucky enough to win pairs of tickets to the VIP opening event for the exhibition from our July e-newsletter. The winners were:

**Edward Aydon,**

BSc (Hons) Information Sciences, 2000

**Phil Durrant,**

BSc (Hons) Chemical Engineering, 1985

**Susan Fordyce,**

BA (Hons) Humanities, 1996

**Tracy Hall,**

BA Business and Finance, 2002

**David Underwood,**

BEng (Hons) Civil Engineering, 1994

**Janet Wilde,**

Certificate in IT and Financial Maths, 2000

## Fees and Scholarships from September 2012



**Professor Eileen Martin**, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Learning & Student Experience)

**At Teesside University we have been making a special effort to explain the new tuition fees and to reassure everyone that an education at Teesside will remain accessible for all. Our fees vary from £7,450 to £8,500 depending on the course. No payments are made upfront – graduates start repaying after leaving university.**

Teesside is committed to making study even better value, National Scholarships of £4,000 are available if your household income is less than £25,000\*. There are also Teesside Extra Scholarships for those with an excellent academic record and a household income below £42,600\*.

*Information correct at time of printing. Visit [www.tees.ac.uk/scholarships](http://www.tees.ac.uk/scholarships) for latest figures and more information.*

Additionally the University will continue to fundraise for additional resources which will provide opportunities to both undergraduate and postgraduate students. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to date and please read more about our alumni scholarship appeal on page 24.

\*full eligibility criteria apply

## UNIVERSITY NEWS



It is wonderful to be back on Teesside, I was so pleased to be given an honorary doctorate and love being involved in University life

# Inspiring honorary gives back

Professor Graham Henderson CBE and Dr Adele Parks

**In April we were delighted to welcome honorary graduate Dr Adele Parks back on to the campus. Internationally renowned author Adele has written eleven books in the last eleven years all of which have been bestsellers. She has sold one and a half million copies of her books in the UK and her work is translated into 25 languages. Teesside University awarded Adele, who grew up in Eaglescliffe, an honorary Doctor of Letters in 2009.**

While she was back on campus we certainly put her to work – during her visit she gave a public lecture, 'Cinderella to Bestseller', which examined her career as an author. She also officially opened The Corner a new dedicated postgraduate area on campus. Plus she launched one competition for students and judged another.

In collaboration with Adele's publishers, Headline, the University's film students were asked to produce film trailers ahead of

the launch of her eleventh novel, *About Last Night*, which tells the story of two women whose friendship is pushed to the limit by dramatic events. This was a fantastic opportunity for students and the winning entry, by students Tom Anstiss, Ben Harker, James Carr and Saabik Akhthar was shown at the end of Adele's public lecture. Tom said, 'The concept behind our trailer was to use simplicity and symbolism to portray the story instead of actors, as people create their own ideas of what characters in books look like.'

Adele also launched a competition for creative writing students and University staff. She wrote the beginning of a short story and set aspiring authors the challenge of completing it. The five winning stories were published in a University booklet titled *The winning tales...* and also feature on both the University and Adele's websites.

The overall winner also receives mentoring time with Adele. Vicky Brown (née Twiss),

a current MA Creative Writing student and Teesside graduate, BA (Hons) Business Management, 2002, was the winner. 'I have always wanted to write and felt the time was right to concentrate on developing my writing skills by studying for my master's. I am a massive Adele Parks fan and am looking forward to my mentoring time with her, it's a fantastic opportunity.'

Adele said, 'It is wonderful to be back on Teesside, I was so pleased to be given an honorary doctorate and love being involved in University life. I feel that education is very important and I am very proud of my association with Middlesbrough I am delighted that I am able to give these opportunities to the students, and I hope that the experience is valuable to them.'

If you would like a copy of the booklet, *The winning tales...*

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## UNIVERSITY NEWS

## STAFF NEWS

## Rob McSherry national teaching fellow

**Professor Rob McSherry has been awarded a £10,000 fellowship by the Higher Education Academy in recognition of his excellence in learning and teaching. This prestigious National Teaching Fellowship is one of only 55 awarded across the UK this year.**

But Rob, who is a professor of nursing and practice development, never dreamed this day would come. He said, 'I struggled at school and, whilst I always wanted to become a qualified nurse, I wasn't sure it was achievable. Whilst at school I was considered educationally behind my peers.'

On leaving school Rob joined the Royal Air Force. After three years he returned to his native Cumbria and began his career path in nursing. Rob held numerous nursing

roles and began his teaching career at Chesterfield Royal Hospital Trust in Derbyshire. He graduated from Teesside in 1995 with an MSc in Social Research and joined Teesside University's lecturing team in 1999. He completed his PhD in 2007.

Rob has just completed a secondment from the University working for Mid-Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust, helping to facilitate and enhance the quality of nursing and the learning environment. 'Being awarded this fellowship is most unexpected and I feel quite humbled by this recognition from my peers. It's wonderful for me and for the School of Health & Social Care. Everyone at Teesside has been highly supportive. I will use the £10,000 to support the student experience at Teesside.'



## Deans don running gear for charity

**Dr Mark Simpson, Dean of the School of Social Sciences & Law and his colleague Dr Keith Hurst, Assistant Dean ditched their suits for shorts this autumn and took part in the Great North Run in aid of two cancer charities. Both of them used the University's expert sport science service to get them in top shape.**

Keith said, 'I have lost both my mam and dad to cancer over the last couple of years so I am running in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support' Mark supervised masters student Laura Gourlay this year and she was diagnosed with and tragically died from cancer in May. He said, 'I have been so inspired by her bravery and attitude. I want to make a small contribution to show my support, so I am raising money for Cancer Research UK.'

Dr Matthew Weston runs the University's sport science service, which is accredited with the British Association of Sport and

Exercise Science. He said, 'This service is not just for professionals, it is for anyone wanting to take their fitness to the next level. Our facilities are world-class and include three fully equipped exercise laboratories.'

Mark's time was 1 hour 46 minutes and 34 seconds. Keith's time was 2 hours 10 minutes and 33 seconds and between them they have raised well over £2000. Congratulations to them both on a wonderful achievement.



## Tribute

**Laura Gourlay,**  
MProf Professional Studies 2011



Sadly Laura lost her battle with cancer in May this year, after completing and gaining her master's degree. Fitting tributes poured in for this truly

remarkable and inspirational young woman. Her parents said how proud they were of what she had achieved in her all too short life – having already gained a BSc (First Class Hons) Psychology and Criminology in 2002. Our love and best wishes are with her family at this difficult time.

## UNIVERSITY NEWS

## 2011 Honorary graduates

As usual, honorary degrees were awarded during graduation week in November to five people in recognition of outstanding achievement in their field, their contribution to the region or society at large, or their service to the University. This year there was also an additional award in the summer at Gisborough Hall.



Vice-Chancellor Professor Graham Henderson CBE, Dr Keith Skeoch and Chairman of Governors Sandy Anderson OBE

**Dr Keith Skeoch,**  
Doctor of Business Administration

**Keith Skeoch, Chief Executive of Standard Life Investments was awarded his honorary degree at a special ceremony at Gisborough Hall in June.**

The ceremony celebrated the 450th anniversary of the University's partner 6th form college, Prior Pursglove College in Guisborough. Keith is a former student of Prior Pursglove College, having grown up in

Guisborough. He was honoured for his contribution to the financial services industry, most notably in the wake of the global financial crisis when he worked with the government and trade bodies to establish best practice in stewardship and governance.

He said, 'With financial services under the spotlight for negative reasons, it is very refreshing to be acknowledged for making a positive contribution. I'm particularly pleased to be recognised by last year's

University of the Year. My brother-in-law, sister-in-law and one of my nephews are all Teesside alumni, so it's very much a family affair. I'm also extremely proud of my association with Prior Pursglove College – I learned my love of economics there and this has been the bedrock of my career. Priceless friendships were also forged during my time at Prior Pursglove. I'm delighted to accept this honour and particularly delighted to be back in Guisborough.'



### Dr Nicholas Patrick Doctor of Science

Dr Nicholas J. M. Patrick was born in Saltburn-by-the-Sea, North Yorkshire, and is a NASA astronaut and engineer.



He was selected by NASA in 1998, and has flown on two shuttle missions: STS-116 and STS-130, both construction missions to the International Space Station (ISS). He has logged 638 hours in space, including over 18

hours outside the ISS during three spacewalks on his second mission. He is the fourth Briton to have flown in space.

### Keith Williams

#### Doctor of Business Administration



Teesside born Keith Williams is Chief Executive of British Airways (BA). Keith joined BA in 1998 from Reckitt and Colman where he was Head of Tax. He became BA Group Treasurer and Head of Tax in 2000 and in 2006

he became Chief Financial Officer of BA and was appointed as Chief Executive in 2011. He played a leading role in steering BA through the recession and through the aftermath of 9/11.

### Jane Atkinson

#### Doctor of Business Administration



Jane is Vice-President (Utilities) of Sembcorp. In 2004, she became the first woman in the world to manage a blast furnace – the Corus cast house at Redcar – and she was also only the second woman in the world to have ever managed a coke oven.

Jane has been named Confederation of British Industry (CBI) 'First Woman' and she is currently a member of the University's science and engineering advisory board.

### Sir Peter Carr Doctor of Laws



Sir Peter chaired the North East Strategic Health Authority until October when it was re-shaped under government reforms. He has held the Chairmanship of NHS organisations in the region since 1990. He has

now been appointed to the Chairmanship of a new national NHS organisation. From 1984 to 1990 he was head of the government City Action team in the North East. Prior to that he held a senior position in the diplomatic service. He served in various government bodies, for example, as Director of the Commission on Industrial Relations, and as a special adviser to the pay body NBPI. He was a founding director of ACAS. He started his working life as a carpenter.

### Max Howard Doctor of Arts



Max created and ran studios for Disney in London, Paris, Orlando and Los Angeles, working on some of Disney's most

memorable films including *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Aladdin* and *The Lion King*.

As President of Warner Bros Feature Animation he oversaw such movies as *The Iron Giant* and *Space Jam*. At DreamWorks, he was Co-executive Producer for *Spirit*, *Stallion of the Cimarron*.

Max is a sought after consultant and lecturer for the animation industry. He is a member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, and is a long-standing supporter of the University's Animex Festival.

### Howard Burch Doctor of Arts



Howard Burch is a renowned television producer and is behind many television shows and films. He has been a Drama Executive at Channel 4 and is presently Executive Producer at Kudos. His

television credits include *Spooks*, *Hustle*, *Ashes to Ashes*, *Moving Wallpaper* and *Echo Beach* and his film credits include *Pure* starring Keira Knightley. Howard is a great supporter and contributor to the University's School of Arts & Media.

### Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson DBE Doctor of Laws

Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson is Britain's best-known paralympic athlete having performed at world-class level for the last 13

years. In 2005 she was made a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire. In 2010 she was created a life peer. She first received an honorary master of science award from the University in 2001. Tanni continues to play an active role within sports administration, she is a non-executive



member of the board of UK Athletics, and the board of the London Marathon and is Honorary President of Sports Leaders UK.



**Donor roll of honour** Professor Leni Oglesby \* Jackie Oliver \* Ade Onagoruwa \* Anandeth Oupraxay \* Judith Overy \* Dee Pang \* Maggie Parker \* Sue Parkes \* Dr Adele Parks \* Colin Parry \* Gary Patchcott \* Susan Peake \* Michael Pelling \* Ian Pennock \* June Pooley \* Helen Pritchard \* Shavida Rafiq \* Manu Ramegowda \* Rajanikanth Reddy \* B Reeves \* David Richardson \* J Roberts \* Sylvia Robinson \* Gillian Rodgers \* Hilary Rodgeron \* Patricia Rogers \* Elsie Rymer \* Katrina Savage \* Andrew Scott \* Matthew Scott \* Mr & Mrs Shippey \* Jane Simpson \* Gary Singh \* Helena Smith \* Sarah Smith \* John Smithee \* Lesley Smitheringale

## UNIVERSITY NEWS



## Actress at Arts Week

**Distinguished actress Thelma Barlow officially opened the annual Creative Arts Week in May. She is famous throughout the UK, in particular, for her much loved role as Mavis Riley in *Coronation Street* which she played for 26 years. She also has many other acting credits including roles in *Victoria Wood's Dinner Ladies*, *Doctor Who*, *Miss Marple* and in the film *Mrs Henderson Presents* alongside Dame Judi Dench. Dr Barlow was born in Middlesbrough and was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree by the University in 2008.**

She said, 'It's lovely to be back in Middlesbrough, I don't visit the area very often and the changes in the town have been incredible. I am particularly happy to be back here at this very vibrant University. There's a great feeling of care and bonding towards the students from their lecturers. I've been to other universities and nowhere are these feelings as strong as they are here.'

After opening the event, Dr Barlow toured the Design and Fine Art show looking at the work of final year students. She also spoke to performing arts students. Matthew Gray, BA (Hons) Performance for Live and Recorded Media, said, 'Thelma was very inspirational and I was honoured to get advice from her. It was nice to meet someone of that professional stature on a one-to-one level.'

## Top media executive rates Teesside

**One of Britain's top media executives, Sly Bailey, Chief Executive of Trinity Mirror plc, visited Teesside earlier in the year to officially open the University's Cook building.**

Sly was impressed by the work of the journalism students and highlighted the successful relationship between Trinity Mirror, which owns the *Evening Gazette*, and the University. She said, 'It is clear from looking around the Cook Building just what a fantastic learning environment has been created here. I was immediately inspired by the range of facilities and equipment and the sheer enthusiasm of the staff and students I have seen – there is a great vibe.'

The Cook Building was previously owned by the *Evening Gazette*, and has been refurbished by the University to offer professional training for the University's journalism students and external reporters. It includes a convergent newsroom and two large customised design studios plus an IT suite for computer-aided-design. It also includes workshops on the ground floors for wood, metal, resin, plaster and glass for design students.

Sly also praised the University's new Multimedia Journalism course. 'I am particularly proud that the School of Arts & Media's Multimedia Journalism course was created through close co-operation with the *Evening Gazette*. Many around Britain see it as a ground-breaking journalism course and this collaboration between higher education and industry should be an example to us all.'



## UNIVERSITY NEWS

# New Year Honours

**We were delighted that our Vice-Chancellor Professor Graham Henderson received the award of CBE in the New Year Honours list.**

Professor Henderson received his award for services to higher education. It recognises the major role he has played both in developing higher education nationally over the last 36 years and leading Teesside University to its current highly respected position in the sector. It culminated in Teesside winning the Times Higher Education University of the Year award in 2009-10 – the first new university ever to do so.

Professor Henderson said, 'I am

genuinely honoured and privileged to receive the CBE. I have spent 36 years working in higher education and I have loved every minute of it. I am blessed to have had great support and encouragement from my family, my Chancellor, my Chair, my colleagues at Teesside and my colleagues across the North east and wider higher education sector. I am always delighted to hear people say that my university is doing things whilst others are just talking about it.'



## Comments from the university community on this news:

'A well-deserved award. It is refreshing to work in a large organisation, where Graham, as leader, takes time to make himself visible and approachable to all staff. He always remembers to thank staff for their efforts, which is a small but vital part of being an effective leader.'

**Claire Brewis**, Principal Lecturer in Occupational Therapy



'It's a wonderful accolade for a wonderful man and thoroughly deserved.'

**Lori Wheatman**, President of Teesside University Students' Union



'The leadership shown by Graham Henderson is recognised across the higher education sector. I was delighted to join Teesside University 16 months ago to work with such an outstanding Vice-Chancellor.'

**Professor Eileen Martin**, Deputy Vice-Chancellor

'Heartiest congratulations to Professor Henderson and Teesside University, wonderful news!'

**John Harman**, BA (Hons) English and History, 2003

'Graham has shown exceptional leadership over the last eight years and this richly deserved award will be acclaimed across the whole of our region and throughout the higher education sector.'

**Sandy Anderson OBE**, Chair of Teesside University Board of Governors & Pro-Chancellor

'A classic example of a brilliantly-led university that knows its role, is comfortable with it and has become a genuine outstanding success.'

**Professor Eric Thomas**, Vice-Chancellor, University of Bristol and President, Universities UK, Teesside Honorary Graduate

'I am absolutely thrilled for Graham and for his family. He is an outstanding and inspirational Chief Executive and I feel very proud to work with him.'

**Lord Sawyer of Darlington**, Chancellor of Teesside University



**Donor roll of honour** Lee Spargo \* Jo Stevenson \* Alison Suthers \* Bryn Taylor \* Mr & Mrs Teasdale \* Amy Temple \* Sarah Terry \* Julie Thomas \* Richard Thomas \* James Thomson \* C Toner \* Wade Tovey \* Joanne Towell \* Ann Trowell \* Jessica Turner \* Susan Turner \* Gill Varley \* Ian Vaughan \* Ruth Wainman \* Chris Walker \* Claire Waterhouse \* Stephen Waterhouse \* J Watson \* Karen Wheatley \* Mark White \* Pat White \* Sandra Williams \* Emy Wright \* C Wyldbore \* Victoria Yardley \* Angela Yarrow \* Neil Youngson

## ALUMNI NEWS

## Graduates

## how's your sporting prowess?

**Thank you to everyone who took part in last year's Past versus Present Tournament.**

The Past team (graduates) once again swooped to victory stealing the overall tournament trophy. This event was the last of its kind. Having carried out research with graduates, students and organisers we have decided to replace Past versus Present with a new format.

This year we're hosting the very first LEGENDS WEEKEND, Friday 25 November and Saturday 26 November 2011. This new-style event focuses on several sports each year. This year the five showcased sports are:

**Friday 25 November**

**Afternoon:** The legends golf tournament, Billingham Golf Club

**Evening:** Matt Hepburn memorial men's rugby game, Saltersgill Sports Ground, Middlesbrough

**Saturday 26 November**

**Women's football**

**Men's hockey**

**Women's netball**

For more information email [p.bell@tees.ac.uk](mailto:p.bell@tees.ac.uk) or visit [www.tees.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.tees.ac.uk/alumni).

Remember to regularly check our website for details of other forthcoming events at Teesside – [www.tees.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.tees.ac.uk/alumni)



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## 2012

International Festival of Animation & Computer Games

6 - 10 February 2012, Teesside University

Now into its second decade, Animex exists to bring artists, designers, directors, producers, professionals and students together for a week of events and activities revolving around the creation of animation and computer games. The festival prides itself on being inclusive and a place where you can be educated, inspired and entertained.

At Animex you can learn from the foremost in the field and get the chance to meet and discuss the state-of-the art, see the best professional and student work in the world, do business and have a great time at one of the premier animation and games events anywhere in the world.

For more information email [info@animex.net](mailto:info@animex.net) or visit [animex.tees.ac.uk](http://animex.tees.ac.uk).

## ALUMNI NEWS

## What's on

An audience with...

2011-12

**Thursday 17 November**

Sir Arnold Wolfendale FRS,  
14th Astronomer Royal Captain James Cook

**Thursday 8 December**

Professor Michael Macaulay  
Scandal du jour?  
The changing nature of corruption in the UK

**Thursday 26 January**

Tessa Peasgood  
Wellbeing, happiness and motivation

**Tuesday 7 February**

Dr Jeff Stelling  
In conversation

**Thursday 8 March**

Lucy Adlington of The History Wardrobe  
Votes for women

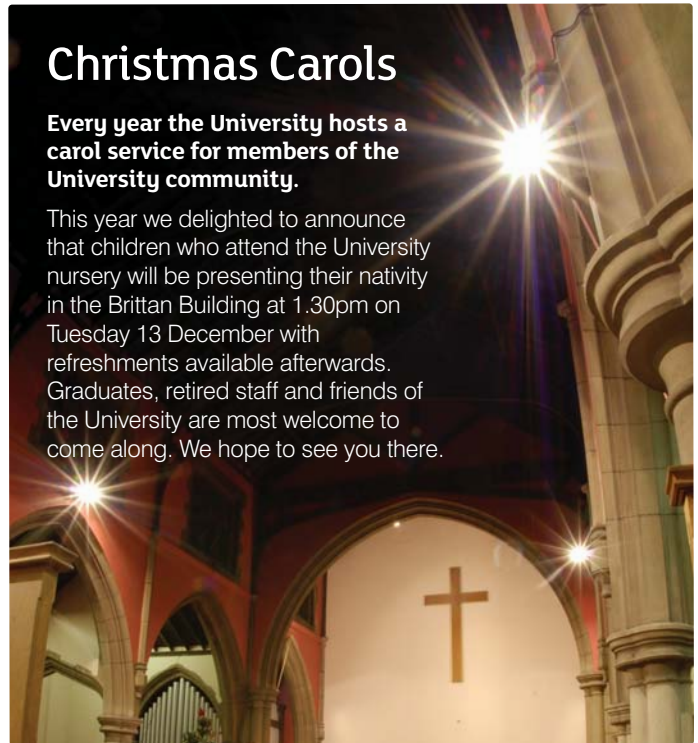
Lectures are open to everyone. They are held in the Centuria Building on campus with refreshments available from 5.30pm and lectures at 6.00pm.

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W: [www.tees.ac.uk](http://www.tees.ac.uk) or T: 01642 342887.

## Christmas Carols

Every year the University hosts a carol service for members of the University community.

This year we delighted to announce that children who attend the University nursery will be presenting their nativity in the Brittan Building at 1.30pm on Tuesday 13 December with refreshments available afterwards. Graduates, retired staff and friends of the University are most welcome to come along. We hope to see you there.



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## Grab a graduate discount

As part of our alumni family we thought you deserved a discount and we are currently working with a couple of local companies to offer these initial trial alumni discounts.

If you would be interested in offering fellow graduates a discount on your product or service then email [alumni.office@tees.ac.uk](mailto:alumni.office@tees.ac.uk)

## Here's a taster.....

Details of all these offers are regularly updated on **TeesMe** our online alumni community.

Just visit [www.tees.ac.uk/teesme](http://www.tees.ac.uk/teesme) to register your details.

10% OFF

10% off all  
Noodle Meals at  
Oodles Noodles

This voucher entitles the holder to 10% off any Noodle meal. The voucher is valid for both sit in and take away orders. This offer does not include drinks, sundries or desserts.

Offer ends 1 January 2012

Oodles

 Teesside University

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10% off all products  
in Heaven Scent or 2  
medium jars for £25 or  
for 3 small jars for £20

This voucher entitles the holder to the above offer. It cannot be used in conjunction with any other Heaven Scent offers.

Offer ends 1 January 2012

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ALUMNI NEWS



## International recruitment 2011/12

**It's soon time for our international recruitment visits. If you're living abroad, come along and say hello. It would be great if you could spend some time on the stand talking to potential students about your experiences at Teesside.**

November 2011	Malaysia
March 2012	Beijing, China
	Malaysia
September 2012	Dublin, Ireland
October 2012	Cork, Ireland

**Event schedules are always being updated.**

For more information email [international@tees.ac.uk](mailto:international@tees.ac.uk) or visit [www.tees.ac.uk/international](http://www.tees.ac.uk/international).  
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**Happy  
birthday!**

**On 16 June 2012 the University is celebrating twenty years of University status. We will be marking this milestone with a number of events throughout the year – check out our website for more details [www.tees.ac.uk](http://www.tees.ac.uk)**

In the meantime we want to give a shout out to the graduating classes of 1992.

We would love to have as many graduates from 1992 back on campus as possible – so if you would be interested in working

with us to organise a reunion event for your course then do get in touch. We can support you by contacting your old classmates, providing an on-campus venue for the event, recommending local accommodation, and even arranging a campus tour to bring back all those happy memories.

Email [alumni.office@tees.ac.uk](mailto:alumni.office@tees.ac.uk) for more information or to pass on your ideas – however wild and wacky!



## ALUMNI NEWS

## Alumni notes

## Tributes

Sadly **Victoria Lagus** (née Garnham), BA (Hons) Social and Public Policy, 1997 passed away in March from lung disease. Victoria progressed to an MA Information and Library Management and enjoyed more than 10 years in the field of librarianship. Our deepest sympathies are with her family at this difficult time.

**Craig Galloway**, BA (Hons) Sport and Exercise (Sport Studies), 2005 was tragically killed in a car accident in September 2010. Our deepest sympathies are with his family. Craig really enjoyed his time at Teesside he had a fantastic social life and played for the University football team. His family are extremely proud of his achievements and he will always be remembered with love and affection by all who knew him.

Sadly **Sue McCall**, who achieved MSc Food and Consumer Safety, 2007, was diagnosed with kidney cancer in September 2009 and passed away in April 2011. Our condolences are with Sue's family.

## Reunion Round-up

It had been 10 years since the class of 2001 graduated in photography and a reunion was on the horizon. Former classmates met on campus in July to reminisce.

Cathal Carey, BA (Hons) Photography, 2001 said, 'It was great to see so many of the 2001 class together in Middlesbrough again, to catch up on what everyone has been doing for the last 10 years and have a really good laugh.' Cathal worked for two years in London as an assistant photographer and studio manager and has been self employed for eight years as a commercial photographer. Cathal is extremely passionate in his career and looks forward to shooting more challenging images in the future within the corporate, advertising and industrial sectors.

## Updates

**Scott Smallman**, BA (Hons) Web and Multimedia Design, 2011, gained employment within a month of leaving university with the help of our Careers Service. Scott is a software engineer for Everything Everywhere. He thoroughly enjoyed his time at Teesside as a course



representative and on the American Football and 7-a-side football teams. If you'd like to get back in touch with Scott he'd love to hear from you.

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**Nathan Platt** progressed from an HND Computing (IT) in 2003, to BSc (Hons) Business Informatics, 2007 and finally completing a PgDip Marketing in 2008. He especially enjoyed his time as part of the drama society at Teesside. Nathan began his career within the IT industry, he has since worked at Onyx Group, SAGE



UK and is now now embarking on pastures new at Everything Everywhere. He plans to complete a master's in Marketing and become a full member of both the Institute of Direct & Digital Marketing and the Chartered Institute of Marketing. If you remember Nathan and are interested in attending a reunion he'd be thrilled to hear from old friends.

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## Weddings

Congratulations to **Mark Johnston**, BA (Hons) Accounting and Finance, 2003 who married **Charlotte Bell**, BA (Hons) English Studies, 2004. Mark completed his CIMA qualification whilst working at McCain Foods and Corus. They have recently relocated to the north west where Mark now works as a senior management accountant for Saica Pack UK Ltd and Charlotte is enjoying being a lady of leisure since the relocation after spending seven years teaching at Eston Park Secondary School. Mark has great memories of Teesside rating the facilities, staff and Students' Union as excellent.

If you would like to get back in touch with Mark and Charlotte, they look forward to hearing from old classmates.

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Love blossomed at Teesside on their very first day in September 2000, when **Ria Scott**, BA (Hons) Tourism Management, 2003 met **Craig Gilchrist**, BSc (Hons) Information Technology, 2004. They were both residents of King Edwards Square (2 and 3) and were engaged by Christmas.



Five years later they married on the same date they met, in Ria's home village in North Wales. They now live in York and have just

celebrated their sixth wedding anniversary. Ria is a conference and events manager for Holiday Inn Group and Craig now owns his own software development company GotFocus Solutions.

They would love to hear from lost friends.

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## Updates

**Nilupa De Silva**, BA (Hons) Accounting and Finance, 2006, returned home to Sri Lanka and worked as a management trainee in a stock brokering firm when she left Teesside. Nilupa now works for the Central Bank of Sri Lanka within international



operations and is keen to progress to the highest possible level at the bank. During her studies Nilupa worked as a student mentor, she enjoyed every bit of her stay here and learnt something new every day. She would be over the moon to hear from you.

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**Judith Hurst** (née Lamb), studied part-time over three decades. She graduated in 1996 with a Certificate in Management by Competence and finally achieved a Master's in Human Resource Management in 2005. Judith is now head of workforce development for Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Trust and would be happy to be reacquainted with former friends from Teesside.

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**Edward O'Connell** and his twin brother David O'Connell, both graduated in BA (Hons) Marketing, 2002 and are now successful partners after establishing their own national head hunting business focusing on board level management in the infrastructure, retail and commercial markets. Edward initially joined a national recruitment firm, was recognised year upon year as the highest achieving sales professional and approached by an investor to develop a national search and selection practice. David commenced his career with an International PLC search and selection business. They are now Executive Partners of OC2 Executive Search Limited and continue to fulfil their ambitions to grow their practice and be recognised in the UK as the leading executive search firm. If you have lost touch with Edward or David they'd be thrilled to hear from you.

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**Jennifer Wilby**, BSc (Hons) Computer Science, 2006. Following a tough interview process Jennifer joined IBM UK Ltd as a business development specialist and quickly graduated out of the IBM Foundation Programme into her own business area as an availability manager, with a very high profile account in the high performance computing sector. Since then Jennifer has progressed into Project Management and has been targeted as a future leader. Former lost friends can contact Jennifer.

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**Lee Aspery**, MSc Fire and Major Incident Response, 2010, recently joined the National Steering Group for Fire Investigation as well as teaching the Foundation Degree in Fire Scene Investigation at Teesside University's Darlington Campus. Lee is working with Teesside's School of Science & Engineering to research and bring together national and international investigation agencies to strengthen the links between academia and operational investigation. Lee studied for his master's while working full-time and balancing family life. 'I can say that I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Teesside University, I achieved my personal developmental goals and enhanced my professional standing and capability'

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**Emma Forsey** (née Johnson), BSc (Hons) Biomedical Engineering, 2001, is a Senior Scientist for BAE Systems, the second largest global defence company. Emma was one of the first graduates from this course and was excited to be part of something new, describing Teesside as

having a real buzz to it with a relaxed and friendly social life. Emma is also a proud mum. She made many friends and would enjoy reuniting with former friends.

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**Megha Mugur Nagaraj**, MA Digital Character Animation, 2010, was a member of the Short Animation Society, whilst studying at Teesside and relished the opportunity to meet talented animators from other courses. The Animex Festival was the ultimate highlight, meeting role model James Baxter, among other iconic artists from reputed studios. Megha returned home to India and would love to become a renowned character animator one day and has kick started her career at Technicolor India, a multi-dimensional studio, based in the global strategic alliance with DreamWorks, a leading Hollywood company.

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**Shahnaz Moghal**, MSc Graduate Enterprise in Multimedia, 2002, has put her skills in to practice and is a travel consultant and web developer for The Global Travel Group. She is also an author of self-help topics with her first book published earlier this year entitled *SLIM DOWN - The 57 Top Tips That Offers a Complete Guide on How to Lose Weight Successfully*. Shahnaz would be thrilled to hear from former students.

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**Mark Leck**, BEng (Hons) Chemical Engineering, 1994 and MPhil Process Control, 2000, travelled the world for five years whilst working for Pavillion and Aspentech, before returning home to work locally for SABIC as Teesside process control team leader. He is about to take up the post of senior principal consultant at Aspentech. Mark will always remember several specific turning points provided by Teesside which has shaped his career today. If you remember studying with Mark and have since lost touch with him he'd be happy to hear from you.

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**Marie Cunningham**, MA Creative Writing, 2009, is a qualified holistic practitioner, trained in crystal therapy, hypnotherapy /regression and reiki. Marie suffered a car crash which injured her spine and led her to seek alternative methods of healing and opened her first crystal shop in Middlesbrough, The Crystal Cave. She now runs her own business The Energy Within, offering various therapies, workshops and classes.



Marie has put her masters to good use and is the proud author of two books and aims to expand into corporate training.

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**Adam Houghton**, BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy, 2008, spent two years as an Occupational Therapist on a mental health rotation for Leeds Partnerships Foundation Trust after graduating and is now a care coordinator for Aspire (Early Intervention in Psychosis). He finds it immensely rewarding offering support in a really exciting specialism that works very creatively to engage young people in their recovery. Adam is looking forward to hearing from former classmates.

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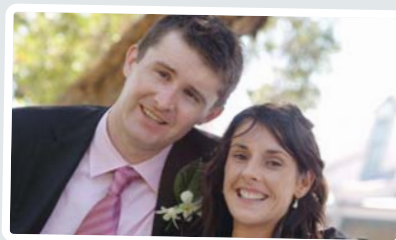
**Mark Dearing**, BSc (Hons) Promoting Practice Effectiveness (Leadership and Management), 2010 is a Deputy Head Orthoptist for South Tees Hospitals Foundation NHS Trust and would really like to progress onto a master's course and move forward in his career as the opportunities arise. The personal interaction with lecturers and fellow students were his favourite part of the degree and he welcomes any lost friends to get back in touch.

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**Rachel Houghton** (née Jones), LLB (Hons) Law, 1999, whilst studying was the social secretary of the Law Society and course board representative for two years. She also won the Sweet and Maxwell law prize for her contribution to the course which was a great surprise and honour. Rachel completed the Legal Practice Course and worked as a paralegal for Dickinson Dees, she is now a Solicitor for Taylor and Emmet. Rachel and her husband live in South Yorkshire with their beautiful two and a half year old daughter and would be delighted to hear from former friends.

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**Matthew Bidwell**, BA (Hons) Business Studies, 1995, is trying to track down former housemates from class of 1995. For those of you who are still in touch with



Lawrence Keely, BA Business Quantitative Methods and Tony Smith BA Public Administration, he would be delighted if you could pass on his appeal. Matthew has fond memories of his time at Teesside and is now a full time dad with two beautiful children in Ireland. He'd be pleased to hear from all those who remember him.

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**Mike Pemberton**, BSc (Hons) Computing and Networks, 2011, felt very privileged to have worked in a variety of roles during his studies including several months managing the IT infrastructure of a multi-site public sector service and a placement year



developing software for an international manufacturing company. He is a Cisco Certified Network

Associate and is newly employed as an Infrastructure and Networks Consultant and is loving the prospect of developing his career. Mike is looking forward to marrying his fiancée next year and hopes all former friends will continue to stay in touch.

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**David Healey**, BSc (Hons) Music Software Development, 2009. David enjoyed six months as a freelance composer and progressed onto the Digital City Fellowship scheme and launched his own business, Total Composure Ltd, a music production and audio services company based in Middlesbrough. As managing director his most recent work includes sound effects for the Pitch 'n' Toss iPad App and original orchestral music for a CBBC MyToons animation. David continues to expand his company and enjoys hiking in his spare time.

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**Simon Palmer**, LLB (Hons) Law, 1996, is a procurement consultant and aims to become a teacher in the near future. Earlier in the year he had a great time teaching surfing to the University Surf Club, has written a local surf history book and has cycled in Jordan and Vietnam. If you remember Simon and have lost touch he would be thrilled to hear from you.

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## ALUMNI NEWS

# Looking back....

In this issue we're launching a new feature aimed at offering a chance to learn a little bit more about our honorary graduates, asking them to look back at their earlier life and share with us some of their memories.

**Launching the feature is Elizabeth Carling. The actress is best known for her roles in *Boon*, *Goodnight Sweetheart*, *Barbara* and *Casualty*. She was born in Middlesbrough and received her honorary degree from the University in 2000.**

She often returns to visit family in Teesside and she is a fan of Middlesbrough Football Club. Although now living in North London, Elizabeth's close links with the region include being a patron of the Holistic Cancer Care Centre at James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough.

We met up at Chapter's Hotel in Stokesley, one of Elizabeth's favourite places to visit when she's back in the region.



## When starting school

My school years were the most carefree time of my life. I went to Archibald Juniors and Oaklands Comprehensive in Middlesbrough. It was a wonderful time. I met one of my oldest friends Yvonne Hannah at Archibald. My school years were relatively stress free, compared to the trials and tribulations of later life.

## As a teenager

I was really lucky that I knew from a relatively early age what I wanted to do with my future. All through my teenage years I spent my free time singing and acting and being involved in as many theatre productions as I could. I left Middlesbrough when I was 18 to join the National Youth Theatre of Great Britain. I was only supposed to be away from home for six weeks, however an agent came to see the show and asked if she could represent me. I said yes and that was the start of my professional career.

## My first big break

My first break was in a series called *Boon* with Michael Elphick, who is sadly no longer with us. He was a wonderful man and a great teacher. I worked on that show for three series and learned so much from Michael and the wonderful technical crew involved in making the show.

## My first home

By the time I was 22 I was able to climb onto the property ladder. I bought a lovely flat in Charlton in South London. At one point however the flat was only worth half of what I paid for it, as the nation was facing the eighties property crash. Once the property market became more buoyant and my flat was worth what I paid for it I sold it and moved to North London.

## My first pay cheque

When I was 16 I had a Saturday job in a fantastic clothes shop in Middlesbrough called Detroit. We could choose our uniforms from the stock. I was like a kid in a sweet shop and for that one day of the week I was the trendiest girl in Middlesbrough. I remember the wonderful feeling of independence when I received my first pay cheque. It was brilliant being able to buy things, without having to ask my parents for the money.

## My parents

The older I get, the more I miss my mam and dad Norma and Fred Carling. I have regular bouts of feeling very homesick and hop in the car and drive home to Middlesbrough as often as I can. My parents instilled in me a level of confidence that has been so important to me throughout my career. My mam and dad raised me to believe that I could achieve anything I set my heart on. I am so grateful for their love and support that has helped me to cope with the many highs and lows of a very precarious profession. I fully appreciate now how hard it must have been for them to let me leave home when I was 18, but I'm so pleased that they did.

It was a real thrill receiving my Master of Arts from Teesside University as an Honorary Graduate, I felt so honoured and it was such a special day for both my parents and I.

## Close ties

I became involved with the Holistic Cancer Care Centre at James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough in 2001 for reasons close to my heart and I'm now a patron. It's a safe haven for people dealing with cancer. There's an amazingly serene yet positive atmosphere in the building. The centre provides holistic treatment for people undergoing chemotherapy and/or radiotherapy and it also looks after their carers. The centre relies solely on donations from the public and also welcomes offers of support.

For more information visit [www.holisticcancercarecentre.org.uk](http://www.holisticcancercarecentre.org.uk)



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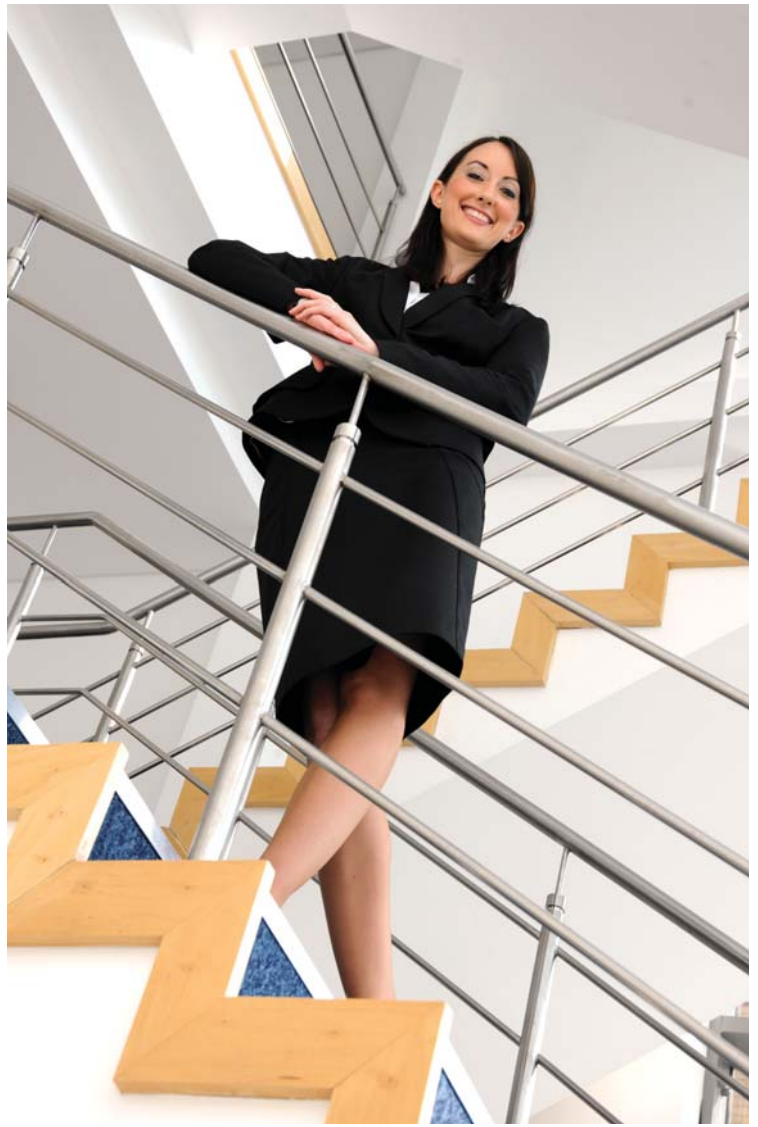
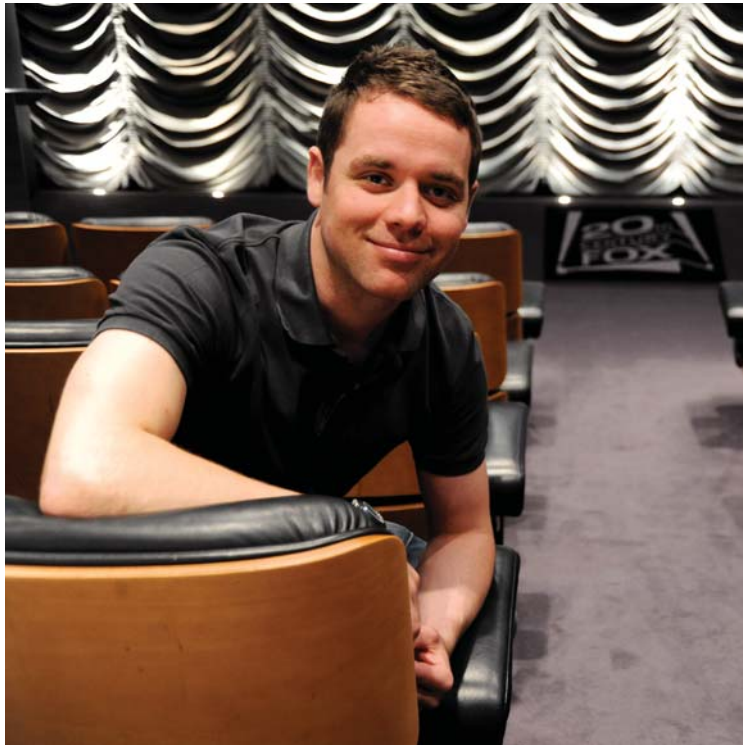
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