

Personalia 2004

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this issue of Personalia, which includes Obituary Notices

1955

Beckett Keith, BSc General Science, 1955. Retired in 1997 as Vice President Engineering for Pilkington PLC. Is also a Fellow of the Institution of Chemical Engineers and a council member of UMIST.

1962

Allcock (née Wood) Sheila, BSc Zoology, 1962. Retired in October 2003 from her position as the International Development Centre Librarian at the University of Oxford. She moved to this position in 1988 from Bradford University where she founded the library of the Project Planning Centre for Developing Countries in 1971.

Webb Michael Gordon, BA Social Sciences, (Economics), 1962. After an academic career at the universities of Leicester, York and Oxford, spent 5 years at the World Bank. In 1990 became a director of London Economics and is now a director of Frontier Economics.

1963

Rogers David, BA Geography, 1963. After nearly 30 years as an academic at De Montfort University Leicester, established Stellae Limited and now leading consultancy on timetabling and space management in the Further and Higher Education sector.

1969

Van Mechelen Richard, BSc Chemistry, 1969. After working as a scientist in the Air Ministry, changed career after taking a diploma at the Institute of Linguists (French). Has worked as a linguist since joining the Defence Language Service (Whitehall) in 1978. In 1999 was appointed Head of the Defence Language Service.

1975

Hodson David, LLB Law, 1975. After a successful career in family law in London and creating a very successful family law practice in Covent Garden, moved to Australia in 2003 for fresh challenges. Now living in Sydney and working for Sydney's top international family law firm after qualifying as an Australian solicitor.

1978

Claydon Peter, BSc Psychology, 1978. Obtained a PhD from UC Santa Barbara in 1982 and a Clinical Psychologist Licence in 1984. Currently in private practice in Santa Barbara, California. Lives in California on a ranch with his wife Sue and their son Jonathan (19), who attends UC Santa Barbara as a freshman.

1979

Binney Paul, BSc Economics, 1979. Now living in New Zealand and working as Chief Financial Officer for the Northland Polytechnic.

1980

Nardini (née Sheen) Jan, BA Combined Studies, 1980. Is a Senior Consultant in Strategic Outsourcing with Hewlett Packard Global Services in the Middle East, Europe and Africa. Married to Noel with one daughter and living in a village on the Berkshire/Oxfordshire border. Recently graduated with MA in European Law at the University of Leicester.

1981

Carter Jenny, BSc Combined Studies, 1981. Since graduating in 1981, Jenny has graduated with a PGCE, an MSc in Information Technology and a PhD that combines her hobby (music) and her work area (computing). Living in Leicester with her partner and their 3 cats.

Kille Jonathan, BA Musicianship, 1981. Now living and working in Cyprus as the Head of the Cyprus Music Service which is linked to the Service Children's Education Authority Worldwide. Is interested in catching up on old times with anyone who may remember him.

1982

Bartle David, BA English, 1982. Married to Dina (née Warburg) BA History 1983, with two daughters, Emma and Louise. In March was awarded a PhD in Information Science by Sheffield University. His topic was information seeking behaviour of Humanities scholars and improved retrieval means.

James Stephen, BSc Geography, 1982. Currently living and working in the North West and studying for an accreditation for the Association in Indirect Taxation. Would like to get in touch with friends from both his year and Beaumont Hall.

Thoseby Andrew, BA Combined Arts, 1982. Living in Australia with his wife Suzanne and their three boys. Would love to hear from anyone that knows him.

1983

Bartle (née Warburg) Dina, BA History, 1983. Has become increasingly involved in the Anglican

Church and maintains a prominent and active role both in the Twickenham parish church and in Steyning in West Sussex. Married to David (BA English, 1982), and has two daughters, Emma and Louise.

1984

Richardson Susan, MB ChB, 1986. Married to Andrew Turnbull (BSc Mathematics, 1984) with two children. Recently resigned from General Practice after 13 years in partnership. Is now SPR in Occupational Medicine at a hospital in Blackpool.

1986

Hall Jo, LLB Law, 1986. From 1989 to 2003 worked as a welfare rights officer for Derbyshire & Leicestershire County Councils and Liverpool City Council. Now working for Denbighshire County Council as a senior welfare officer and still using her law degree, especially social security law.

1987

Freestone Primrose, BSc Biological Sciences, 1987. Gained a PhD in Biochemistry and PGCE (both from University of Leicester), in 1992. In 2001 became a lecturer in Clinical Microbiology and is now very happily doing both teaching and research in the Department of Infection, Immunity and Inflammation, still at the University of Leicester. Would like to hear from former classmates who didn't stay local.

Sandhu Kartar Singh, Diploma in Education & Industry, 1987. Kartar has now retired, and maintains an interest in many fields and is a member of many societies including the Pensioners Rights Campaign and the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education. He is also a trustee and an executive board member of Age Concern Leicester.

1988

Bennett (née Riggs) Jocelyn, BA Musicianship, 1988. Having completed the Northern Ordination Course in September 2002, began as Methodist Minister at Hale and Bowdon Vale. Married to Neil (BSc Biological Chemistry, 1989) with 2 boys, Alex and Elliot.

1989

Bennett Neil, BSc Biological Chemistry, 1989. Living in Cheshire and married to Jocelyn (née Riggs) BA Musicianship, 1988, with 2 boys Alex and Elliot.

1990

Spittlehouse Andrew, BA Geography, 1990. After graduation did MSc (Eng) in Transport Planning and Engineering at Leeds University. Worked in Transport Planning and Modelling since 1991.

1991

Morgan Stuart, MA Law & Employment Relations, 1991. Former Project Manager and Public Health Policy Advisor to the Ministry of Health in Serbia. His primary role was to reform the Public Health service in Serbia.

1997

Conibear Alan, BA Archaeology & Sociology, 1997. After graduation, Alan went on to study for a masters degree in computer studies at Sheffield Hallam and graduated in 1999. Is now living in Derby and working as an IT professional.

1998

Nadarajah Sanjay, BEng in Electrical and Electronic Engineering, 1998. Currently a network engineer at Intel corporation, involved in design and maintenance of the network infrastructure at Intel. Would like to hear from people that knew him. His email address is sn7777@hotmail.com.

Thompson Paul, MBA (Education Management), 1998. Working in London as Director of Social Work for the West London Mission. His work involves managing services for people who are street homeless, in trouble with the law or abusing drugs or alcohol.

Uche Chidi, BEng in Electrical and Electronic Engineering, 1998. Gained a PhD from Cambridge University in 2003 and is currently a Postdoctoral researcher at Oxford University.

2000

Carter John, PhD Museum Studies, 2000. Recently awarded a Visiting Fellowship at the Australian National University in Canberra. In Australia, Dr Carter will continue his research on 'Patriots' transported to Tasmania in 1840 and present a series of public workshops for the Tasmanian Heritage Council.

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GRADUATES' ASSOCIATION

Obituaries

We record with regret the deaths of the following Graduates, Members of Staff, and Honorary Graduates of the University.

Graduates of the University

Mrs Viola Victorine (née Harper) Burham, BA Latin 1958. Died 10 October 2003. Former Vice President and one of Guyana's most distinguished leaders, she achieved excellence and distinction in a wide variety of careers, as a teacher, scholar, journalist, campaigner for the status and rights of women, farmer, minister of government and devoted wife and mother. She was active in the Caribbean Women's Association CARIWA and represented Guyana at many international conferences on the rights of women. She received Guyana's second highest honour, the Order of Roraima.

Miss Marilyn Lyn Hodges, BA French 1959. Died of cancer on 26 January 2004. She was described by colleague Pamela Horsepool as a very good friend and devout Christian, who dedicated her life to sharing her beliefs.

Mr Frederick Fletcher-Hyde, BSc Botany 1932. Died 3 January 2004. He was a herbal specialist who is credited as the saviour of the herbal medicine profession. He set up Hyde's Herbal Clinic in Leicester in 1934. In the 1960s he frequently lobbied Parliament against restricting the use of herbal medicine, in the face of mounting opposition from the pharmaceutical companies.

Professor Paul Quentin Hirst, BA Social Sciences 1968. Died 17 June 2003. An academic described as one of the most inspiring political and social thinkers and teachers of his generation. He was a revolutionary and a hardworking sociologist. He took an MA degree at Sussex University and by age 23 obtained a lectureship at Birkbeck College, London. He became reader in social theory in 1978 and professor in 1985. He was an avid reader and prolific writer on a range of subjects.

Mr Jack Holland, Diploma Social Work 1971. Died August 2003. Assistant chief officer in Hampshire since 1984, he began his 30-year career in the Probation Service in the 1970s. He was one of the first probation officers to pioneer community service orders in the Greater Manchester area. For a period in the 1990s he was seconded to the Home Office to establish a

national framework of training and staff development for the probation service. His advice was sought in the UK and overseas in Bosnia, Sarajevo and Kazakhstan.

Mr Peter I Obidike Ikwueme, Museum Studies 1980. Died in May 2002. He was an assistant director with the National Commission of Museum and Monuments in Nigeria and served in the School of Archaeology and Museum Studies in Jos.

Mrs Irene N Isaacs, BA Combined Arts 1950. Died on 1 January 2003. Her husband Dennis recalls the many happy memories she had of her years at Leicester.

Mrs Constance (née Bennett) Kenny, BA English (London) 1930. Died in October 2002. She was awarded a scholarship from Market Harborough Grammar School to study at Leicester. Former Editor of 'The Luciad' and Captain of the Women's Hockey Team. She was still active at age 93 as a member of the University of the Third Age where she led the Poetry Group.

Miss Emma Lister, BA History of Art 2001. Died on 3 May 2003. She had suffered from Cystic Fibrosis and its consequences since birth. During her final year she coped with a liver transplant and earned a first-class degree. Her student awards included the Faculty Prize 2000, the Luke Hermann Prize (shared) and the Hilda Willis Memorial Prize (shared). Miss Lister's family wish to thank Emma's friends and staff at the University for their support.

Ms Lisa Anne May, LLB 2002. Died on 15 November 2003 in an accident while visiting a friend in Warwick. At the time of her death Ms May was registered for the degree of LLM in London.

The Reverend Margaret Pilkington, BA English 1951, Dip Ed Studies 1952. Died on 14 August 2003. She began teaching English in the UK in 1952 and later overseas in China between 1958-1972. On her return to the UK, she completed a Diploma in Religious Education in Liverpool. In 1979 she moved to Casterton where she became Deputy Head then Acting Head at Casterton School. After taking early retirement in 1987 she

resumed her travels abroad and became more active in the Church. In 1989 she was Licensed as a Reader in the Team Ministry of Kirkby Lonsdale. She became a Deacon in 2001 and a Priest in 2002.

Mrs Dorothy Emily (née Smith) Reynolds, Dip Ed Studies 1939. Died on 18 March 2003.

Mr Miles Robottom, MEd 1980. Died in October 2003. He taught and lectured in FE and HE colleges, including Loughborough. In 1985 he became director of student services in Lincolnshire and later assistant principal at Grimsby College. Later on, he began work on the development of teaching training programmes and worked overseas for the City & Guilds Institute. He was an Ofsted inspector, a tutor for the Open University and became a member of the Royal Society of Arts for services to education. His hobbies were cricket and squash.

Mr Jonathan Paul Shannan, BSc Mathematics with Astronomy 1981. Died on 29 October 2002, after a two year struggle with cancer. His 21-year career as a systems analyst was at Whesoe plc in Durham, Kellogg (GB) in Manchester and CMG in Malaysia. He greatly valued his university experience in an internationally mixed community.

Mr Leonard Sealey, M Ed 1964. Died on 5 August 2003. An educationalist, whose inventions in the 1950s and 1960s included devices related to the teaching of mathematics. His Sealey balance was sold to Invicta Plastics and remained in use around the world for over 50 years. During WWII he served as a naval officer, finally working on the Enigma codes. After a career as an aeronautical engineer he became an infant teacher, headmaster and later advisor to more than 200 Leicestershire schools. Latterly he became principal of North Buckinghamshire College of Education.

Mr Peter Shaw, BSc Combined Studies 1956. Died on 30 August 2003 of pneumonia, following chemotherapy treatment. At University he was a keen hockey player and between 1953-56 was goalkeeper for the Men's Hockey 2nd eleven team. He worked at H J Heinz & Co for 40 years as a statistician, OR

Manager and procurement researcher.

Miss Jean B Sleath, BA Combined Studies 1971. Died on 2 May 2003 at age 74. She began her university career as a mature student.

Mr John Tihabi Telukhunoana, Criminal Justice and Police Management 1997. Died in 2000. He worked for the Lesotho Mounted Police Service.

Mr Peter William Towse, BSc Economics 1952, PGCE 1953. Died on 28 December 2002.

Lt Colonel Ian Waters, MBE, MSc Criminal Justice Studies 1998. Died while serving with the Royal Military Police overseas.

Mr Thomas Randall Williams, BED 1973. Died on 30 December 2003.

Mr Mark L Withers, BSc Applied Sociology 1988. Died on 7 October 2002. He was employed as a social worker by Neath Port Talbot Council and led a team of twelve social workers.

Members of Staff

Miss Mary T Claxton, Died on 5 November 2003. She worked in the Library's Cataloguing Section from 1963 until her retirement as Head of the Section in September 2000.

Mrs Sheila Ann Clowes, Died 2003. She joined the University as a Clerk Typist/Telephonist in the Department of Engineering in 1974 and retired in 1987.

Mrs Ann Taylor Davies, Died in 2003. She joined the Department of Psychology in 1962 as an Assistant Lecturer, was promoted to a Lectureship in 1964, and to a Senior Lectureship in 1987. She became Head of the Department of Psychology in August 1987. She took early retirement in 1990 but continued to work as an Associate Teacher for three years.

Professor Colin Eaborn, Died in 2004. He joined the University in 1947 as an Assistant Lecturer in Chemistry. In 1954 the personal title of Reader in Physical Organic Chemistry was conferred on him. He left in 1962 to take up the Chair of Chemistry at the University of Sussex.

Dr Ivor Fussey, Died in 2003. He joined the University in 1999 as a Lecturer in Clinical Morphology in the Department of Medical and Social Care Education.

Mrs Annie (Amarpal) Garratt, Died on 28 February 2004. She was employed as a Chief Clerk in the Clinical Psychology Department from 1999-2002. At the time of her death she was studying for the degree of MBA in the Management Centre.

Mr Graham Goode, Died in 2003. He joined the University in 1978 as a Gardener and Maintenance Assistant and retired in 1993.

Dr Trevor Hold, Died in 2004. He joined the University in 1970 as an Organising Tutor in the Department of Adult Education and was promoted to Senior Lecturer in 1980. He took early retirement in 1989 but continued his work as an Associate Teacher until 1992.

Dr Cliff H James, Died June 2003. He was appointed to the Department of Geology in 1965, promoted to Senior Lecturer in 1970, and became Head of Department in 1976. He took up a post in the Department of Mining Geology in the Western Australian School of Mines in 1982 but returned to the UK after his retirement.

Mr James William Frederick Learmonth, Died 8 August 2003. He was a Schools Council Fellow, who undertook research on the mass media during a two-year sabbatical from his teaching career in London. He was committed to working with pupils with learning difficulties in inner-city schools. He became Headteacher at George Green's School, London from 1975-80, HM Inspector of Schools until 1989, then Chief Inspector of the London Borough of Richmond from 1989-93.

Ms Glenda Lee, Died in August 2003 following an operation. She joined the University in May 2002 as the Head of Equal Opportunities and Staff Welfare.

Professor Will Light, Died on 8 December 2002. A full obituary appears on the University web-site: www.le.ac.uk/press/ebulletin/people/bitprofessorwilllight.html or is available on request.

Mr John Edward Morton, Died 25 July 2003 after a period of ill health. He joined the Maintenance Office, Estates and Services in 1985 as a Shift Fitter Man and retired in 1996.

Sir Thomas Alexander Fraser Noble, Died in August 2003. One of the

outstanding academic administrators of the 20th century, he was Vice-Chancellor between 1962-76 and Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Aberdeen from 1976-1981. He served on a large number of governmental and non-governmental organisations as well as being elected Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of the Universities of the UK.

Mr Samuel B Quaiocoe, Died on 13 March 2004 in Accra, Ghana. He spent most of his working life with the Ghana News Agency. Between 1965-1970 he was correspondent at the United Nations in New York and from 1972-73 was a UNESCO Fellow in Mass Communication Research at the University of Leicester. He was the GNA General Manager from 1995-2000.

Dr Clifford Sharp, Died on 16 July 2003. He joined the Department of Economics in 1965, became a Senior Lecturer in 1968 and was promoted to Reader in Transport Economics in October 1973. He retired in 1983 but continued as an Associate Teacher until 1986.

Professor Clifford T Smith, Died on 2 December 2003. He was an Assistant Lecturer in the Department of Geography between 1948 and 1951.

Mr Roy Starbuck, Died on 1 May 2003. He worked as a Porter at Digby Hall from 1973 until his retirement in 1993.

Dr Nelson Tang, Died on 1 November, 2003. He joined the Management Centre in 1993 as a Lecturer before taking up a post as a Senior Lecturer at Aston University in 2001.

Mr Owen C Watkins, Died 31 August 2003. Formerly, Senior Lecturer and Librarian at the National College for the Training of Youth Leaders in Leicester. He was instrumental in developing the College's Library into a learning and resource centre for students. Between 1966-82 he was a Lecturer in the Faculty of Education and when he retired was PGCE Tutor in Liberal Studies.

Mr David J Watson, Died 2003. He joined the University in 1960 as a Technician in the Department of Physics. He was promoted to Senior Technician in 1967, Experimental Officer in 1976, Senior Experimental Officer with the X-Ray Astronomy Group in 1980, and Principal Experimental Officer in 1988.

Emeritus Professor Brian M Wilkins, Died in April 2003. Professor Wilkins joined the Department of Genetics as

a Lecturer in 1969. He was promoted to a Senior Lectureship in 1980; to a Readership in 1996; and to a Personal Chair in October 2000. He retired in September 2001 after serving as Head of the Department of Genetics for five years but continued in an Associate role up to the time of his death.

Professor Richard F M Wood, Died 2003. He joined the Leicester University Medical School in 1974 as a Lecturer and was promoted to a Senior Lectureship in 1977. After leaving the University in 1981, he continued his work as a surgeon with a special interest in kidney transplantation at Oxford University, St. Bartholomew's Hospital London and Sheffield University.

Honorary Graduates

Lord (Alan) Bullock, Honorary Doctor of Letters 1984. Died in 2004. An eminent historian and founding Master of St. Catherine's College, Oxford.

The Reverend Professor Gordon Dunstan, Honorary Doctor of Laws 1986. Died on 15 January 2004. He was one of the Church of England's leading moral theologians. He was awarded an honorary degree in recognition of his contribution to the field of medical ethics and the problems created by the spectacular advances in 20th century medicine.

Dr Nicholas Mair, Honorary Doctor of Science 1978.

Mr Jack L Otter, Honorary Master of Science 1977. Died 4 April 2003. He taught for several years at the Department of Adult Education, Vaughan College, after retiring from his full-time job with local company, Broughton and Jones.

Dr Franklyn Perring OBE, Honorary Doctor of Science 1989. Died in October 2003. He received his degree in recognition of his contribution to botany and in particular for his work with the Botanical Society of the British Isles. He also contributed to the teaching programme of the Department of Adult Education.

Professor Sir Frederick Henry Stewart, FRS, Honorary Doctor of Science 1977. Died in 2001.

Sir Wilfred Patrick Thesiger, CBE, Honorary Doctor of Letters 1968. Died on 24 August 2003 at the age of 93. An explorer, Sir Wilfred won the founder's medal of the Royal Geographical Society, together with three other medals from learned societies, honorary fellowships of Magdalen College, Oxford, and the

British Academy. In 1968, he was awarded a CBE, and in 1995 he was knighted.

Sir Stephen Tumim, Honorary Doctor of Laws 1994. Died in 2003. He received his degree in recognition of his contribution to the work of the Scarman Centre (Department of Criminology) when he was HM Chief Inspector of Prisons (1987-1995).

Note: The Rev Dr Donald English, BA History 1952, PGCE 1953, died on 28 August 1998. A biography on his life and ministry entitled "More than a Methodist" written by Brian Hoare and Ian Randall is available from Paternoster Press.

Information about the death of a graduate should be forwarded to the Graduate Relations Office. We hope that readers will understand that it is impossible to provide full obituaries. Emphasis is therefore given to the University's graduates and to those members of staff who will have been well known to members. Additional biographical details are often available on request from the Graduate Relations Office.

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Graduates' Review – our annual publication that brings you up-to-date on developments at the University and contains news about staff and student achievements.

Contact Service – if you have lost contact with members of your department or friends from your year we can help to put you in touch again.

Reunions and Events – the Association organises reunions of graduates in Leicester, other areas of the UK and overseas. We can also help you plan get-togethers with old friends and colleagues.



Conference Office – the University has excellent conference and accommodation facilities for all types of functions at competitive rates. Whenever possible, we will provide extra benefits for graduates.

Library – graduates have free access to consult reference facilities and pay a reduced fee of £30 to borrow up to four standard loan books at a time. There is an additional charge for access to computer services in the Library.



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