

# Personalia 2007

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

**1958**

**Quinn Madge, MBE, BSc Combined Sciences, 1958; PGCE, 1959.** Just retired after almost 40 years teaching in Uganda, 20 years in a Secondary School and 20 years at University level. Awarded MPhil 1984. Awarded MBE in June 2006 for services to Education and Development in Uganda.

**1961**

**Dutton Daphne, BSc Zoology, 1961.** Recently retired, enjoying family time both here and in the States with her two daughters and their families. Looking for volunteer work in Toronto for May to December.

**1969**

**Bibby Simon, BA Latin, 1969.** Teaches Latin as Head of Department at Beeston Hall Preparatory School, Cromer, Norfolk. Retiring after 27 years service.

**Professor Scott Patrick, MA English Literature, 1969.** Moved from Edinburgh to South Carolina in 1976, to teach Victorian Literature and book history, and started his job in the library at the University of South Carolina in 1995.

**1970**

**Harding Alan, BA History, 1970; PGCE, 1971.** Has eventually drifted into the world of academia following nearly three decades in Further Education – a refreshing change!

**1975**

**Dr Lambley Hanne (née Mangold), Advanced Diploma in Psychology and Sociology of Education, 1975; PhD Education, 1995.** Took early retirement from full-time post as Senior Lecturer at University of Gloucestershire to work as independent consultant and lecturer in Education in the UK and abroad (Hong Kong, Malaysia, Malta and Germany).

**Ryan John, BA Economics and Politics, 1975.** Teaching economics and business studies to sixth formers. Higher education co-ordinator.

**1976**

**Rawel Julian, BA Social Sciences, 1976.** Runs a marketing and strategy consultancy, servicing the services sector companies. Also teaches widely at Business Schools throughout Europe.

**1977**

**Peacock Stephanie (née Pennycook), BSc Combined Sciences, 1977.** Has been married for 26 years, left Kent and moved into her holiday home in Cumbria. Has practiced being retired for 12 fantastic months – considering making this position permanent!

**1978**

**Dr Allen Graham, BSc Geology with Geophysics, 1978; PhD Geophysics, 1985.** Information management consulting services to the oil and gas exploration/development business.

**1980**

**Dr Evans Elaine, BSc Biological Sciences, 1980; PhD Pharmacology, 1983.** Seeking and assessing in-licensing and acquisition opportunities and managing integration of acquired companies.

**Kovacs Gabor, LLB Law, 1980.** Husband, parent, school governor, podcaster and lawyer.

**1981**

**Borowski Katrina, BSc Biological Sciences, 1981.** Returned to Eggbuckland Community College as Principal three years ago, following five years in her first headship.

**1982**

**Horne Graham, BSc Physics with Astrophysics, 1982.** Senior Systems Engineer with Lockheed Martin UK. Coaching with Bedford Harriers AC and has completed half a dozen marathons. Supporter of, and shareholder in Bedford Town FC. Happily married for ten years, with two daughters, Jessica and Amy.

**1983**

**Cresswell Yvonne (née Hayhurst), BA Geography, 1983; MA English Local History, 1984; PG Certificate Museum Studies, 1986.** Still living on the Isle of Man and still a museum curator (and very happy). Married with one son.

**1984**

**Chibwana Victor, PGCE, 1984; MBA, 2003.** At present he is not using his MBA due to lack of employment. He is a warehouse operative whilst looking for a job along his profession.

**Gregson Adrian, BA History, 1984.** Has just been awarded a PhD for a study on 7th Battalion King's Liverpool Regiment and their home towns of Bootle and Southport. Awarded by the University of Worcester (Coventry University awarding body). Is still working in the County Record Office, is still Branch Secretary of County UNISON and is in 7th year as Leader of the Labour Group on Worcester City Council.

**Skipper Alison (née Jones), BSc Geography, 1984; PGCE, 1985.** Married to Peter. Taught for fourteen years before taking a break to look after her four children aged 3 to 9 years.

**1986**

**Tait Tracy (née Gannon), BSc Psychology, 1986.** Has been married to Simon (BA Economic History, 1987) for 16 years. They have two children – Rebecca and

Edward. They run a boarding house at Clifton College. Tracy works as a fund-raiser for a children's charity.

**1987**

**Dr Hardie Kim, BSc Biology, 1987.** At work her group studies bacterial protein secretion and quorum sensing. At home her two daughters take up all of her time whilst her Canadian husband improves their new house.

**Tait Simon, BA Economic and Social History, 1987.** Has been married to Tracy (Gannon – BSc Psychology, 1986) for 16 years. They have two children – Rebecca and Edward. They run a boarding house at Clifton College.

**1989**

**Ford Stephen, BSc Geography, 1989.** Living in the UK after 8 years abroad in Spain, USA and Japan. Still married to Pearl and has a one year old daughter, Amber.

**Griffiths Diane, BA History, 1989.** Working as Head of Religious Studies in a girls school in Nottingham. She has 2 girls, Bethan and Rhiannon. Married to Nick Griffiths (BSc Biology, 1989).

**Mboroki Guantai, MA Mass Communications, 1989.** He is now Faculty Dean of the Faculty of External Studies. Is also assisting the Ministry of Information and Communications, Government of Kenya, in setting up an Education Communication Network a broadcasting facility for all public and private universities in Kenya. Has carried out numerous evaluations of development efforts in Eastern Africa.

**1990**

**Dr Brown-Proctor Clive, BSc Chemistry, 1990; PhD Chemistry, 1995.** Working in radiochemistry research at Pfizer Inc. Two children Ben and Sophie. Still plays football and other sports. Living in Michigan with wife Candy and two children, Ben & Sophie.

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## 1991

**Dr Nayyar Nadim, MBChB, 1991.** GP in old mining town and lots of public speaking, 'Stand-up' and being dad to 5 kids (and fab wife keeps him sane).

**Price Rob, BSc Geology, 1991; Certificate/Diploma in IT and Security Management, 1992.** Recently returned to the UK after living in Canada for two years. Now working for the Environment Agency as an inspector and lives in Cardiff with his girlfriend.

**Shillingford Amy, BA Archaeology, 1991.** Lives in Bermuda and works as Communications Manager for a Bermuda based insurance and reinsurance company.

## 1992

**Chai Mei Fern, LLB Law, 1992.** She heads the compliance department of Calyon Credit Agricole. Since graduating she has been working as a banker in the compliance area.

**Clapp Nicola, BA Combined Studies, 1992.** Has recently completed her MEd degree in special needs education at Exeter University. Works as a learning support tutor in pre-foundation studies and she also teaches piano.

## 1993

**Lisic Jane (née Copestake), PGCE, 1993.** Now living in Stalybridge with husband Karl and two children Jessica and Michel.

**Dr Matcham Jeremy, BSc Physics with Space Science and Technology, 1993.** Planning a move to New Zealand.

**Ritonga Abdul Rahman, PG Diploma in Economics, 1993; MA Economics in Public Policy, 1994.** He is a civil servant of Ministry of Finance of Republic of Indonesia. The job manages National Budget in North Sumatera, one of the regional areas in Indonesia.

## 1994

**Beal Oliver, BA Geography, 1994.** Working in a business development role for a young minded consultancy company which operates in the IT and telecoms sector. No dull days here!

## 1995

**Foulds Jean, MA Professional Studies in Education (Early Years), 1995.** Second solo exhibition: The Bay Restaurant, Penzance – June 2007. Working as a volunteer at the Tate Gallery, St Ives.

**Toumbas Christos, MBA Business Administration, 1995.** He works for Sprider, a chain of retail stores for clothing. There are about 45 stores around Greece. He is responsible for the North Greece area which includes 8 stores of 2,000-3,000m<sup>2</sup> each.

**Walsh Andrew, LLB Law (EC), 1995.** Writing and directing for the theatre and computer games. This year he has worked for Sony, Sega, Creative Assembly and EA. Previously worked in Television, Radio, Film and Animation.

## 1996

**Beechcroft Hester (née Richer), BSc Psychology, 1996.** Works part time assessing clients for specific learning difficulties at Universities. Divorced, 2 small children, 1 horse, lots of animals, eco lifestyle and local campaigner. Happy!

**Dr Evans Nicholas, BA History, 1996.** Has been awarded a PhD in 2006 at the University of Hull.

**Foster Helen, PGCE, 1996.** Sixth form Pastoral Year Head looking after the educational and overall well-being of approximately 550 students – they keep him young!

**Mazebedi Chabaesele, PG Diploma in Public Order, 1996.** Works as an officer commanding six police stations. His responsibilities entail ensuring that the crime rate in the district that he manages is under control and that there should be no fear of crime in the communities that he serves.

**Smith Elaine, BA Sociology, 1996.** Teaching adult numeracy from pre-entry level to levels one and two. Present CPD in Maths learning coach with the Standards Court and Oxford Brookes University.

## 1997

**Heard Gary, MSc Criminal Justice Studies, 1997.** Currently working within the Police Force's Professional Standards Department.

**Kachumbo Samuel, MBA, 1997.** Works for the Commission for Higher Education of Kenya. This is a body in charge of development of Higher Education and Accreditation of universities. He works in the curriculum department.

## 1998

**Ahern Christine (née Wilson), BA Economic and Social History, 1998.** She is a Chartered Management Accountant working on the operational accounts for the global leader in the sourcing and manufacturer of herbs and spices. She is married with two girls, Sophie and Alissa.

**Lobb Matthew, BA American Studies, 1998.** Having married his wife, he is now working for an Employment Law Consultancy and building a property empire one brick at a time.

## 1999

**Dr Bonner Allan, MSc Risk, Crisis and Disaster Management, 1999.** Allan has been asked by the New York State Dispute Resolution Association (NYSDRA) to develop several professional development courses to deliver to lawyers, mediators, and others throughout the state. He has recently hosted a conference on Pandemic Planning for the Centre for Infectious Diseases. He is now an empty nester in Toronto with both boys at the University of Toronto.

**Christy Martin, BSc Environmental Biology, 1999.** Currently manages a range of market research projects, competitor monitoring activities and deliver results to help shape the future approach of the business at CIMA.

**Hartshorn Andrew, BSc Biological Sciences, 1999.** Checking drinking water for contamination from cryptosporidium parasitic spores.

**Sun Hwee Chein, MBA, 1999.** Is helping young people who are artistically talented to find their path into arts related career.

**Teng Chuwen, BA Business Economics, 1999.** Managing supply chain sourcing Display Product from Japan, Taiwan, China to UK and the rest of

Europe. Regular business trips abroad to Far East and Europe is required as part of this job. In addition, also manages supplier-customer relationships to maintain and develop business level in addition to regular pricing review and negotiation.

**Walton Stuart, BSc Biological Science (Genetics), 1999; PGCE, 2000.** Teaching science at a brand new school which opened in September 2005 with year 7 and 8 pupils. As a school it will grow until it is a full 11-18 comprehensive school.

## 2000

**Clements Stephen, MSc Security and Crime Risk Management, 2000.** Recently moved to Dublin where he heads security services for AN Post.

**Idol Lance, MSc Training and Human Resource Management, 2000.** He is a criminal investigator with the Texas Attorney Generals Office.

**Dr Morgan Catherine, MBChB, 2000.** Having spent the last 6 years in hospital medicine, after 18 months as a medical registrar she has chosen to move to the slower pace of general practice.

**Ossai Lucille (née Okpere), BA French, 2000.** Trade promotion; investment promotion between Nigerian and Swedish businesses. Also works as a consultant on different business projects.

**Parker Judith, MA in TESOL & Applied Linguistics, 2000.** Tutors various skills for life ESOL classes in an FE college and in the community.

**Sanderson Zoë, BSc Geography and Archaeology, 2000.** Is currently renovating a Victorian house, teaching geography at secondary level and travelling whenever she can!

**Wallace Ben, BA Archaeology, 2000; MA Archaeology (Post-Excavation Study Skills).** Characterising the historic landscape of Warwickshire for the next few years.

## 2001

**Davison Gethin, BA Geography, 2001.** About to commence PhD at the University of Melbourne.

**Dr Kenez Gyoza, MA European Union Commercial Law, 2001.**

As a member of the EC supported TEAM EUROPE, promotes European integration by lecturing on more environmentally sustainable transport infrastructure development backed by EU funding, NFIs etc.

## 2002

**Adoboe Gordon, MBA, 2002.** Is in charge of a tourism business that is growing steadily. The major clients are from the USA and Europe and lately, Japan and China.

**Dr Nash Emma (née Bugden), MBChB Medicine, 2002.**

Completing her training to be a GP. Working part-time following the birth of her son, Samuel. Married to Jonathan Nash. Very happy in rural Leicestershire.

**Williamson Clare, MA Museum Studies, 2002.** Is enjoying working as education officer at the Mary Rose Museum within Portsmouth Historic Dockyard.

## 2003

**Bradley David, BA Geography, 2003; MSc Human Geography, 2004.** Completed his PGCE at the University of Oxford in June 2006 and started his first teaching job in September 2006.

**Chan Mark Chee Cheong, MBA Finance, 2003.** Is a Management Consultant, specialising in risk management.

**Gomersall Christopher, BSc Environmental Biology, 2003.** Currently enjoying the world and nature on his bicycle and in his tent. Will be moving to North Wales to do a masters degree in countryside management.

**Kopczyk Peter, BSc Geology, 2003.** Graduate engineer, conducting ground investigations, desk studies and interpretative report writing.

**Mullett Ruth, BSc Psychology, 2003.** She is a drugs worker working for West Midlands Police. Married in January 2006 and went on an amazing honeymoon in Thailand.

**Neris Massimiliano, MSc Finance, 2003.** He has opened a restaurant chain and started a take away franchise.

**Roberts-Carter Sonya, MSc Finance, 2003.** Currently the Investment Officer of Global Bank of Commerce Ltd, an Antiguan Offshore Bank.

## 2004

**Coombs Rachel, BA English, 2004.** She has just bought a house and is still really enjoying her job, which she started soon after finishing at Leicester.

**Dudley Martyn, BA Contemporary History, 2004.** Is currently in his probation period as a Police Officer in Bromsgrove. The job is challenging, exciting and keeps him very busy. Good luck to everyone.

**Dr Iliopoulos George, PhD Palaeontology, 2004.** Currently works as a lecturer of palaeontology in the biology department of the University of Crete, on Crete Island in Greece. Also holds the post of curator of palaeontological collections in the Natural History Museum of Crete.

**Juuko Paddy, Diploma in Management in Finance, 2004.** Is currently working with Southern Counties 4x4 Centre, importing Japanese cars. He is a sales assistant and intends to carry on with his studies and obtain more qualification.

**Papadopoulos Ioannis, MA Modern Literature, 2004.** Currently working as an EFL teacher, as well as Greek Language/Culture teacher for a European Volunteer Service Program. Also studying to qualify as a state school EFL teacher.

**Park Karen, PG Diploma in Assessment and Treatment of Sex Offenders, 2004.** Providing intervention programmes to young people convicted of crime in Peterborough to prevent further offending.

**Seccombe Anthony, MSc Risk, Crisis and Disaster Management, 2004.** After over 2 years in Civil Emergency Planning for a local authority in Kent, he was offered and has accepted a post in the New Zealand Army. The masters degree ensured his immigration process went well.

**Tam Pui Lan, MBA 2004.** Is the Marketing and Product Development Consultant employed with the Vocational

Training Council of Hong Kong. Her major responsibilities are to promote and develop training courses for professionals.

## 2005

**Amatya Sushma, MA Mass Communications, 2005.** She takes up short-term assignments that involves travelling to rural areas; gathering case studies; photo documentation; other times try to focus on creative writing (wants to be a full time writer) and volunteer in a school.

**Barnard Nancy (née Kirkaldy), MA Museum Studies, 2005.** She is the director of the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands.

**Botse-Baidoo Andrew, MBA Finance, 2005.** He is involved in supervision in the accounts and budgeting department of the Ghana Customs, Excise and Preventive Service.

**Bridgen Elizabeth, MA Mass Communications, 2005.** She is now Senior Lecturer in Public Relations in the Faculty of Humanities at De Montfort University – and looking forward to starting a PhD!

**Folson Evangeline, MBA, 2005.** Collects and compiles data and information on Discount Houses, Interest Rates and Liquidity of the banking system. Also works as Secretary to the Open Market Operations Committee.

**James Nicola, BSc Geology, 2005.** Currently enjoying working as Office Manager/ Accounts Assistant for an Entertainment PR Agency whilst deciding her next career move.

**Mavrikaki Anna, MA Mass Communications, 2005.** Is raising her baby boy while working at the Mega TV station in Greece.

**Mensah Afia, MBA, 2005.** She is the Marketing Manager at Metropolitan Insurance Company Ltd in Ghana – one of the leading insurance companies in the country. Work is easier and more exciting than before the MBA programme.

**Moody Genevieve, BSc Immunology, 2005.** Ever fighting the Pole Dancing stereotype, she has continued her pole dance teaching and performance. She has now opened her own facility

for teaching this art form in Leicester (the first of its kind in the Midlands).

**Munday Peter, MBA, 2005.** Currently seeking full-time post within procurement, using MBA and professional chartered membership for new challenging work. Planning towards further HE and works within international development, for eventual research and teaching.

**Peake Paul, LLB Law, 2005.** After taking a year out to travel the world solo, has now been offered gainful employment with Shoosmiths as a trainee solicitor. Hopes to advance through his seats and specialise in private equity or finance.

**Phillips Peter, BA History and Politics, 2005.** Earning money for travelling around Europe before starting a PGCE History at the University of Exeter in October.

**Richards Brandon, MA Archaeology and Heritage, 2005.** Works to identify groundwater sources and their potential utilising GIS and related software.

**Ridgway Mary, BA Humanities, 2005.** She and her husband took early retirement in 2005 and relocated to Norfolk where they have restored a Victorian house and garden – another full time job!

**Scott-Stapleton Graham, MSc Museum Studies, 2005.** Pressing to increase the quality of English Heritage frontline staff's involvement with conservation, housekeeping and emergency preparedness. Remains passionate about promoting the past and future of sundials.

**Tyrrrell Rachel, BA Management Studies, 2005.** Doing all of the marketing for an online baby magazine and shop – [www.babyworld.com](http://www.babyworld.com).

## 2006

**Tejudsho Michael, MBA, 2006.** Presently busy implementing all that he has acquired from the MBA to boosting the image of his organisation.

## 2007

**Kilroy Bryan, MSc Diploma in Risk Crisis and Disaster Management, 2007.** Presently working in the public sector in policy and strategy relating to all aspects of the built environment and facilities management.



## Obituaries

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

### Graduates of the University

**Mr Alan Beck.** Died on 25 August 2006, aged 79. He was a head teacher in Leicestershire from 1963-1990 and former county president of the National Union of Head Teachers.

**Dr Violet Bruce, M Ed Education, 1963, PhD Education, 1968.** Died on 20 November 2006.

**Mr Derek Byron, Certificate HE Bird Conservation and Field Ornithology, 2002.**

**Mr David Chapman, BA Economic and Social History, 1982.** Died in December 2006.

**Mr Anthony Murles Davis, OBE, BA History, 1952.** Died on 4 September 2006, aged 76. At University College he was a member of the Dramatic Society and played football for the University. He organised one of the first football team visits to Germany after WWII. After completing his National Service in the RAF he trained at London University for the Overseas Civil Service. He served in Education in Nyasaland until 1969. On his return to the UK he became the Chief Administrative Officer at Sheffield City Polytechnic and devoted his retirement to raising funds for inner city development with the Diocese of Sheffield, among other voluntary commitments. In 1994, he was awarded the OBE for services to the community.

**Dr Anna Goostrey, BSc Genetics, 1995.** Died aged 32. After completing her studies at Leicester, she gained an MSc and PhD at Aberdeen University.

**Mr Andy Harris, BA Politics, 1973.** Died aged 54. He was a teacher at two inner-city primary schools in Islington between 1975-1981 and was remembered for his commitment to his pupils and his meticulous planning. Between 1981-1985 he represented the constituency of Putney on the Greater London Council (GLC). In 1999 he became head of special and family

services at Wandsworth. He was committed to improving services for all children, particularly those with learning and physical difficulties, and was a great organiser of social events.

**Mr Bernard Helliwell, BSc Economics, 1959.** Died in March 2006.

**Mrs Helen Dorothy Jones, BSc Sociology, 1970.** Died on 12 October 2006, aged 57.

**Mr Simon Lewis, MA Applied Linguistics and TESOL, 2005.** Died in March 2006, aged 27.

**Air Vice Marshal Alan R Martindale CB, BA History, 1950.** Died suddenly on 29 January 2006, aged 76. After a distinguished career in the RAF, he retired in 1985 and was appointed Chief Executive of the Hastings Health Authority, a post held until final retirement in 1990.

**Mr Harold Gilbert Orme, MA Victorian Studies, 1983.** Died on 21 April 2007, aged 87. After a career in social work with Leicestershire County Council, he completed his MA dissertation at the Victorian Studies Centre on Leicestershire's Lunatics. The Institutional Care of Leicestershire's Lunatics during the Nineteenth Century (the care being in the Fielding Johnson Building). He subsequently remarried Adeline Gorbahn, a German teacher of English and settled at Erlangen. As a young man he had been actively involved in amateur dramatics, writing and producing innumerable plays and in his final retirement he and his wife enjoyed walking holidays all over the world.

**Mr Julian Pringle, BSc Engineering, 1983.** Died on 24 February 2006.

**Miss Linda Readman, BSc Engineering, 1985.** Died aged 43.

**Mr Peter Sinclair, BA French and German, 1947.** Died on 10 January 2007, aged 79.

**Professor Roger Taylor, BSc Chemistry, 1956, PhD Chemistry, 1959.** Died on 1 February 2006, aged 71. After postdoctoral fellowships at Leicester, Washington State and Oxford Universities, he was appointed Lecturer at Sussex University in 1963 until his retirement. During his career he was an author of some 350 papers and half a dozen books, winner of awards including the RSC Josef Loschmidt prize.

**Mr Charles Ward, BA Modern Language Studies, 1997.** Died 23 July 2006, aged 80.

**Mr Derek Whiteoak, PGCE Education 1991.**

**Mr Simon Wickham Lewes, MA Applied Linguistics and TESOL, 2005.** Died on 29 March 2006.

**Mr Paul Winstone, BA Social Sciences, 1973.** Died aged 54. After graduation, he worked for Leicester City Council's policy and performance team, where he gained a comprehensive knowledge of local communities and played a vital role in improving race relations in the city. He had worked with the University on several occasions, most recently on a community conference with the Faculty of Law.

### Members of Staff

**Mrs Caroline Backhouse.** She joined the University in September 1986, as an Assistant Manager at Beaumont Hall, and later at Gilbert Murray Hall. She worked at the Residences until June 2000.

**Emeritus Professor Olive Banks.** Died on 14 September, aged 83. She was the first female professor to be appointed at the University in 1971, as a Reader in Sociology and was awarded a Personal Chair in 1973. One of her many extra duties was to serve on the Gardens Committee in 1971, when news spread of the work that she and her husband Joe did in their garden at Husbands Bosworth. She became Director of Postgraduate Studies in the

department and took early retirement in 1982.

**Mr John Berry.** Died on 28 February 2007. He worked as a porter at Stamford Hall until his retirement in January 1994.

**Mr Ralph Biddles.** Died on 12 June 2006. He joined the Department of Physics in July 1966 as a Workshop Technician and was promoted to Senior Technician in April 1972. He took early retirement in September 1987.

**Mr Peter Boggon.** Died aged 68. He tutored in the Department of Engineering and at the Open University. In his spare time, he designed sets or programmes for the Welwyn Walkers at the Welwyn Garden City Art Club. He was the cartoonist for the Welwyn & Hatfield Times, formerly known as the Welwyn Times, in the 1970s. He died following a two month battle with cancer.

**Professor Ray Bolam.** Died aged 68. He was a visiting professor at the Centre for Educational Leadership and Management at the University of Leicester and the University of Bath. He made a big contribution to a study on sustaining learning communities in schools.

**Emeritus Professor Philip A W Collins.** Died on 6 May 2007, aged 83. He was elected to the Chair of English at Leicester in 1964 and served as Head of the Department of English between 1971-76 and 1981-82. Although he took early retirement in 1982 he continued to teach part-time until 1985.

**Mr David Hamilton Munro.** Died on 21 February 2007. He was formerly a Security Supervisor who retired in September 1984.

**Jean Hudson.** Died on 20 December 2006. She was a former secretary to Professor Nilesh Samani, British Heart Foundation Professor of Cardiology at Glenfield Hospital.

**Mrs Rosemary Luke (née Poole).** She joined the University in 1992 and served in a number of positions, including Senior Clerk in the Department of Pathology, Principal Clerk in Adult Education and Chief Clerk in the Division of Chemical Pathology (renamed the Department of Clinical Biochemistry in 2002). After the Medical School was restructured in 2003, she was assigned to the Department of Cancer Studies and Molecular Medicine. She left the University in January 2006.

**Rev Professor John McManners.** He was a Professor of History between 1967-1972, before his appointment to the Regius Chair of Ecclesiastical History in Oxford.

**Mr Donal Nicolson, DFM.** He joined the University in 1978 as a Staff Supervisor in the Clinical Sciences Building at the Leicester Royal Infirmary and retired in 1989.

**Mr George Ottley.** He joined the University as an Assistant Librarian in September 1967 and retired in 1977. He was re-appointed to the same post on a part-time basis between 1977 until his retirement in 1981.

**Emeritus Professor Norman Pye.** Died on 16 March 2007, aged 93. He was a Professor and Head of the Department of Geography between 1954-1979. He was an influential figure in overseeing the transformation of the former University College into the University of Leicester in 1957 and in guiding its development during a period of rapid expansion. He was Dean of the Faculty of Science from 1957-1960, Pro-Vice-Chancellor from 1963-1966, and served on innumerable University committees. He also served on the board of the Corby Development Corporation for 15 years and on the Northamptonshire Education Committee for 20 years. Professor Pye is remembered for creating a modern well-equipped teaching and research Geography department; for the department's move to the Bennett Building. He took great satisfaction in seeing student

numbers increase tenfold and staff fourfold during his term of office.

**Dr Joan Skinner.** Died on 19 March 2006, aged 82. She held a clerical post in the Department of Biochemistry between 1968 until she retired in 1977.

**Don Slater.** He was a Librarian at the University of Leicester Northampton Centre. He obtained certificates in Local History and Modern Social History at Nene College and went on to complete a degree in Humanities and World Humanities, and later an MA in Historical Studies. After retirement, he continued in his capacity as Librarian at the Northampton Centre for many years.

**Dr Robert R Thornton.** He served as the University Treasurer between 1981-1985.

**Mr Steve Winter.** He held several positions at the University between 1980 and 1990 where he ended his career as Head Porter for the School of Education site.

**Dr Anne Witz.** Died on 12 December 2006. She joined the University in January 2002 as a Reader in Sociology. Before joining the University she held positions at the University of Birmingham in the Department of Social Policy and Social Work and as a senior lecturer in Sociology at the University of Strathclyde. Although she was committed to feminism, and to re-envisioning sociology from a feminist perspective, she was also committed to sociological theory.

**Emeritus Professor Derek Wright.** He joined the University in September 1962 as a Lecturer in the Department of Psychology, and became Senior Lecturer in 1970 and a Reader in 1974. In 1975 he was appointed to a Chair of Education in the School of Education. Although he retired in September 1982, he returned to the University as an Associate Teacher for three years between 1982-1985 and served as Director of the Centre for Social and Moral Education in the School of Education for three years.

## Honorary Graduates

**Sir Malcolm Henry Arnold, CBE, Honorary Doctor of Music, 1984.** Died on 23 September 2006. He was an English Composer who began his career as a professional trumpeter, but by age thirty he was composing full-time. Bracketed with Britten and Walton he was one of the UK's most sought-after composers. He gained a reputation as a composer of light music but also wrote a number of concertos. Arnold's most significant works are generally considered to be his nine symphonies.

**David Campton, Honorary Doctor of Letters, 2006.** Died aged 82. Born in Leicester, he gave up a secure job with the Midland Gas Board for a career in writing. His first plays were staged by the Leicester Drama Society and the Vaughan Players. Occasional diversions into acting and directing involved him most notably with Stephen Joseph and the Scarborough Theatre in the Round in its early days. He wrote more than 120 plays including *Jonah* and *Dark Wings*, many of which are performed today.

**Mr Derrick Dunn, Honorary Master of Arts, 1982.** Died on 7 January 2006.

**Clive Perry, Honorary Master of Arts, 1967.** Died on 11 November 2006, aged 70. He was an important figure in British theatre - in Derby, Leicester, Edinburgh, Birmingham and Pitlochry. He devoted a large part of his career to encouraging creativity and radical experiment in actors, writers, technicians, and directors. At age 26 he owned his own theatre and was the Founding Director of Leicester's Phoenix Theatre - achievements which earned him recognition by the University.

**Professor Charles Rees, CBE, FRS.** Died on 21 September, aged 78. He was one of the most eminent organic chemists of his generation, specialising in the area of heterocyclic chemistry. He was appointed Professor of Organic Chemistry between 1965-1969 and in 1994 was awarded an Honorary DSc by the University.

*Information about the death of a graduate should be forwarded to the Alumni 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 Alumni Relations Office.*

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All graduates are automatically members of the University of Leicester Alumni Association and of the University. For recent graduates, here's a summary of the main benefits you can get from your membership.



**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.



**Associate Membership to Sports Association** – full use of the University's Sports Facilities at Manor Road and on the main campus is available to all graduates at a special annual subscription of £110.

**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.



**University Email for Life** – a free "email for life" is available to all students on graduation. This will enable them to keep in contact with the University and with fellow classmates. Full details of this new service appear on the website.

**Website** – contains the latest news about upcoming events and reunions of the Alumni Association at [www.le.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.le.ac.uk/alumni)

**Lifetime membership of the Students' Union** – graduates are able to purchase a Graduate Card of £10 from the Union. Benefits include access to the Percy Gee Building and events, special discounts, such as a graduate rate for a University sports card, news and information.

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