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Welcome to the 2012 issue of Your University magazine.

2012 HAS BEEN A REMARKABLE YEAR FOR THE UNIVERSITY of Sheffield. Despite one of the most challenging contexts for higher education in over a generation, I have again been inspired by the energy and innovation of our students, the impact of our research, and the commitment of our staff.

The inspiration is shared. I hear from local companies and from the world’s biggest businesses that they are seeing in Sheffield an approach to collaboration which is vital to rebuilding a struggling economy. We are bringing together academics from different disciplines to look at new ways of delivering medical care, or to come up with new solutions for alternative energy. And of course, through all of this we continue to be a hub for young people of talent to come together – regardless of background or nationality – to consider the most pressing social and cultural questions of our age, and to think deeply about the world and our place within it.

All this is just as it should be. A university education is a great privilege, and a university at its best is a wonderful asset to society.

Yet old assumptions are being challenged. Governments and families seeking to quantify something they may not have experienced are increasingly defining our contribution solely in terms of economic activity, growth, impact and a passport to well-paid employment. And as technology changes, the world’s knowledge has never been more easily at our fingertips. So, people are asking ‘what are universities for’?

My own journey began with an enchantment with science; and being an undergraduate was a life-changing experience. I saw how science had more influence on technology and people’s lives than I had thought possible. I went on to teach and seeing my students enter the realm of science, and grow to understand and love it as I did, was the most fulfilling part of my career. To be a successful guide and coach in learning is simply magical.

As a Vice-Chancellor, my role has shifted. Today, I work with staff and students to help others to pursue their own ambitions and, in their turn, feel the profound changes that education can bring. It has been said that human beings are problem solvers. What makes a university so precious is that it specialises in defining and understanding those problems and in reaching for solutions.

I believe that the University of Sheffield is an extraordinary place with a value worth defending. I am deeply proud that we were chosen to be the UK University of the Year (see page 4), and I share this honour with our staff, students and alumni. But our greatest tribute is lived out in the lives and work of our staff and students and the impact of you, our graduates. The question of ‘what are universities for’ is answered not only through our research but through the lives and energy of those who have studied with us and take the benefits of that experience into the wider world.

Professor Keith Burnett CBE, FRS
Vice-Chancellor

The Alumni Relations team: (clockwise from top left) Sarah Hestop, Alison Gardner (née Muir), Nancy Edwards and Helen Meadows (née Booth).
The University was named UK University of the Year in the 2011 Times Higher Education Awards. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Keith Burnett, said, “The judges who visited us saw for themselves, I believe, something of the spirit of Sheffield. They did not watch formal presentations in imposing settings – instead we wanted them to see the real passion of our own staff and students to make a difference to the world around us. They said that the University ‘stood out as a result of a strategy based on its values and rooted in its founding principles’ and praised our ‘determination and grit’ in focusing on our local community.”

The 2011 National Student Survey ranked Sheffield in the top ten of UK universities for student satisfaction. Overall, 90 per cent of our students surveyed were satisfied with their course, compared to a sector average of 88 per cent. Out of the University’s 55 subjects, 30 received an overall satisfaction score of 90 per cent or above. Business Studies, Microbiology and Molecular Biology, Biophysics and Biochemistry all received top overall satisfaction scores of 100 per cent.

And Sheffield is the top university in Yorkshire as rated by the Sunday Times University Guide 2012, which described our University as “Yorkshire’s great success story this year.”

Management School joins global elite

The Management School has achieved awards from the three largest and most influential business school accreditation associations. The School joins the top one per cent of centres across the world – 57 globally and just 14 in the UK – to be recognised by the Association of MBAs, the European Quality Improvement System and the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

Professor Keith Glaister, Dean of the Management School, said, “We are privileged to join this prestigious international group. We strive to be a world-class centre delivering cutting-edge research and offering excellent learning and teaching. The accreditations recognise the progress we have made in recent years. We are now better placed to serve, and anticipate, the needs of the business community regionally, nationally and internationally.”

Visit www.sheffield.ac.uk/management for the latest news from the School.

Festival of the Mind

20–30 September 2012

An exciting, week-long collaboration between the city and the University, the Festival of the Mind will showcase Sheffield’s cultural strengths. It will bring together research and academic staff with colleagues from the creative industries, working in partnership to deliver a number of free events for all the family. These will include 50 Ideas for a Better Sheffield, Animal Magic, Philosophy in the City, Researchers Night, Sonnet Stroll, Fish for Science and Helioscillator.

To find out more, please visit the Festival’s website at www.sheffield.ac.uk/FOTM or join our Twitter feed #FOTM.
Professor Mike Hounslow, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for the Faculty of Engineering, said, “This investment in our facilities will help strengthen Sheffield’s long tradition in engineering education. At the same time, we will be creating jobs in the University to support our students and lead their research, and adding value to local businesses, creating high-value, long-term employment in the Sheffield city region.”

The AMRC features on a new website produced by Research & Innovation Services that includes a series of films introducing the University’s collaborations with industry and research excellence: www.researchatsheffield.co.uk. The themes covered are Water, manufacturing, Energy, healthcare and Environment.

AS GLOBAL ECONOMIES STRUGGLE to create growth and jobs, governments around the world are taking a keen interest in efforts to improve business productivity, especially in manufacturing.

For the past ten years, the University’s Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre with Boeing has gone from strength to strength. Founded by Professor Keith Ridgway CBE and local industrialist Adrian Allen, it has won prestigious awards from government and industry for the way it brings together the latest University research, major companies, smaller supply chain businesses and education to create an atmosphere of genuine collaboration.

As part of the Advanced Manufacturing Institute, the AMRC family now includes the Nuclear AMRC, a new Knowledge Transfer Centre and a Training Centre, which – from 2013 – will provide 250 apprentices each year with work, skills and access on to part-time degrees, and even in time a PhD.

On its 10th anniversary, staff and apprentices from the AMRC were joined by colleagues from Rolls-Royce and Boeing at the Houses of Parliament where they presented an exhibition and seminar to senior officials and MPs, including the Deputy Prime Minister. Sheffield MP Paul Blomfield also led the way for Members of the Business, Innovation and Skills Select Committee to table an Early Day Motion applauding the AMRC’s success in promoting the development and expansion of high-value manufacturing in the UK.

The AMRC is a recipient of a Queen’s Anniversary Prize and was named Boeing Supply Chain Company of the Year, the first time such an award was made to a UK company.

A GENEROUS DONATION OF US $1 million by alumnus The Hon Sir Sze-yuen Chung (PhD 1951, Hon LLD 1985) has helped to ensure Sheffield’s future as a leading university for engineering research. The donation will be invested in the new Engineering Graduate School, in addition to the £20 million already committed by the University. This building will be sited on the corner of Broad Lane and Newcastle Street, with completion due in mid 2013. Following consultations with postgraduate engineering students, the facility will feature state-of-the-art teaching spaces and new research equipment.

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THE DEPARTMENT OF BIBLICAL STUDIES IS MARKING THE anniversary of its inception in 1947 with a series of events for all. The new Head of Department, Professor David Chalcraft (BA Biblical Studies 1985), who was previously Professor of Classical Sociology at the University of Derby, joins current and former members of staff to celebrate both the history and the future of Biblical Studies at Sheffield. A highlight will be an Alumni Dinner, to be held on 8 September 2012, when the department opens its doors to former students.

“Our alumni are incredibly supportive of the department,” said Dr Katie Edwards (BA Biblical Studies 2001, PhD Biblical Studies 2008), Lecturer in the Bible in Contemporary Culture and Society. “We are committed to keeping in touch. One exciting project for this anniversary year is the compilation of a book of memories, looking back over the last seven decades. I would love to hear from our alumni – what they think is special about their experiences of the department.”

This anniversary year has also seen the launch of a new single honours degree in Religion, Theology and the Bible. “We are extending what the department has always done – studying the ancient contexts of the biblical text together with their interaction with contemporary culture, society and religious movements,” explained David. “The department is committed to the idea that the Bible is a cultural resource for all and of interest to a range of students at Sheffield as well as to the general public in the region and beyond. Our public events are part of our extensive outreach programme.”

A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ESTABLISHED WITH SANTANDER UNIVERSITIES

Network in 2010 is helping the University to strengthen cultural links with Spain, Portugal and Latin America. It includes awards for staff and students to study or carry out research in universities within the network. Dr Darrel Swift is one of the recipients of a Mobility Award and the funding is supporting collaboration on environmental change in the Antarctic between the Department of Geography and Dr Gonçalo Vieira of the Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal.

Darrel explained, “The Department of Geography at Sheffield has strong research expertise in cold regions’ environmental change, particularly glacial processes, with a notable focus on the Arctic. Our collaboration with Dr Vieira, who has worked extensively on permafrost change in the Antarctic Peninsula region, will provide exciting opportunities to study and understand the implications of climate change in a highly sensitive new environment. To be able to study such processes in the unique habitat of the Antarctic Peninsula will give me a different perspective on my research and has been a long-held personal ambition.”
Boost for cancer research

THE LAUNCH OF THE SHEFFIELD CANCER RESEARCH CENTRE (SCRC) took place on 25 October 2011. It is the latest link in a chain of Cancer Research UK centres established across the country. The partners in this exciting initiative are Cancer Research UK, the University of Sheffield, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Yorkshire Cancer Research (YCR). The Centre has its clinical base at Weston Park Cancer Hospital – one of only three dedicated cancer hospitals in the country – and links in with laboratory facilities across the University. The Head of SCRC, Professor Rob Coleman, YCR Professor of Medical Oncology, said, “The new Centre will help build on Sheffield’s world-class research and bring together a variety of researchers and clinicians to improve the lives of cancer patients across South Yorkshire and beyond. By building closer links between scientists and doctors we want to increase the pace of research, leading to improved treatments for patients.” Sheffield is already setting the pace for national and international progress in many different types of cancer, with particular interest in breast and lung cancers and a strong focus on the spread of cancers to the bones.

Elections set a new UK record

THIS YEAR’S ELECTIONS FOR SABBATICAL POSTS, COMPLETED on 2 March, recorded the largest ever turn-out at a students’ union in the UK. More than 8,500 votes were cast. Thom Arnold, Students’ Union president for 2011–12, said, “This is the first time that any students’ union has exceeded 8,000 votes. It’s fantastic as it’s vitally important that we have students who are interested in having their say and making sure they are represented. We’ve had a lot of international students standing for election this year too. It’s a good step to get students from different countries and regions engaged in this process.”

A total of 39 candidates competed for the eight Students’ Union roles – the highest since 2006. Nine students stood for president and the eventual winner was Abdi Suleiman. He has lived on the University’s doorstep in Broomhall since the age of three when he arrived in Sheffield as a refugee from Somalia. He was encouraged to come to the University through a widening participation programme, and is currently in his third year studying Philosophy.

Centenary of Sheffield’s UOTC

VICE ADMIRAL CHARLES Montgomery CBE, ADC (BEng Electronic and Electrical Engineering 1976, Hon DEng 2012), Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief of Naval Home Command, was one of the speakers at the Centenary Dinner of the University Officer Training Corps (UOTC), held on 11 November 2011 in the Cutlers’ Hall. The event also marked the amalgamation of the Sheffield and Leeds UOTCs into the Yorkshire Universities Officers’ Training Corps.
A huge crowd of 890 Sheffield residents — university students and staff (including a team from the Development and Alumni Relations Office), alumni, families and local businesses — joined forces and flipped pancakes non-stop for 30 seconds to achieve a new Guinness World Record on 15 February 2012. They smashed the existing record of 405 people, set in the Netherlands in 2008.

Alumnus and BBC Football Focus presenter Dan Walker (BA History 1998, MA Journalism Studies 1999) kicked off proceedings alongside Vice-Chancellor Professor Keith Burnett. RAG collected donations for three local charities throughout the event — Asperger’s Children and Carers Together, Project Buzz and Paces Sheffield — and the pans used in the Big Flip were donated to local voluntary organisation St Vincent’s.

Sport Sheffield

A new strategy for sport within the University has been launched under the brand of Sport Sheffield. The strategy takes the idea of participating in sport beyond just doing the activity. Sporting opportunities have been developed through the three themes of Involvement, Development and Excellence. There are five strategic areas of delivery — Access Sport, Recreation Sport, Fitness & Wellbeing, Intra Mural and Performance Sport — with the main aim of providing an excellent sporting student experience.

This academic year Sport Sheffield has completed a total refurbishment of the S10 Health gym and resurfaced the football pitches. In addition, a new training area was made possible by the generosity of the late John Hawley (BEng Engineering 1973), former Deputy Director of the University’s Corporate Information and Computing Services.

Sport Sheffield facilities are open to all students, staff, alumni and members of the public. To find out more, please visit www.sport-sheffield.com or email info@sport-sheffield.com

Join the social media revolution

The Transatlantic University Divide — The First Study in the UK into social media effectiveness by universities — examined and compared the 50 leading US and UK institutions using five attributes: popularity, receptiveness, interaction, network reach and trust. Sheffield is just one of two UK universities to appear in the top ten and scored highest for ‘receptiveness’, which measured the extent to which each brand, or institution, is seen to be listening to comments or conversations by users and includes linking, following and referencing.

Dr Chris Sexton, Director of Corporate Information and Computing Services, said, “The University prides itself on really embracing social media as a way of communicating with staff, students, alumni, prospective students and members of the public both in the UK and across the world. We’re adding social media interaction to our web pages and to our existing help and support channels, and have built a suite of creative media rooms in which students can create, edit and upload their own interactive content. We hope this will help us build upon the success of this study and allow us to lead the way for other higher education institutions.”

Twitter: connect with us @sheffieldalumni

Visit www.sheffield.ac.uk/acs/worldrecord to see a video of the Big Flip action.
“Our Tommy” and the 1903 football match

The chance find of a medal at a local auction led Dr Tom Crawshaw (PhD Chemistry 1983) to uncover the story of a long-forgotten football match between Sheffield Wednesday and Sheffield United. The medal bears the date ‘1903’, the words ‘Sheffield University Fund’, the city’s coat of arms and the name ‘T.H. Crawshaw’. Tommy Crawshaw (1872-1960), Dr Crawshaw’s great-grandfather, was a footballing legend, being the only Sheffield Wednesday player to win two FA Cup winners’ medals with the club. He also won ten caps for England.

Dr Tom Crawshaw with his great-grandfather’s medal.

INVESTIGATING NEWSPAPER archives Tom discovered that the charity match took place on 5 October 1903 at Bramall Lane, and resulted in a 3:1 win for Sheffield Wednesday. A report in the Sheffield Daily Telegraph noted that there were 10,158 spectators and the gate receipts were £259 19s 6d – “thus a handsome sum should be handed over.” This was the time when the citizens of Sheffield were working together to secure a university for the city and the Sheffield University Fund was the focus of this drive. It was also the zenith of professional football in Sheffield: United won the FA Cup in 1902, and Wednesday the Football League Championship in 1902–03 and 1903–04.

Sheffield-born Tommy Crawshaw was a centre half whose football career lasted from 1894 to 1909, during which time he played a total of 465 games, scoring 24 goals. He was one of the key figures in the early history of Sheffield Wednesday.

Tommy Crawshaw was a thorough worker always…he plays a good game from first to last and is unselfish to a degree. A good tackler he uses his head cleverly as well.”

“I was thrilled to win the medal at auction,” said Tom. “Very sadly, I missed out on acquiring his leather wallet, which is embossed with his name and ‘Captain of Sheffield Wednesday football club’. Maybe one day? I am very proud to be named after my great-grandfather – and indeed there were four generations of ‘Tom Crawshaws’ alive. It is fascinating to discover that the 1903 match took place to raise funds for the University. Being awarded my PhD by Lord Dainton in Firth Hall was, for me, the equivalent to winning the FA Cup, the league championship and playing for England. I know that my great-grandfather would have been very proud of me.”

Tom, who left school at 16 with few qualifications, trained as a lab technician and went to Huddersfield Polytechnic in 1977 to study chemistry. “I graduated in the top six in my year and that spurred me on to take a PhD,” he explained. “I asked Dr Fraser Stoddart, whom I had worked for at Sheffield, for advice about the best place to do a PhD and he invited me to join his research team. Fraser has moved on considerably in his career, being knighted in 2007 for services to chemistry and molecular nanotechnology. He is now Professor of Chemistry at Northwestern University in the US. As for me, I progressed in rather more humble ways, but I have had a very rewarding career and I am now the Company Health and Safety Adviser at Novartis Grimsby Ltd.”

Do you have any family anecdotes about the creation of the University in the early 1900s? Please email your stories to alumni@sheffield.ac.uk

Above: Tommy Crawshaw in his Sheffield Wednesday kit. Left: The medal (obverse and reverse).
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Services

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SHEFFIELD REUNITED
Our online alumni directory:
www.sheffield.ac.uk/alumni/keepintouch/sheffieldreunited

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FIND A FRIEND
If you’d like to get in touch with an old University friend, we may be able to help.

SHEFFIELD ALUMNI BULLETIN
A quarterly e-newsletter with the latest news and events.

CAREERS SERVICE
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Visit www.sheffield.ac.uk/careers

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD ENTERPRISE (USE)
Alumni may access USE and their free business services up to five years after graduating. Visit www.sheffield.ac.uk/alumni/services/enterprise

FIRTH COURT WEDDINGS
A stunning venue for your special day. Phone 0114 222 8999 for details and see page 39.

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The University is committed to rewarding the loyalty of our international alumni who have graduated with undergraduate degrees and intend to pursue further studies at this University. Rewards worth £1,000 per year of study are available for up to three years of study. An additional £500 is available for University of Sheffield graduates who have received a first-class honours undergraduate degree. For further details and the application form, visit www.sheffield.ac.uk/international/enquiry/money/alumni

Benefits

Take advantage of a range of Sheffield Alumni offers that we have negotiated for you. These include library access, University sports facility offers, Students’ Union lifetime membership and a range of hotel and cottage discounts.

For some of the benefits you may need to show your Alumni Membership Card. If you have not received your membership card, please contact the Alumni Relations team and we will be happy to send you one. For further details and to keep up to date with the latest range of services and benefits available, please visit www.sheffield.ac.uk/alumni/services

Remember – we can only keep you informed of what’s on offer if you stay in touch! So please tell us your current address and email by completing the enclosed questionnaire, update online at www.sheffield.ac.uk/alumni/keepintouch, email alumni@sheffield.ac.uk or call 0114 222 5590.

YOUR UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE includes a guide on how to plan a reunion. We can also add your event online so we can promote it for you. We’d then like to hear how it went so we can include a report. The Reunion and Events pages have a full calendar of events, so it is the place to go to ensure you are kept up to date with all the reunions and events of interest to you.

There are also links to the University’s Conference Office, who can help with booking accommodation or function rooms. Visit www.withus.com, email conferences@sheffield.ac.uk or call 0114 222 8822.

Many of our events are advertised by email, so please ensure we have your up-to-date email address if you wish to be invited to events. If you do not have access to the internet or email and would like to be informed of our alumni events, please call 0114 222 5592 and we will add you to our events mailing list.
The following events are currently planned for the forthcoming year:

**ANNUAL ALUMNI REUNION INCORPORATING THE CONVOCATION AGM**
Saturday 8 September 2012, on campus
All alumni are welcome to return to the University, especially those from the anniversary years of 1972, 1982 and 1987. Tours and activities during the day will be followed by a black-tie dinner in Firth Hall, with a special guest speaker. As part of the morning activities the Convocation AGM will take place with an address from the Vice-Chancellor. This is open to all alumni to attend (although only members of Convocation are allowed to vote). This will be followed by lunch for everyone attending the reunion and AGM on campus. Email alumni@sheffield.ac.uk or call 0114 222 1079 for further details.

**HEIRETAGE CIRCLE LUNCH**
Friday 19 October 2012, Firth Hall
A special lunch for those alumni who are interested in leaving or have left a gift in their Will. Email David Meadows at d.meadows@sheffield.ac.uk or call 0114 222 1073.

**ALUMNI FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT AND POP TARTS REUNITED**
16 March 2013, Goodwin Sports Centre and the Students' Union
Take part in a 6-a-side football tournament, followed by Pop Tarts Reunited. Email alumni@sheffield.ac.uk

**SHEFFIELD VARSITY 10K RUN**
March 2013 (date TBC), Don Valley Stadium, Sheffield
Alumni, staff and students from the University of Sheffield and Sheffield Hallam University will go head to head over 10k – and raise money for a local Sheffield charity! Email alumni@sheffield.ac.uk

**60TH AND 50TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION LUNCHEON**
Saturday 22 June 2013, on campus
If you graduated in 1953 or 1963 why not return to Sheffield for a special reunion lunch to celebrate 50 and 60 years since your graduation? Email alumni@sheffield.ac.uk or call 0114 222 5592.

**HOUSE OF LORDS ALUMNI RECEPTION**
October 2012
An alumni reception at the House of Lords, hosted by Lord Hattersley (Hon LittD 1998). Guests will have the opportunity to tour the Houses of Parliament before the reception. Email alumni@sheffield.ac.uk or call 0114 222 5592 for further details.

**LAW ALUMNI DINNER**
Friday 19 October 2012, Firth Hall
Dinner for former students of the School of Law. Email Lisa Burns at l.k.burns@sheffield.ac.uk for further details or visit www.sheffield.ac.uk/law/alumni/dinner

**CONVOCATION ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH**
Saturday 1 December 2012, Tapton Masonic Hall, Sheffield
Email Barry Sampson at sampsonbarry34@yahoo.co.uk for more details.

**ALUMNI RECEPTION AT UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD ENTERPRISE**
Thursday 20 September 2012, Enterprise Zone
Alumni have the chance to hear about student and staff projects in the Enterprise Zone and meet current students. To register your interest or for more information email alumni@sheffield.ac.uk

**DINNER FOR FORMER STAFF AND FRIENDS**
4 July 2013, Firth Hall
Drinks reception in the Quadrangle (weather permitting) followed by dinner in Firth Hall. If you’re a former member of staff and would like to receive an invitation, please email alumni@sheffield.ac.uk

**ANNUAL ALUMNI REUNION INCORPORATING THE CONVOCATION AGM**
Saturday 14 September 2013, on campus
If you’re from the class of 1973, 1983 or 1988 you’ll be celebrating 40, 30 and 25 years since completing your studies. We invite you and all alumni to join us in Sheffield, catch up with old friends and see the changes on campus. Celebrate in style with a drinks reception and dinner in Firth Hall. The Convocation AGM will also take place during the day which will be followed by lunch for all. Email alumni@sheffield.ac.uk or call 0114 222 1079 for more details.

For further details of alumni events and to see the latest calendar please visit: www.sheffield.ac.uk/alumni/events
For Convocation events please visit: www.sheffield.ac.uk/convocation/social
Careers Service keeps in touch with new graduates, and their database now includes over 600 career profiles completed by alumni. They realise that they benefited from their University experience and many are contributing something back, either their time, expertise or financially. This is not for personal gain – it is an altruistic act.

On our part, we provide good communications – magazines, e-bulletins, social media – with news about the University and encouraging alumni to network with their peers. We also organise a programme of alumni events, in Sheffield and further afield and tailored for different age groups. These events are very popular. A recent Pop Tarts Reunited night in the Students’ Union, for alumni under 30, attracted 500 attendees – and 50p of each ticket sold was donated to the Alumni Fund. The Alumni Football Tournament 2012, at Goodwin Sports Centre, was sold out with 300 players taking part.

Involvement and engagement with alumni is becoming increasingly important for academic departments, and can be influential in gaining accreditation from national and international bodies. Prospective students and their parents are interested in alumni and their careers – as their success can be seen as a marker of a department’s success. And alumni are...

Established ten years ago, the Development & Alumni Relations Office is the focus of the University’s relationship with its alumni. Miles Stevenson, Director of Development, considers the two-way benefits of being a member of this community.

The feeling of belonging

THE ‘SHEFFIELD EXPERIENCE’

engenders loyalty – and this has always been the case. There has always been that interest among alumni to keep in touch and maintain a genial watch over their Alma Mater. They have a real pride in our developments and successes. They want to know what our current students are doing and about breakthroughs in research. There is the sense of feeling part of a community, the feeling of belonging. This repository of goodwill, with engaged alumni who are properly informed, is hugely important.

On my second day in post, in June 2002, I met the University’s senior managers and all the heads of departments and the message from that meeting was that alumni relations was a key strategic priority. That year, within six weeks of sending out our first communication, we received 15,000 completed questionnaires. This was an immediate, physical representation of the depth of interest in the University.

Our alumni are becoming more proactive – getting involved in placements, career talks, departmental advisory boards. The
Universities Do Endure, and It Is Becoming more popular for people to focus their desire to commemorate a family member or friend by supporting their university. One example at Sheffield is the creation of the Dr Ian Noble Memorial Fund.

Ian graduated in Medicine from the University in 2009 and died tragically in a road accident in October 2010, at the age of 26. In celebration of his life, his family, partner and friends wanted to help future students. Ian had undertaken a BMedSci intercalated degree as well as his MB ChB and he recognised the great impact that doing medical research had on his own education and subsequent career. The Dr Ian Noble Memorial Fund provides scholarships for medical students who are unable to find the funding to undertake an intercalated or additional degree at the University.

Miles Stevenson, Director of Development, said, “We are all very touched by the creation of this fund, and its supporters have already raised over £115,000. The Medical School is able to provide two Dr Ian Noble Memorial Fund Scholarships a year – and will do so into the future to commemorate Ian’s life and time at the University. His name now joins that of Edgar Allen, who was one of the University’s early benefactors over 100 years ago. We continue to present Edgar Allen Scholarships to this day. I find it very pleasing that the love of this seat of learning can continue through the decades in this way.”

Often credited with helping someone make the decision to come to Sheffield – that first-hand experience can be reassuring. In a recent survey, over 30 per cent of students chose Sheffield because of a personal recommendation by a graduate. We are also finding that parents are becoming more interested in joining the University community, and many are demonstrating their affection by contributing to our Friends and Family Fund, which supports the University Library.

When we were awarded the Times Higher University of the Year accolade in November 2011, the judges praised our “determination and grit” in focusing on our local community. Our commitment to the people of Sheffield is as strong today as it was in 1905 when the University was founded. However, I take “local community” to not just include the city of Sheffield but our alumni as well. With 130,000 alumni throughout the world, in addition to our many friends and supporters, the University’s ‘brand’ is far reaching.

Alumni get back in touch with their University at different points in their lives – some at a young age, others when they are established in their careers and reflect back on their achievements. We are here to help them make that connection and encourage them to become active members of the University of Sheffield community.
The University of Sheffield has been an enthusiastic participant in Erasmus – the European Union’s flagship exchange programme for higher education students, teachers and institutions – since its inception in 1987. Erasmus encourages student and staff mobility for work and study, and promotes trans-national projects among universities across Europe.

### Fact file (University of Sheffield)

- **NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING EXCHANGE INSTITUTIONS**: 212
- **NUMBER OF STUDENTS TAKING PART (2011–12)**
  - Incoming: 472
  - Outgoing: 422
- **TOP 5 NATIONALITIES, INCOMING**
  - 1. France
  - 2. Germany
  - 3. Spain
  - 4. Czech Republic
  - 5. Finland
- **TOP 5 DESTINATIONS, OUTGOING**
  - 1. France
  - 2. Spain
  - 3. Germany
  - 4. The Netherlands
  - 5. Denmark
- **STAFF MOBILITY**
  - Around 30 members of staff participate in staff teaching or staff training abroad each year

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**Participating countries in Erasmus**

- 27 EU member states
- Croatia
- Iceland
- Liechtenstein
- Norway
- Switzerland
- Turkey
THE UNIVERSITY IS ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL UK institutions in the Erasmus scheme. Any full-time undergraduate or postgraduate student in a department with Erasmus links is eligible to apply for an exchange – and there are 40 participating departments at Sheffield with 320 bilateral agreements. Erasmus students can spend between three and 12 months studying at a partner university, carrying out a work placement or working as a language teaching assistant. Their work is fully recognised as part of their degree. Eligible students will normally get an Erasmus grant to help with the additional costs of living overseas – tuition fees are payable to their ‘home’ institution.

The Student Exchange Ambassador Programme has been created at Sheffield to establish a cohort of student ambassadors who can offer first-hand experience and advice to potential outgoing students; and the Students’ Union hosts a local branch of the Erasmus Student Network, one of the largest interdisciplinary student associations in Europe.

The next generation of the European Union’s higher education programmes will come on stream in 2014, under the banner of Erasmus for All, with the aim of increasing participation in studying or training abroad to 20 per cent of the European student body by 2020. Thousands of the University’s home and exchange students have experienced the benefits of studying and working abroad during the first 25 years of Erasmus; further developments can only enhance the ‘Sheffield experience’ of future participants.

My experience…

My time spent abroad on the Erasmus programme proved to be an integral stage in my personal and professional development. It not only increased my confidence and independence but my work placement was key in securing employment post-graduation.

Charlotte Odell (BA French and Hispanic Studies 2011), International Exchanges Assistant, University of Sheffield

I benefited from contact with great scholars at a highly acclaimed academic level, which gave me the confidence and strength to come back to my country and start building a similar standard of excellence.

Roxana Pascariu, Erasmus student in English Literature, from Iasi, Romania

I had a great time at Sheffield! It was almost as if I had become a new person: I was more curious and more motivated during my time in Sheffield than I had ever been before during my studies.

Tim Albrecht, Erasmus student in Modern Languages, from Hamburg, Germany

Erasmus has certainly changed me for the better in almost every way. Spending time abroad completely transforms you as a person and sets you apart from other graduates, at a time when that is most crucial.

Jason Hilton, BA French and German student, studied at the University of Rennes, France, and Albert-Ludwigs Universität Freiburg, Germany

What often strikes me is the difference you see in students once they have taken part in a period abroad. They are brimming with confidence and enthusiasm. For staff, Erasmus is a great way to experience a different teaching, research or working environment.

Lyn Duffield, Erasmus Administrator, University of Sheffield

Sheffield is a super dynamic and interactive university, with many events and lots of music! It taught me how to interact with people from different countries, which opened my mind and aroused my interest in seeing new places in the world.

Teresa Castillo, Erasmus student in Philosophy, from Valencia, Spain

Ultimately the best thing about the Erasmus programme is the community it creates; nationalities no longer seem important and it does give a sense of being European. I am now actively looking to live in Europe after graduation, mainly due to the amazing time I had on my Erasmus exchange.

Claire Ward, BA Modern Languages student, University of Bordeaux, France (Semester 1), and teaching assistant in Jennersdorf, Austria (Semester 2)

Erasmus is a great way to undertake a short visit and experience a different teaching and research environment. My students had been very impressed with the way in which courses are taught in Uppsala and I wanted to find out a bit more for myself!

Dr Paul James Cardwell (Law) has participated in a number of teaching visits

The Erasmus scheme offers many valuable opportunities for the experience of all our students. As part of our new internationalisation strategy, we are keen to develop more student-focused activities to enhance the global dimension, especially in areas that will promote graduate employability. International exchanges and internships are one of the many opportunities which lead the way in achieving this.”

Professor Rebecca Hughes, Pro-Vice-Chancellor – International
The Arts Tower lit up the Sheffield skyline at the end of February 2012 with an illuminating display of colour to celebrate the £36 million refurbishment of this landmark.

The top four floors – of the UK’s tallest university structure – were bathed in colour each night for a week. The extensive refurbishment has taken three years to complete and has updated and developed the building to meet current demands, while preserving its historic importance. Work has included the replacement of the façade in accordance with the strict requirements of English Heritage (the building is Grade II* listed), concrete repairs and the removal of the internal partitions. The top 10 floors now house the Department of Landscape and the School of Architecture, and the lower levels provide extensive teaching accommodation.

Standing more than 250ft (78 metres) tall, the Arts Tower was designed following a competition launched in 1959. The building was completed in 1965 before being officially opened in June 1966 by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. The winning design was by Sheffield-based architect Robert Smith of Gollins, Melvin and Ward Architects.

The Paternoster

The Arts Tower still houses the tallest surviving Paternoster lift in the UK, with 38 passenger cars, suspended from two four-ton chains. The name Paternoster comes from the Latin for ‘Our Father’ and refers to the similarity between the cars on the looped chain and the beads of a rosary.
Alumni memories

Many thanks to all our alumni who sent in their memories of the Arts Tower, following an appeal in the Sheffield Alumni bulletin. Here is a small selection.

Oh that Paternoster! Quite honestly, I still have the occasional nightmare about those lifts, though I only needed to be manually hauled out of one stuck between floors once by some very kind porters.

Angela Newton (BA English Literature 1997)

My cohort had particular fun getting to Politics on Floor 10. We had two blind students, both with guide dogs. One was David Blunkett. It was always entertaining getting these two and their dogs in and out of the Paternoster. One would shout "NOW" to get them to jump in or out. The dogs always managed. As for the students...

Julian Landy (BA Politics 1972)

Remaining in the Paternoster and doing a handstand as it went 'over the top'. Standing on the window ledges in the glazed corners, up on the top floors. Watching the water in the sinks on the top floors move when the wind was up. Impromptu table-top silent musical performances, using T-squares as instruments. The Arts Tower was a fabulous place to work.

Les Herbert (BA Architecture 1972)

The milky coffee served in the basement was lovely.

Bernadette Montgomery (née Hamer) (BA English 1980)

The construction of Sheffield’s first skyscraper was something of a curiosity, and we were somewhat proud that our University was building it. The Paternoster was a tremendous novelty; this lift was unlike anything I’d experienced before and sat well with the feeling of innovation and looking to the future of technology and ideas.

Group Captain Keith Edwards (BA Economics 1966)

I remember Philosophy tutorials with Dr Gruner on Floor 6. He spoke from handwritten notes on yellowing paper in a German accent and smoked a pipe throughout. We used to gaze over Sheffield as we discussed the existence of God or how indeed we know anything exists, and stagger out of the misty room with a headache. What more could a first-year student ask for from a university education? Wonderful days!

David Frohlich (BA Psychology 1980)

Pointing a theodolite at it and discovering it was leaning.

Roy Jones (BEng Civil and Structural Engineering 1971)

Even before the Arts Tower was opened, students had travelled up and down it, not on the Paternoster but on the external builders’ lift. I remember this particularly because members of the Film Unit, then a Union Society housed in Graves Hall, took a 16mm Bolex camera up in it, to make an inventive ‘crane’ shot as it ascended. I believe this shot was incorporated in the film Undergraduate, a Film Unit ‘epic’.

Dr Andrew Richard Churchley (BEng Fuel Technology and Chemical Engineering 1970)

I can remember a particular stunt when several friends all dressed up – all the men were the same King and all the women were the same Queen, so that they could each enter the Paternoster lift and whichever floor you were standing on, the identical Royal Couples drifted upwards past you. Each couple had a different line of a complete argument, so if you waited long enough on any floor, you would experience the complete argument, apparently being held by one magically reappearing couple!

Misha Chidgey (née Milewski) (BA French 1975)

I remember it being built! Late one night, walking past the site with the boyfriend of the time, I had a shock when he decided to scale the fence and start climbing up the scaffolding. Fortunately, he didn’t get very far. I suppose we’d both had a few drinks.

Lorraine Harding (formerly Gill) (BA Psychology 1965)

I remember the howling gales and inverted brollies that blew along the plaza in front of the building (winds direct from the Steppes, we were told).

Lynn Dowding (BSc Geology 1969)

Latin class took place in a room on the tenth floor. Rather than join the crowd for the lift, I had other ideas. Call me a fool, but I actually found a jog up to the tenth floor via the stairs quite exhilarating!

Donna Gill (née Robertson) (BA English Language with Medieval Literature 1996)

There was a pub just through the back doors and across the road, which was a regular bolt hole after a 2pm lecture – if you ran you could get there for last orders as pubs closed at 3pm then.

Keith Parsons (BA English Literature 1979, MPhil English Literature 1986)

William hunt, the father of Sheila Low (née Hunt) (BSc Zoology 1976), was General Foreman and then Site Manager for the Arts Tower, employed by Mitchell Construction, Leeds. Sheila has supplied this photograph of the construction.

A signed print of the Arts Tower by Sheffield-based artist Jonathan Wilkinson (www.welivehere.co.uk).

Answer the following question:

How many cars does the Paternoster have?

Email your answer to alumni@sheffield.ac.uk, citing ‘Arts Tower competition’ in the Subject line.

Deadline 26 October 2012

We will inform the lucky winner by email.
Sheffield and London 2012

Students, staff, alumni and the city are contributing in a variety of ways to the Olympics and Paralympics.

The ones to watch

As Your University went to press, we are waiting to hear if the following athletes will take part in the Olympics or Paralympics. Watch out for our next online Sheffield Alumni Bulletin to see if they were successful.

- **400m**
  - Ambwene Simukonda (LLB Law 2005), Malawi

- **BEACH VOLLEYBALL**
  - Zara Dampney (LLB Law 2006), Team GB

- **HEPTATHLON**
  - Jessica Ennis MBE (BA Psychology 2007, Hon LittD 2010), Team GB: “Having a home Olympics is a great thing to have and as an athlete you have to make the most of these opportunities because they’re once in a lifetime.”

- **STEEPLECHASE**
  - Hatti Dean (MSc Mathematics and Statistics 2005), Team GB

- **TABLE TENNIS**
  - David Wetherill (Biological Chemistry student), ParalympicsGB

- **TRAMPOLINE**
  - Bryony Page (Biology student), Team GB

- **VOLLEYBALL**
  - Nichola Osborne (MB ChB Medicine 2011), Team GB

The cover photograph is of Jessica taken at the launch of the University’s Elite Sport Performance Scheme, of which she is patron.
**Our vision is to present to the world the best Games ever, for athletes, for the Olympic family, for spectators.**

_LORD COE (HON LLD 1991), LONDON 2012 ORGANISING COMMITTEE CHAIR_

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**Poetry Parnassus**

Created by the University’s Professor of Poetry, Simon Armitage, Poetry Parnassus is part of the finale of the Cultural Olympiad. The festival, held at London’s Southbank Centre at the end of June, sees poets from all participating Olympic nations take part in a week of readings, talks and performances. Simon said, “My hunch is this will be the biggest poetry event ever – a truly global coming together of poets.”

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**Sports Medicine Centre of Excellence**

The University will help develop an institute forming the country’s first National Sports and Exercise Medicine Centre of Excellence. The government has announced £10 million of Olympic funding to create one of three hubs in Sheffield, made up of three network partners – Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, the University of Sheffield and Sheffield Hallam University. The centre will be a lasting legacy of the Games.

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**Psychological skills training**

Victoria Pendleton has described him as ‘the most important person in my career’, while Sir Chris Hoy declared his advice to be ‘the mind programme that helped me win my Olympic Golds’. Sports psychiatrist Dr Steve Peters, an Undergraduate Dean in the Medical School, is helping Great Britain’s leading cyclists and other elite athletes achieve their goals.

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**Olympic torch bearers**

The Olympic flame passed through Chapeltown, Ecclesfield, Hillsborough, Ecclesall and Attercliffe – and Lord Coe was one of the torch bearers in his home city. Simon Wheatcroft (Psychology student), who is an ultra runner and registered blind, carried the flame in Armthorpe, Doncaster. Peter Moss (Geography student), chosen for his volunteering work with the Community Environmental Trust of Castle Vale, Birmingham, was a torch bearer in Smethwick, West Midlands. And alumnus Krish Raval (LLB Law 1995), who runs Learn to Lead, a leadership development initiative, was also a torch bearer.

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**Opening and closing ceremonies**

Stephen Daldry CBE (BA English Literature 1982, Hon LittD 2001) is Chairman of the Executive Producers of the ceremonies and the Executive Producer (Creative). He said, “Managing expectations is a big part of it, and we are looking to Sydney as a model. We want the athletes to be the stars.”

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**I was there...!**

Mike Bennett (BEng Civil Engineering 1955) was at the London Games in 1948: “My grandfather was associated with the Olympic movement and had been to all the modern Olympics starting in Athens in 1896. He took me to the Games in 1948 to watch the athletics. We were sitting in the front row of the stand when an official spotted him and hurdled over the low barrier to greet him. This was Lord Burghley, who was in charge of the Games. He was the Olympic 400m hurdles gold medallist in 1928 and was portrayed in the film _Chariots of Fire._”

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**Hosting the world**

The impressive sporting facilities in Sheffield have attracted several international teams for pre-Games training camps: rhythmic gymnastics (Russia), diving (USA), judo (Brazil), wheelchair basketball (Canada), synchronised swimming (Canada) and the Serbian Olympic Committee.

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Alumni contributions

Thank you to our alumni who responded to the request in last year’s Your University for news of their involvement in London 2012.

Ewan Ashburn (MEng Mechanical Engineering 2010) is a percussionist (after three rounds of auditions) in the opening and closing ceremonies of the Games. He works for Atkins Engineering Consultancy, Rotherham.

Mike Gibbons (BMus Music 1974) is running the London 2012 Live Sites network, including the big screens in the Olympic Park and in 22 cities across the UK.

Twins Janice Jenner (BA History 1985) and Jennifer Reed (BA History 1985) (née Hearne) run a management company, Factotum Ltd, and have been working with Transport for London regarding transport issues for the Games.

Anna Letts (BA Sociology 2000) is involved with Olympic-inspired education projects; she holds the Inspire Mark accreditation. She is also a volunteer at the Games. She is a study support teacher for Northamptonshire County Council’s Extended Services.

David Naert (MA Modern Languages and Linguistics 1992) is a commentator on the Olympics for VRT Radio in Belgium. This will be his fourth Olympics – he also covered Sydney, Athens and Beijing.

Matt Shurlock (BSc Geography 2005) is managing the team taking care of the South African Olympic Team and sections of the Irish, Japanese and Chinese teams based at St Mary’s University College, Twickenham, for their pre-Games training camps. He is the Sports Development Officer at St Mary’s.

Nick Varley (BA Economic and Social History, Politics 1989) was part of the original London 2012 bid team, working with Lord Coe as a scriptwriter for the final presentation. His communications agency, Seven46, also worked on Rio 2016’s successful Olympic bid and is currently working with the Olympic Park Legacy Company and Tokyo’s bid for the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Ben Vickery (CertArch Architecture 1986) was a member of the team that produced the overlay design for the Games. He is Senior Principal of the architecture firm Populous.
A worldwide television audience of billions will witness the spectacular flowering of the Olympic Park during London 2012. And the five million visitors to the Games can share in the magical experience of walking through 80,000 square metres of colourful meadows, designed by two professors from the Department of Landscape. James Hitchmough and Nigel Dunnett have established themselves as the leading exponents of perennial meadows, following a decade of research and experimentation at the University.
CREATED FROM FORMER INDUSTRIAL LAND, THE 250-ACRE

Olympic Park is the largest new urban park to be developed in the UK for 150 years. James and Nigel were appointed as principal horticultural and planting design consultants in 2008, working in collaboration with Sarah Price, an award-winning garden designer and associate tutor at Sheffield; the master plan was developed by a consortium of LDA Design and Hargreaves Associates. “It was in many ways a great honour to think that our research and practice was sufficiently well regarded to make it an essential item for what will be, without doubt, the most talked about landscape architecture project of 2012 in the world,” said Nigel. “I also felt slightly awestruck to think that what had started out as a small set of experiments and research projects had developed into something of such international importance.”

With the Games’ opening ceremony on 27 July 2012 and the Paralympic Games running through to September, achieving a colourful landscape for a long period requires innovative thinking. James and Nigel have developed a whole-site planting strategy, and produced concepts and detailed proposals for the herbaceous (non-woody) vegetations. The planting approach is revolutionary for a major UK urban park. James commented, “I hope the visitors will be moved by its beauty or at the very least be intrigued and want to know more. It’s central to our work that we produce vegetation that is, particularly through virtue of its rich flowering displays, capable of being seen as attractive to anyone. No learnt knowledge is required. That’s the key to public engagement.”

“Agreed,” said Nigel. “It has to excite and captivate. For us, we want this to be a demonstration of a whole new approach to the design and management of our public landscapes: where ecology and sustainability is at the forefront, combined with a very strong aesthetic. But more than that, we hope that there will be a great deal of media attention which will bring the ideas and concepts to a much wider audience than just the visitors to the park.”

The Olympic Park comprises two different character areas. The North Park is relatively informal, and the South Park has a more urban feel. Plantings in the North Park largely represent designed versions of native UK habitats and celebrate native biodiversity. They include species-rich meadows of different types, wetland plantings, woodland plantings and dramatic perennial plantings. The South Park focuses on visual drama – the plantings include a ring of golden meadows around the Olympic Stadium.

James explained, “I think what we will have the biggest impact is the scale. The whole of the north landscape will be meadow of some sort or other. In the South Park the gardens will be very exciting too by virtue of their scale and the unusual plants that people haven’t seen before. We will control flowering times in the native wildflower meadows by cutting them back to ground level approximately 12 weeks before the Games, using irrigation to push growth if required to get sufficient flowers.”

Their work at the Olympic Park has become an integral part of James’ and Nigel’s teaching. “It is an important element of our undergraduate and postgraduate recruitment as well,” acknowledged Nigel. “We are also able to draw upon the range of professional experts involved in the park as visiting speakers. Some of our Masters and PhD students have been working directly with the park, including our programme of trialling plant combinations. And we are able to use our involvement to take students on field trips, as well as hosting a major international conference later in the year.”

After the Games, the Olympic Park will be transformed into a green space for the local communities in East London.

The resulting Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park will maintain, and develop, much of James’ and Nigel’s work. “Almost everything we’ve done will be there in five years time,” explained James. “Plus much more that we have been designing with LDA over the past year, which will be implemented from September 2012 onwards.” Nigel added, “We also hope that the legacy will be much wider, both in raising the profile of the importance of good landscape architecture, the great value of urban parks, and ‘city greening’, and also a wider audience for the approaches to urban planting that we have developed at Sheffield.”

Explore the Department of Landscape’s web pages for the latest research news at www.sheffield.ac.uk/landscape
I didn’t know they did that at Sheffield...

The Faculty of Arts and Humanities supports some 350 academic/non-academic staff and 4,000 students. Starting from a strong discipline base, their researchers work, with colleagues from within the University and with a range of external partners, to understand and to challenge what it is to be human. The award-winning Humanities Research Institute (HRI) is home to many of these research and innovation activities, with a particular specialism in the digital humanities, and a flavour of this activity is given here. www.sheffield.ac.uk/hri
1 Ola Nordmann Goes West: a Norwegian Journey to the Promised Land
Principal Investigator: Professor Andrew Linn,
School of English Literature, Language and Linguistics
Funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC)
Through an innovative virtual world, the project will harness the collective transmitted knowledge of Norwegian migration to the US in the 19th century, bringing to life the surviving historical accounts. Connections will be made between local historians and surviving relatives in Norway, the communities through which the travellers passed on their journey, and the large number of settlers’ descendants in the US.
www.sheffield.ac.uk/hri/projects/projectpages/olanordmann

2 Locating London’s Past
Sheffield Lead: Professor Robert Shoemaker,
Department of History
Funded by the Joint Information Systems Committee
Developed by the HRI, the interface to the website of the Locating London’s Past project makes it possible, for the first time, to map a wide variety of data from London’s past on to fully geo-referenced historical maps. Trial accounts from the Old Bailey, tax and population data, and archaeological records can all be uploaded on to John Rocque’s 1746 map of London, now fully referenced to modern geographical coordinates.
www.locatinglondon.org

3 Online Froissart
Principal Investigator: Emeritus Professor Peter Ainsworth, Department of French
Funded by the AHRC
Expertise in the HRI has created an interactive electronic edition of the 14th-century Chronicles of the Hundred Years’ War by Jean Froissart. The website includes more than 100 transcriptions from manuscript witnesses covering Books I, II and III of the Chronicles, a powerful collation tool, a search engine, translations of the first three books, facsimile images, and essays and notes on the history, politics and personalities of the period.
www.hrionline.ac.uk/onlinefroissart

4 Sheffield Manor Lodge
Director: Professor Dawn Hadley,
Department of Archaeology
Funded by the Higher Education Innovation Fund
The history of the site of Sheffield Manor Lodge, one of the residences of Mary Queen of Scots during her captivity, has been uncovered and the resulting finds developed as learning and teaching resources, including 3D visualisations of the complex. The project reveals the site from the initial construction of the medieval hunting lodge through the transition to a grand manor house, its ruined decline and the reuse of land for other purposes.
http://manor-lodge.dept.shef.ac.uk/

5 In Mozart’s Words
Sheffield Lead: Michael Pidd, HRI
Funded by the EU Culture Programme
This international project provides multilingual access to an annotated version of the correspondence of Mozart and his family during their tour of Italy. The website includes a database of all references to people, places and musical works contained in the letters and access to background materials such as reviews, newspapers, documents, objects, paintings, engravings and books.
http://letters.mozartways.com/

6 Hang Seng Centre for Cognitive Studies
Director: Professor Stephen Laurence,
Department of Philosophy
The Centre, based in the HRI, conducts research on fundamental issues concerning the nature of cognition. It brings together researchers across a range of fields, including animal psychology, anthropology, biology, cognitive psychology, developmental psychology, economics, evolutionary psychology, linguistics, neuroscience and philosophy. A current project is Culture and the Mind (funded by the AHRC), which investigates the philosophical consequences of the impact of culture on the mind and the cognitive and evolutionary foundations of culture.
www.philosophy.dept.shef.ac.uk/hangseng/

7 Sheffield King James Bible Project
Project Lead: Professor James Crossley,
Department of Biblical Studies
To mark the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible in 2011, the Department of Biblical Studies, working with Sheffield Cathedral and Museums Sheffield, created a complete resource package for churches, cathedrals and schools in England and further afield. The Telling Tales exhibition recounted the story of the Bible, its translation into English and its impact on the English-speaking world. The accompanying DVD-Rom uses Exhibitor software, designed by the HRI.
www.sheffield.ac.uk/kjv
Enterprising engineer

“When I stood in front of a group of students for the first time, something clicked,” said Elena Rodriguez-Falcon (PgDip Teaching and Learning for University Lecturers 2007). “It was an exciting feeling, a passion I hadn’t felt before. I fell in love with teaching.” This experience drove Elena on to become a passionate advocate for developing new methods of teaching engineering students. She is now Director of Enterprise Education for the University, as well as a Senior University Teacher in Mechanical Engineering and Faculty Director of Women in Engineering.

Following seven years in industrial management, Elena came to Sheffield from her native Mexico in 1999, to take an MBA Industrial Management at Sheffield Hallam University. “My first impression was that the city was quite peculiar,” she explained. “I arrived on a Sunday and all the shops were closed. Everything was so quiet! But it didn’t take long for me to become immersed in the culture and I loved it. I don’t want to live anywhere else in the UK. Mexicans are very patriotic people and I never thought I’d feel like this about anywhere else.”

Having completed her MBA, Elena applied for a job in the Department of Mechanical Engineering “to practise my interview skills”. She was offered the job to develop three new degrees that embedded enterprise and management in engineering. “I applied common sense to what I was doing – I wanted the students to be taught as I wanted to be taught, experiencing real challenges.” She contacted local companies to provide problems for the students, encouraging them to assess the commercial implications of their solutions. She has now developed a network of people in industry who are supporting her teaching.

The creation of the E-lab – funded by the White Rose University Consortium and opened by David Blunkett MP – highlighted a real need. Elena said, “I wanted to provide an area where engineering students could come together to discuss enterprise. I soon realised that we were attracting students from across the campus.” In response, the University founded the Enterprise Zone, which is now known as University of Sheffield Enterprise (USE). “I always had a vision of contributing at a University-wide level,” explained Elena. She was the Director of Inclusive Learning and Teaching for three years from 2007, and could now develop a stronger voice, working within the University, as well as at national and international levels.

The success of Elena’s approach has been recognised by the Higher Education Academy, the Royal Academy of Engineering, Enterprise Educators UK and the National Council of Graduate Entrepreneurship. In 2011, she received a Distinguished Alumna Award for Excellence from her Alma Mater, the Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León in Monterrey, and received the Personal Tutor of the Year Award (Engineering) from the Students’ Union. She acknowledges that teaching keeps her grounded: “My students have developed devices for children with disabilities, working with the Children’s Hospital, and gone on to start their own companies.”

In Mexico, Elena was used to working within a profession where 40 to 50 per cent of engineering students were women. As the Director of Women in Engineering, she faces the challenge of increasing the number of female students from the current 18 per cent. “Women make amazing engineers,” she said, “and our vision is for Sheffield to be the first choice for women. It’s about promoting the package of benefits of coming here. Not only are the courses well recognised but people need to know how amazing the city is – it’s about the degree, the career and the lifestyle. Once people come here, they don’t want to leave – like me!”
A champion for the city

DURING HER YEAR IN OFFICE AS LORD MAYOR OF SHEFFIELD (2011–12), Dr Sylvia Dunkley (BA History 1987, PhD History 1991) visited community groups, schools and factories, hosted distinguished guests and foreign visitors, and promoted the name of Sheffield. “You represent everyone in the city as Lord Mayor,” she said. “It’s a joyful role, helping people to celebrate their successes. I’ve also come to realise the wonderful contribution made by volunteer groups all over the city. Sheffield has undergone a massive period of regeneration over the last 20 years – the gritty northern city has been replaced by an exciting place full of vibrant communities and a great cultural offer.”

Sylvia chose ‘Created and Made in Sheffield’ as the theme of her term of office. As well as promoting local businesses and the work of local craftspeople, she has been supporting Sheffield-created visual arts, music and drama, and celebrating Sheffield’s great industrial heritage. “There was and is so much innovation, creativity and talent in the city,” she said. “Sheffield is at the forefront in so many areas and bursting with energy.”

Sylvia and her family moved to Sheffield in 1982. She had always regretted not having a degree and took the opportunity to read history as a mature student at the University. She carried on to a doctorate, researching women in public life in West Yorkshire during the inter-war years. An administrative job in the then Division of Adult Continuing Education led to her being asked to become a part-time history and women’s studies tutor. “I’d never done any teaching before and I really enjoyed it,” she commented. “I’ve always said that I wouldn’t have had the confidence to go into local politics if it hadn’t been for the experiences I gained at the University.”

Sylvia first stood as a Liberal Democrat in the 1995 elections for Sheffield City Council, and she represented Ecclesall Ward until she stepped down in May 2012. She said, “It was weird to see my name on posters in people’s windows; and then at each count, the piles of paper with a cross by my name – it’s very humbling that people place their faith in you.” Her particular interests have been planning, transport, culture, sport and the green environment.

She was a member of several committees, including the former South Yorkshire Transport Authority, had two very challenging but enjoyable years as Cabinet Member for Culture, Sport and Tourism, and chaired the City Centre Planning Board. She is very proud of successfully campaigning to reopen Ecclesall Library and supporting the transformation of Millhouses Park.

Reflecting on her decision to retire as a councillor after 17 years, Sylvia said, “It was time to do something different. It will be a big change for me but I’m planning to spend time researching my family history, and I will continue to support our family firm, Atomising Systems Ltd. I hope that the legacy of my year as Lord Mayor will be the continuing development of a Singing Strategy for local schools – I was particularly pleased to support the first Lord Mayor’s Singing Festival.”

Surgical precision

FOURTH-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT ABHILASH SUDARSANAM put his expertise to the test in a UK-wide competition, organised by The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (RCSEd). He won one of 19 regional heats – competing against 18 students from the Universities of Hull, York, Leeds and Sheffield – and went on to represent Yorkshire and the Humber at the grand final of the Lister Surgical Skills Competition 2012. Clare McNaught, an RCSEd regional surgical adviser, said, “I was overwhelmed by the level of technical ability many of the students have already obtained, but particularly by Abhilash who was outstanding!”

“I’ve always wanted to be a surgeon,” Abhilash explained, “and I thought I’d give the competition a shot. The regional round was fairly straightforward with four surgical tests – knot tying, suturing, hand washing and surgical instrument identification. The final was more advanced, with disciplines such as tendon repair, anatomy, cross infection and laparoscopy. This was a good test as most of the finalists, including me, hadn’t done all of the disciplines before, though I had taken part in around 100 surgeries as part of my course. I found competing to be a truly rewarding and challenging experience.”
me a one-year postdoc position. I was thrilled. I borrowed the money from Lloyds Bank, then on Glossop Road, for a one-way ticket to San Francisco and what I thought would be enough rent for three months in Palo Alto (it wasn’t).” Jeffrey’s career quickly evolved from research and development into executive roles. Following appointments at Stanford, Lockheed Missiles and Space Company, and the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, he assisted the White House in the establishment of the US Department of Homeland Security. He was the Director of Oak Ridge National Laboratory (2003–07) and oversaw Battelle’s Laboratory Operations as Executive Vice President (2007–08). He became the President of Battelle on 1 January 2009.

“Sheffield was an incredible experience for me,” he said. “What I learnt as an undergraduate served me in academia and industry for years and years. I was very lucky as I received full undergraduate and postgraduate scholarships. I laboured in the steel mills every summer and some winters and Easters and graduated with no debt, which is one of the reasons why I feel strongly about giving back.”

Jeffrey is a generous supporter of the University; one result is the Dr Jeffrey Wadsworth Scholarship for Medieval History. He said, “I think it is important to recognise those who helped you. I ended up doing a great deal of research on the ancient swords of Damascus, and then on other historical metals, and finally became interested in the carbon dating of steels and in particular the mystery of an iron plate found in the Great Pyramid of Giza. So maybe that is why the University chose to focus the scholarship on history. In any event, it sounds like a fun topic to study!” Going forward, half of Jeffrey’s support will go to Materials Science and Engineering – or, as he calls it, “the new metallurgy.”

THE UNIVERSITY’S MOTTO – TO DISCOVER THE CAUSES of Things – is personified by Dr Jeffrey Wadsworth (BMet Metallurgy 1972, PhD Metallurgy 1975, DMet Metallurgy 1991, Hon DEng 2004). As President and Chief Executive Officer of Battelle Memorial Institute, located in Columbus, Ohio, he heads the world’s largest independent research and development company. “I have led this $6.5 billion enterprise through the worst recession in history,” he said, “and that has been challenging. But we did it. We continue to execute the mission of Battelle, which is to create new knowledge, turn it into inventions and products for societal good, make money doing so, and to reinvest that into further research and into education.”

Born in Germany, Jeffrey spent his early years in Holland, India, Singapore, Manchester, Aden and West Berlin as his father was in the army. He came back to the UK, to York, with his mother and brother when he was 16, following his father’s death. Jeffrey had a friend who lived in Sheffield, and that was one of the reasons why he chose to study at the University. He explained, “I had a chemistry teacher who told me I wouldn’t be good enough to study so-called pure sciences and suggested I apply for metallurgy or pharmacology. He gave me a book on metallurgy, Metals in the Service of Man, and that was about it. A lecturer at Sheffield called Gordon Richardson actually turned me on to the subject through his patience in teaching me; I became impassioned and wanted to go into research.”

He moved to the US in 1976: “Professor Greenwood in the Metallurgy Department gave me some contacts. One of them was Sheffield alumnus Professor Oleg Sherby (MMet Metallurgy 1957, DMet Metallurgy 1968) at Stanford University, who offered me a one-year postdoc position. I was thrilled. I borrowed the money from Lloyds Bank, then on Glossop Road, for a one-way ticket to San Francisco and what I thought would be enough rent for three months in Palo Alto (it wasn’t).”

Recent honours

FOREIGN MEMBER, CHINESE ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING, 2012
ASM INTERNATIONAL MEDAL FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF RESEARCH, 2011
POTOMAC INSTITUTE FOR POLICY STUDIES NAVIGATOR AWARD, 2010
THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA FRIENDSHIP AWARD, 2010
ELECTED A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING, 2005
BETING IN CHARGE OF YOUR OWN BREWERY HAS TO
be a dream come true for many beer lovers. Claire Monk
(BSc Molecular Biology 2009) is living that dream as head
brewer of Welbeck Abbey Brewery, located on the Welbeck
Estate near Bolsover, Nottinghamshire. "I first got interested
in yeast and fermentation during my degree," she said, "and
Professor David Hornby put me in touch with Dave Wickett
[also see page 38] at Kelham Island Brewery in Sheffield. He
'interviewed' me in a pub and offered me a job. Six months later,
I was head brewer at Welbeck – the brewery is jointly owned
by Kelham Island and the Welbeck Estate."

Claire was able to draw on her experiences as Activities
Officer in the Students’ Union to get her started on the
administrative, management and selling sides of the business:
"When you are a sabbatical officer you are suddenly dropped
in at the top level of a business and quickly get involved in
budgets, accounts and business plans. That experience has
been incredibly useful."

Claire started at Welbeck just as the initial building work
was underway. She oversaw the installation of the equipment
and quickly got on with the first brews. There is a lot of
competition in the world of micro-breweries nowadays and she
has had to work hard to develop a list of customers. She supplies
100 pubs in Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and South Yorkshire,
ten bottle beer shops and some wholesale outlets.

She added, "There is just me and a driver on the staff at the
moment and I brew twice a week. I would like to expand to four
brews a week and cover a region that stretches to the coast
and to Manchester. It’s great when a pub contacts me to start
supplying Welbeck Abbey beer, following requests from their
customers. I think my microbiology background means that
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COMING TO SHEFFIELD AS an academic in 1961, Dr Mary Hart has experienced over 50 years of the life of the University. Although she officially retired in 2001, she has continued to teach part time, delivering one lecture course per semester. Simple numbers illustrate the scale of what she has witnessed – 3,000 students in 1961 and almost 26,000 in 2012. “My first single honours class numbered single figures; this had risen to about 15 by my second year. This year, I had a class of over 150 students on a third-year option,” she said. “It was a more intimate atmosphere then. The campus was so much smaller – no Arts Tower, Concourse or University House, and trams ran along Western Bank. You weren’t quite teaching individually, but the small classes meant you knew how each student was coping with their work.”

A graduate of Oxford University, Mary joined the Department of Pure Mathematics as they were waiting for the Hicks Building to be completed: “My office was in a very old house on Western Bank and you had to cross your fingers each time you walked in that one part of the ceiling wouldn’t give way!” The department moved into their new accommodation in 1962, with the first on-campus University computer installed on the top floor. Mary remembered, “Engineers had to come in twice a day (morning and evening) to run programmes to make sure that it was still working properly.”

Active in many aspects of University life, Mary has been a member of several committees, including the Pure Science Faculty Board, Senate, Council, Court, the Physical Planning Group and the Estates Committee. She was also Chair of the Advisory Group on Landscape and the Environment, and in this role she oversaw the production of an outline plan for the future development of the campus, including discussions on joining up St George’s with the Western Bank area. She chaired the working group that developed a room booking system across all departments – the precursor of today’s system. Mary was also Director of Undergraduate Affairs in the School of Mathematics and Statistics for several years before she ‘retired’.

Taking her pastoral role extremely seriously, Mary undertook counselling training, and her skills have been very useful in a School which, certainly during the earlier years of her career, had very few female members of staff. She cares about the welfare of her students and no doubt the feeling is mutual. She was very touched by their sympathy when her husband, Dr Robert Hart (MSc Mathematics 1961), sadly died suddenly in 2009. “Just after Robert died, one of my students was looking for information about postgraduate opportunities on Leeds University’s website, found Robert’s obituary and wrote a very kind letter. In view of this, it was decided to let all my students know. They keep a watch over me and I’ve been most impressed by their kindness and concern.”

A colleague’s view

Over her 50 years’ teaching in Sheffield, Mary Hart has been an inspiration to many generations of students, and her record of caring and selfless service to the University and the School has been an example to us all. When I arrived in Sheffield (a mere 22 years ago), Mary had already served what would now be considered an academic lifetime, and she was a respected source of tactful wisdom, someone who students turned to as a source of advice and comfort. It is a pleasure and a privilege to work with her.”

Professor John Greenlees, Head of the School of Mathematics and Statistics
A sense of wonder

A RUN OF LUCKY COINCIDENCES

brought Dr Nikki Dibben (PhD Music 1996, MEd Teaching and Learning for University Teachers 2004) into the centre of the strange and wonderful world of Icelandic recording artist Björk. A senior lecturer and the Director of Research in the Department of Music, Nikki specialises in the psychology of music and contemporary popular music. An initial interest in the representation of women in 1990s pop music – the Spice Girls, PJ Harvey, Gina G and Eurovision – led to a focus on Björk, one of the few female artists who have direct control over all aspects of their music.

"As a musicologist, I find Björk’s concepts and ideas fascinating," Nikki said. "Her music reflects her interests in nature and technology – are these compatible interests or opposites? I began publishing articles on her work and these developed into a book, Björk, published in 2009, in which I reflected on the recurrent cultural themes brought into focus by her music. I interviewed several of her collaborators but failed to meet Björk herself. However, I sent a copy of the book to her management and received a call saying that Björk wanted me to work with her on her next project." That turned out to be Biophilia, the ground-breaking album that was released in 2011 as a series of apps designed to run on smartphones and tablet computers.

Several meetings with Björk, in London, New York and Reykjavik, resulted in Nikki writing essays on the ten tracks, exploring the compositional and textual ideas behind the music, and these are available on the apps. She explained, "I analysed the lyrics and harmonic structures as well as the visual imagery. It was enlightening to have an insight into Björk’s creative processes and her fascination with multimedia. I would compare her to the director of a film as she worked with a team of 70 people to realise her vision." Nikki’s role spread into other kinds of writing for Biophilia – press releases, a bid to a museum in New York to stage a live show – and she was also involved in workshops with school children, as part of the Manchester International Festival, and she interviewed Björk for a television documentary.

“It is very unusual for an academic to be involved in a project like this – to engage in the creative process,” said Nikki. “It has been a fascinating experience – and one that will continue for a while as I’m bringing my critical insight to Björk’s music again by contributing to her song book, which will present her composing and lyric writing in a multitude of ways.”

SINGAPORE’S FORMER DEPUTY prime minister Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam (Hon LLD 1998) won his country’s presidential election in August 2011. The University’s links with Singapore go back many years; our first known Singaporean graduate completed their studies in 1956. A special link was forged in 1979 when Lord Dainton, the University’s former Chancellor, advised the country on its higher education provision. On his recommendation, the University of Singapore and Nanyang University were merged to form the National University of Singapore – and President Tan became the new institution’s founding Vice-Chancellor (1980–81).

A CHARTERED MECHANICAL engineer, Pamela Liversidge OBE (Hon DEng 2005) is the first woman to be appointed Master Cutler – the head of the Company of Cutlers in Hallamshire, established in 1624. Her husband, Doug Liversidge CBE (BMet Metallurgy 1958, Hon DEng 2001), held the same position in 1998–99. She was also the first woman to be appointed President of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (1997–98). She is a Deputy Lieutenant and a former High Sheriff of South Yorkshire.
Your Convocation

Did you know? All graduates of the University are automatically Members of Convocation. Have you let the Alumni Relations team know your current email address so you can receive information from us?

WHAT A YEAR FOR THE UNIVERSITY! TIMES HIGHER Education (THE) University of the Year 2011; the Students’ Union rated Number 1 in the THE Student Experience Survey (yet again!); and StudentVolunteering recognised once more as being the best of its kind. I know that these two league tables to which I have referred are of a ‘populist’ nature but, nevertheless, they are a response from people who know what they are talking about and an easy concept for students who are applying for this University, whether from the UK or from the rest of the world.

When such awards are made, they are not limited to certain sectors of the University. The University leadership could not have secured the award of University of the Year without the students and the whole of the staff; likewise, the students and the staff could not have obtained the award without the leadership which has been shown from the top. Convocation congratulates each and every member of the University family on these awards.

For those of us whose memory goes back some decades, it is probably true to point out that marketing has never been high on the agenda of this University or other civic universities. There was very little need. In the past, the money flowed in from the government and most reasonable requests were met. There was competition in the international field for students – especially when it became apparent that the income generated by such students was a necessity within the university budget – some universities did better than others. But have you noticed how often in the media – press, radio and TV – the experts consulted and the authors of reports are from the academic staff at Sheffield?

Convocation believes that our University is well aware of the potential problems in the coming years and is considering the best way in which to deal with the matter. Although applications were down this year (as they were with all Russell Group universities), this was an expected follow on from the higher number of applications made in 2011 because of the pending increase in tuition fees. Even so, there is an over demand for places at Sheffield from good quality candidates which manifests itself in the ever increasing standard of degrees awarded. Needless to say, Convocation is committed to assisting the University to maintain the value of the Sheffield University degree in this country and abroad.

There is plenty of justification for the view that the future for the University of Sheffield is indeed bright. This extends also to the University estate. Keith Lilley, Director of Estates and Facilities Management, has produced some exciting plans including the refurbishment of the Arts Tower (see page 16) and the whole of St George’s. Also, close to Convocation’s heart is the total refurbishment of University House and the area between that building and the Octagon. Consequently, the AGM this year cannot be held in University House; instead we have opted for a novel idea – using the Interval Café in the Students’ Union. Anyone of a certain age will recognise this more lovingly as Graves Hall! Come and see what the Union has done with it; revisit old memories; attend the AGM and join in the other celebrations for the Alumni Weekend.

Brian Wrigley, Chairman of Convocation

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 8 September 2012
Guest speaker: Vice-Chancellor Professor Keith Burnett CBE, FRS
Do come and support your Convocation.

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Honours and awards

Staff and students from the University continue to be recognised nationally and internationally for their expertise.

**Professor Mimoun Azzouz** (Sheffield Institute for Translational Neuroscience) has received a €2.5 million European Research Council Advanced Investigator Award.

**Professor Terry Callaghan** (Animal and Plant Sciences) was awarded the Vega Medal by the King of Sweden for his work on understanding Arctic environments.

**Corporate Information and Computing Services** have been rated the best in the country by the Student Barometer survey, an independent students’ satisfaction survey.

**Jess Coyne, Jess Ballinger and Jenny Carrington-Elson** (Journalism students) won the New Student Magazine category at the Magazine Academy event, organised by the Periodicals Training Council, for Poppy, aimed at wives and girlfriends of men serving in the armed forces. **Sambit Satpathy** (Journalism student) took the prize for the New Concept Award for Bollywood First Take.

**Professors Matthew Flinders** (Politics) and **Alison James** (ICOSS) received the title of Academician from the Academy of Social Sciences.

**Alex Griffiths** (History student) and **Liana Lonsdale** (Journalism student) received the Team Leader of the Year Award at the Childreach International Winter Ball for leading a 12-day fundraising trek to the base camp of Mount Everest.

**Professor Rod Hose** (Cardiovascular Science) has received an honorary degree from the Universitatea Tehnică din Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

**Dr Stuart Johnson** (Biomedical Science) was awarded a University Research Fellowship by the Royal Society.

**Professor Marysia Placzek** (Biomedical Science) was one of ten female scientists and communicators to receive a Suffrage Heirloom at the Women in Science: Nurturing Nobels event, commemorating 100 years of women pioneers in life science.

**Dr Paul Reynolds** (Civil and Structural Engineering) has been awarded a Leadership Fellowship by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council.

**Professor Keith Ridgway** (Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre) was awarded a CBE for services to manufacturing research.

**Professor David Sanders** (Infection and Immunity) was awarded the Cuthbertson Medal 2011 by the Nutrition Society.

**Professor Jenny Saul** (Philosophy) was the first UK woman to receive the Distinguished Woman Philosopher Award from the US-based Society for Women in Philosophy.

**Sheffield Volunteering**, based in the Students’ Union, won the Duke of York’s Community Initiative Award for their work in Sheffield and the surrounding area.

**Emeritus Professor Charles Stirling** (Chemistry) is a Foundation Fellow of the Learned Society of Wales.

**The Students’ Union** won the International Services Award 2011 from the National Union of Students.

**The University of Sheffield** was named an Enterprise Champion at the 3rd annual National Enterprise Educator Awards, held at the International Entrepreneurship Educators Conference. **Sheffield Students in Free Enterprise (SiFE)** were also highly commended in the Student Educator award category; and won the award for the Best Business Blog at the Some Comms Awards 2011.

**Professor Alan Walker** (Sociological Studies) has been made a Fellow of the British Academy.

**The University of Sheffield** received an award from CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) Europe for exceptional, significant and sustained improvement in fundraising over the last three years of the government-led Matched Funding for Voluntary Giving scheme. We had a target of £8.25 million and succeeded in raising £11.4 million.

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Your notes & news

We are always interested to discover what our alumni are doing now. Here is a small selection of news from people who have been in contact with us or we have spotted in the media.

1950s

Dr Brian Boffey (BSc Chemistry 1956, PhD Chemistry 1959)
Was named Volunteer of the Year at the Leeds Partnerships NHS Foundation Trust Awards 2011.

Stanley Sebba (BEng Mechanical Engineering 1958)
Received a Presidential Award for Volunteerism from the President of the State of Israel.
1960s

Graham Rawlings (BSc Geology 1960)
Has sent in this photo of the Crewe Hall Annex boat race team of 1959. He has remembered the names of some of the participants: (back row, left to right) Fairy Oakes (BA Arts 1960), Tony Gittins (BSc Metallurgy 1960), Graham Rawlings; (front row, left) Don Goodman (BDS Dentistry 1961). Can you identify the other two?

John Devaney FIEEE, FIMechE (BEng Mechanical Engineering 1968)
Is chairman of National Express.

Jackie Lawson (BA Ancient History, Archaeology, Modern History and Pre History 1969)
Is a partner at law firm Prince Family Law, Chesterfield.

1970s

Professor Julia Buckingham (BSc Zoology 1971)
Takes up the post of Vice-Chancellor of Brunel University on 1 October 2012.

Professor Andrew Marvin FREng, CEng, FIET, IEEE (BEng Electronics 1972, MEng Electronics 1974, PhD Electronic Engineering 1979)
Has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering.

Colin Haylock MRTPI (MA Town and Regional Planning 1974)
Is the President of the Royal Town Planning Institute.

Gil Howarth (BSc Chemical Engineering 1974)
Is chief executive and company secretary of the National Skills Academy for Railway Engineering.

Professor James Norton FREng, CEng, CITP, FBCS, FIET (BEng Electronic Engineering 1974, Hon DEng 2003)
Has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering.

Caroline Taggart (BA French and Spanish 1978)

Muzammel Hossain (LLM Law 1977)
Is the Chief Justice of Bangladesh.

Professor Alan Norrie FBA (MA Criminology 1977)
Was elected a Fellow of the British Academy.

Michael Elliott FRSA (BEd Education 1978)
Is the chief executive of the Royal Scottish National Orchestra.

John Hackett (BMus Music 1978)
Is a guitarist and flautist who composes and plays with rock bands and classical groups.

Gillian Smith (BA Sociology 1978)
Received an honorary degree from the University of the West of England in recognition of her contribution to social research within transport studies.

Above: Leaflet advertising the 1972 Union Ball.
Alumni honours

BIRTHDAY HONOURS 2011, NEW YEAR HONOURS 2012

Denise Coates
(BA Accounting, Financial Management and Economics 1990)
Awarded a CBE for services to the community and business.

Edmund De Waal
(BA Urban Studies 1980)
Is chief executive of Exeter-based housing association Cornerstone.

Jessica Ennis
(BSc Psychology 2007, Hon LittD 2009)
Awarded an MBE for services to athletics.

Michael Grandage
(Hon LittD 2004)
Awarded a CBE for services to drama.

Nigel Hildreth
(BMus Music 1975, MMus Music 1980)
Awarded an MBE for services to education.

Mike Gray
(BEng Civil and Structural Engineering 1981, MBA Business Administration 1992)
Is a consultant with Oliver Wright, the business improvement company.

Carole Jones
(BA History 1981)
Is director of global HR strategy and organisational development at Aviva.

Paul Mason
(BA Music and Politics 1981)
Is the author of Rare Earth, published by OR Books. He was named Specialist Journalist of the Year at the Royal Television Society’s Awards 2012.

Graham Elliott
(BA History 1982, PGCE Education 1983)
Was named Tax Writer of the Year at the LexisNexis Taxation Awards 2011.

Don Clarke
(LLB Law 1984)
Is the President of the Forum of Insurance Brokers.

Penny Hughes (née Davies)
(BSc Chemistry 1980, Hon LLD 1994)
Awarded a CBE for services to the media industry.

Dianne Jeffrey DL
(BA Psychology 1966)
Awarded a CBE for public service.

Professor Ronald Johnston FBA
(Hon LittD 2002)
Awarded an OBE for services to scholarship.

Judith Killick
(LLB Law 1974)
Awarded a CBE.

Jenni Murray OBE
(Hon LittD 2004)
Created a Dame for services to radio broadcasting.

Martin Rees
(BA Economics 1972)
Awarded an MBE.

Christopher Sharratt
(MSc Health Services Research and Technology Assessment 1998)
Awarded an OBE for services to child health.

Constance Shepherd
(MEd Education 1995)
Awarded an MBE for services to the community in Thurcroft, South Yorkshire.

Leo Solomon
(BSc Maths and Physiology 1982, Dip Education 1953)
Awarded an MBE for services to music in Grimsby.

Timothy Thirst
(MMus Music 2010)
Awarded an MBE for services to the Stalham Brass Band, youth music and to the community in Stalham, Norfolk.

David Warren
(Hon LittD 2011)
Created a Knight Commander (Order of Saint Michael and Saint George).
1990s

Dr Marcus Harrison (BSc Physics 1991, PhD Theoretical Physics 1995)
Is chief scientific officer at Mediwatch.

Zahir Ibrahim (BA Accounting and Financial Management 1991)
Is the controller of global brewer Molson Coors.

Rhodri Davies (BMus Music 1993)
Has received a grant from the New York-based Foundation for Contemporary Arts.

Dr Tinge Krishnan (MB ChB Clinical Medicine 1993)
Is a filmmaker, producing work with her company Disruptive Element Films.

Dr Alan McLelland (PhD Metallurgy 1993)
Is the chief executive of the National Metals Technology Centre, Rotherham.

Dougal Sharp (BSc Chemistry 1994)
Is managing director of Innis and Gunn, the Edinburgh-based independent brewery.

Jack Williams (BSc Chemistry 1995, PGCE Education 1996)
Is the head teacher of Hipperholme Grammar School.

Robert Lang FRGS, CGeog (BSc Geography 1996)
Has received a Royal Geographical Society Ordnance Survey Award for excellence in teaching and learning at secondary level.

Georgina Sinfield (BSc Biomedical Science 1996)
Is head of customer services at Vista Retail Support.

Daniel Tetlow (BA Social and Political Studies 1996)
Is a producer for the BBC.

Mark Adams (LLB Law 1997)
Is a partner in the property unit of the London office of McClure Naismith.

Valerie Derbyshire (née Harwood) (BA English Literature 1998)
Is the author of Blind Ambition, published by Castaway Press.

Nick Hurst (BA History 1998)
Is the author of Sugong, the life of a Shaolin Grandmaster, published by Sportsbooks.

Bernard Hogan-Howe QPM (MBA Business 1999)
Is the Chief Commissioner for the Metropolitan Police.

Dr Ananya Mukhopadhyay (PhD Engineering Materials 1999)
Received the ArcelorMittal Quality and Productivity Award 2011 from the Association of Brazilian Metallurgy, Materials and Minerals.

Dr Carlo Rizzo (PhD Electronic and Electrical Engineering 1999)
Leads the Telemetry and Earth Observation business operations in Europe of ORBIT Communications Ltd.

The World Student Games at Don Valley stadium, July 1991, where Curtis Robb (MB ChB Medicine 1997) took silver in the 800 metres; he qualified for the final of the Olympic Games in Barcelona in 1992, coming sixth, and the semi-finals in Atlanta in 1996.
2000s

An example of decorating the Arts Tower: Architecture students created this daffodil during March 2004 to draw attention to the Marie Curie Cancer Campaign.

Professor Sherry Chen (PhD Information Management 2000)
Received an Outstanding Scholar Award from the Taipei-based Foundation for the Advancement of Outstanding Scholarship.

Nick Cook (BSc Mathematics 2000)
Is a director within the assurance team at PricewaterhouseCooper, Sheffield.

Katie Fewings (BA Modern Languages 2000)
Is the online communications co-ordinator for lobby group Action for Market Towns.

Dr Jonathan Leach (MEng Civil Engineering with Architecture 2000)
Is an instructor for Major Incident Medical Management and Support.

Christa Perry (BSc Ecology 2000)
Is the Hay Time project officer with the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust.

Councillor Shaffaq Mohammed (BA Business Studies 2001)
Leads the Liberal Democrats in Sheffield City Council.

Kate Jackson (BA English and History 2002)
Formerly lead singer with The Long Blondes, she now fronts the Kate Jackson Group.

David Moore (BA English Literature 2002)
Is a playwright whose latest work, The Swan, was staged at the Paintframe, the National Theatre, in 2011.

Steven Morris (BEng Aerospace Engineering 2002)
Is a flight lieutenant in the RAF.

Ross Pointon (BSc Artificial Intelligence and Computer Science 2003) and Toby Churcher (BSc Physics and Philosophy 2004)
Are games developers and managing directors of Two Headed Beast Studios.

Gavin James Bower (BA History 2004)
Is the author of Made in Britain, published by Quartet Books.

Nicola Cooper (née Walton) (MComp Computer Science 2005)
Was named the Young IT Professional of the Year at the UK IT Industry Awards 2012.

Rachel Parker (BA Psychology 2005)
Is a consultant for market research firm SimpleUsability.

Oliver Quinlan (BA History 2006)
Won the Learning Technologist of the Year award from the Association of Learning Technologists.

Dr Jacqueline Yallop (PhD English Literature 2006)

Set up needthatjob.co.uk, a student and graduate coaching and recruitment business.

Alexandra Froggatt (BSc Biology 2007)
Was a finalist in the Royal Horticultural Society National Young Designer of the Year competition 2011.

John Lyndon (MA International Studies 2007)
Is executive director of citizen activism movement OneVoice Europe.

James Hirst (BA Geography 2008)
Is cycling around the world in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support; see where he is at www.therideround.com

Christopher Ince (BSc Physics and Astronomy 2008, PGCE Education 2009)
Was chosen by Vogue magazine as one of the UK’s Young Talented Writers.

Nathan Jones (MPH Public Health 2008)
Cycled to Japan in support of the charities Friends of Alalay and Combat Stress. www.cyclingtowardsthesun.co.uk

Dr Paul Nikkel (PhD Biblical Studies 2008)
Is a co-founder of Quidco, the cashback and voucher site.

Annie Syrett (BA Modern Languages with Interpreting 2008)
Launched the Friends of Alalay (Santa Cruz) in 2007 to help street children in Bolivia.

Daniel Hopewell (BA English Literature 2009) and George Waite (BA English Literature 2009)
Are members of the band The Crookes.

Tom Skelton (MEng Biomedical Engineering 2009)
Has joined Remtec Search and Selection Ltd as a recruitment consultant.

Rosie Garrard (BA Biblical Studies and English 2011)
Has been signed by Jelli Records of Bristol.

Rob Hughes (BA Geography 2011)
Is a marketing executive with the Joseph Foote Trust.

Yik Ling Yong (MA English Studies 2011)
Is an architect with SC+Y Architects, based in Singapore.

Set up needthatjob.co.uk, a student and graduate coaching and recruitment business.

Alexandra Froggatt (BSc Biology 2007)
Was a finalist in the Royal Horticultural Society National Young Designer of the Year competition 2011.

John Lyndon (MA International Studies 2007)
Is executive director of citizen activism movement OneVoice Europe.

James Hirst (BA Geography 2008)
Is cycling around the world in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support; see where he is at www.therideround.com

Christopher Ince (BSc Physics and Astronomy 2008, PGCE Education 2009)
Was chosen by Vogue magazine as one of the UK’s Young Talented Writers.

Nathan Jones (MPH Public Health 2008)
Cycled to Japan in support of the charities Friends of Alalay and Combat Stress. www.cyclingtowardsthesun.co.uk

Dr Paul Nikkel (PhD Biblical Studies 2008)
Is a co-founder of Quidco, the cashback and voucher site.

Annie Syrett (BA Modern Languages with Interpreting 2008)
Launched the Friends of Alalay (Santa Cruz) in 2007 to help street children in Bolivia.

Daniel Hopewell (BA English Literature 2009) and George Waite (BA English Literature 2009)
Are members of the band The Crookes.

Tom Skelton (MEng Biomedical Engineering 2009)
Has joined Remtec Search and Selection Ltd as a recruitment consultant.

Rosie Garrard (BA Biblical Studies and English 2011)
Has been signed by Jelli Records of Bristol.

Rob Hughes (BA Geography 2011)
Is a marketing executive with the Joseph Foote Trust.

Yik Ling Yong (MA English Studies 2011)
Is an architect with SC+Y Architects, based in Singapore.
Alumni and friends of the University may submit obituaries – for an alumnus/alumna or former member of staff – to the Development and Alumni Relations Office for inclusion on our website. Please email alumni@sheffield.ac.uk

We have been informed of the following deaths in the past year:

**Professor John Adams**
Professor in the School of Law and a member of staff 1970–79 and 1994–2005.

**Rev Canon Emeritus Professor James Atkinson**
Professor and Head of the Department of Biblical Studies and a member of staff from 1966–79. He was also a Public Orator, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and founder director of the Centre for Reformation Studies (1983–2006).

**Dr David Bradshaw OBE**
Dr Bradshaw first joined the University Council in 1989 and served for a total of 14 years, most recently in his role as Chairman of Convocation (2006–09). He served on many University committees and working groups, especially those concerned with the welfare of students. He was also a member of the editorial board of *Steel City Scholars*, the centenary history of the University.

**Dr Barry Cruddis**
Lecturer in the Department of Pure Mathematics and a member of staff 1962–88.

**Margaret Fulcher**
Lecturer in the Department of Town and Regional Planning and a member of staff 1968–83.

**Ernest Huntley**
Senior Lecturer in the Department of Applied Mathematics and a member of staff 1966–89.

**Dr Gerry Kent**
Honorary Reader in the Department of Psychology and a member of staff 1976–2008.

**Kenneth Lidstone**
Senior Lecturer in the School of Law and a member of staff 1971–96.

**Dr James McKenna**
Reader in Organic Chemistry in the Department of Chemistry and a member of staff 1946–86.

**Dr Pascal Mercier**
Reader in the Department of French and a member of staff since 1998.

**Edward John Philips**
Senior Lecturer in the Department of History and a member of staff 1965–81.

**Professor Michael Siegal**
Chair in Developmental Psychology in the Department of Psychology and a member of staff 1998–2012.

**Emeritus Professor David Walker**
Professor in the Department of Animal and Plant Sciences and a member of staff 1993–2008.

**Professor Marek Zvelebil**
(BA Archaeology and Prehistory 1974)
Professor in the Department of Archaeology and a member of staff from 1981.
The Professor Robert Boucher Distinguished Alumni Awards

These awards give the University the opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of alumni who have made outstanding contributions to business and community life. They were established in 2011 to honour the memory of Professor Robert Boucher (Hon DEng 2009), the former Vice-Chancellor who set up the Development and Alumni Relations Office in 2002.

Award winner 2012

Donald Tomlin (BSc Physics 1940) has been associated with the University of Sheffield for over 75 years. He has been an active member of Convocation and the Sheffield University Association as well as a great supporter of the University Library and its Special Collections. He is also a generous benefactor to the University, understanding the power that philanthropy can play in supporting students.

To nominate one of our alumni for this annual award, please submit their biographical information and a letter of nomination (of no more than 500 words) to: Alison Gardner, Alumni Relations Manager, The University of Sheffield, Development and Alumni Relations Office, 267 Glossop Road, Sheffield, S10 2HB, or email alumni@sheffield.ac.uk with the subject 'Professor Robert Boucher Distinguished Alumni Award nomination'.

The deadline for nominations to be considered for an award in 2013 is 23 November 2012.

Further details can be found at www.sheffield.ac.uk/alumni/distinguished_alumni_awards

Award winner 2011

Local businessman Dave Wickett (MA Economics 1976), who sadly died on 16 May 2012, was the first person to receive a Professor Robert Boucher Distinguished Alumni Award. He owned Kelham Island Brewery, now Sheffield's largest brewery, producing award-winning, cask-conditioned real ale. The brewery's special limited editions include a Centenary Ale, which was mashed by Professor Boucher at Kelham Island to celebrate the University's centenary in 2005, and the University of Sheffield Ale, brewed for HRH The Duke of Edinburgh when he visited the University with HM The Queen in November 2010.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Keith Burnett said, "Dave Wickett was widely admired and respected within the Sheffield community and beyond. We are deeply grateful for all that he did for the University, as a member of the University Court and an active supporter of the Alumni Office. Dave's career neatly mirrored the renaissance that has taken place in Sheffield over the last 20 years. He was an entrepreneur with boundless energy, courtesy and optimism."

When he received his Alumni Award, Dave commented, "I truly love working with the University of Sheffield, but never in my wildest dreams imagined I would ever be honoured like this."

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What do these people have in common?

Dr David Ryan
(MB ChB Medicine 1970)

Dorothy Phillips
(BA History 1954, BEd Education 1956)

Emeritus Professor
Thomas Stevens,
Department of Chemistry

Professor Frank Ellis OBE
(BSc 1927, MSc 1928, MB ChB Medicine 1929, MD 1944, Hon DSc 2008)

Margaret Hand
(BA English, French and Economics 1931, DipEd Education 1933)

Dr Gerard Young
(Hon LLD 1962)

Raymond Charlesworth MBE,
Head Storekeeper,
Department of Chemistry

Eileen Sellars
(BA Latin and French 1943, DipEd Education 1944)

Dr Gerry Holmes
(MB ChB Medicine 1954)

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Just like the people pictured above, you too can make a difference to the lives of students and staff by including a gift to the University in your Will. This is one of the most simple and flexible ways of giving and yet it is often the most significant gift a person ever makes.

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