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on diplomacy

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on inspiring  
young people

**Jane Roberts**  
on Royal Collections



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# DEAR FRIENDS

As many of you will have heard already via the Alumni Office's e-Newsletter, Professor Adrian Smith, Principal of Queen Mary since 1998, has recently left the College to take up the key post of Director General for Science and Research in the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills. I am sure that you will join with me and the staff and students of Queen Mary in sending him best wishes for his new appointment. Adrian's achievements as Principal over a 10 year period have been fundamental to the expansion of the College and to our continuing high reputation nationally and internationally.

I was delighted to be asked by Council to become Acting Principal while our new Principal is being recruited. It gives me great pleasure to introduce this issue of *QUAD* magazine.

In recent times I have met many former students who have returned to Queen Mary to attend both alumni and other events. Among them have been many alumni

donors who have already given generously to the College.

I am now asking all alumni to help our students and researchers by making a donation to the Queen Mary, University of London Foundation in support of student opportunities, scholarship and research. You will find a booklet insert with this issue of *QUAD* which describes how you can help. There is information about how your gift can be enhanced by a Matched-Funding opportunity recently launched by the UK government and there also more details on our website at <http://www.qmul.ac.uk/alumni/support>

This issue of *QUAD* celebrates the achievements of alumni around the world, from the success of the first 110 graduates from the trail blazing Joint Programme between Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications and Queen Mary, in Beijing (see page 18), to the first eight months in role for HM Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, Martin Uden (page 8).

Mrs Bushra Nasir, Head Teacher at Plashet School for Girls in East Ham, describes experiences in 1997 when she was appointed the first female Muslim head teacher of a comprehensive school (see page 6). While a Westfield graduate, Jane Roberts, Librarian in the Royal Library, discusses the challenges of making a unique resource available to a global audience (page 14).

Finally, I hope many of you will come to events in the College in the coming months and especially to the special alumni day that we are holding on 6 June 2009. You can be sure of a very warm welcome.

Yours sincerely



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# Alumni in the News



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**Jan (Janet) Royall** (W, Spanish 1976) has been appointed Leader of the House of Lords with effect from 6 October 2008. She held the post of General Secretary to the British Labour Group in the European Parliament from 1979-85. For the following 10 years she was policy advisor, researcher and press officer to the Rt Hon Neil Kinnock MP, moving to Brussels when he became a European Commissioner there. She was given a Life Peerage in 2004 taking the title Baroness Royall of Blaisdon in Gloucestershire. The Leader of the House of Lords is also a Cabinet Minister.

A portrait of **Professor Sir Peter Mansfield FRS** (QMC, Physics 1959; PhD 1962) has been unveiled at the National Portrait Gallery in London. Professor Mansfield was jointly awarded the 2003 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine alongside the late Professor Paul Lauterbur for his contribution to the invention of Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) as a diagnostic technique.

**Dr Ed Mlavsky** (QMC, Chemistry 1950; PhD Physical Chemistry 1954), Chairman and Founding Partner of Gemini Israel Funds and Chairman of the MIT Enterprise Forum of Israel, was recognised by the Israeli business press as "one of the five most influential people in the Israeli hi-tech industry."

**YA Dato' Noraini Binti Abdul Rahman** (QMC, Law 1974), a Malaysian government scholar to the School of Law, was recently appointed a High Court Judge in Malaysia. Dato' Noraini had previously served in the Attorney General's Office and then became Director of the Certificate in Legal Practice (CLP), the professional education examination which graduates of non-local universities sit before they can chamber. She continues to act as a consultant on the proposed reform of Professional Legal Education in Malaysia.



**Marcus du Sautoy**, a former post-doctoral researcher in Pure Mathematics at Queen Mary, presented *The Story of Maths*,

a new BBC Four four-part TV series aired last October. He took over as Simonyi Professor for the Public Understanding of Science at Oxford in December 2008.



Sir Peter Mansfield by Stephen Shankland 2008  
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**Dr Jodi Tommerdahl** (MA European Language and Literature 1994), lecturer in Clinical Linguistics at the University of Birmingham, along

with her husband Andrew, translated the award-winning animated film *Persepolis* from French into English. The film won the Jury Prize at the 2007 Cannes Film Festival and was released in the UK in April 2008.

## STOP PRESS!



Professor Peter Hennessy and other prize winners

**Professor Peter Hennessy**, FBA, Atlee Professor of Contemporary British History at Queen Mary, was awarded the Times Higher Education's Lifetime Achievement Award for 2008 at a ceremony on 23 October.

## Queen's Birthday Honours 2008

**Dr Yvonne Burne** (W, French with German 1968; PhD French 1971), former Headteacher of the City of London School for Girls, received an OBE in recognition of her services to education in London.

**Jonathan Douglas** (QMC, English 1978) was awarded an MBE on the overseas list for services to the British arts in Hong Kong. He is Senior Programmer for Radio 4 in Hong Kong.

**Professor Diana Green** (QMC, Economics 1974) was awarded a CBE for services to higher education. Professor Green was Vice Chancellor of Sheffield Hallam University from 1998-2007; this followed a varied career, including posts as a civil servant, consultant, partner in a small business and lecturer.

**William Robert McQueen** (QMC, Geography 1973), former Deputy Chief Executive, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal, Scottish Executive was awarded a CBE.

# College News

## RIBA success continues into 2008

Richard Feilden House, which was designed by Feilden Clegg Bradley architects and is the third and final phase of the Westfield Student Village, has won a RIBA London Award. Queen Mary was also named 'Client of the Year' for the same project and was commended for its 'consistent approach to securing great design.' The Blizard Building at Whitechapel and the Lock-keeper's Cottage Graduate Centre at Mile End, both won RIBA awards in 2006.



## New head of LMS

**Angus Macintyre FRS**, Professor of Pure Mathematics at Queen Mary, is the incoming President of the London Mathematical Society, the UK learned society for Mathematics

## The "Blair Government" makes history



Dr Jon Davies

Alistair Campbell, Director of Communications for Tony Blair, will speak to Queen Mary history students on a new course entitled the 'Blair Government.' The course will also include a variety of other guest speakers, including Sir Kevin Tebbit, the former permanent secretary at the Ministry of Defence; Baroness Jay, the former Leader of the Lords; and Sir David Omand, the former head of GCHQ.

Attlee Professor of Contemporary British History, Peter Hennessy's former student, Dr Jon Davis (History and Politics 1996; MA 1999; PhD 2007) is a key figure on this course and has recruited the Blair biographer and *Independent on Sunday* writer, John Rentoul, to co-direct the programme and ensure that it is completely up-to-date.

Jon is also Executive Director of the Mile End Group (MEG), a lively forum for postgraduate discussion on Westminster and Whitehall past and present which, since its creation in 2003, has seen its work evolve into a major seminar series. High profile speakers have included John Major and Andrew Marr. For details of future MEG events, see 'Forthcoming Events' on the back page.

## New Biosensor Technology Spin-out

DegraSense Ltd, a new Queen Mary spin-out, has been established to develop a point of care dental diagnostic that could improve the treatment of periodontal disease and other inflammatory conditions. The company aims to commercialise novel protease biosensor technology developed via the research activities of Dr Steffi Krause of the School of Engineering and Materials Science and Dr Mike Watkinson of the School of Biological and Chemical Sciences.

Although Drs Krause and Wilkinson believe that there are potential applications for the biosensor technology in a range of industries, their initial focus will be on developing a non-invasive sensor capable of monitoring inflammation and bacterial infection. The initial application will be the diagnosis and treatment of periodontal disease, estimated to cost the NHS £250m per year.

## Quentin Skinner joins Queen Mary

Professor Quentin Skinner joined Queen Mary last term to take up the new position of Barber Beaumont Professor of Humanities. He comes from the University of Cambridge where he held the Regius Chair of Modern History from 1996 to 2008.

## Frozen shrimp points towards warm Pole



A team of international scientists, including members of Queen Mary's Geography Department, have discovered a new fossil in the dry regions of the East Antarctic. The unearthing of the fossil, the first of its kind from the Antarctic continent, provides scientists with new evidence to support the theory that the polar region was once much warmer. The discovery was led by a team of international scientists from Queen Mary, North Dakota State University, the University of Leicester, the British Geological Survey and Boston University.

## Mendoza remembered

A memorial service for Daniel Mendoza (1764-1836), the 'father of scientific boxing' and the first Jewish-English champion boxer, took place at Queen Mary in September 2008. Mendoza originated the concept of defensive boxing with the aim of winning a match without being hit. His techniques, such as sidestepping, guarding and the effective use of the straight left, became known as 'scientific boxing.'

Mendoza was originally buried in a Jewish Cemetery which now forms part of campus, but his remains were moved to Essex in the 1970s. Several British boxers attended the ceremony at the College, including Sir Henry Cooper who unveiled a bronze plaque.



Sir Henry Cooper unveils the Mendoza plaque

Henry said: "Mendoza was the first man to lay down some proper rules for boxing technique - before him it was all bare knuckles and even wrestling - so we have him to thank for modern boxing. It's only right that he has a permanent memorial."

## Queen Mary's 'green' plane takes off

A group of students from Queen Mary's School of Engineering and Materials Science have modified an aircraft to fly on electric power and the plane successfully completed three test flights in September 2008.

Working in association with AeroElvira Ltd and Anglia Sailplanes, three groups of MEng (fourth year) project students have worked on the plane over the last five years. They modified the Edgley EA9 "Optimist" sailplane by adding eight under-wing pylons attached by removable straps. These pylons were fitted with 16 propellers (280mm in diameter) all driven by electric motors and powered by lightweight lithium-polymer batteries. The

motors can be activated by the pilot in the cockpit via a wireless link designed by former student, Mehrtash Lotfian (Aerospace Systems 2008) who is now working in the aerospace industry. The successful flight marks a milestone in 'Project Orion,' which began nearly 10 years ago when the plane was originally assembled from a kit by engineering students. Dr Graham Dorrington, who supervised the project together with several other staff from the School, commented: "This was a notable achievement by all the students involved. Only a handful of aircraft throughout the world have been flown solely on electric power to date."

## EMdot receives ERA Foundation Entrepreneurs Prize

Queen Mary's newest spin-out company, EMDot, was awarded the 2008 Royal Academy of Engineering ERA Foundation Entrepreneurs prize. The award identifies entrepreneurial researchers working in UK universities in the field of electro-technology who are at an early stage in their career and who demonstrate both entrepreneurial promise and the potential to benefit the UK's future prosperity. Last year's winning team are Dr Mark Paine, Dr Matthew Alexander and Dr Katharine Smith from the

School of Engineering and Materials Science, who received the £40,000 prize fund for their patented drop-on-demand dispensing technology. The technology allows the controlled production of extremely small liquid droplets which are important in a number of biomedical applications such as the engineering of replacement cartilage, soft tissue or bone, and the production of microarray chips for drug development or disease diagnosis.

## Electronic Engineering and Computer Science merge

The Department of Electronic Engineering and the Department of Computer Science merged on 1 August 2008 to form the School of Electronic Engineering and Computer Science. Professor Edmund Robinson is the first Head of the combined school.

# Inspiring Aspiration

When Mrs Bushra Nasir stepped-up to receive her Honorary Fellowship from the Chairman of Council, Dr Colette Bowe, during the graduation ceremony in July 2007, the response from the graduating students, their families and friends was overwhelming and heartfelt.

No industrialist or world-renowned scientific theorist, Mrs Nasir reminded everyone in the audience that day, whether it was three years ago, thirty years or sixty years ago, of the school teacher who had inspired and encouraged them to go that extra mile on the way to achieving their personal goals.

Bushra Nasir talked to Susan Nettle.



One of the 25 most influential Muslims in England, being invited to advise the then Prime Minister, Tony Blair, in the aftermath of the London bombings in July 2005 came as no surprise to Mrs Bushra Nasir: she is the President of the Muslim Teachers Association. Being named Professional of the Year, at the prestigious Asian Women of Achievement Awards earlier in 2005, was professionally more unexpected. The citation read, for being 'one of the most inspirational educators in the UK today.' The award had not previously been given to a teacher.

For Mrs Nasir, this recognition as well as that of other colleagues, is part of the culture of inspiring aspiration that she passes on to her pupils at Plashet School for Girls in East Ham.

Under Mrs Nasir's leadership as Head Teacher since 1997, Plashet has gone from strength to strength in recent years. The number of students gaining 5 A\*-C grades at GCSE has risen over the past decade from 28 to 78 per cent. In 2005, Ofsted reported that 'all students get the most out of the high quality education provided; and that Mrs Nasir demonstrates an outstanding drive for excellence.'

Surprisingly, teaching was not Mrs Nasir's first career choice: in her early years she had aspired to be a doctor. Bushra was born and brought up in Lahore, moving with her mother and four siblings to England to join her father when she was eight. Her connections with the East End began with her arrival here and have continued throughout her life.

Churchmead School in her primary years was followed by Connaught Secondary Modern and then, after questioning why she was not being taught science when she wanted to become a doctor, success in her 13-plus exams took her to Leyton County High School for Girls.

Discovering that her A-levels were not good enough to get her into one of London's medical schools was a massive personal disappointment. Choosing instead to read science, she felt at the time that it was 'very much a second option.'

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Bushra came to Queen Mary in 1970 to study for a degree in Genetics and Microbiology. Her memories of the College are mixed. She remembers herself as being very introverted. "As a young Muslim woman who lived at home in Leytonstone, the 'laddish culture' of the time with evening socialising and drinking was something I did not want to take part in. In the early 1970s there was no Students' Union Muslim Society or anything else to bring women together. On the other hand, the opportunity to work in university laboratories, study in libraries and take inspiration from my lecturers, including the botanist Lorna Castleton, was a sheer delight."

Graduating with a 2:1 degree, a future in research seemed the natural stepping stone: certainly the opportunity to undertake a PhD and teach was offered to her. But after just nine days as a laboratory assistant at the London Chest Hospital testing patient saliva and faeces for TB, a career reassessment was urgently required!

Bushra already had at the back of her mind the idea of becoming a teacher. Discussing the options with her parents, her mother's pragmatic view was, why undertake further study for a doctorate, when it was actually 'putting-off' the day when she would become a teacher.

Mrs Nasir is very candid about her early days as a teacher and the uncertainties that she felt. Taking her training at the then 'incredibly tough' St Paul's Way School near Mile End in the mid-1970s, struggling



Mrs Bushra Nasir with her family in the College Council Room after being made an Honorary Fellow of Queen Mary.

physically and emotionally to cope and having to get her own behaviour-management sorted when teacher-training did not cover these issues was, she remembers, "a real challenge." A year later and a career opening as a science teacher at the school where she had been a pupil, Connaught School in Leytonstone, proved her making: "From then on I suddenly took to teaching like a duck to water."

Fifteen years later, having become Deputy Head, she left and joined Plashet School for Girls. Two and a half years later in 1993, she was appointed Head Teacher. Suddenly she had been catapulted into a very public role, both within the local community and nationally – Mrs Nasir was the first female Muslim head teacher of a comprehensive school in the country. Henceforth, the educational establishment was watching everything she has said and done.

For her, educational underachievement and an early disengagement from education are two factors which could lead to a strong pull towards extremist views. She is a firm believer in the empowerment of women through education. At Plashet, where two-thirds of the pupils are Muslim, and 90 per cent have Pakistani, Indian or Bangladeshi backgrounds, achievement is highly valued. The culture of the school encourages girls to have great self-esteem, believe in self-worth and a highly motivated approach to

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success. Local sixth-form and further education college recruiters are beating a path to the school. Many of her Plashet alumnae now have high-value jobs in the City and Canary Wharf, as well as successes in the medical and legal professions.

Mrs Nasir's message to Tony Blair when she met him was the need to influence and empower Muslim women through education, since it was they who are the moderating and civilising influence within the family and society more generally.

Mrs Nasir was made a Companion of the British Empire in the Queen's Birthday Honours in 2003.

# Flying the flag

The UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office has a much wider international remit: from promoting UK businesses around the world to attracting inward investment; supporting the resolution of conflict, by promoting human rights, democracy and good government; and encouraging a low carbon energy climate change policy. This in addition to being the 'voice' of the British Government in international organisations such as the United Nations; the OECD, the World Health and the World Trade Organisations.

On average 26,000 UK passport holders will lose their passports while travelling overseas each year; just one of the problems that British embassy staff face on a regular basis.

Of the 261 British Ambassadors managing overseas affairs, the fine detail varies by posting. Martin Uden (QMC, Law 1976) called into the Alumni Relations Office before he took up his latest appointment as British Ambassador to the Republic of Korea earlier this year, and talked about the role of an ambassador.



For Martin Uden, the ambassadorship will be his third term-of-duty in the Republic of Korea and fulfils a long-held personal ambition. His interest in the Far East was sparked during his time as a law student at Queen Mary, when Wednesday afternoons were spent participating in martial arts at Imperial College. The language and the culture associated with these sports led him to an added interest in Eastern culture and Buddhism.

Martin, whose family name Uden is Kentish - its origins being traced back to the fourteenth century - was born in Twickenham and grew up in Kent. When considering his university options, studying

law seemed to offer a clear 'career path' at a time when Britain was entering an economic downturn. Queen Mary College was easily commutable from home in Bromley. Graduating in 1976, Martin spent the following year studying for the Bar exams before being called to the Bar at Inner Temple in 1977.

At the point where a glittering legal career beckoned, 'suddenly', he says, 'the law no longer seemed to offer enough interest to last for the rest of my working life.' This epiphany coincided with the annual advertisement by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) for new recruits into the diplomatic service. Martin was accepted on to the Fast Track

programme and within three weeks was working on the desk responsible for Italy and the Nordic countries. An ability with languages was an asset that the FCO teased out of him. While other recruits selected Chinese or Japanese, Martin chose to study Korean; he remains, even today, one of only a handful of Korean speakers in the diplomatic service.

Postings in the FCO traditionally follow a pattern of three-year cycles. From 1978-81, Martin was already working and undergoing intensive language training in Seoul, as Second Secretary at the British Embassy. A second posting came between 1994 and 1997, when he was Political Counsellor and Consul-General in the Korean capital.

This third and current posting, 30 years after his first visit, must offer an intriguing comparison. Not least, that Seoul has grown from of about one million inhabitants to one which boasts almost 23 million people and is the world's second largest metropolis. This speed of change, often called 'the miracle of the Han,' has been achieved in the 60 years since the foundation of the Republic of Korea in 1948.

British interest in the Korean Peninsula can be traced to the end of the eighteenth century and UK-Korean diplomatic relations go back to 1882. It was at this time that the land for the British Embassy's compound in Seoul was purchased for £200.

For centuries Korea's strategic position between China and Japan meant that it has long been a contesting ground of the great powers. Even today, the Demilitarised Zone separating the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in the north from the Republic of Korea in the south remains a tense reminder of the Cold War.

In every British embassy, the Ambassador sets the 'tone' for the whole diplomatic operation. This reflects what has to be achieved during the subsequent three years. The Embassy, under Martin Uden, has already organised a visit in October 2008 for HRH the Duke of York, the UK's Special Representative for International Trade and Investment. During the five day visit to Seoul and Busan (Pusan), the Duke met with business leaders of both British companies in

Korea and Korean companies with strong UK links; as well as the President and Prime Minister and senior government ministers. With bi-lateral trade worth £5.5 billion annually, this was an important visit.



For Korea, the UK is its tenth largest export market: Samsung electronics, Hyundai and Daewoo cars, LG mobile telephony are major consumer brands. British exports to Korea include Rolls Royce engines, whisky and machine tools. Britain's financial sector is also a major player with over 400 branches of Standard Chartered Bank in Korea; and Barclays Bank has made a commitment to provide wealth management advice to an increasingly wealthy country. Samsung-Tesco is the second largest supermarket chain in Korea. Martin Uden recently presented Dr Lee Seung-Han, President and CEO of Samsung-Tesco with a CBE in recognition of his leadership of this joint venture since its inception.

Britain's stance in encouraging greater human rights provided an opportunity for the Ambassador to share a stage at Korea's National Assembly with the Speaker and Chairman of the National Human Rights Commission, Kim Hyong-o. Friday 10 October 2008 was World Day Against the Death Penalty. The country has not carried out any executions for more than 10 years, but the death penalty remains on the statute books. In his address, the Ambassador said

"In this important year for the country and human rights, the Republic of Korea has the opportunity to display real global leadership and become the first country in North East Asia to protect the ultimate human right and ban the death penalty...I urge South Korea not to wait [but make] its contribution to protecting the ultimate human right."

A new initiative is the 'blog' which Martin writes. Recent contributions have included a note on the Olympic Handover flag being raised for a few days at the Embassy before continuing on its journey to other British embassies around the world. The flag celebrates the moment when London became the Summer Olympic Host City on 24 August 2008.

Always an area of interest is just how positive other nations are about the United Kingdom. A poll carried out for the BBC World Service looked at 'what we think about each other.' It found that of the South Koreans who responded, 77 per cent were positive towards the UK (beaten only by the Kenyans who had an 85 per cent positive view). While Martin muses that this might not be entirely the work of the Embassy, "What happens if these figures go down while I'm here? Will it be my fault?!"

Martin Uden, aside from being the Queen Mary alumni correspondent in Korea, has also been appointed to the College's International Advisory Board.

### Career Profile

2008 –	HM Ambassador to the Republic of Korea
2003 – 2007	San Francisco, Consul-General
2001 – 2003	InvestUK, Director International
1997 – 2001	Ottawa, Counsellor (Trade/Economic)
1994 – 1997	Seoul, Counsellor (Political) and Consul-General
1990 – 1994	FCO, First Secretary
1986 – 1990	Bonn, First Secretary
1981 – 1986	FCO, Second, later First Secretary
1978 – 1981	Seoul, Second Secretary
1977 – 1978	FCO, Third Secretary

# High Street 2012\*

With the 2008 Beijing Olympics and Paralympic Games now a memory, planning is well underway for the London games in 2012.

For the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, in which two of Queen Mary's main campuses are located, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

The A11, the arterial road from the City to the Olympic Park, will be the subject of a major regeneration programme called High Street 2012. All three marathon events will be run along the four miles of its length. Tower Hamlets hopes that this new identity will highlight the best qualities of the diverse cultures which mingle along it.

Queen Mary is keen to maximise the opportunities for permanent regeneration to east London that the Olympic Games offer. The College has pledged its student residences to the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games to house visitors in 2012. It is also working on a number of projects connected with the Games, with North East London partners.



Queens' Building, Queen Mary, University of London



Dr Richard Budget OBE

Former student and Olympic gold medallist, Dr Richard Budget OBE, (q MSc Sports Medicine The London, 1989) has been appointed Chief Medical Officer (CMO) to the London Games 2012. Richard was CMO to Team GB from 1994-2008. Richard rowed alongside Martin Cross (QMC, History/Politics 1978), Steve Redgrave and Andy Holmes in Great Britain's coxed four team at the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984.

At a press conference announcing his appointment, Dr Budget stated: "We want to get the message across that we will not stand for doping. All the latest technology and expertise will be used to ensure that London has the cleanest games so far."



The statue of Queen Alexandra stands in the shadow of the new hospital building at The Royal London

The new Royal London Hospital at Whitechapel, together with its sister hospital St Bartholomew's in the City of London, are receiving over £1 billion of capital investment in order to create a world-class healthcare facility for the people of East London. Both projects are due to be completed in 2015.

Julian Nettel, Chief Executive of Barts and The London NHS Trust says: "Throughout the Olympic Games, Barts and The London hospitals will be providing front-line emergency services... thus 75 per cent of the services will be ready by early 2012 – it's a symbolic target for us to achieve."



The London 2012 Olympic Stadium

At its peak, there will be 23,000 workers on the Olympic Park site; there are currently 2,500. Through a local training framework, 20 per cent of these jobs will be committed to people living in the five Olympic boroughs.



### Scale of the 2012 Games

- 26 Olympic sports in 34 venues
- 20 Paralympic sports in 21 venues
- 10,500 Olympic athletes and 4,200 Paralympic athletes
- 20,000 press and media
- Over 9 million tickets sold to spectators during the 4 weeks of sport
- 70,000 volunteers

For the Olympic weeks in July and August 2012, every hotel, hostel, spare room or floor space will be full when the Olympics and the world come to London. Queen Mary's self-contained modern campus, the Westfield Student Village, located less than two miles west of the Olympic site, will supply 1,000 bedrooms during the Olympic and Paralympic Games. While the athletes and the officials will be housed in the Olympic Village at Stratford, the media and members of the administrative support for the national sports teams could well find themselves with canal-side views, living on the Queen Mary campus.



The Westfield Student Village

\*Content for this article has been adapted from *QM* magazine. The magazine can be viewed in pdf format at <http://www.qmul.ac.uk/media/communications/docs/qmautumn08.pdf>

# School of Medicine and Dentistry News

## Raising a Royal smile: free dental care comes to Southend

The Southend Dental Outreach Clinic – a collaboration between: Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry; Barts and The London NHS Trust; South East Essex PCT, and the University of Essex, was officially launched in April by HRH The Princess Royal, Chancellor of the University of London.

The Dental Outreach Clinic not only provides free NHS dental treatment for the local people of Southend, it also enables Queen Mary's dentistry students to gain practical experience. Treatment, including check-ups, routine fillings, simple root canals, extractions and crowns, bridges and dentures, is carried out by senior dental students studying at Barts and The London under the supervision of qualified local dentists.

Professor Farida Fortune, Dean for Dentistry at Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry said: "We are really excited about this new venture and partnership. It will give our students the opportunity to provide first class, friendly and focused primary dental care in state-of-the-art facilities."



HRH The Princess Royal with Professor Farida Fortune, Dean for Dentistry at the Southend Dental Outreach Clinic

## New unit for research into Cardiovascular disease

A prestigious £5.375m grant from the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) has been awarded to Barts and The London NHS Trust and Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry for the establishment of a Biomedical Research Unit in Cardiovascular disease.

Mark Caulfield (q MBBS The London 1984), Director of the William Harvey Research Institute at Barts and The London School of Medicine and



Professor Mark Caulfield

Dentistry, said: "Heart disease causes one in three deaths in the UK and is a priority area for research. This grant will enable us to speed advances in basic medical research from the scientist's bench to the patient's bedside, improving the diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disease." The grant will be used to purchase a £1m state-of-the-art CT scanner which uses leading-edge imaging techniques to diagnose and assess heart disease.

£3.375m of the grant is being allocated to set up a team of advanced cardiac imaging specialists to conduct translational research based alongside the Barts and The London Heart Attack Centre. The award also provides £1m towards a new cardiac clinical research facility at Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry. The clinical research facility will be the translational research hub, driving advances into clinical practice to ensure that patients benefit more quickly from new scientific breakthroughs.

## The genetics of Coeliac disease

A team of scientists, who last year identified a new genetic risk factor for coeliac disease, have discovered an additional seven gene regions implicated in causing the condition. The team, led by David van Heel, Professor of Gastrointestinal Genetics in the Institute of Cell and Molecular Science, have further demonstrated that of the nine coeliac gene regions now known, four of these are also predisposing factors for type 1 diabetes. Their research sheds light on both the nature of coeliac disease and on the common origins of both diseases. Coeliac disease, which afflicts one per cent of the population and is prevalent in the West, is an immune-mediated disease, triggered by intolerance to gluten (a protein found in wheat, barley and rye containing foods), that prevents normal digestion and the absorption of nutrients.

Professor van Heel and his team first performed a genome-wide association study in coeliac disease. Genetic markers across the genome were compared in coeliac disease subjects versus healthy controls; they then assessed around 1,000 of the strongest markers in a further 5,000 samples. Their results identified seven new risk regions – six of which harbour important genes critical in the control of immune responses, highlighting their significance in the development of the disease. The project has received over £1m in funding as part of a £30m follow-up study to the Wellcome Trust Case Control Consortium, the largest ever study of the genetics of common disease.

# Queen Mary Players

After 29 years at the helm and more than 54 full-length productions, John Ramsden of the Queen Mary Players has taken his final bow. A reunion party attended by Players from across the decades in March followed the performance of his swan-song production, *Robin Hood, the Pantomime*.

Professor John Ramsden, Emeritus Professor in the Department of History, was the driving force behind the Players. He retired last summer after 36 years service at Queen Mary -



Professor John Ramsden

including Head of History from 1988-90 and 1998-2000 and Dean of the Faculty of Arts from 1990-93.

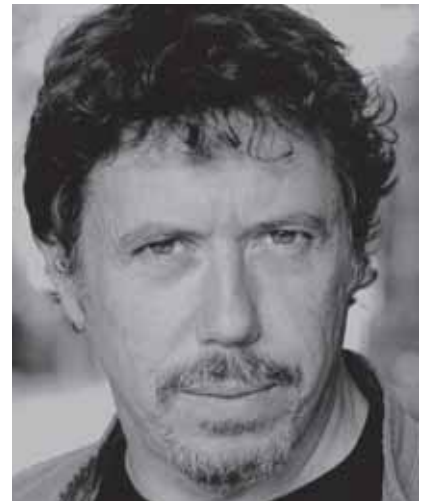
The Queen Mary Players are a staff and student drama group that first formed in 1979 as the QMC Fringe Theatre Club; their debut production was Alan Ayckbourn's *Table Manners*. The Players put on two productions in each academic year, which included many Shakespeare plays, namely *Hamlet* (twice), *Romeo and Juliet* and *Richard II*, musicals, comedy, pantomimes and several plays about the First World War. The Players have also toured: to local schools, to the Edinburgh Festival and the Minack Theatre in Cornwall.

Some 500 members have taken part in productions over the years, about two-thirds of them being students. Several student members have gone on to successful acting careers: Claire Price (English 1993) (who played among other parts, Titania, Lady Macbeth and Julia in *The Rivals*) has appeared with major companies including the RSC and the National Theatre, and co-starred in ITV's



*Rebus* series in 2005; Sean Gilder (QMC, History and Geography 1985) has appeared as Paddy Maguire in Channel 4's *Shameless*, Styles in all of ITV's *Hornblower* episodes and was on stage at the Almeida Theatre in *Gorky's Enemies* (2006). Richard Trinder (German), after playing Horatio and Romeo at Queen Mary, has been in *Coronation Street* and was on the Almeida stage in *King Lear* (2002).

Ben Bellamy (English 2008) directed the latest Queen Mary Players' production *Twelfth Night* in November 2008. The company includes 10 new cast and three new crew members. If you are a former Queen Mary player do let us know at [alumni@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@qmul.ac.uk).



Sean Gilder

## Guardian Award for Queen Mary Player

David Torn (History 1992), a former Queen Mary Player, received The Guardian Award for Teacher of the Year in a Secondary School and the General Teaching Council Award for Excellence in Professional Development in 2007.

David trained as a teacher in 1995 and has been at St Edward's School in Romford since 1996. He commented: "I do not believe I am the Teacher of the Year, but just doing to students what was done to me by Professor Jim Bolton [Lecturer in the Department of History] – believing in them!"



# The Royal Librarian

Few librarians can count the books in a doll's house library as part of their responsibility. The doll's house in question was made for Queen Mary and designed in 1924, by Sir Edwin Lutyens. The gardens which surround this handcrafted, miniature house were designed by Gertrude Jekyll.

The tiny 'thumb-sized' books, each specially commissioned to be part of the library, an essential room in an Edwardian gentleman's house, provide a snapshot of the English literary scene at the time. Over 170 authors, including Thomas Hardy, J M Barrie, G K Chesterton, Rudyard Kipling, Hilaire Belloc and the poet-laureate Robert Bridges, all contributed volumes.

Westfielder Jane Roberts, Librarian and Curator of the Print Room at the Royal Library, Windsor Castle, spoke to *QUAD* about her role and increasing the accessibility of the Royal Collection.



On Friday 20 November 1992, the rush-hour traffic on the M4 motorway heading out of London ground to a halt as drivers stopped to watch in amazement as a yellow pall of flames and smoke rose above the normally tranquil view of Windsor Castle.

The fire, which destroyed nine of the principal state rooms at Windsor Castle, including the roof of St George's Hall and caused severe damage to 100 others, proved a catalyst for the decisions which led to the summer opening of the State Rooms at Buckingham Palace, and the renovation and presentation of regular exhibitions from the Royal Collection at the Queen's Galleries in London and Edinburgh.

Jane Roberts (née Low) is a former student who studied one of the few subjects which did not move to Queen Mary following the merger with Westfield of 1989. She was accepted into the first cohort of the new degree in History and History of Art which was offered at Westfield in 1968. Westfield's Department of History complemented Queen Mary's; while from the moment of its inception, the sub-department of History of Art had found a willing collaboration with University College London.

The inter-collegiate nature of the degree meant that she encountered both the doyens as well as the up-and-coming stars of London's art history scene at that time. She was taught about the works of Leonardo da Vinci by Ernst Gombrich at the Warburg Institute. Peter and Linda Murray's lectures at Birkbeck College focused her attention on Renaissance Italy. At Westfield, Rosalind Hill's work in ecclesiastical history was complimented by that of Christopher Brooke. David Bindman taught British Art. Neil Stratford taught Italian Art and Nicolai Rubinstein, Renaissance history. Jane acknowledges "Although at the time I had no idea of what I wanted to do, the degree prepared me well for my first job – the same that I do now, looking after the drawings and watercolours in the Royal Collection."

After Westfield, Jane took an MA in Art History at the Courtauld Institute. It was one of her tutors whom she met at a party after graduating who suggested she apply for an 'unadvertised' post at Windsor Castle, which required a 'post-graduate art historian who could type' (this was 1974!).

To begin with the job was 'quite low-key'; dealing with visitors who had come to see specific drawings, administering exhibition loans, and preparing labels for exhibits. Coinciding with Jane's arrival, a massive conservation project involving the 600 drawings by Leonardo da Vinci held in the Royal Collection was being undertaken. Probably acquired by King Charles II, books containing the drawings were first listed in the Royal Collection in 1690 (five years after the King's death). The conservation and mounting of these leaves meant that for the first time some could actually be exhibited. Jane pointed out that "Prior to 1975, the Leonardos had scarcely been seen outside of the Queen's Gallery at Buckingham Palace or the Royal Academy in London and never abroad, it was henceforth possible for them to go on display in galleries around the world."

Since those early days, the task of cataloguing, conserving and curating exhibitions has expanded. Jane Roberts was promoted to Librarian and Curator of the Print Room in 2002 and now has a team of 25 members of staff. Small private exhibitions marking special occasions are often assembled by the Librarian. The 2007 Order of Merit luncheon, hosted by the Queen for the 24 members of the Order, included the opportunity to view among other things, the miniature book from Queen Mary's dolls house of Thomas Hardy's *The Trumpet Major*. Thomas Hardy had himself been awarded the Order of Merit in 1910. The larger public exhibitions such as 'From Bruegell to Rubens' currently to be seen at The Queen's Gallery in Buckingham Palace, draw on the combined knowledge of experts working throughout the Collection.

The Royal Collection of some 40,000 drawings and watercolours; 150,000 prints; 350,000 photographic images and 125,000 books and manuscripts all fall under the responsibilities of the Royal Librarian. As

with all the other objects, paintings, furniture, silverware, jewellery, regalia, ceramics, fans, textiles, arms and armour, Jane notes "there is no chronological consistency. The items represent the personal taste of each king or queen who purchased them." Queen Mary, consort of George V, who gave her name to this College, collected Fabergé objects, jade, enamel, rings, fans, jewels and gold boxes among other things. Her interest in The Royal Library meant that she transferred objects which she either bought or was given, in particular a Bible, which had belonged to King Charles II; as well as a large collection of private press books including Eric Gill's *Four Gospels*, printed by the Golden Cockerel Press in 1931. In addition, she amassed 33 photograph albums, covering family life, as well as travels and official visits: Queen Mary personally annotated each image, offering a unique glimpse into royal life between 1880 and 1952.

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In 2002, the urgency to make the Collection as accessible as possible resulted in an e-Gallery being developed. Initially this featured just the objects displayed in public exhibitions. Thousands of items are now on the site, representing the work of every artist in the Collection. These range from 261 pages of Leonardo da Vinci's drawings to the single portrait of HM The Queen painted by Lucian Freud (2000-01).

Over 3,000 objects from the Royal Collection are on permanent loan to galleries and museums in the UK and around the world, including Isaac Snowman's portrait of Queen Mary which is on indefinite loan to the College. In some cases, the Royal



Isaac Snowman's portrait of Queen Mary

Collection is the largest holder of work by a single artist: the Queen lent paintings and over 30 drawings to the 2007 Holbein exhibition at Tate Britain. In addition, innumerable short-term loans are made each year, including drawings and paintings by Correggio to the Galleria Nazionale di Parma in Parma and a model Aston Martin car (c.1966) to the Imperial War Museum for its current exhibition 'For Your Eyes Only: Ian Fleming and James Bond.'

Jane Roberts has authored and edited many exhibition catalogues, books and academic papers about aspects of the collection and her particular research interests, which include Georgian collecting. She has also compiled three popular books: *Queen Elizabeth II: a Birthday Souvenir Album*; which sold over 27,000 copies in its first year; *Five Gold Rings, a Royal Wedding Souvenir Album*, published in 2007; and *Charles, Prince of Wales: a Birthday Souvenir Album*, published last year. Jane was made a commander of the Royal Victorian Order in the Queen's New Year's Honours in 2003.

To see more about the Royal Collection visit: [www.royalcollection.org.uk](http://www.royalcollection.org.uk)

# The legacy of Women at Queen Mary

## WOMEN

A commemorative volume has been published following the success of the exhibition 'Women at Queen Mary,' which celebrated the contribution of women to the four institutions that comprise the College today: Queen Mary College, Westfield College, St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College and The London Hospital Medical and Dental colleges.

*Women at Queen Mary* tells the story of women at Queen Mary through the generations from 1850 to the present day. It reveals a fascinating history of women

in higher education in the UK: from the struggle to gain access to study; the fight to learn on equal terms as men; the academic and cultural contributions which these women have made; and the inspiration they have provided to younger generations of female students.

This commemorative volume expands upon the material presented at the exhibition which was held in the Octagon at Mile End during 2007-08. It contains profiles of some 50 'Featured Women' and a wide range of images, including photographs, manuscripts, student magazines and other material from the College archives and beyond. This book will be of relevance to

further research on the College's history, the history of women in higher education and the local history of London's East End.

Proceeds from the book will support the Queen Mary, University of London Foundation which was established in 2006 to help advance the work of Queen Mary by raising philanthropic income. The Foundation's primary objectives are to provide gifted young people in financial need with access to a world-class education; to improve the educational, cultural and research facilities and amenities provided by the College; and to develop Queen Mary's work in the community and also to enhance its international reputation.

### Bringing women's education to life

Lorraine Screene, College Archivist, described how, focusing on the exhibition, she was immediately struck by the wealth of previously untouched and unseen historic material, which dates from the eighteenth century to the present day. "The College Archives contain a variety of institutional and personal archives, which reveal the history of British literature and language, art and design, social and political history, international affairs, scientific history and women's education. The exhibition was an excellent opportunity to showcase this largely untapped resource."

The College Archives are established in the Main Library on Queen Mary's Mile End campus and are open to staff, students, alumni and members of the public.

### Online exhibition

An online exhibition, 'Women at Queen Mary Online: A virtual exhibition,' has been created to follow-on from the exhibition. The online exhibition is structured around a number of themes and features virtual tours and women's voices, including dramatised archival material and interviews. A recording of the round-table discussion at the official launch of the exhibition is also available. Visit [www.women.qmul.ac.uk](http://www.women.qmul.ac.uk) for more information.

### Order your copy of *Women at Queen Mary*

The *Women at Queen Mary* book is available to buy from the Alumni Relations Office: you can print off an order form from our website at <http://www.qmul.ac.uk/alumni> or you can telephone with your debit/credit card details. Alternatively, you can visit us in person. Books are £7.95 each (excluding p&p).



# Supporting Queen Mary

## The Westfield Way

Former Westfield student, Mrs Audrey Tank (née Axon) 1927-2008 (History 1947), has pledged to leave a gift to the Queen Mary, University of London Foundation in her Will. Audrey, and her late husband Meyric, were both regular visitors to the Mile End campus over the years, attending lectures and reunions. She has specified that her gift should be used to maintain and improve the gardens on the campus. Audrey had fond memories of the Westfield gardens in Hampstead as well as those at St Peter's College, Oxford, where she spent the first year of her degree programme in 1944-45.

Brochures and leaflets about how to leave a gift in your Will to the Queen Mary, University of London Foundation have been published. You can obtain a copy by contacting Susan Nettle in the Alumni Relations Office on +44 (0)20 7882 7423 or by email at [s.nettle@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:s.nettle@qmul.ac.uk).

## Launch of the "Sue Boswell"

Sue Boswell, former Head of Alumni Relations for Barts and The London, watched as a new Janousek women's eight rowing boat, was named at a ceremony by BATLAA President, Dr Brian Colvin (q MBBChir The London, 1969) in October 2008. The Barts and The London Hospital Medical Club Benevolent Fund, supported by donations from former students, provided the funding for the boat. The boat was named "Sue Boswell" in recognition of the 10 years that Sue dedicated to bringing together Barts and The London medical and dental alumni following the merger of the two schools.



## QMWA Achievement Award winner

Last year's QMWA Achievement Award went to Alia Hussain (Biochemistry with Microbiology 2008) who was nominated by her peers in the Students' Union for her exemplary contribution to the College. During her time at Queen Mary, Alia served as a representative on the Student Staff Liaison Committee for three years and, in her final year, was appointed Faculty Representative of Natural Sciences. Alia had also been a Course Rep, Student Ambassador, Women at Queen Mary exhibition guide and a volunteer for *Provide*, the SU's volunteer programme.



## How the value of your gift increases (or Matched-Funding explained)

On 1 August 2008, the UK Government launched a matched-funding scheme and committed £200m towards leveraging £600m of philanthropic gifts into the English universities system by 2011.

The Queen Mary, University of London Foundation is eligible to receive an additional 50p on top of every £1 which its alumni and friends donate; or £5 on every £10; or £50 for every £100, etc. Any financial donation (except legacies) given to the Foundation throughout the next three years is likely to be eligible for the same matched-funding. This applies to gifts received from both overseas and home alumni.

For UK tax-paying donors, the benefits of giving are even higher. By signing a Gift Aid Declaration, an additional 25p for every £1 given is added to the gift. Thus a gift of £100 received today is worth £187.50 to the Foundation or £100 + £25 (Gift Aid) + 50 per cent (matched-funding). While a

Direct Debit donation for £100, given in each of 2008, 2009 and 2010, will cost a basic-rate tax-payer £300 and provide the Foundation with £561.60 of income.

You can find more details about the scheme with worked examples and donors comments, on our website at [www.qmul.ac.uk/alumni/support](http://www.qmul.ac.uk/alumni/support)



# International news

## Honorary awards for pioneers of optical fibres



(l-r) Dr George Hockham, Professor Charles Kao and Professor Jintong Lin, former President of BUPT

During the BUPT/QM graduation ceremony, academic honours were presented to Dr George Hockham (QMC, PhD Electronic Engineering 1969) and Professor Charles Kao, two internationally renowned pioneers in the field of optical fibres. BUPT presented an Honorary Visiting Professorship to Dr Hockham whilst Queen Mary made Professor Kao an Honorary Fellow of the College. Both have long standing associations with Queen Mary: Kao joined the Research Group in Electronic Engineering as a Visiting Fellow in 1970 and, from 1995-97, Hockham was a Senior Research Fellow. Since 1995, he has been a Visiting Professor in the Department of Electronic Engineering.

Hockham and Kao's academic paper 'Dielectric-fibre surface waveguides for optical frequencies', published in 1966 by the IEE (now the IET), paved the way for the development of optical fibre technology by companies such as STL, Corning and BT. Today optical fibre cables span the world and nearly all internet traffic, voice and data are conveyed by these means.

## Australasia branch formed

Alumni in New Zealand, Australia and Oceania are invited to join the newly established Australasia group. The group will be coordinated by Tom Lumb (QMC, Geography 1963). For further information, including how to join, please visit our website at [www.qmul.ac.uk/alumni/alumninetwork/international](http://www.qmul.ac.uk/alumni/alumninetwork/international)

## Inaugural graduation ceremony for the BUPT/QM Joint Degree Programme

The first graduates of the Joint Programme between Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications (BUPT) and Queen Mary received their degrees at a ceremony in Beijing on 29 July 2008.

The Joint Programme initiative, launched in 2004 and taught wholly in Beijing, is the first of its kind. Chinese students are taught jointly by staff between the two institutions: over 100 graduands were awarded both a Bachelor's Degree from BUPT and a University of London Bachelor of Science in Engineering. All of the graduates from the programme have gone into employment or further study, with 70 per cent continuing their studies at Master's level – a record for BUPT and Queen Mary in this field.

Professor Binxing Fang, President of BUPT, praised the hard work, dedication and co-operation of everyone involved in developing

and delivering the inaugural four-year programme. The programme is taught in China, predominately in English, by staff of both institutions. These were the first degrees to be approved by the Ministry of Education in China and the first of their kind to be accredited by the Institution of Engineering and Technology, the UK's accrediting body for engineering disciplines. By 2009, 2,000 students will be enrolled on the programme.



## Alumni Reunion in Canada

Toby Moseley, Study Abroad Officer in the International Office at Queen Mary, hosted a reception for Queen Mary alumni in Toronto. This was an opportunity for Des Alvares (QMC, Mechanical Engineering 1987), coordinator of the Canada group, to meet fellow alumni. For more information about the Canadian branch, including how to join, please visit our website at [www.qmul.ac.uk/alumni/alumninetwork/international](http://www.qmul.ac.uk/alumni/alumninetwork/international)



Des Alvares (third left) with fellow Queen Mary Canadian alumni

## Alumni Reunion in Beijing



Chinese students who studied at Queen Mary in London and ex-pat alumni who have settled in Beijing, joined the Principal for an update on Queen Mary and cocktails at the Peninsular Hotel, a week before the Olympics opened.

Queen Mary staff, students and alumni raised 10,000 RMB towards the relief fund for victims of the Sishuan earthquake last June. The College made a further donation to double this amount and over £1690 was donated to the fund.

# Student news

## New Health and Fitness Centre opens

Qmotion, the Student Union's brand new Health and Fitness Centre, opened on the Mile End campus in September 2008. With capacity for over 2,500 users, Qmotion offers cardiovascular and resistance zones, a free weights area, 25 studio classes per week and state-of-the-art equipment. The centre features two studio rooms, a performance studio, high-tech sound and lighting, a coffee and juice bar, as well as a sports hall, squash court, personal training and a female-only gym. It also offers acupuncture, homeopathy, the Bowen Technique and sports massage in its therapy room.



Alumni can join Qmotion at a discounted rate of £30 per month; membership options are available for 3, 6, or 12-month periods. Alumni who hold life membership of the Students' Union can take advantage of a further saving of £10 on the 12 month membership. They are also entitled to additional benefits of two personal

training sessions per year and one complimentary squash court booking per year.

For more information, contact [qmotion@qmsu.org](mailto:qmotion@qmsu.org) or telephone +44 (0)20 7882 8040. Visit [www.qmsu.org/qmotion](http://www.qmsu.org/qmotion)

## Students' Union Sabbaticals for 2008-09



(l-r) Sam Cunningham, Mazdak Alizadeh, Marzan Ahmed, Denis Shukur and Chendoran Thavamokankanthi

The Queen Mary Students' Union President for 2008-09 is Mazdak Alizadeh. Maz is joined by Chendoran Thavamokankanthi, President of Barts and The London Student Association; Denis Shukur, Vice-President Education Welfare and Representation; Marzan Ahmed, Vice-President Student Activities, and Sam Cunningham, Vice-President Media and Publications.

Maz and Denis both graduated in 2007 with degrees in Mathematics and Geography and Politics respectively, while Marzan and Sam graduated last summer, in Geography and English respectively. Chendoran is in his final year of a degree in Medicine.

## And a brand new look for drapersbar

An extensive refurbishment of Drapers on the Mile End campus has resulted in one of the most impressive student venues in the country. drapersbar now boasts state-of-the-art audio visual equipment and sound and lighting, a High Definition projector screen for



The red carpet awaits its first guests at the official opening of drapersbar

live sports and film nights as well as five 50" plasma screens and a new video juke box. A brand new food menu offers student staples as well as more healthy options, including fresh juices and smoothies during the day, with the venue transforming into a stunning, stylish bar in the evening.

## Queen Mary nominees for Guardian Student Media Awards

The shortlist for the Guardian Student Media Awards 2008 revealed that two Queen Mary students received nominations: Roald Tjon-Kon-Fat for feature writer of the year and Benjamin Curtis for sports writer of the year. Both Roald and Benjamin are finalists on the Journalism and Contemporary History programme.

# Catch-up

Almost 200 alumni have written to us with their news. If you wish to contact a friend from the alumni list, please send us your correspondence and we will be happy to forward the message on your behalf. Many of you have attended reunions and other events; please remember to have a camera to hand to capture the occasion and we will try to print photographs here. For those who qualified at Barts and The London Hospital Medical and Dental schools, your news will appear in the next issue of *Barts and The London Chronicle*. You can also read more about your contemporaries by visiting the Alumni Profiles page on our website at [www.qmul.ac.uk/alumni/profiles](http://www.qmul.ac.uk/alumni/profiles)

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## 1939

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**Margaret Chater (née Smith; formerly Hastings)** (W, English) has seven granddaughters, one grandson and four great-grandchildren. She invites any Westfield graduates from 1936-39 to get in touch.

**Charles Moss** (QMC, Mathematics) and **Joan** (QMC, French and sub. Spanish 1940) respectively turned 89 and 90 in 2007. They enjoy walking and now have a great-grandson and great-granddaughter.

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## 1940

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**Peter Hall OBE** (QMC, Electrical Engineering) is, at 88, a frail but active member of the Computer Conservation Society Committee North West. He gave a paper and chaired the BCS 50th Anniversary Session, has given up golf and instead plays bridge and sudoku for the brain!

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## 1943

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**Doris Quraishi (née Kingzett)** (W, English) is "delighted to be in touch with Westfield alumni of 1940-43 at last. I have spent my time teaching, mainly in London. Widowed but have a son and a daughter."

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## 1947

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**Dr Brian Cross** (QMC, Chemistry) retired in 1980 from a readership in organic chemistry at the University of Leeds. He now lives on a farm in Kent.

**Margaret Polack (née Hewison)** (W, Latin with Greek; Greek 1953) is President of Mencap Wolverhampton and was joint 2007 'Volunteer of the Year' in Wolverhampton for 40 years service to the charity.

## Charter Week Joust, December 1948



The Engineers team, with Mary the leopard (QMC's mascot) in the background

**Mary Green (née Kingsbury)** (QMC, Zoology 1951), sent in photos of the "1948 Joust" in which the engineers took on the medics during Charter Week. She recalls that there weren't any rules but "it was very much enjoyed. Medical students did a one year 1st MB course and then proceeded to medical school, mostly to The London. If the men students look rather mature and formal, it was because most of them were ex-servicemen." Mary attended QMC with her twin sister **Monica** (English 1951) and both married QMC students after graduation; Mary married **Jim Green** (Zoology 1951) and **Monica** married **Murray Stewart** (Chemistry 1952). "Jim lectured first at Bedford College and then Westfield, as Professor of Zoology, before moving to QMC following the merger. We live in Teddington and have two daughters and six grandchildren."

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## 1950

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**Dr Alan Beare** (QMC, PhD Electrical Engineering) writes "Have lived in France since December 1979. We have four children and eight grandchildren who enjoy visiting us here."

**Professor Adam Neville CBE** (QMC, Civil Engineering) was awarded the Concrete Society Gold Medal in July 2007 in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the field of concrete over many years.

**Dr Joan Thirsk CBE** (W, PhD History) published two books in 2007: *Food in Early Modern England: Phases, Fads, Fashions, 1500-1760* (Continuum) and *Hadlow: Life, Land and People in a Wealden Parish, 1460-1600* (Kent Archaeology Society) which she edited and co-authored.

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## 1951

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**Dr Raymond Hall** (QMC, Physics) is now retired. He has lost touch with fellow Physics undergraduate alumni from 1948-51 and asks "Are there any out there?"

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## 1953

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**Professor Ray Roberts** (QMC, History; PhD 1965) was Professor of History at the University of Zimbabwe until 1995, and is now a part-time lecturer at Arrupe (an associate college of the university). He is still researching and publishing on Zimbabwean history.

## 1954

**Dr Margaret Rees (née Williams)** (W, French and Spanish; PhD 1958) had a two-volume book published entitled *The Spiritual Diaries of Doña María Vela y Cueto* (Edwin Mellon Press).

## 1955

**Dr Joan Alcock** (W, History) published two books in 2007: *Congleton: Images of England* (Tempus) and an illustrated history entitled *London Inn Signs* (Tempus).

**Professor Robin Ganellin** (QMC, Chemistry; PhD 1958) was appointed a Foreign Corresponding Academician of the Spanish Royal Academy of Pharmacy and an Honorary Member of the European

Histamine Research Society in 2007. In 2006, he also received the Pratesi gold medal - given to medicinal chemists of international renown - from the Medicinal Chemical Division of the Societa Chimica Italiana in Florence.

## 1958

**Daphne Jenkins (née Davison)** (W, French) still enjoys teaching French to employees of Messier-Dowty, a subsidiary of the Safran Group.

## 1956

**Eivind Engebretsen** (QMC, Electronics) wrote "My first heavy engineering job took place in the 1960s when I was in charge of the design of control and instrumentation and electrical systems of the Norwegian nuclear reactor JEEP II, a 2 MW D:O moderated reactor, used for research and production of radioisotopes. In October 2007, I was invited back to see it. Technology has not been at a stand still for 45 years and a number of renewals and improvements had been made, but it was very pleasing to see that the basics remained, and a number of the individual systems as I remembered them. The control area was almost unchanged."

**Eric Seal** (QMC, History) writes "a new knee in 2007 has helped mobility! A new spine would be even more helpful."

## 1959

**Sylvia Medlin (née Hill)** (QMC, German) has been living in the USA since 1960. Since retiring, she has travelled as much as possible - "my favourite pastime." She would love to hear from anyone from the German class of 1959.

**Jennifer Woolfenden** (W, German and Italian) travelled to Argentina on a "banana boat," returning there in May 2007. She retired from lecturing in mental health at the University of East London in 2004 but continues to be involved with the London Bereavement Forum, having run groups in Holloway Prison for bereaved women.

## 1960

**Ann Mudd (née Traynor)** (QMC, German) took early retirement from teaching to travel. She spends a lot of time in France but still enjoys life in London.

## 1961

**Derek Kirkby** (QMC, French and German) is semi-retired; working part-time as a performing musician, music teacher and also as a tutor (music and business studies primarily) in two prisons. He was elected chairman of the parish council and re-elected vice-chairman of a local charitable trust for musicians.

## 1951 Winter Eights Regatta



The QMC 'B' crew adjust stretchers in preparation for the final against King's College who won by a short head. The 'B' crew were **Dr Frank Evans** (1952) (bow); **Colin Rennie** (2); **Dick Aylmer** (3); **John Zeiger** (4); **Mike Waring** (5); **Derek Mills** (6); **Peter Vinall** (Mechanical Engineering 1955) (7); **David Porter** (stroke); **Brian Chaston** (cox).



Derek Mills with Frank Evans (left) at his 80th birthday party

The above photo of the 1951 Winter Eights Regatta at University Boathouse, Chiswick, was sent in by **Dr Derek Mills** (QMC, Zoology 1953). Dr Mills was appointed a commissioner with the River Tweed Commission, a body charged with the general preservation and increase of salmon, sea trout, trout and other freshwater fish in the River Tweed and its tributaries. He still meets up with Frank Evans for lunch at least twice a year and recalled that Colin Rennie and David Porter went on to read Medicine at The London.

## 1957

**Doreen Warwick-Foster (née Shapiro)** (QMC, French with German) won a City of Edmonton (Canada) award for initiatives for seniors in her local community: the S.A.G.E (Senior Association of Greater Edmonton) Award for Art and Culture. She is one of the oldest group fitness instructors at the YMCA following completion of her Y Training Certificate.

**Tony Loftas** (QMC, Zoology 1961), following early retirement from the FAO (Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations) in 1997, is now "completely retired although I keep my hand in by editing and preparing for press the newsletter of BAFUNCS (British Association of Former UN Civil Servants)."

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## 1962

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**Dr Peter Howarth** (QMC, Mechanical Engineering; PhD 1965) is still working as a director of Interfleet Technology, the railway consultancy company. He also still attends the QMC Old Boys' sporting tour to the Lake District, having attended every one since the first in 1965.

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## 1963

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**David Greenwood** (QMC, Electrical Engineering) is, with his wife, running a small holding in Wales as well as working as a part-time administrator in the Religious Experience Research Centre at the University of Wales, Lampeter. He is also studying for a PhD in Art History with the University of Wales, Aberystwyth School of Art where he is researching 'Eidetic Imagery and Transcendence in Art.'

**Patricia Kaye (née Thomson)** (QMC, Latin) writes "My husband, **Roger** (QMC, Engineering 1964), and I are still living in Cyprus after 12 years. We are both now retired, Roger's work with Cable and Wireless took us around the world."

**Dr Desmond Kelly** (QMC, PhD Engineering) was captain of the hockey team from 1962-3. He has stayed in touch with fellow players **Tom Palmer** (QMC, Chemistry and Zoology 1960), Captain from 1960-1, and **Norman Muddeman** (QMC, General Science) over the years.

**Joan Olivier (née Davidson)** (QMC History) retired in 2007 after 33 happy years at Lady Margaret School in Fulham, first as Deputy and then as Head. She says, "Now reverting to type as seen in *The Diary of a Provincial Lady*, one of the funniest books I've ever read! It's so conventional and domestic that my contemporaries would probably think it very dull - magistracy, bridge, flower arranging, etc - running a school does not leave time for such small pleasures so I feel I am starting all over again!"

**Mohamed Pirbhai** (QMC, Civil Engineering) has retired from professional practice. He has invested in real estate to keep occupied and spends his time playing golf, travelling and visiting family.

**Janet Quin-Harkin (née Lee)** (W, German) is well-known in the USA as a writer of crime novels under the name 'Rhys Bowen'. She is married to an Englishman, has four children and has lived in California for over 30 years.

**Andrew Reed** (QMC, Geography) has retired after a career teaching geography at secondary and university level and working in teacher education. He is now working part-time, mainly with overseas groups in Chichester, on education management courses.

**Barbara Trawny (née Scott)** (QMC, Geography) wrote "We have made great use of our caravan for breaks and to catch up with old friends. My 65th birthday was spent on a cruise to the Norwegian fjords in glorious weather whilst England was waterlogged! It helped being able to read weather maps." Her husband, **Eric Trawny** (QMC, Physics) retired in 2003 and is busy with Scouting (Assistant District Commissioner - International). He says, "I am a county swimming judge and still manage to go out with the Colchester Morris Men. I look forward to seeing our grandsons grow up."

**Jill Wright (née Somerville)** (QMC, Geography) is "still studying (occasionally). In 2007, I was awarded a DipHE in Theology from the University of Gloucestershire via the Open Theological College. Our *Philip's Children's Atlas* [co-authored with her husband] is now in its twelfth edition (with many revisions). Both my children are married and I have three grandchildren!"

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## 1964

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**Professor Graham Davies** (QMC, German) taught German at Thames Valley University (TVU) (1971-93), where he was also Director of the Language Centre. Following his retirement from full-time teaching in 1993, he worked as a consultant to TVU on a number of EC-funded projects relating to ICT and language learning and teaching. He writes "I have been happily married to Sally since 1968. We have two daughters, Siân and

## A 1970s Reunion



(l-r) standing: **Dr Paul Harrison** (Biology 1974; PhD 1978), **Christine D'Arcy (née Gray)** (Mediterranean Studies 1975); middle: **Paul Bulpin** (Plant Biology 1974), **Dora Bridges (née Clark)**, **Dave Bridges** (Mediterranean Studies 1975); middle row from left: **Alun Richards** (Biology 1975), **Ian Gardner** (Zoology 1974), **Sally Armitage (née Digby)** (Comparative Physiology with Zoology 1974); front row: **Brian D'Arcy** (Biology 1974); second: **Shirley Richards (née McNeill)**

**Brian D'Arcy** (QMC, Biology 1974) sent in the above picture of a recent ("well, four years ago," he says) reunion where 10 QMC graduates and their partners from the early 1970s got together for the 50th birthday of one of their group in Kincross, Scotland. The assemblage is primarily a mix of former biology and classics students with one modern linguist.

Brian was invited back to the Queen Mary in 2007, along with his contemporary **Dr Paul Harrison** (QMC, Biology; PhD 1978), to participate in a seminar organised by the Department of Geography. The seminar was part of the CROCUS series (Channel Restoration in Contaminated Urban Settings) and provided a forum for ecologists, river restoration scientists and engineers, social scientists and water pollution regulators. Brian works with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency and environmental health specialists, while Paul is currently at Cranfield University, having led the team at the former Medical Research Council Institute for Environment and Health at Leicester University.

Francesca, both married with a daughter each. I was diagnosed with a very rare form of abdominal cancer in early 2006. Following major surgery, I bounced back to health and am fit and well. I enjoy an active life, taking my retired racing greyhound for long walks in the country, swimming, playing golf, travelling the world and skiing in Austria every winter."

## 1965

**David W Smith** (QMC, Mechanical Engineering) was installed as Master of the Worshipful Company of Scientific Instrument Makers on 25 October 2007.

## 1966

**Kathleen Andersen (née McNally)** (QMC, Associate) wrote "After my year at QMC, I returned to and graduated from Marymount College in Tarrytown, New York, worked as a fashion editor for Fairchild Publications in New York City (*Women's Wear Daily*) for several years, freelanced while I raised my children, and then became Publications Director of Gill St Bernard's School in Gladstone, New Jersey."

**Reverend Lesley Gore (née Evans)** (W, English) is "very happy to be starting a new phase of life. On 28 June 2008, I was ordained priest at Ely Cathedral. I am serving my curacy at St John's, Church Hills Road, Cambridge."

**Shirley Wallbank (née Carter)** (QMC, French (sub. Latin) writes "Retiring to France and will set up a "retreat" for the tired and bewildered in need of R & R!"

**Professor Yongyuth Yuthavong** (QMC, Chemistry (Physics and Maths), following a lifelong career in scientific research, was appointed Minister of Science and Technology in 2006 by the then Prime Minister of Thailand, General Surayud Chulanont.

## 1967

**Reverend Anthony Trafford** (QMC, Latin with Greek) continues to be part of a Sydney-based team responsible for evangelisation throughout Australia and Oceania.

**Robert Ward** (QMC, Mechanical Engineering) writes "I have now completed 30 years working in Ampthill, now for Lockheed Martin UK. I still have the 1936 Austin 12 I drove occasionally to QMC and hope to restore it when I retire. I was pleased to hear news of **Ross Letten** (QMC, Mechanical Engineering) who was in my year."

## 1968

**Rosemary Dean** (QMC, Geography) retired in November 2006. She has lived in Littlehampton since 2000, works with local charities and gardens, and is looking for a choir to join.

**Michael Evans** (QMC, English), Defence Editor of *The Times*, spent a fortnight embedded with the Royal Marines in the Helmand Province, southern Afghanistan in early 2007, and another three weeks with the 2nd Battalion The Parachute Regiment during March and April 2008.

**Martin Gorham OBE** (QMC, History), on reaching 60, retired last summer from the post of Chief Executive of the NHS Blood and Transplant and from the NHS, after 39 years service. He is now working as a consultant in partnership with a former colleague.

## 1969

**Reverend Prebendary Margaret Cameron** (QMC, History) was made a Prebendary of Exeter Cathedral in 2005, in addition to her duties as Vicar of Plympton and St Mary.

## First female Faculty of Law Dean



**Professor Chioma Agomo (née Offorry)** (QMC, Law 1976; LLM 1977) became the first female Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Lagos, Nigeria in August 2004; she was re-elected for another term of two years in 2006.

Professor Agomo is pictured receiving an award in 2007 from Professor Olusoga Sofola (left), Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic and Research), in recognition of 25 years of long and distinguished service to the University of Lagos. View Professor Agomo's Alumni Profile at [www.qmul.ac.uk/alumni/profiles/law](http://www.qmul.ac.uk/alumni/profiles/law)

**Dr Mike Coles** (QMC, PhD Chemistry) spent most of his career as a chemistry lecturer in the FE sector. Since 1999, then he has been the SW Field Officer for the Association for Science Education and part-time chemistry tutor for the PGCE course at Bath University. He now works with ExplorerDome developing and presenting science and chemistry shows to schools. In 2006, Mike was presented with the Award for Achievement in the Promotion of Chemistry by the Royal Society of Chemistry.

**Dhansukh Taylor** (QMC, Electrical Engineering) has taken early retirement and is enjoying life with family and friends.

**Michael Timperley** (QMC, Modern Languages) has been in Beijing for five years where he is teaching software engineers in his retirement. He writes "My wife **Shelagh Lester-Smith** (QMC, French with English 1971) was consultant to the Olympic Games. We moved here from Chicago and lived in Hong Kong previously."

**John Wreathall** (QMC, Nuclear Engineering; MSc Systems Engineering 1971) asks "Reunion for Nuclear Engineers? Anyone from the first year (1966-69) of Nuclear Engineering interested in a 2009 reunion, contact [john@wreathall.com](mailto:john@wreathall.com)"

## 1970

**Judy Schwarz** (W, French and Spanish) has taken early retirement and is looking for a new area of activity.

**Alan Waterman** (W, Biological Sciences) is, he says, "sort of retired from the East Anglian Field Study Centre but has now started a new venture, growing and selling trees for wedding favours – inspired by my daughter Caroline who got married in 2007." See [www.wedding-tree-favours.com](http://www.wedding-tree-favours.com)

## 1971

**Dr Richard Frost** (QMC, Physics) was awarded the Ontario Leadership in Faculty Teaching Award in 2007. His research paper 'Realization of Natural Language Interfaces using Lazy Functional Programming', published in the journal *ACM Computing Surveys*, was in the top 10 downloads from the ACM archives for March and April of 2007.

**Annette Hennessy (née Jones)** (QMC, French and Russian) became a freelance translator in 1997, after a career in local government and teaching. She writes "I have managed to make a good living from it ever since. I wish I'd done it from the start!"

**Ian Jones** (QMC, Microbiology) is living in Swansea and working as a part-time A-Level Biology tutor.

**Shelagh Lester-Smith** (QMC, French with English) – see **Michael Timperley** (QMC, Modern Languages 1969).

## 1972

**John Key** (QMC, Electrical and Electronic Engineering) writes "Have worked primarily in Defence and Telecommunications and have achieved European Engineer status and Fellowship of IET along the way. Still have very fond memories of College, especially the Engineering Society, Mascot Society, Blues Club, Folk Club and Darts Team."

**Gillian Sones (née Lewis; formerly Roles)** (W, Botany) writes "after Westfield, I went to the Institute of Education and then into teaching at The Denes High School in Suffolk. I have taught part-time since 1983 at Heathfield Community College and remarried John, my soul mate and political agent (I've been a candidate in the Labour Party five times)."

## 1973

**Elizabeth Galvez (née Sketchley)** (W, Spanish and Latin), took early retirement from the FCO two years ago and returned to work in Romania managing a non-profit organisation that promotes leadership and open-minded dialogue. See [www.aspeninstitute.ro](http://www.aspeninstitute.ro)

**Dr Margaret Hustler** (W, Botany), having been head of two different boarding schools over the last 18 years, is now head of a day school in Jordan. She has been married to Dave for 31 years and their eight children are now aged 14-26 "some are even earning a living!"

**Anne Johnson (née Taylor)** (QMC, Geography), writes "after 25 years teaching and bringing up three children, I now design gardens and am Chair of Governors at our village primary school."

**Peter Smith** (QMC, Nuclear Engineering) would love to hear from anyone he knew at QMC.

**Dr Stephen Willoughby** (QMC, Chemistry; PhD 1979) taught for 15 years in a sixth form college before self-employment in the IT sector. He is now semi-retired and an Associate Lecturer at the Open University.

## 1974

**Anna Bennett (née Harper)** (W, French and German) is working as a freelance book editor. She is married with two sons and lives in London.

**Geraldine Crawshaw (née King)** (QMC, Geography) is pleased that her youngest child, Edward, is vaguely following in her footsteps by studying 'Environmental Hazards' at Brighton University.

**Dr Alan Crowe** (Chemistry) has been Head of Chemistry at Featherstone High School in Southall since September 2007.

**Sheila King (née Graham)** (QMC, Geography) is a partner in King and Graham Chartered Surveyors, based in Potters Bar, Herts. She writes "My husband, David and I celebrated our silver wedding anniversary in July 2007. Our twins, Elizabeth and Jonathan, are 17. Elizabeth is considering following in my footsteps by studying for a degree in Geography!"

**Michael Oldfield** (QMC, Nuclear Engineering), after working as an employee for 30 years, is now freelance. He is enjoying the variety of work – from organisational improvement to project management and more technical work on radioactive discharges and radioactive wastes at decommissioning nuclear power stations.

## 1976

**Michael Cook** (QMC, Geography) is Managing Director of RPS Energy, based in Woking, Surrey.

**Amanda Whitehead (née Keetch, formerly Gibbs)** has been living in North Wales for over 20 years, working as a mountain and tour guide. She has two children; the eldest at university.

## 1977

**Andry Christofidou-Antoniadou** (QMC, French with sub. Spanish) wrote "I am very pleased that my youngest son, Alexis Antoniadou, opted to study English and European Law at QMC in September 2007, 30 years after I graduated!"

**Amena Hassanali-Sutton (née Hassanali)** (QMC, Zoology) commented: "2007 marked 30 years since graduation from QMC where I enjoyed three brilliant years. I lived in Lynden Hall throughout my degree and have fond memories of rushing down the Mile End Road to 9.30am lectures, or slowly winding my way home after five hour labs!"

## Astronomical author



Marcus at the Bath Literary Festival

**Marcus Chown** (QMC, Physics 1980; MSc Astrophysics 1982) writes "My recent book, *The Never-ending days of being dead* (Faber), was reviewed by *The Independent* who (very kindly!) said, "Reading this book is a little like being at a party with an almost perfect DJ." *The Guardian* said: "A limousine among popular science vehicles – superb." I have also just published a book called *Quantum Theory cannot hurt you* (Faber) which has sold better than all my books, and my first children's book *Felicity Frobisher and the Three-headed Aldebaran Dust Devil* (Faber). Several Queen Mary alumni have come up to me at promotional events which has been really nice. For more about my books see [www.marcuschown.com](http://www.marcuschown.com)"

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## 1978

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**Heather Donaghy (née Mainwaring)** (W, History) writes "married with three children: Michael, 19; David, 16; and Juliet, 12 - husband ne'er do well journalist."

**Margaret Gaskin** (QMC, History and Politics) published *Blitz: The story of December 29, 1940* (2006, Faber/Harcourt), a history of one night in the London Blitz (including events in the People's Palace and on the Isle of Dogs), which was also made into a documentary for Channel 4/PBS.

**Elizabeth King (née Trimble)** (W, French and German) lives in East Sussex and runs her own travel consultancy. She has two children and enjoys travelling and sport – she ran the London marathon in 2006 which, she says, was "unbelievable, since I never did any sport at all as a student!" Liz would love to hear from anyone who remembers her.

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## 1979

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**Dr Andrew Hopkins** (W, Chemistry) writes "I married another Westfield student, **Susan Harnden** (W, Environmental Science). We have been living in the USA for the last 18 years and have three boys. I am a senior executive in the plastics industry. Happy to hear from anyone who knew me."

**Eystein Krohn-Dale** (QMC, Nuclear Engineering) would like to hear from fellow students from Nuclear Engineering, 1976-80. He was the only Norwegian in the group. Do get in touch!

**Andrew Simms** (QMC, Geography) works as a Technical Director for Jacobs, a multinational American engineering consultancy, in their Thame office near Oxford. He is currently working on highway maintenance schemes for

Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Coventry City Council and Transport for London.

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## 1980

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**Esin Esat** (QMC, Electronic Engineering) is now living and working in Bedford. She has worked in the FE sector since 1983 and is currently Director of the Centre for Technology, at Bedford College.

**Nilesh Manani (formerly Gujar)** (QMC, Physics) is currently Head Teacher of a London secondary school. In his free time, he writes novels and poetry; his first book, *The Kingdom of Birds*, was published in March 2007. His second novel, *Murmurs from our Hearts* is set partly at Queen Mary and is scheduled for publication in 2009. See [www.nileshmanani.com](http://www.nileshmanani.com)

**Andrew Page** (QMC, History and Politics) writes "After graduating, I joined the Civil Service and served with a number of major Government Departments before taking early retirement in 2006 due to ill-health. I am now enjoying studying for an MA in History with the Open University. I am married to Gwyneth and we have lived in Reigate for the last 10 years. I would be delighted to hear from anyone who was in the 1977-80 History/Politics cohort."

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## 1981

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**Professor David Bakibinga** (PhD Company Law) writes "The second editions of my books, *Equity & Trusts in Uganda* and *Revenue Law in Uganda*, as well as the administrative biography of my grandfather, Daudi Kintu Mutekanga, were published in 2006. In 2007, I was elected Vice-President of the Old Budonian Club, the alumni association of Uganda's leading secondary school, King's College, Budo."

## Alumni Campus Lunch, 4 October 2008



The Alumni Campus Lunch was enjoyed by over 120 alumni who took an optional morning tour of St Bartholomew's Hospital and West Smithfield, coming together for lunch in the Octagon. A group of historians led by **Pam Hume (née Vincent)** (QMC, History 1958) celebrated 50 years since graduation; as did Chemists from 1955 and 1958 who **Dr Tony Longden** (QMC, Chemistry 1955; PhD 1958) rallied together. **Shelagh Hodder (née Leadbeater)** (QMC, Geography 1971) and her contemporaries were delighted to be joined by their former lecturers, Dr Ray Hall and John Hall in celebrating 40 years since starting at Queen Mary. The Kirkaldy Society marked their tenth anniversary and the centenary of Professor Kirkaldy's birth with a special Geology Department reunion. For more information about this and our next alumni reunion which will be held on Saturday 6 June, see 'Forthcoming Events' on the back page of *QUAD*.

**Dr Janet Bunker** (QMC, Microbiology with Genetics), following two years training at Westcott House, Cambridge, is now the curate in the Parish of the Ascension, Cambridge.

**Anne Hilson** (W, English and Latin) has completed a BA (Hons) in Humanities with Music at the OU.

**Michael Pailthorpe** (QMC, English) has a twin career as a professional musician and as a lecturer at Northbrook College on its BA Degree and Foundation Degree courses, which he has been heavily involved in redesigning and rewriting for the University of Brighton. He reports: "I write and produce music for records and other media, and generally get less sleep than I'd like, but I am doing exactly what I want to be doing in life, for which I feel very grateful. I try to balance my academic, artistic and business life with raising a young family as best I can."

**Ileana Serafimakis** (QMC, MA Politics of the EEC), in addition to working full-time for Motor Oils Hellas SA, is a freelance journalist/writer for *Liberis Publications* in Athens. When she retires from full-time employment, she plans to work for one of *Liberis'* special editions and eventually write a book of her own. She sends her regards to all.

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## 1982

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**Chi Hang Chan** (Computer Science), having lived in Australia, has returned to Hong Kong where he is Principal of Maria College.

**William Tootill** (QMC, Geography) is still working as a traffic engineer but now in Basingstoke instead of London. His children are aged nine and 11; the eldest started secondary school last September.

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## 1983

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**Catherine Cobb** (W, French and Spanish) has been living in Mallorca for the past 26 years where she teaches English in a Spanish school. She is married with two children, aged 17 and 12.

**Adrian Leece** (QMC, Geography), having completed his Masters degree in Education Leadership three years ago, was offered headship of the American School of Queretaro, Mexico. He lives there happily with his partner and three children and is now studying for a Masters in International Education. He would love to hear from anyone who remembers him.

**Malkeet Panesar** (QMC, Genetics with Microbiology) is working for Lonza Biologics, a global biotechnology company based in Switzerland, as a purification manufacturing plant lead.

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## 1984

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**Chris Austin** (W, History) has moved to Dhaka for two years to head the Department for International Development's Office which manages British Aid policy and spending in Bangladesh. His wife **Karin (née Cooper)** (W, Spanish 1987) will look after the boys and find interesting things to do.

**Maureen Gibbs (née McDonald; formerly Storey)** (QMC, Law) retired as JP after 30 years. She married Roger Gibbs in March 2007.

**Christakis Solomonides** (MSc Economics) is currently working for the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism in Cyprus as a Senior Officer. He is married with two daughters, aged 16 and 14, and would like to hear from old classmates and friends.

**Kate Standen** (W, English) is an account director in a Leeds advertising agency and has been back at work full-time for two years now, following a career break and move to Yorkshire. Her boys are now eight and three (and 44!) and the Dales barn conversion is nearing completion. She remains in contact with **Chris Austin** (W, History) and **Vicky Low** (W, Spanish and History of Art 1985) through the Westfield Trust, and **Jacqueline Woolf** (W, Biochemistry and Biology 1983), **Sally Watson (née Banks)** (W, French and History 1985) and **Andrew Adams** (W, Environmental Science), through email and occasional telephone calls.

**Dr Spencer Terry-Wood** (QMC, PhD Electronic Engineering), has travelled the world extensively and lived in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia for a year. In 1989, he founded Wight Electromagnetics Ltd, a research and design company in order "to fully exploit my greed for knowledge!" He is currently on sabbatical leave and studying for an MSc in 'Ultra Precision Technologies' at Cranfield University.

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## 1985

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**Stuart Adams** (QMC, MPhil Geology) obtained his black belt in Tomiki Aikido in February 2003. He commented that this was "both a physical and mental success for me and the club I belong to and obtained exactly 30 years and one day since I got my black belt in Judo."

**Dr Afzana Anwer** (QMC, Chemistry) has "returned to the UK after being away for about 20 years working and studying in the USA, Japan and Germany. I practice IP law and would be interested in hearing from anyone who may have IP issues. My email is [aanwer@roiterzucker.co.uk](mailto:aanwer@roiterzucker.co.uk)"

**Andrew Dawson** (QMC, Human Geography) is still enjoying a long career with Royal Mail; he is now running the main sorting office in Norwich. He married **Annette (née Bonnett)** (QMC, Economics) in 1990 and their children are now aged 17, 15 and 13. He still sees **David Grieve** (QMC, Human Geography) and **Rosemary McLaughlin** (QMC, Geography).

**Carl Halling** (W, French and Drama) writes "The band *Jim Hughes, Carl Halling and the London Swingtette* have completed their latest CD *A Taste of Summer Wine* which is available on Amazon. For samples of tracks go to <http://myspace.com/swingtette>. For more news of Carl visit: <http://carlhalling.blogspot.com>"

**Julie Morris (née Kestenbaum)** (QMC, History) has been living in Israel for 20 years with her husband and six children. She teaches history, English and didactic assessments and is also active in charitable work. She says "Israel is a beautiful country and worth a visit!"

**Clare Townley** (W, Mathematics with French) and her husband, Glen Mattock, were overjoyed to win last year's Yorkshire and Humber Microgeneration Award for 'Best Home Installation' for the 23 solar panels they have installed they managed to generate 60 per cent of their own electricity and reduced their usage by 30 per cent. They have since launched [www.ecolifegizmos.co.uk](http://www.ecolifegizmos.co.uk) which sells sustainable kits, toys and gadgets.

**Dr Lili Fox Velez** (W, Associate) has returned to lecturing and has been an Assistant Professor at Towson University in suburban Baltimore, Maryland, USA for two years. Her speciality is medical and scientific communication.

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## 1986

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**Dan Kenneth Ameyo** (LLM Laws) left public service after 22 years in the Office of the Attorney-General where he was Head of the International and Commercial Department. He was appointed

### A Queen Mary Wedding Reception



Ruth and Yanni with their wedding party

After meeting at Queen Mary in 1992, **Yanni Papastavrou** (MSc Radiation Physics 1997) and **Ruthi Margulis** (French and Russian 1997) were married on 11 August 2007. Family and friends, including a group of their contemporaries from Queen Mary, joined them for the wedding ceremony and in celebrating their special day in the Octagon. Yanni is now a research physicist at the Institute for Nuclear Medicine at UCL. Ruthi is a social policy researcher, writer and freelance editor.

CEO of the Postal Cooperation of Kenya for three years and is now practicing law at Ameyo, Guto and Co. Advocates in Nairobi, specialising in corporate and arbitration law.

**Fergus Hilton** (W, English Literature) writes "I vanity published a book of 250 poems – very complex – but cannot locate a professional publisher."

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## 1987

**Amanda Triccas** (W, History) is now Assistant Deputy Head of St Paul's Girls' School, London.

**Kam-Shing Wan** (Statistics with Mathematics) writes "I am glad to see that Queen Mary has an alumni presence in Hong Kong. I would be happy to see my old friends and catch up with them."

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## 1988

**Sally de la Mortiere (née McNab)** (QMC, Biochemistry) is living in Paris and working as a Marketing Director for GSK. She has finished her MBA (Henley) and has two daughters plus a French husband.

**Dr Marjorie Gibbon** (QMC, Genetics), is a science teacher in a secondary school in Wiltshire.

**Simon Jailler** (QMC, Law) is "still grappling with the law, an expanding waistline and settling down into domestic bliss here in Roundabout City, aka Milton Keynes."

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## 1989

**Natalie Carden** (Chemistry and Biochemistry) wrote "became a mother (at the age of 40!) to Sofia. Temporarily with my parents after living in Germany for six years and working on cruise ships for one and a half years."

**Judith Howard (née Tank)** (W, History) is married with a three year old daughter and is currently taking a long career break from fundraising in the voluntary sector. She is studying for an MBA with the Open University and one day hopes to start a new career in HR management.

**Neil Hughes** (Statistics) is living in Woking with his wife, Carine and daughter, Elissia. He is working as a finance project manager at Imagine Homes in Farnborough, Hampshire and still plays for the Queen Mary College Old Boys Veterans.

**Stephen Robbins** (Geography) has been in film finance for 15 years; a career which has taken him to Los Angeles and back. He is married with two children, Mathilda and Elliot.

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## 1990

**Mark Biddlecombe** (Law) has been posted to Singapore to take on the role of Managing Director for Rathbone Trust (Singapore) Pte Ltd from April 2007.

**Dejo Lamikanra** (LLM) has been appointed Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN) in 2006, the equivalent of QC in England and Wales.

**Dr Peter Rose** (Modern History; PhD 1997) retired last year after 15 years of lecturing American students, both in the UK and US.

**Philip Rumsby** (Telecommunications) is still a supervisory engineer with BBC Television News. He is married with four children, three girls and a boy.

**Anan Sivananthan** (Laws) writes "My son Elisha was born in February 2006. Sarah, six, has been a great older sister. I am still at Creative Technology in Singapore as Vice President Legal Services."

**Bruce Woodward** (QMC, Avionics) is currently a subcontract engineer

at G E Aviation (formerly Smiths Aerospace) in Cheltenham. He still lives in Kent.

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## 1991

**Rana Abdulhamid** (Mechanical Engineering) wrote "After years of silence, I would love to meet up with old friends and classmates. I am living in Greece and working for a construction company in the oil and gas sector"

**Barry Bartlett** (Electronic Engineering) has emigrated to Canada.

**Grace Cheetham** (English) has written a cookbook *The Best Gluten-free, Wheat-free & Dairy-free Recipes* (2007) and runs a website [www.allergyfreecook.com](http://www.allergyfreecook.com)

**Fiona McNeill** (English and Russian), Professor of English at the State University of New York, had a book *Poor Women in Shakespeare* published by Cambridge UP in 2007.

**Jonathan Tyler** (Law) is a partner in a West End Law firm with fellow QMC alumnus, **Seth Lovis** (Law 1992). He is married with three children and living in Ealing.

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## 1992

**John Witney** (European Studies - French and Hispanic Studies) is currently Head of Spanish at Westminster School, London.

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## 1993

**Noor Mazlan Bin Mohamed Noor** (Civil Engineering) works as an independent contractor to oil and gas design and the development of offshore facilities. He is always on the move and used to travel extensively on short overseas assignments, mainly in south-east Asia and the Pacific.

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## 1994

**Dr Katharina Kummer Peiry (née Kummer)** (PhD Law) was appointed Executive Secretary of the Basel Convention on Hazardous Wastes (part of the UN system) in 2007– the treaty that was the subject of her PhD. She is "now implementing what I preached!" See [www.basel.int](http://www.basel.int)

**Nicki Lumb (formerly Metcalfe)** (French and Russian) is working as a Marketing Manager for La Luz Property, an international property agent.

**Tracey McDonnell (née Brown)** has three children and is busy renovating the house. She is still running her own business with her husband.

**Mohan Pillay** (LLM Law) has been appointed Visiting Professor at the Centre of Construction Law and Management, King's College, London, and has also advanced from a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators to Chartered Arbitrator.

**Vicki Wallis** (Human Geography) is still teaching geography in Wallsend, Tyne and Wear. She now has a baby girl called Scarlett Mollie and is enjoying motherhood.

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## 1995

**Laurence (Laura) Attwater (née Guitard)** (Chemistry with Business Studies), after completing an MSc in Oceanography at the University of Southampton in 1996, worked on various vessels for oceanographic and seismic surveys until 2004. She married a British man in 2005 and they live in Arcachon, France. She is now working from home as a specialist French/English translator ([www.exploratext.com](http://www.exploratext.com)). She would like to hear from Shilpa or Sarah Heaton (Chemistry)."

**Katie Cook (née Wilson)**

(Chemistry) married Stephen in July 2005; their son William was born in October 2006. She is still teaching Chemistry at Badminton School.

**Bernice Glatt** (French and Hispanic Studies) has been an MFL teacher in a secondary school since she qualified in 1996. She is also Director of Studies for a year group.

**Glenn Hadikin** (Physics) married Stacy in December 2006. They are living at his mum's house in St Helens while he completes his PhD.

**Yvonne Levicki** (French and Hispanic Studies), since graduating, has been a tutor in French and Spanish and a teaching and learning advisor. She is now a curriculum manager of MFL at the Redbridge Institute.

**Vijay Patel** (Electronic Engineering) is now a Chartered Engineer CEng MIET and working for BBC News. He married Sonal in September 2005.

**Dr Gian Carlo Scarsi** (MSc Economics) is working for Europe Economics in London as a senior economic consultant.

**Martin Simmons** (MSc Economics) has worked as an Economic Adviser for several Government departments including Education, Transport, Social Security and Trade & Industry. In 2004 he became an Assistant Director of finance at the DTI (now BERR). Martin married Amanda in 2003 and a year later, Sophie was born. He writes "We live happily in Woodford Green, east London, and would love to hear from old friends at [ms11x@googlemail.com](mailto:ms11x@googlemail.com)"

**Rosemary Wood (née Ayers)**

(Geography) lives in Manchester with Ben, her husband of three years. She works as a solicitor, specialising in wills and probate.

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**1996**

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**Robert Burnell** (History) – see **David Burnell** (History 2006).

**Linda Garlinge** (History) writes: "After unexpectedly being diagnosed with breast cancer in October 2006 I am in remission after undergoing 18 months of treatment. I am now retraining in web design along with copywriting for the web and am self-employed in the web business we run from home."

**Yury Myakenny** (LLM Laws) is a lawyer and member of the Metropolitan Bar Association.

**Raffaella Pappalardo** (European Studies (Hispanic Studies with French) continues to work for the European Space Agency as a Junior Strategy Analyst, a job which entails developing a strategy/roadway for space exploration. Her biggest love is still travelling.

**Gaelle Seznec** (Associate) is an English teacher in Paris where she teaches the basics to non-Francophone children. She also teaches in hospitals.

**John Watkins** (Law) wrote "My wife and I moved house and spent eight months undertaking our own version of "Almost Grand Designs"! Not quite on the scale of the TV show but we have, however, changed a hovel into a wonderful home – we hope!"

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**1997**

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**Adeyemi Adesina** (Civil Engineering) got married on 28 July 2007 to Nicole Gale Wilson.

**Dr Rodolfo Godínez-Rosales** (LLM Environmental Law) completed his PhD at the National Autonomous University of Mexico in 2003 and has been appointed Director for Environmental Issues at the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

**Michael Owusu** (Civil Engineering) married **Edith Mtonga** (Mathematical Sciences for Business 1998) in October 2006. He works for an IT company while Edith works for an investment bank.

**Dean Rowley** (Mathematics) has been Head of Maths for five years and is now also Head of Citizenship. He is studying for an MA in Education and has a three year old son, James.

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**1998**

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**Yvette Allen (née Harris)** (English), after working in banking for seven years, has completed a Masters in Victorian Literature at Birkbeck College.

**Dr Samantha Arnold** (Geography and Earth Science), following almost 10 years in academia, has moved to the Midlands to become Senior Atmospheric Scientist for Golder Associates.

**Dr Chryssoula Chandrinou** (Chemistry; MSc Chemistry 1999) gained her PhD from Imperial College in 2004. Since then she has returned to Greece where she is working as a Research Fellow for NCSR Demokritos. She got married in July 2008.

**Simon Clemison** (Geography) is working as a newsreader for ITV News in the South of England. He got married a year ago and has two sons, Edward and Harry.

**Julie Horwitz** (Associate) is currently in her fourth year of a PhD in clinical psychology, with a special focus on neuropsychology, at the University at Albany in New York. She began her internship last autumn in Boston, and is on track to finish her degree in autumn 2009.

**Camilla Mathias** (French and Drama) continues as the jobbing actress. The last year has taken her to Mumbai, New York, Paris, Madrid and Cannes - highlights

were using her Italian in an ad for Puma, and her French in a 1920s TV drama. "Check out [www.camillamathias.com](http://www.camillamathias.com) if you have a moment. Life is still unpredictable and precarious but I wouldn't have it any other way."

**Martin Peston** (MSci Astrophysics) published his first astronomy book *A User's Guide to the Meade LX D55 and LX D75 Telescopes* (Springer) in 2007. He also became a dad for the first time in December.

**Chitanong Poomipark (née Therdchanakul)** (LLM International Business Law) was promoted to partner in April 2006.

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**1999**

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**Andrew Ezimora** (Politics) is an associated attorney in a business law practice offering bespoke legal advisory services in Nigeria.

**Eleanor Betts (née Jones)** (Associate) graduated from Campbell University's Law School in May 2005. She is currently living in Richmond, Virginia and working as a law clerk for Morris and Morris.

**Dr Amanda McBratney (née Perkins)** (LLM Laws) finished her PhD in patent law at the University of Queensland in 2003. She had her first baby, Maeve, in May 2005 and is now working back in private practice.

**Angela Sharma** (German with Business Studies) gave birth to Rohan on 30 January 2008. He is a brother for Tara, aged three.

**Jennifer Stirrup** (Politics) is "back in Preston at 30 – with new baby, Beau (made in Korea!). Have been teaching at home and abroad, and did drama training in London. Enjoying motherhood."

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## 2000

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**Laura Daniels (née Jassoy)** (Medieval History) gave birth to Oswin, her second baby, on 19 July 2007. He is named after a seventh century English saint.

**Carli Harper-Penman** (English) writes "I'm still living in the East End and have been elected as a Labour Councillor for Bethnal Green South Ward. Would very much like to hear from former course mates."

**Edwina Hayward** (Aeronautical Engineering) got married in May 2008 at St Clement Danes Church, London.

**Frazer Hughes** (MEng Civil Engineering and Management) is an auditor for the Tenon Group plc. He is enjoying life in Nottingham whilst retaining a London Docklands base. Unmarried as yet!

**Dr Oliver Jones** (Marine and Freshwater Biology) has been working as a postdoc in the Biochemistry Department at Cambridge University since 2005. Currently applying for fellowships; his ultimate aim is to get a lectureship and found his own research group.

**Moddasar Khan** (Biochemistry) worked for a year as a forensic DNA analyst where he was involved in several high profile investigations before beginning a new job in cancer research at the Max-Planck Institute in Dresden, Germany. He has since moved back to London and is in the process of writing up a PhD at Imperial College.

**Dr Stephen Wilkinson** (PhD Spanish) is Assistant Director of the International Institute for the Study of Cuba at London Metropolitan University. See [www.cubastudies.org](http://www.cubastudies.org)

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## 2001

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**Serdar Bezen** (LLM Laws) has relocated to Istanbul, where he has co-founded Bezen & Partners. The firm offers advice to domestic and international clients on all aspects of corporate and finance law as well as litigation and arbitration law. See [www.bezepartners.com](http://www.bezepartners.com).

**Miles Cox** (Materials Technology – Biomedical Materials) co-opened CoxCrean Law, a commercial law firm in the Poole area, in 2006.

**Joanna Savy (née Heaton)** (Geography) is currently running an eco-tourism hotel on a private island in the Seychelles, her husband's family business. They have a son, Dylan, aged three.

**Kajal Sheth (née Kothari)** (Biochemistry) has opened a holistic health centre in Luton with her husband. It specialises in Ayurveda, a traditional Indian route of medicine in treating and healing ailments.

**Anthony Thomas** (Medieval History) is refurbishing his new house with his wife Katie, whom he married last summer.

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## 2002

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**Rebecca Bond (née Higgins)** (English) married Gordon on 17 June 2007 at Culross Abbey Church.

**Frederic Deetjen** (MEng Aerospace Engineering) won the Prime Minister's Award for Innovation and Invention in auto-mechanics (senior division) for Trinidad and Tobago in 2004. He used all his knowledge from his degree to design and build a stealthy unmanned marine vehicle used for surveillance.

**Alison Dobias** (Modern and Contemporary History) is currently working as an estate manager for Peverel Management Services Ltd.

## Family Welcome Reception, 13 September 2008



Over 1,000 parents and new students enjoyed coffee and cake at the annual Family Welcome, organised by the Alumni Relations Office during Moving-in Weekend.

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## 2003

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**Cdr David Dacam OBE** (MSci Mathematics) wrote "My son, John, and I are both PhD students; he, History at Hull, I, Maths Education at KCL".

**Fatimah Khan** (English) married Razel Ahmed in August 2007.

**Hai Zhou** (MSc Public Policy) was elected Deputy Secretary General of the Nanjing Association for Overseas Chinese Scholars, an organisation of about 8,000 Chinese scholars with experience of overseas education.

**Julie London** (English Literature) is now working in publishing in London after graduating with a Masters in Journalism (2006) and a postgraduate Diploma in Arts (2001), both from the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia. (2007).

**Klaus Reichert** (Dip International Commercial Arbitration) joined Brick Court Chambers as Door Tenant in 2006 and chaired the host committee for the International Council for Commercial Arbitration in Dublin this year, marking the exact 50th anniversary of the New York Convention.

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## 2004

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**Mohammad Faheem** (MSc Telecommunications) wrote of his time at Queen Mary: "It was a great experience studying at a university which provided state-of-the-art learning facilities. As a result, I was able to join the largest commercial bank in Pakistan as a network administrator; a year later, I was promoted to AVP and Systems Infrastructure Manager. I have since achieved various IT certifications including CCA, MCSA, MCSE and MCTS."

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## 2005

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**Nana Yaw Appiah** (MSc Medical Electronics and Physics) writes "after completing my MSc, I was promoted to Service and Maintenance Manager at Hospital Engineering Limited, a leading biomedical engineering company in Ghana. The broad scope of my course gave me grounding for the challenges ahead. Thanks to Dr Deric P Jones and other lecturers in the Engineering Department at Queen Mary."

**Shane Jenkinson** (Electronic Engineering) writes "QMUL was a big part of my life and I am very proud to be a graduate of such a renowned university."

**Rumaisa Mamsa** (Associate), following her study abroad programme at QMUL, returned to Pakistan. She led the 2007 Young Leaders Conference (YLC) in Lahore; this six-day residential youth leadership conference brought together 275 youth from five countries who participated in the disciplines of international economics, intercultural, politics and governance and development. After working for its parent organisation, the School of Leadership (a youth development firm), as project leader and trainer she is now running her own training and development venture.

**Zankhna Patel** (MSc Advanced Methods in Computer Science) is a business support analyst at Norton Rose in London.

**Claire Robinson** (Geography) is working as a senior planner within the enforcement team at Rochford District Council in Essex and has successfully completed a Masters in planning policy and practice at London South Bank University.

**Sultan Mohammed Abdul Wadud** (MSc Internet Computing in the Business Environment) is working for the secondary education team at the Cass School of Education, University of East London as a Student Associate Scheme Administrator. The scheme helps students to decide whether they wish to pursue teaching as a career.

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## 2006

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**Radha Bedi** (English) has completed an MA in Television and Current Affairs Journalism. Whilst studying she made a 30 minute

documentary which was commissioned by *Newsnight* and aired in July 2007.

**David Burnell** (History) writes "My son, **Robert Burnell** (History 1996) has settled in New Zealand and has been appointed General Manager for Tourmasters, an Auckland-based travel company that provides a different range of travel experiences in New Zealand."

**Christopher Bwanika** (LLM International Business Law) has been admitted to the Membership and, subsequently Fellowship, of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators of the UK and Membership of the German Institution of Arbitration (DIS).

**Lucy Clarke** (Hispanic Studies) is working as a Marketing Assistant for organic food company, Abel & Cole, and hoping to move to Sweden.

**Judedavid Mbamalu** (LLM Computer and Communications Law) has been appointed to the Board of Regents of Covenant University in Ota, Nigeria as a member of the governing council, with effect from March 2007.

**Jennifer Snabel** (English and European Law) achieved a Distinction in her Legal Practice Course at the Inns of Court School of Law in 2007.

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## 2007

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**Raghad McFadden** (Chemistry) is currently studying for a PGCE in Secondary Science at London Metropolitan University. She writes "I loved my time at Queen Mary. My younger sister is now at QM and she too is having a good time. Dr Parkin is the best!"

## OBITUARIES

We have been informed of the deaths of the following members of the College community:

### STAFF AND HONORARY FELLOWS

**Dr Frank Berger**, former member of staff in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, died on 17 May 2007.

**Professor Claus Bock**, a leading figure in German studies, died on 5 January 2008, aged 81. Professor Bock had a long association with both Queen Mary and Westfield, from his appointment to a lectureship in German at QMC in 1958 to his subsequent move to Westfield in 1969 as Chair of German, until his retirement in 1984. He was appointed a Fellow of Queen Mary in 1993.

**Professor Malcolm Bowie**, former Professor of French Language and Literature and Head of the Department of French at Queen Mary (1979-92), died on 28 January 2007, aged 63.

Professor Bowie was the founding director of the Institute of Romance Studies at the University of London (1989-92) and, most recently, Master of Christ's College, Cambridge (2002-06).

**Mr Anthony Byrne**, former member of staff in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, passed away in November 2006, aged 76.

**Mr Christopher Carr QC**, barrister and part-time lecturer in the School of Law at Queen Mary in 1975, died on 2 March 2007, aged 62.

**Professor Wyn Humphrey Davies MBE**, former Professor of Electronic Engineering (1956-79) and Head of Department, died on 24 June 2007, aged 95. He had been an Honorary Fellow of the College since 1984.

**Professor Aubrey Diamond QC**, Honorary Fellow since 1984, died on 6 July 2006. Throughout his long career, Professor Diamond had earned a distinguished reputation as a practising lawyer and an academic – he was awarded a chair in the School of Law at Queen Mary in 1956.

**Dr Irene Glanville**, former lecturer in Classics at Westfield, died on 2 October 2007.



**Professor Karl Gruenberg**, Emeritus Professor of Mathematics, died

unexpectedly on 10 October 2007. He was one of the founding members of the modern era of mathematics at Queen Mary.

**Mrs Anjali Paul**, former Secretary of Westfield College Students' Union (c.1972-85), passed away in April 2007. She is fondly remembered by former Westfield sabbaticals for her helpfulness and guidance.

**Miss Joan Sims**, long time Registrar at Westfield College, passed away on 28 February 2008, aged 90.

**Dr Janet Sondheimer**, author of the centenary history of Westfield College, *Castle Adamant in Hampstead*, and former archivist at Westfield, died on 1 April 2007, aged 84.

**Sir Colin St John Wilson**, the distinguished architect of the library at Queen Mary's Mile End campus, died on 14 May 2007. Sir Colin was well known as the architect of the British Library.

## STUDENTS

**Mr John Appleford** (QMC, Aeronautical Engineering 1962) died in April 2007 after a long battle with leukaemia.

**Mrs Lucy Arnold** (Ecology 1993) died suddenly from a brain tumour in November 2007. She was 49.

**Mr Kenneth Barber** (QMC, French 1952) died on 31 January 2007.

**Mr Frederick Bateman** (QMC, Mathematics 1934) died in February 2007.

**Mr Bryan Benjamin** (QMC, History 1957) died suddenly on 27 June 2007, aged 76. Bryan had been President of the Queen Mary Students' Union from 1956-57.

**Mr Isaac Berg** (QMC, Chemistry 1935) passed away on 27 July 2006.

**Dr Phyllis Bishop** (QMC, Botany 1960; PhD 1963) died on 12 January 2007.

**Mrs Edna Blindell (née Heath)** (W, Classics 1944) died on 10 October 2007.

**Mr John Boxer** (QMC, Civil Engineering 1937) died in April 2005. His son, Lionel, wrote to say that his father had been very proud of his association with Queen Mary.

**Mr Tyler Brown** (Associate 2005) was killed in a road accident in San Francisco on 9 October 2005.



**Mrs Marjorie Church (née Abbey)** (QMC, Mathematics 1940; MSc 1950) passed away on 12

November 2007, aged 89. With her late husband and fellow alumnus, Douglas, she had worked tirelessly to establish the first alumni group, the Queen Mary Alumni Association. She was Chairman from 1976-78, after which she became Honorary Secretary; she remained a member of the Management Committee throughout the merger with Westfield College up until 2005.

Marjorie was President of the Queen Mary and Westfield Luncheon Club for many years, and also Deputy Chairman of Convocation at the University of London between 1981 and 1985, as well as a former President of the London Members' Group – the London branch of Convocation.

**Mrs Sylvaine Clinton (née Henry)** (QMC, Geography 1959) passed away on 29 June 2007.

**Dr Ted Crunden** (PhD, General Science 1958) died on 15 April 2007 after a short illness. Following his PhD, he founded the science department at Crawley College of Further Education and, in 1963, upon his appointment as Visiting Professor of Chemistry in the Philippines, emigrated with his family. He later worked for UNESCO and UNICEF, serving in countries all over the world and often in the heart of war zones. In his early retirement he returned to Colchester where he became actively involved in local politics and with the University of Essex. He also became a regular presence at alumni events and appeared in a photo which was taken at the last Hickenbottom symposium and published in the previous issue of *QUAD*.

**Mr Stelios Demetriades** (Computer Engineering 1993) passed away on 27 November 1996.

**Ms Elizabeth Diggory** (W, History 1967) died of breast cancer on 18 March 2007, aged 61. She had held a distinguished career in education, serving as Headmistress of three schools, including St Paul's Girls' School in London (1998-2006).

**Dr Bill Edwards** (PhD Geography 1980) died on 28 May 2007, aged 62. He had been Dean of the Faculty of Arts at the University of Wales Aberystwyth.

**Ms Dorothy Glass** (QMC, Modern History 1948) passed away in 2007; she was 83.

**Mrs Moira Helgesen (née Curr)** (QMC, French 1933) died on 25 April 2008, aged 96. During her career, she published numerous books on French and Spanish subjects and was honoured by the French government with the *Chevalier de l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques*, its highest academic award.

**Mr Richard Hindmarsh** (QMC, English, French & German 1955) passed away on 19 February 2007 after a brave fight against cancer.

**Mr (Edward) Ted Holmes** (QMC, Engineering 1950) died in July 2006.

**Mr Renaud Jacquot** (Associate 1990) was tragically killed in a motorcycle accident on 31 January 2008.

**Mrs Eileen Kempen-Jacobs (née Jacobs)** (QMC) died on 31 July 2007.

**Mrs Valentina (Tina) Laws (née Fenton)** (QMC, Law 1984) has died.

**Mr Richard Lees** (QMC, Biological Sciences c.1977) died in September 2007.

**Mr Platon Leventis** (MSc Advanced Methods in Computer Science 1995) passed away in 2007.

**Mrs Mary Maesilis (née Webley)** (W, Mathematics 1942) died in July 2007, aged 87.

**Mr Christopher Meredith MBE** (QMC, Botany & Zoology 1938) died on 15 March 2008.

**Miss Jane Osborn** (W, English 1952) passed away on 29 February 2008. She had a long and distinguished career in publishing at Hodder & Stoughton, where she was made a Director in 1973.

**Mrs Elizabeth Pangu (née Bell)** (QMC, General Science 1965) died on 23 September 2005.

**Mr Harry Parmenter** (QMC, Mathematics 1947) died on 16 August 2007.

**Mr Francis Rendall** (QMC, Engineering 1952) died on 3 December 2006.

**Professor Jean Rudduck** (W, English Literature 1958) died on 28 March 2007. She had graduated with one of the top four firsts in her cohort across the University of London. Professor Rudduck had been Professor of Education Research at Cambridge, the first female professor in the subject, from 2002 until her official retirement in 2004.

**Mr Russell Sage** (QMC, French (sub. Latin) c.1929) passed away on 10 January 2007, aged 95.

**Mrs Elaine Shirfield (née Bush)** (QMC, French 1966) died on 27 May 2007.

**Ms Mary Shute** who read languages at Queen Mary College, died in 2007, aged 99. She taught at several schools in the South-East before joining Wanstead County High School as a teacher of French. When it opened in 1924, Wanstead was the only co-educational school in Essex; Mary was a strong promoter of co-education which, at the time, was considered a daring experiment.

**Miss Marion Simmons QC** (QMC, Law 1970; LLM 1971) passed away on 2 May 2008. She had been a Recorder since 1994 and was appointed a Chairman of the Competition Appeal Tribunal in 2003. She was an active supporter of her alma mater and was involved with the work of the Interdisciplinary Centre for Competition Law and Policy at Queen Mary's campus in Lincoln's Inn Fields.

**Mrs Lois Anne Thomas (née Evans)** (History 1959) died on 1 March 2007.

**Mrs Hilda Willmot** (W, German and French 1945) died on 13 March 2008. She had been evacuated to St Peter's College, Oxford during the war years.

**Miss Beryl Wilson** (QMC, English 1936) died on 25 January 2007.

**Miss Margaret Woods** (QMC, Geography 1945) died on 11 February 2007.

**Mr Cyril Young** (QMC Engineering 1971) died on 9 November 2007.

# Forthcoming events

Below is a selection of events taking place over the coming months. If you wish to attend any of the events listed, please email [events@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:events@qmul.ac.uk) or telephone +44 (0)20 7882 5148 unless otherwise indicated.

A full up-to-date list of events, with booking details, is available on our website at [www.qmul.ac.uk/events](http://www.qmul.ac.uk/events)

All lectures are scheduled to start at 6.30pm and will be held on the Mile End campus unless otherwise stated.

## JANUARY 2009

### Wednesday 14 January

#### Inaugural lecture

*Natural born computers – when biology meets computer science*

Peter McOwan, Professor of Computer Science

Clinical Lecture Theatre, Francis Bancroft Building, Mile End campus

### Wednesday 28 January

#### Renaissance Seminar

*Books as objects of desire: origins and consequences of the invention of printing*

Draper's Lecture Theatre  
Geography Building, Mile End campus

## FEBRUARY

### Wednesday 4 February

#### Inaugural lecture

*Masks, Montage and Avant-Garde*

Elza Adamowicz, Professor of Literature and Visual Culture, School of Languages, Linguistics and Film

Arts Lecture Theatre, Arts Building, Mile End Campus

## MARCH

### Tuesday 3 March

#### Lecture

*"If years had saved his pencil lead. Would certain men have stayed in bed?" War and the cultural imagination of twentieth century Ireland*

Clair Wills, Professor of Irish Literature

Chaired by Roy Foster, Carroll Professor of Irish History, University of Oxford

## Mile End Group

### Wednesday 4 February

#### Politics and Energy Series

*Energy and the Middle East*  
Sir Mark Allen, Special Adviser to the BP group

All MEG events are scheduled to begin at 6.30pm and are held at venues in and around the City of London. Booking is essential, email [meg@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:meg@qmul.ac.uk) to reserve your place.

Check [www.meg.qmul.ac.uk](http://www.meg.qmul.ac.uk) for updates to the MEG events programme.

### Wednesday 4 March

#### Lord Smith of Clifton Annual Lecture

Dominic Grieve, MP for Beaconsfield, Shadow Home Secretary and Shadow Attorney General

### Friday 6 March

#### Renaissance Seminar

QM-Tate Britain one day Colloquium:  
*Van Dyck and seventeenth-century Britain*.

Led by Karen Hearn and Kevin Sharpe

To celebrate the opening of Tate Britain's exhibition: *Van Dyck and Britain* (16 February – 17 May 2009)

Price: £30, including entry to the *Van Dyck and Britain* exhibition at Tate Britain.

The Octagon, Queens' Building, Mile End campus

## Professor Kirkaldy Remembered

Dave Greenwood (QMC, Geology 1962), along with Mike Howgate (QMC, Geology 1969), organised a three-part exhibition to commemorate the life and work of Professor JF Kirkaldy, former Head of the Geology Department at QMC (1947-74), as part of the bicentennial celebrations of the Geological Society of London in 2007. The exhibition was held at the Potters Bar Museum - Kirkaldy was a Potters Bar resident for many years and used the area for many of his one-day field trips!

The exhibition covered the life and work of Professor Kirkaldy; his major contributions to geology and, finally, the geology of the Potters Bar area. Whilst the latter part will remain on permanent display, the former sections were showcased at the Alumni Campus Lunch on Saturday 4 October 2008 where the Kirkaldy Society held a special reunion to mark the centenary of Professor Kirkaldy's birth and the tenth anniversary of the formation of the Society.

**For more information about the Kirkaldy Society, including how to join, contact [alumni@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@qmul.ac.uk)**



Professor Kirkaldy in traditional field gear, 1958

### Wednesday 25 March

#### Peston Lecture

Lord David Currie of Marylebone (QMC, PhD Economics 1978)

## APRIL

### Friday 3 April

#### 9th Hickinbottom Research Symposium

Research symposium for past and present postgraduates and researchers in Chemistry.

For more information, including a programme and registration details, contact Professor Geoff Hawkes in the School of Biological and Chemical Sciences on +44 (0)20 7882 3261 or by email at [g.e.hawkes@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:g.e.hawkes@qmul.ac.uk)

## Monday 27 - Thursday 30 April 2009

### Queen Mary Arts Week

Celebrating the Humanities and Social Sciences

**For further information, email [events@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:events@qmul.ac.uk)**

## MAY

### Tuesday 5 May

#### Lecture

*Haydn in London; Haydn on England*

A lecture by Dr Derek McCulloch with musical illustrations by the Café Mozart Trio and Rachel Elliot (soprano).

Tickets for this event are available from the Queen Mary Events Office

The Long Room, The Charterhouse

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

### Saturday 6 June

#### Alumni Reunion Day

An opportunity to revisit the Mile End campus and to catch up with your contemporaries. For further information, email [alumni@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@qmul.ac.uk) or telephone +44 (0)20 7882 3732.