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University of London

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on Roy Strong

**Laura Cox**  
on human rights

**Monshur Alam**  
on meeting  
Guy Ritchie

## DEAR FRIENDS

At the end of last year we watched with horror the unfolding tragedy of the earthquake and tsunami around the Indian Ocean rim. I am very pleased to say that all our students who came from the region or were visiting have returned safely to their studies.

2005 marks the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II: for Queen Mary and Westfield students the war years were either spent in Cambridge, at Kings and Girton Colleges, or in Oxford at St Peter's College (formerly Hall). The Alumni Relations Office has so far planned reunions at St Peter's and Girton and these are taking place over the summer months.

An article, first published in the *London Hospital Gazette* and edited and reprinted in latest issue of *Barts and The London Chronicle*, describes what happened to a small number of medical students, whose training continued in London throughout the war years. In early April 1945 notices appeared asking for

medical student volunteers to go to Holland and help treat starvation cases under the auspices of the Red Cross. For twelve of these volunteers their new skills were required much further into Europe as they assisted for 20 days between the liberation and the destruction of Camp 1, with the medical care of some of the 40,000 survivors of the Belsen Concentration Camp in Germany.

The next few months in the office will see much forward planning coming to fruition. A weekend of celebrations to mark 50 years of the teaching of Hispanic Studies as an Honours degree subject will take place at the end of June; the annual Alumni luncheon and mini reunions will be held on 17 September; and three further departments will begin their anniversary celebrations, Law and Economics are both 40 years old, while the Centre for Commercial Law Studies is 25. We are all looking forward to welcoming many alumni to these events.

The development and installation of a new alumni database package is now almost accomplished and will be 'switched-on' in time for the arrival of new colleagues in the Development Office with whom we will be working very closely. Having worked for the past two years with the adequate but limited capabilities of the old database I hope that you will take the opportunity to return the enclosed *Update Form* with any details about yourself or things we may have missed.

Finally, my thanks to everyone who has sent in their news and to colleagues in the Press & PR Office for their support with story ideas and press-cuttings.



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# Queen Mary News

## 100th ranked best university in the world

Queen Mary was ranked 100 in a list of the top 200 universities in the world published by the *Times Higher Education Supplement* (THES) at the end of 2004.

The rankings were based on the amount of cited research produced by faculty members, the ratio of faculty to student numbers, and the university's success in attracting both foreign students and internationally renowned academics.

Only thirteen UK institutions were ranked higher than Queen Mary in the table and the

College was number six of the University of London colleges.

These results were further corroborated by *The Guardian's* 2005 university league table which ranked Queen Mary 12th in the UK.

The Principal, Professor Adrian Smith, commented: "These rankings are a great success and a proper reflection of our national positioning. But there is more we must do. Leagues tables are important; parents and prospective students use them when choosing where to study".

## Chancellor opens Westfield Student Village

The Westfield Student Village was officially opened by HRH The Princess Royal, Chancellor of the University of London on 20 October 2004. She is seen here being shown around the Village by Professor David Williams, formerly Vice Principal for Strategic Development. The Village includes a shop, launderette, the Global Village Café Bar as well as 24-hour security support, and is home to some 2,000 resident students.



## QUEEN MARY PEOPLE

### Michael Faraday Prize



Fran Balkwill, Professor of Cancer Biology, has been awarded the 2005 Royal Society Michael Faraday Prize in recognition of her 'outstanding work in communicating the concepts, facts and the fascination of science in a way that appeals to children of all ages, backgrounds and nationalities, while at the same time maintaining a distinguished research career'. Professor Balkwill is also Director of the Centre of the Cell (see page 16).

### Queen's New Year Honours



Lisa Jardine, Professor of Renaissance Studies, was awarded a CBE for services to education. She said: 'I am thrilled to accept on behalf of both Queen Mary, where I am proud to work, and Westminster City School in Victoria – whose governors I have chaired for many years.'



Judith Walker has worked for the College for nearly 30 years, initially as Warden of the Students' Hostel (now Floyer House), and since 1998 as Dental Undergraduate Administrator in the Dental School Registry. Judith was awarded an MBE for services to higher education.

## £3.15 million for healthcare training

Queen Mary has been awarded – together with strategic alliance partner City University – a prestigious Centre of Excellence for Teaching and Learning (CETL) for clinical and communication skills. The two institutions jointly secured £3.15 million funding from the Higher Education Funding Council

for England (HEFCE) in recognition of their excellence in providing professional training in healthcare for 3,000 students across five disciplines. Queen Mary was awarded the only health-related CETL in London.

Further details will appear in the next issue of *Quad* magazine.

# Research and teaching

## CHEMISTRY – the way ahead

Professor Vaughan Griffiths, Head of Department, writes: 'The underfunding of chemistry undergraduate degree programmes has made life difficult for many chemistry departments in the UK in recent years and Queen Mary was not alone in deciding to cease undergraduate recruitment to its chemistry-based degree schemes as a consequence. However, unlike other notable exceptions, the College has indicated that it is keen to see us continuing to pursue our research activities, particularly those with an interdisciplinary theme, making good use of our new state-of-the-art research facilities. It is also keen to see us develop new postgraduate programmes, particularly taught masters' programmes. For this reason, next academic year we are launching a new taught MSc degree programme entitled 'Pharmaceutical Synthesis – Design, Discovery and Development', targeted at those seeking employment in the pharmaceutical industry, and we are grateful to our contacts from industry who have enthusiastically supported this initiative'.

'The undergraduate-level teaching of chemistry also continues in support of other degree programmes within the College, notably those in the School of Biological Sciences; hence we still have over 140 students on our first year organic chemistry courses. In a further positive development, the College is planning to construct a new undergraduate teaching laboratory, capable of holding about 120 students, on the floor above our new research laboratories, in order to facilitate our teaching of practical chemistry to these students. Design work for this is currently underway and it is hoped that the construction of this new teaching laboratory space will have been completed by the end of 2005. At the same time the special purpose laboratories on the roof of the old chemistry building will be replaced by comparable facilities in the new building'.

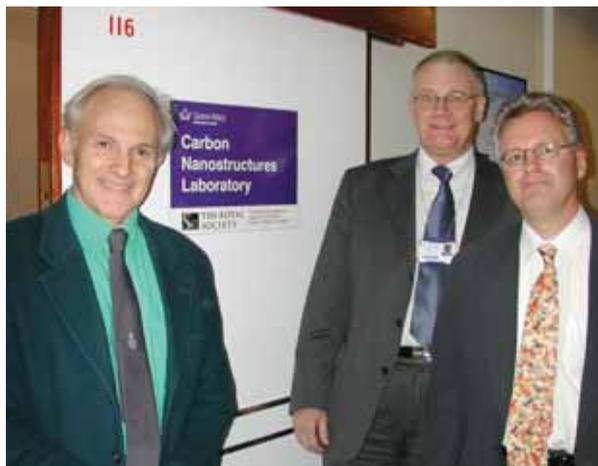
The Department of Chemistry is part of the new School of Biological and Chemical Sciences.

### Chemistry team awarded £540k in new funding

Drs Matthew Todd and Mike Watkinson, together with Professor Jim Utley, have recently been awarded a major grant from the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council in collaboration with two groups in Cambridge and the Ludwig Institute of Cancer Research in London. The project, with total funding of £540,000, is looking into the production of a new class of biosensors for the early detection of cancer and heart disease.

Dr Todd said: "It's very exciting to be contributing to this high-profile consortium, where we show the power of fundamental chemistry in developing a new generation of biomedical tools."

## Size Matters



Sir Harry Kroto (l) opening the Carbon Nanostructures Laboratory together with Vice-Principal, Professor Malcolm MacCallum and Dr Mark Baxendale

Leading chemist and Nobel Prize winner Professor Sir Harry Kroto opened the new Carbon Nanostructures Laboratory at Queen Mary, cementing the College's reputation as a leading nanotechnology research institute. The new laboratory has been made possible by a grant of £112,000 from the Royal Society/Wolfson Foundation Refurbishment Scheme and a further grant of £240,000 from the Science Research Infrastructure Fund.

Nanotechnology has only been taken seriously since about 1998. Put simply, it is the study of very, very small particles. Matter in the nano-world behaves very differently to that in our familiar macro-world.

The new laboratory will be used to research how

nano-particles interact and what happens on such a small scale. Under the leadership of Dr Mark Baxendale, the five-strong research team aims to produce a wide range of new carbon nanostructures that are directed at applications.

In addition the Department of Materials, has also recently received £4.4 million in funding for a new nanotechnology centre for commercial exploitation, NanoForce. Head of Materials, Professor Paul Hogg, said collaboration with research colleagues from around the College was essential, especially as the Centre was considering using nano-developments to create 'smart' textiles, for example ones that were self-cleaning or had a permanent cosmetic odour.

## Celebrating 25 Years of Service to Commerce and Development!

Dr Ian Walden, Senior Lecturer in the Centre for Commercial Law Studies, writes: 'A few years ago, *The Times* carried an item which noted that in terms of cutting edge developments in legal academic research, the place to look was not towards the traditional gleaming spires of Oxford and Cambridge, but down the Mile End Road at the Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary, University of London. The Centre, established by Professor Sir Roy Goode in 1980 and now located in the heart of the City of London at Queen Mary's Charterhouse Square

campus, is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year.

Inevitably, since 1980, the concerns of commercial lawyers have evolved to reflect the changing economic environment. The Centre has continued to devote its attention and direct its energies to the emerging issues in commercial law and the concerns of the commercial community, making it a leader in Europe and, indeed, the rest of the world. The issues that direct our research and teaching activities today include the upsurge in regulation and

regulators; the challenges of our 'Information Society' and the on-going globalisation of economic activity and the need to construct a 'rule of law' that reflects the international marketplace. These themes and many more can be found in the work being carried out within the Centre for Commercial Law Studies, representing 25 years of research, teaching, training and advising.

As we celebrate our 25th anniversary, we are looking to continue our vibrant development and exploration of the boundaries

of commercial law. To celebrate our anniversary, the Centre will host a range of events during the course of the coming year. This will include an **Open Day on 5 July 2005**, in the beautiful setting of Charterhouse Square, aimed at potential future alumni and legal professionals and will highlight our training courses'.

For further information about the Centre or our anniversary celebrations, please contact Swee Ng on +44 (0)20 7882 6056 or email [s.c.ng@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:s.c.ng@qmul.ac.uk) or visit our website at [www.ccls.edu](http://www.ccls.edu)

## Athens is ADAMANT

As the holiday season gets underway, does the thought of delayed and cancelled flights, irate passengers and poorly informed airline staff fill you with dread? Help is at hand. Queen Mary's Department of Electronic Engineering is leading an EU-funded €2 million project called ADAMANT (Airport Decision and Management Network) which is developing an intelligent information system providing information to passengers and airport staff that will make airports safer, more profitable, and reduce both the number of delayed flights and late passengers.

Live testing of the system took place during the 2004 Paralympics in Athens International Airport, and was subsequently used in a near-emergency situation during a recent strike by airport security staff there; the system offered a lifeline for hard-pressed airport staff.

Palm PDAs connected to the ADAMANT system were issued to ground staff. Live flight information was fed to the mobile devices and was relied upon to help staff manage lines of queuing passengers. The system provided reliable information about which flights

were imminent and staff were able to give affected passengers priority. The prompt information was particularly useful when calming annoyed passengers, keeping them informed and reassuring them that they would catch their flights.

Under normal circumstances, the system can be used to personalise information for individual passengers and text it to their mobile or palm PDA when they request the service. For example, passengers can be alerted hours ahead of a flight cancellation or delay, be told how long the queues are for check-in and security, and how much time they have remaining landside and airside.

The ADAMANT project is a collaboration between Queen Mary, Lucent Technology UK, Vodafone Greece; the National Technical University of Athens and Athens International Airport. For more information visit: <http://adamant.elec.qmul.ac.uk>

### ...and for the record

To mark the 10th anniversary of the scratchcard, the National Lottery commissioned Queen Mary's Departments of Physics and Materials to research the best tool to scratch one.

The team led by Professor David Dunstan, Head of the Department of Physics, found that bank or store cards were the best objects because of their long, flat edge. Professor Dunstan explained: "It is because they are sharp, flat, flexible, and hence, when held in the human hand, adapt to the shape of the surface to provide the optimum scratch.

The next best tool was a 5p piece owing to its size and rough serrated edge.

However, there is more to the art of perfect scratching than the right implement... players should angle the object at 30 degrees to the surface and apply a pressure of 400 grams.



# Roy Strong: the man who gave history a face-lift

Many students who came to study at Queen Mary during the 1960s did so because London was the place where it was 'happening'. The post-war years of austerity were finally over, popular culture was flourishing; young designers and artists such as Mary Quant, Terrance Conran and David Hockney were coming to prominence. Carnaby Street was the shopping mecca, mini skirts, knee high boots and psychedelic colours and patterns were having their first incarnation. At the National Portrait Gallery in St Martin's Lane a new, young Director, Dr Roy Strong, was changing the world of exhibitions and rethinking the display of works of art. Now approaching his 70th birthday, Sir Roy spoke to *Quad* magazine.

plentiful, visits to the cinema with his mother and two brothers were saved-up for; while exhibitions, the theatre and eventually the opera were infrequent events to be anticipated and savoured.

Roy attended Edmonton County Grammar School, "a very good school with some excellent teachers, although one which did not aspire to sending its students to Oxbridge". When talking about his school years, Roy remembers with great affection his history teacher Joan Henderson, who fired his love of the Elizabethan Age and who recommended that he try for a place at Queen Mary College. Joan was herself a regular attendee of seminars given by Sir John Neale.

When Roy arrived in 1953, the history faculty included Professor S D Bindoff; Dr Leslie; Dr Helena Chew; Barbara Harvey and K McDonnell; J J Scarisbrick joined in 1954. For Roy, who already brought with him an interest in Elizabethan portraiture, the opportunity to take courses across the whole of the University of London history curriculum offered enormous insights. He remembers doing Renaissance Studies at Bedford College, "full of bright young girls"; an Italian language course at Birkbeck College where "the students kept falling asleep"; and a history of art course at the Warburg Institute which was "a complete revelation... suddenly my eyes were opened". The award of a first-class honours degree led to a scholarship and the opportunity to undertake doctoral research at the Warburg. Yet again his passionate interest in the portraiture of Elizabeth I was sidelined while he wrote a thesis on Elizabethan Court Pageantry supervised by the Renaissance scholar, Dame Frances Yates "who [he says] restructured and re-formed my thinking". Ultimately she persuaded him to take the job of Assistant Keeper at the National Portrait Gallery (NPG) in 1959.

**S**ir Roy Strong is someone who is recognised in many contexts and associated with many others. He is probably best known by a generation as the fashionably flamboyant and controversial Director of, initially, the National Portrait Gallery, and then the Victoria and Albert Museum in South Kensington. As he approaches his 70th birthday later in August, his current work includes the completion of a thoroughly researched book on the history of English coronations, from the eighth century to Queen Elizabeth II in 1953, to be published by HarperCollins; a regular column in the *Daily Mail* newspaper on 'whatever strikes him as worth commenting on'; lecturing on art tours; and taking-up the presidency of The Garden History Society; as well as garden design and the continuous maintenance and development of the garden that he and his late wife, Julia Trevelyan-Oman, created and nurtured at The Laskett in Herefordshire.

Roy's formative years were spent in Winchmore Hill, north London. He remembers a home "without books" – certainly not unusual at the time, and one ruled by the dominating presence of his father, "a man I never cried a tear for, even at his funeral". In a home where money was not

DRAWING BY PAUL BRASON, 1996





Sir Roy at 69. Photographed in the garden of The Laskett, Herefordshire.

Roy Strong was appointed Director of the National Portrait Gallery in March 1967 at the remarkably young age of 31. Instantaneously he stepped into the media spotlight and relished the opportunity. Quickly he established a personal style: the thick-ringed glasses, fedora hat, the maxi-coat and the distinctive moustache all arrived; together with a determination to put the NPG on the map, by getting the viewing public through the door.

If a personal flamboyance and fashion sense saw him featured regularly in Osbert Lancaster cartoons, the theatricality and exuberance that he introduced to the NPG exhibitions had not been seen there before. His first major exhibition, a retrospective on the work of photographer Cecil Beaton drew massive crowds, "16,000 in fourteen days" and even Quentin Crewe in the *Sunday Mirror* described him as the 'man who is giving history a facelift'.

It was at this time that Roy began to write a diary, not regularly, but rather as notes on events attended. A keen observer of people, he would scribble down the guests he spoke to, amusing asides, what they were wearing and whether the style suited them, how the venue was decorated and the food. Thirty years later these notes were published as *The Roy Strong Diaries, 1967-87*, and described by a *Sunday Times* reviewer as 'The Alan Clarke diaries of cultural politics',

while in the *Evening Standard*, A N Wilson noted, 'At every word a reputation dies'.

The Cecil Beaton exhibition was followed by one on the diarist Samuel Pepys. This time, theatre designer (and Roy's future wife), Julia Trevelyan-Oman designed it. Rooms were created conjuring an image of seventeenth-century London life – at the time another first. However, one down-side was the arrival of mice, who enjoyed the fresh bread on Pepys' table!

His seven years as Director of the National Portrait Gallery were relatively easy compared to the fourteen that followed as Director of the Victoria and Albert Museum from 1 January 1974 onwards. The oil crisis, the miners' strike, and the three-day week effectively brought to an end the exuberance of the 1960s. Financial stringency saw badly needed capital projects at the V&A mothballed, redundancies and, for a number of years, the closure of the museum on Fridays.

Of his directorship Roy saw his role as "everything from chief fundraiser to general sweeper-upper". Taking over an organisation which preferred the past to the present, had its pitfalls, but as 'the' national home of the decorative arts, Roy was determined to show that current design issues were as important as those from the past. An early addition was the opening of the Craft Shop in 1974; the introduction of the Friends of the V&A in

1979, and collaboration with the Royal College of Art which led to the introduction of an MA in the History of Decorative Arts and Design.

Roy Strong's tenure also changed the cultural landscape of London. The Theatre Museum in Covent Garden, after years of discussion, eventually opened in 1987 and the Bethnal Green Museum became focused on the history of childhood; both benefited from the V&A's extensive collections.

Exhibitions provided an opportunity to make a real statement. At 'The Destruction of the Country House, 1875-1975,' Roy remembers "watching visitors faces as they battled to come to terms with all that had disappeared". The 1977 exhibition 'Change and Decay: the future of our parish churches' was instrumental in forcing the Government to make grants available, via the Historic Buildings Council, for church repairs and upkeep. And the exhibition most influential to his future, 'The Garden: a celebration of 1,000 years of the British Garden'.

Roy's overview of his Directorship is one of 'strife' mixed with creative energy. He also admits that "if I hadn't married I would have been dead – the years at the V&A took a heavy toll on me". Resigning proved to be the best thing possible, "At the age of 52 I had to start again ... you are yourself first and the job that you occupy second".

Throughout all the years at the NPG and the V&A Roy continued to write academic books and newspaper columns. A highly successful series of illustrated books on small garden design went some way to alleviate the worry of giving-up a regular income after leaving the V&A. At the time the question of "who wants to employ a former museum director" loomed large. However, writing and garden design have proved to be successful career moves. Now the author of over 25 books, including ones on Elizabethan portraiture, garden, art and food history, and, to celebrate his birthday, an edited version of his newspaper columns compiled by his publishers Pimlico. In addition a sizable portfolio of garden designs undertaken, for among others, Elton John and Prince Charles at Highgrove. Sir Roy was made a Fellow of Queen Mary in 1975 and of the Royal Society of Literature in 1997, an honour of which he is most particularly proud.

# Bruce McLean – walking on glass

When internationally recognised sculptor, painter and artist, Bruce McLean responded to a request from Queen Mary's Estate's Project Director, Julian Robinson, to add some colour to the exterior of Queen Mary's new Institute of Cell and Molecular Science in Whitechapel, he found himself working alongside one of his oldest friends and long-time collaborator, the architect Will Alsop. Susan Nettle met Bruce McLean at UCL.



Bruce McLean walking on glass



Bruce McLean in the studio (Edward Park)

Commissioning two internationally recognised creative forces to work on a building housing research laboratories was part of Queen Mary's much larger plan to support the urban redevelopment of the Whitechapel area. The new Institute of Cell and Molecular Science, designed by the architects Will Alsop/Amec with glass designed by Bruce McLean, is at the heart of the £44 million redevelopment of Barts and The London, Queen Mary's School of Medicine and Dentistry in Turner Street. In time, the investment will bring together some 400 research scientists focused on developing

cures for some of the more prevalent diseases, in particular those encountered among the East End's population; new teaching facilities for its world-famous medical and dental school; and a new education centre, the Centre of the Cell, supporting the cell-science elements of the National Curriculum at Key Stages 2 and 3, most especially for the children from the London Boroughs of Tower Hamlets, Newham and Hackney.

Julian Robinson was determined that this landmark development should reflect the science going on inside the building on the outside, at the same time as being a stunning work of contemporary art. Working with Will Alsop, Bruce McLean had to integrate some 225m<sup>2</sup> of bold colour into the outer glass shell of the building which totals 3,000m<sup>2</sup> of glass. For Julian, the Alsop/McLean collaboration was the only choice, and to date is one of the largest commissioned projects that the two have worked on together.

Bruce McLean grew up in Glasgow, the son of an architect, who refused to allow him



Professor Mike Curtis and Julian Robinson overseeing the glass colouring process



PHOTO: MORLEY VON STERNBERG

to follow in his profession. Looking back, Bruce believes it was because of the problems, criticisms and uncertainties that his father faced, "I think half of the time people don't trust architects". Instead, he went to Glasgow School of Art, which was quickly followed by St Martin's School of Art in London where his sculpture class was taken by Anthony Caro.

By 1969 Bruce was teaching and exhibiting his work, his first critically acclaimed show being in Düsseldorf. Bruce's oeuvre includes sculpture, performance, paint, print, film and theatre. His work is exhibited worldwide and represented in many major public collections; including the Tate which has acquired some 20 pieces. In 1985, Sir Lawrence Gowing invited him to join the Slade School of Fine Art at UCL, where he has remained ever since. He is now Professor and Head of Graduate Painting.

Over the years Bruce has collaborated extensively with architects and town planners on initiatives ranging from the Glasgow Street Theatre to the Nautical Mile Project on England's north-east coast, which received £1 million of Lottery Grant. He is currently working with his son, Will McLean, on a project in North Ayrshire, rethinking at a conceptual level the construction of a new primary school which is due to open in January 2006.

Asked where his inspiration comes from, Bruce is quick to point out that he doesn't

get inspired, "To me it's drawing away and scribbling away and then something happens". He does acknowledge that talking to Queen Mary's scientists helped clarify some of his ideas for the glass panels on the Turner Street building; in particular, Mike Curtis, Professor of Cellular and Molecular Biology, and Director of the Institute of Cell and Molecular Sciences, and Fran Balkwill, Professor of Cancer Biology and Director of Centre of the Cell.

The outcome of the discussions is nine glass panels, each consisting of a mixture of words and images. The words were chosen by Mike and Fran for their multiple meanings, on the one-hand they are commonly understood words, and on the other they have specific scientific meanings; these include Genome, Lipids, Proteins, Networks, Pathways and Architectural Genes.

Having developed the ideas, the challenge became making the 60 glass panels, each measuring 3m x 1.25m. An established glass manufacturing company, Franz Mayer of Munich, Inc, carried out the work.

Bruce began by selecting the base colour for each panel, for example 'red', which was silk-screened over the entire glass surface. The panel was then fired to 580°C on both sides until the red liquid glass had been incorporated into, rather than, more traditionally, sitting on the surface. Once cooled, the panel was moved to the studio

and laid onto the floor. Bruce then drew the design onto the glass surface using tape; this frequently required walking over the glass. The taped area, in turn, provided the guide to the glass cutters and the base colour was sand-blasted away and another colour added in its place, for example yellow or black. Once dried, the panel would be fired again.

Michael Mayer, Chief Executive of Franz Mayer, points out that "unlike the more familiar stained glass process, by using these latest techniques, there is no surface differentiation between front and back making it an ideal process for this expanse of glass".

Back in Whitechapel the panels were then clamped into place at the same time as all the glass walls were being assembled which meant the images gradually grew as the panels were inserted. The precision working occurs where the colourful design covers several panels and where colours abut within a single pane. The single tallest 'picture' pane which has a black base colour and features coloured 'clouds', rises from ground level virtually to the top of the building which is 13m high.

Bruce McLean is currently continuing with the theme of light and colour in his latest work which includes an environmentally controlled seven pavilion light sculpture in Blackpool, entitled 'From Diamonds to Boulders', and a visitor-activated beam of light reception desk for the new University College Hospital on London's Euston Road.

# Alumni become Texman lecturers

The Texman programme at Queen Mary consists of two Master's programmes: an MSc and an MBA in Technology Exploitation and Management. Six alumni took up the offer to speak to current students about the opportunities and problems of managing technologies, research and development. Dr Jonathan Alltimes, Lecturer in the Department of Materials, who co-ordinated the alumni contributions said "The experiences of recent alumni brought home to students the diverse challenges and management responsibilities that working in technology and R&D-driven companies require"



**Monica Chadha** (History 1999) is Director of Pre-Production for Prism Leisure Corporation Ltd, worldwide distributors of

DVDs, CDs, cassettes, videos and computer software for the home entertainment market. She has worked in aspects of this market for the past 10 years. At Prism she is particularly involved with the aspects of quality control, production, distribution and marketing of films on DVD. Monica posed the question: where does the consumer stand as the home entertainments market, dominated by the likes of Sony and Toshiba, is divided-up between the new and divergent technologies of HDVD and Blu-ray.

**Dr Jonathan Tudor** (Chemistry with German 1986) is a Business Development Manager with Qinetiq; formerly the R&D arm of the Ministry of Defence. The company is the largest employer of PhD qualified scientists in the UK. Jonathan took as his theme 'the crystallisation of opportunity' and described the mechanisms that Qinetiq have developed for identifying the commercialization opportunities for technologies and inventions developed outside of the defence industry. He described the process as 'spotting the plug which turns good ideas into high value companies'.



**Ian Truesdale** (Aeronautical Engineering 1989) spoke to the students when he was with Exel, the FTSE-100 listed

logistics company, where he was instrumental in driving improvements in operations techniques. Exel, the global supply-chain solutions company is the largest purchaser of air-freight in the world, moving everything from Formula 1 cars to Dutch flowers. When describing the power of managing technology to support operations management, Ian was speaking with authority having spent part of his career with Toyota, the originators of the Just-in-Time production process. Ian cited the example of Nokia, who subcontract every aspect of their product production. Ian has recently been appointed Director of Operations & Standardisation with the Dutch logistics company TNT.

**Dr Matthew Bocci** (PhD Electronic Engineering 2000) is the Director of Technology & Standards for the IP Division of French-owned



telecommunications giant, Alcatel. Alcatel is the only end-to-end producer of computer equipment in the world. Matthew noted that in Alcatel alone there are 200 employees who work on standardization. He pointed out that since there were no clear internet protocols there were no opportunities for new companies to become established in the broadband marketplace.

The only co-founder of a company among all the speakers, **Dr Harren Jhoti** (Biochemistry 1985) is an entrepreneur.



His company, Astex Pharmaceuticals, is a fragment-based drug discovery and development company which was founded in 1999; by 2001 it had raised £28.4 million of venture capital financing from leading life sciences investment groups. But why, the students quizzed, was he Chief Scientific Officer rather than Chief Executive Officer? Harren pointed out that many biotech companies fail because their academic founders refuse to let go. He was adamant about the necessity for appointing true managers who understand business and can convince the right venture capitalists to invest.



Vice-President and Medical Director for GlaxoSmithKline UK, **Dr Stuart Dollow** spent his first four years in general practice,

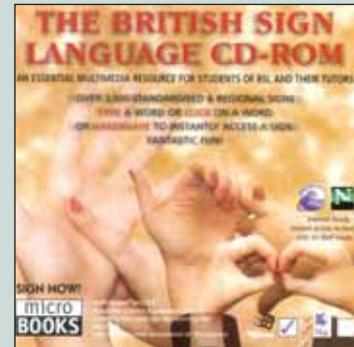
after qualifying at The London in 1986. He took the decision to broaden his horizons and moved into the pharmaceutical industry in 1990, initially as a clinical research physician with Roche. He joined GlaxoWellcome in 1997. Dr Dollow described the expensive and high-risk nature of pharmaceutical research. Average costs hovered around the £500 million level to bring a new drug to the marketplace with probably more than ten of a 20-year patent being spent on the drug development process. He concluded for the pharmaceutical industry the decision-making process in juggling R&D priorities had to be as good as the science involved, leading ultimately to the improvement in the quality of life.

## SIGNING FOR THE FUTURE

Undergraduate student, Lila Harrar, combines her study for an MSci in Computer Science at Queen Mary with work as a developer for Microbooks – a company which, in 1996, produced the first complete reference for Sign Language. This exciting opportunity followed on from Lila's third year project in 2004 in which she aimed to develop and improve software which teaches deaf and non-deaf users Sign Language.

Inspired by a deaf colleague she met while working part-time at Harrods, Lila noted that her colleague often struggled to communicate with customers on the shop floor. She saw that a possible solution to this might be to encourage and support the hearing, as well as deaf, population in learning British Sign Language.

Lila began her research by gathering information about existing software on the market, and speaking to users and people in the field. With the help of her colleague at Harrods, she made contact with the Royal National Institute for the Deaf (RNID) and UCL's RNID library. Her research put her in contact with Reading based Microbooks who she approached for copyright permission for use of some of their videos. Lila kept in touch with Microbooks and showed them the final prototype of her programme, *Signing Made Easy*, as well as the feedback from users who were positive about its ease of use and range of features. Microbooks were so enthusiastic about Lila's project that they invited her back to their offices last summer and offered her a five-year contract as a developer and help with marketing her products. This is the first time an



undergraduate project in the Department of Computer Science has been commercialised.

Lila's software includes animated gifs of the alphabet; games and quizzes; learning sections (beginners and advanced) which include click and drag and multiple choice tasks; as well as a wide-ranging reference dictionary. The system for her new software, due out this year in both CD and DVD formats, is now complete and all that remains to be organised are the covers and promotional work. She says, "I went to the publishers and they are very excited about the product. They believe that it will do very well as it's the first interactive and substantial system aimed at children, both deaf and non deaf".

Following her Masters programme, Lila hopes to go on to do a PhD, possibly in the field of interaction, media and communication.

For more information about Microbooks, visit <http://www.microbooks.org>

# Equalling the Opportunities

As a university graduate you are statistically proven to be more likely to live longer and cast a vote in an election, than a non-graduate; conversely you are less likely to undertake a criminal act or go to prison. You are also more likely to be aware of your rights as an employee and thus potentially the negligence of your employer.

As the 40th anniversary celebrations of the founding of Queen Mary's Department of Law get underway, Susan Nettle visited the Royal Courts of Justice in London to meet Laura Cox, now The Hon. Mrs Justice Cox, a Queen Mary law alumna, who is acknowledged to be one of the leading practitioners in human rights law, particularly related to discrimination and employment.



Since November 2002, Mrs Justice Cox has been one of four Queen's Bench judges with Queen Mary connections, the others being The Hon. Mr Justice (Peter) Crane, son of Roger Crane, the first Head of the Department of Law, The Hon. Mr Justice (Christopher) Pitchford (LLB 1968) and The Hon. Mr Justice (Anthony) Hughes, a member of staff from 1969 to 1971.

Laura Cox grew-up in Wolverhampton and attended the Girls High School, which had the distinction in the late 1960s of encouraging its pupils to go and find careers, at a time when women's rights were hardly on the agenda. The two major influences upon her decision to study law were her father and the positive attitude of her school. She remembers her father's interest in the law, even though he had been a banker before he retired. "We had endless discussions about the law and he used to take me to the old quarter sessions; so that sparked an interest which was furthered by the Debating Society. I quite liked the idea of developing skills to persuade someone to your way of thinking; especially after I was asked in one particular debate to oppose the motion that 'This

school believes that a woman's place is in the home".

Laura also found her ideas on a possible career path were being influenced by one of the outstanding Labour MP's of her generation, Barbara Castle, who was leading the debate on equality, women's rights, and the idea of equal pay during the 1960s and 70s.

For the young Laura Cox, studying in London was the only option – to be close to the Royal Courts of Justice, the Old Bailey and the Inns of Court was her aim. While obviously not the closest college, Queen Mary offered the ideal university experience: "There was something about the place, the Department was new, and you picked up immediately there was a sense of dynamism and enthusiasm, while at the same time it was small and intimate". Queen Mary was also ideally located for her and her husband; they lived in a small flat in Hackney; David travelled out to agricultural college in Chelmsford while Laura caught the bus down to Mile End. She remembers the mooting competition, which she won with Osbourne Charles, a law student from Trinidad.

Laura graduated with an LLB in 1973 and decided straight away to undertake the postgraduate LLM course focusing on labour law and trade unionism, which was a joint programme with LSE and where she was lectured by Bill Wedderburn. She decided to take two years to complete the degree and at the same time studied for her Bar exams. She was called to the Bar in November 1975 and went straight to Cloisters Chambers in Temple where she did her pupillage with Stephen Sedley, now Lord Justice Sedley. Laura stayed with Cloisters throughout her career, eventually becoming Head of Chambers in 1996.

Laura Cox has been a keen advocate of human rights and equality within the workplace. Even though the European Convention of Human Rights was signed in 1951, it was only in 2000 that a comprehensive Human Rights Act became law in England. Until that time all English cases were referred to Strasburg; only in the last five years has a sound human rights jurisprudence begun to develop here in this country.

Laura is particularly proud of two major cases that she won after taking them to Europe for ruling. The first related to pregnancy discrimination and the difficulty of persuading judges in English courts that a woman should not be treated less favourably by her employer because she was pregnant or suffering from a pregnancy-related illness. Laura took the case to the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg and won, which has meant that women are legally entitled to equal and unbiased treatment by their employers.

The second case concerned an issue of sexual orientation; until she won the case in Strasburg, the MoD had been automatically discharging any member of the armed services for misconduct because they were gay. As a consequence the British armed services now have to accept gay people into their ranks.

In recognition of her commitment to equality and human rights, Laura received a lifetime achievement award from Liberty and JUSTICE in December 2002.

Since her appointment as a judge, she has continued to be involved in human rights issues and organisations. In 2003 she was appointed as Chair of the Equal Treatment Advisory Committee, the advisory committee to the Judicial Studies Board on equality and diversity issues. Since 1998, she has been the United Kingdom expert in the International Labour Organisation Committee of Experts, monitoring compliance by Member States with international labour standards. She is also the current Chair of the Board of Interights, the international human rights organisation established to promote the effective use of human rights law to protect rights and freedoms worldwide, in co-operation with lawyers, NGOs and judges.

Life has changed, since her appointment as a High Court judge: her diary of sittings are planned on a longer time-frame, even if it does mean a six-week stint in Sheffield. "As a barrister you are more reactive, you can suddenly be instructed to undertake a case in Cardiff for three weeks, and then everything goes out-of-the-window because something else arises". However, being appointed a judge is one job where careful consideration is required before accepting, because there is absolutely no going back.

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Of the 72 sitting judges in the Queen's Bench Division at the end of 2004, only four are women. Not surprisingly Mrs Justice Cox is also a strong supporter of changes to the appointments process for getting more women and members of ethnic minority communities in the senior judicial posts. Appointed in her late forties, she is one of the youngest judges currently in the Queen's Bench division. Lord Goldsmith, the Attorney General, is at the present time considering a radical overhaul of the appointments process, which will call into question deeply embedded values.

Mrs Justice Cox also sees the Attorney General's review as the opportunity to propose changes to the judicial career structure and open-up the appointments process to, for example, employed barristers and solicitors, who traditionally have never been eligible for senior judicial posts. In addition, she believes that having flexible

working arrangements and part-time appointments would also make this kind of work more attractive. The introduction of a 'proper' job description and skills assessment would also identify the criteria necessary to undertake the role, and move away from the current haphazard system of appointment into a more structured and transparent approach.

Laura Cox remains full of encouragement particularly for young women who wish to become barristers. Her advice is: "Be prepared to be tough and determined; find your specialist chambers, where you are comfortable with the area of law that you want to practice in; develop first-rate legal and communication skills. Solicitors will always rely on someone who can handle a case in court". But she also advises using those brief university years wisely; mooting, debating, helping in advice centres, getting experience and understanding the scale of the needs in terms of housing, immigration and employment – especially if you are interested in human rights.

For Laura, interests away from the Royal Courts of Justice include three sons, for whom husband David played a crucial role in their younger years; music, theatre, and supporting Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Dame Laura will be made an Honorary Fellow of Queen Mary in July 2005.

**Saturday 17 September  
from 6.00pm**

**Celebrating 40 years of Law  
at Queen Mary**

The Official Opening of the refurbished Department of Law Building, Mile End will be followed by a candle-lit dinner in the 18th century splendour of St Bartholomew's Great Hall, West Smithfield.

Invitations will be sent out to law graduates shortly.

Register your interest by completing and returning the *Update Form* enclosed.

# Vivat Hispania!

As Hispanic Studies celebrates 50 years of Honours teaching in 2005, Alan Deyermond offers a personal view

Of all the Departments of Hispanic Studies in the country, ours is the only one in an area where a small community of Spanish speakers once lived. Mile End has, for centuries, been the home of immigrants and refugees – Christian, Jewish and Muslim – from the Huguenots of the seventeenth century to the Bangladeshis in the twentieth. The seventeenth century saw Sephardic Jews, fleeing persecution in Spain and Portugal, settling in London, and the cemetery of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews' Congregation was founded in 1657 near what is now

student accommodation. The Congregation's new burial ground, first used in 1733, lies behind the present Arts Faculty building. In due course the Sephardic community, like the Huguenots before them and the Ashkenazi Jews (from central and eastern Europe) after them, prospered and moved on. So Spanish was not heard again in the East End until, in 1917, East London College (ELC) took a far-sighted decision and began the teaching of Spanish.

The old University of London degree in modern languages required a Subsidiary Subject in addition to the Honours one.

Only King's College was allowed to teach Honours level in Spanish, but other colleges were allowed to teach at Subsidiary level as well as for the old Intermediate examination. J V Barragán was appointed to teach the classes at ELC and to offer conversation classes to other interested students. It was not until some thirty years later that Westfield followed that example, but in 1948 Janet Perry (a retired lecturer from King's) began teaching for a few hours each week, and inspired enough demand to justify a full-time post. It was there in 1952 to which John Varey was appointed – within the Department of French – as Lecturer in Spanish. Within three years he had built up the teaching to a point where the College could persuade the University to allow the creation of a Department of Spanish that would accept BA Honours students.

In October 1955 the first honours students arrived: three of them, the staff-student ratio was a lavish 1:1.5 but John and I (I had just been appointed as Assistant Lecturer) found it exhausting: between us we had to cover the whole range of language and literature courses. John taught half the language courses, Golden Age drama and prose, and modern literature (Latin-American literature had not yet been discovered in Britain), while I taught the other half of the languages courses, Golden-Age poetry, medieval literature and history of the language. The intake of students grew, the Department established itself, and from 1958 onwards there were further appointments.

Events were also moving rapidly at Queen Mary College, in October 1956 the Department of Spanish opened, with Roy Jones as its head and Jim Cummins as Assistant Lecturer (J V Barragán was still teaching the full range of language and literature courses). This Department also prospered, and in 1958 Lynn Ingamells joined the staff, going on to teach generations of QMC students and to carry



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John Varey, the first appointed lecturer in Spanish at Westfield College. He was Principal of Westfield from 1983-1989.



Hispanic Studies graduates and staff celebrate their success in 2003

much of the administrative load. The two departments grew side by side, with intermittent rivalry but, increasingly, with friendly cooperation. While John and I spent our careers at Westfield (John eventually becoming Principal), Lynn did the same at QMC, but in general there was more movement of staff at QMC. Roy went on to the Cervantes Chair at King's (as did his successor, Pat Harvey), and then on to the Chair at Cambridge, while Jim Cummins, who left QMC quite soon, became Professor at UCL. Later appointments at QMC included, as well as Pat Harvey and Nigel Glendinning, the Latin-American specialist Jean Franco, who achieved great success in the United States; Mario Vargas Llosa, soon to become a famous novelist, and years later, a candidate for President of Peru; Alan Paterson, who moved to a chair at St Andrews; and Paul Julian Smith, now Professor at Cambridge. At Westfield, later appointments included Ralph Penny, who became Professor of Spanish and then of Romance Philology, and Dorothy Severin, who moved to Liverpool as Gilmour Chair of Spanish.

The two departments developed differently. While continuing to teach Single and, later, Combined Honours, QMC launched a degree in European Studies, in which Spanish could be combined, in varying proportions, with history, politics, economics, law, and mathematics, using the course-unit system. This interdisciplinary approach to teaching had already been achieved in research: there were close ties to hispanists in other

departments, notably with Paul Preston, the historian of modern Spain; Pat Harvey was a bridge between Hispanic and Arabic studies; Nigel Glendinning became an authority on Goya as well as the Enlightenment, and Paul Julian Smith moved increasingly, through contacts with theorists in English and French, into modern critical theory and film studies.

From the 1970s onwards, the Westfield Department offered Combined as well as Single Honours; the combination with English was particularly fruitful. Later, Westfield became the only college to offer courses in Catalan. In research, individual work was complemented by long-term collaborative projects and research seminars. The history of Spanish theatre as a research area was largely John Vary's creation, and the only Spanish appointment in the country under the New Blood scheme of the early 1980s was at Westfield: Charles Davis was chosen to work on the History of the Spanish Theatre project. In 1963 John had founded Tamesis Books, which became the leading British publisher of Hispanic Studies. The Medieval Hispanic Research Seminar was founded in 1967, and still flourishes; its monograph series, launched in 1969, has published nearly fifty volumes.

The 1980s were dominated by mergers of London colleges, and in 1987 Westfield had to choose between absorption by King's and a genuine merger with QMC. After much argument the right decision was taken, and Westfield's future lay with QMC. From that moment, the two departments increasingly

functioned as one, even though the formal merger did not happen until 1989, and the move from Hampstead to Mile End came in 1992. The union of the two colleges' Arts departments was easy in some areas, hard in others; the friendliest and most creative was in Hispanic Studies, under Ralph Penny's leadership (our memorable party-cruise on the Thames was the only departmental celebration of the merger). This unity had been foreshadowed twenty years earlier; of the eight volumes of the influential *Literary History of Spain*, edited by Roy Jones – in Spanish translation still the most widely read history of literature – five volumes were the work of current or former members of the two departments.

In 1995 the Department of Hispanic Studies, while keeping its individual identity, became part of the new School of Modern Languages, headed by Ralph Penny (there had been a similar School at QMC in the 1980s, headed by Nigel Glendinning). The School gained 23 points out of a maximum of 24 in the Teaching Quality Assessment, and Hispanic Studies received the highest level, 5\*, in the latest Research Assessment Exercise (its average score over successive RAE's was equalled only by Cambridge). The most recent addition to our teaching programme is Brazilian Studies. We have, as well as our monograph series, one of the leading journals in its field, the *Hispanic Research Journal*. Our confidence in the subject's future is shared by the College: for the first time in our fifty year history, two new professors have been appointed this year, one in linguists (Chris Pountain), and the other in Golden-Age literature (Trevor Dadson). We shall begin our second half-century in good heart.

I am grateful to Nigel Glendinning and Lynn Ingamells for filling gaps in my knowledge of the history and prehistory of the QMC Department of Spanish.

Celebrating 50 years of all things Hispanic  
Join alumni and staff on 25-26 June 2005.  
For further details and a booking form,  
visit [www.modern-languages.qmul.ac.uk/hispanicstudies50th/index.htm](http://www.modern-languages.qmul.ac.uk/hispanicstudies50th/index.htm)

# Fundraising for Queen Mary

## Queen Mary opens fundraising office

Queen Mary is opening its first fundraising Development Office. It will be responsible for raising funds for major College projects from a variety of sources including companies, trusts and foundations, and individuals, including alumni.

Specific projects will include the completion of the Centre of the Cell; the development of a new Heart and Cancer research centre in Charterhouse Square; and a 25th anniversary fundraising campaign for the Centre for Commercial Law Studies. Initial smaller-scale projects will include fundraising for the 50th Anniversary of Hispanic Studies and the 40th Anniversary of the Department of Law.

The Development Office will work alongside the Queen Mary, University of London Foundation. The Foundation will be chaired by Dr Colette Bowe, Chairman of College Council; trustees will include the Principal, Professor Adrian Smith FRS, senior members of the College as well as alumni and other supporters committed to raising funds for the College.

The College will also establish a not-for-profit foundation in the United States.

This is an important, new initiative and will be reflected regularly in the pages of *Quad* as well as more directly to alumni.

If you would like to:

- discuss your role in the future of fundraising for the College;
- receive further information on the College's major funding priorities;
- or if you have specific ideas or recommendations to make,

please contact the Development Director, Bernie McDermott, on +44 (0)20 7882 7034 or email [b.m.mcdermott@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:b.m.mcdermott@qmul.ac.uk)

*Quad* will regularly feature items about other fundraising initiatives in future issues.

## The Centre of the Cell

The innovative and ambitious Centre of the Cell is a major new bioscience education centre aimed at young people, their teachers and schools. Uniquely it is embedded within a working medical research laboratory and medical school, in this case the Institute for Cell and Molecular Science in Whitechapel, part of Barts and The London, Queen Mary's School of Medicine and Dentistry. The Centre of the Cell is one of four spectacular pods suspended above subterranean laboratories, where over 400 research scientists will work.

Fran Balkwill, Professor of Cancer Biology at the School, is also Director of the Centre of the Cell. She is an award winning author of thirteen books for children on cell and molecular biology and recently won the Royal Society's Faraday Prize for science communication to young people.

Professor Balkwill's objectives for the Centre are ambitious. "The Centre of the Cell will be a world-class science education centre in the middle of east London. Too

many young people give up science too early. Too few young people understand how their bodies work or the causes of illness. We believe the Centre will excite young people, encourage them to continue studying science and eventually consider careers in science, medicine and healthcare".

Nearly 2,000 young people from twelve east London schools have already taken part in two major evaluation exercises which are driving the content and messages that the Centre will explain.

The initial evaluation considered what is understood by the terms 'cell' and 'scientist'. While most young people found the concept of cells difficult to grasp; associations with prison or batteries were just as common as anything to do with biology. Very few participants realised that they grew because their cells made more cells. They saw scientists as middle-aged, white, male, and often 'mad', and many did not consider themselves clever enough to pursue careers in science, even though they were interested in disease and the ethical issues related to biomedical science.



The Centre of the Cell pod is suspended above the research laboratories, allowing young people to see scientists of all ages and backgrounds at work



The Jack Petchy Foundation has committed £150,000 to the Centre of the Cell project. Baroness Murphy, Trustee (l) and Fran Balkwill (r) accept a cheque from Andrew Billington, Director of the Jack Petchy Foundation.

Other major supporters to date include the London Development Agency, the Mercers' Company, the Clore Duffield Foundation, NESTA, UCB Pharma, St Bartholomew's and The Royal London Charitable Foundation, as well as Queen Mary itself.

The second evaluation concerned young people's understanding of specific diseases and other issues, including HIV, cystic fibrosis, lymphoma, deafness, paralysis, tooth decay, genetics and healthy living. The students, yet again, had some understanding of infectious disease, but they did not understand that bacteria, viruses and fungi could cause infections, neither could they explain what happened to the body when an infection occurred.

The evaluations are feeding into the development of the educational content of the Centre, which matches the needs of the National Curriculum for 9-16 year olds and supports the teaching of science at classroom level.

The project is now nearing the end of its design stage and remains on target to open in January 2007. School visits will be free of charge. The Centre will be able to cater for up to thirty pupils at a time. Each visit will begin with a stunning audiovisual experience which will project light and sound

onto the inner architecture of the cell-like pod. There will be a central nucleus for interactive displays which will be fully flexible for age-groups and abilities.

Professor Balkwill and her team consider it vital that this body of work, and its presentational excitement, should be available to young people and schools all over the UK and internationally. Substantial development is currently taking place on an interactive website and other e-learning programmes which will allow anyone to access the Centre of the Cell and its content.

The pod for the Centre of the Cell was provided by Queen Mary and the School of Medicine and Dentistry within the construction of the new building in Whitechapel.

Nearly £1.5 million has already been raised to fund the internal design of the Centre, the school-based evaluations and the current work with Medical School scientific 'champions' to define the advanced content.

A further £2 million is now required to complete the internal construction of the Centre of the Cell with advanced interactive displays, audiovisual presentations, child-friendly microscopes and other items. Fran Balkwill and her team are in discussions with organisations and companies to raise this money. However, she says, "Queen Mary and the School of Medicine and Dentistry are showing huge commitment to really giving something back to the young people of east London, and are showing the world exactly what we do and what we can achieve. I want to ask you, the alumni of Queen Mary, to give whatever you can to the Centre of the Cell to support this project – we will make your money really work".

A donation form is enclosed with this copy of *Quad*. Please do fill this in and return it to the Alumni Relations Office at Queen Mary, University of London.

For further information or to talk to the Centre of the Cell team, please contact Bernie McDermott on +44 (0)20 7882 7034 or email [b.m.mcdermott@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:b.m.mcdermott@qmul.ac.uk) or visit [www.centreofthecell.org.uk](http://www.centreofthecell.org.uk)

## Celebrating 25 years of CCLS

In 1980 the Centre for Commercial Law Studies was founded by Sir Roy Goode. During the last 25 years it has grown into the world's leading centre for research and teaching in commercial law, attracting students from around the globe.

One of the most important elements of the Centre's work is that its expertise and skills are placed at the service of the professions. Simultaneously it draws upon the active input of many within the business and legal communities in designing and conducting its courses and research. Over the past twenty-five years, this unique collaboration between the City and the Centre has bred an unmatched reputation for innovative teaching and research across the entire field of commercial law.

An important aspect of the Centre's role as an intellectual resource committed to a collaborative relationship with the City has been to reinforce the claims of London as the international capital of commercial and financial law.

- International Commercial Dispute Resolution
- The Information Society and Communication Law
- Financial Law and Regulation
- International Economic Development Law
- Transnational Commercial Law

To broaden its research and teaching activities, the Centre plans to raise £5 million over a five-year period. This funding will extend the activities of the Centre into new and vital areas for commercial law, trade and development. In addition, the campaign will aim to provide a new Commercial Law Library on the Charterhouse Square site, as well as new IT study facilities for students.

For more information about the fundraising campaign, the launch dinner, and how you can play your part in this major campaign, contact Bernie McDermott on +44 (0)20 7882 7034 or email [b.m.mcdermott@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:b.m.mcdermott@qmul.ac.uk)

# Windows on the mind

In October 2004, Queen Mary alumnus, scriptwriter and director, Monshur Alam (Geography 2003) won a Guy Ritchie Award for his short film *Martilino*. Nominated by the Tower Hamlets Summer University, *Martilino* was selected by the director/actor, Guy Ritchie himself, from a range of entries from across the country. Alam's second full-length feature film, *Movies*, was premiered at the Genesis Cinema in Mile End last November.

Monshur spoke to Anila Memon about his longstanding passion for film and meeting Guy Ritchie on set.

**Q:** Why did you choose to study Geography rather than a media based degree?

**MA:** I don't believe that one has to study film, in order to make films. I felt Geography would give me the opportunity to read extensively about things that interested me, such as culture, social issues, and economic inequalities. The study of these would make me a more rounded person in understanding the world as a whole, and in particular, through social geography, in understanding people, which is important with the drama-based films that I have always favoured.

**Q:** When did you discover your passion for film?

**MA:** My love of films began when I was small. I vividly remember talking about film directors with my father at a very young age. My father had a great deal of respect for directors; he would tell me about Indian filmmakers, and what films they had made.

I always enjoyed writing and I reached the stage where I wanted to execute what I had written and see what it would look like visually. The natural progression, for me anyway, was to bring my work alive by making films. I remember walking into a bookshop one day and seeing a book based on the work of Quentin Tarantino. In a matter of days I had read the book, and it dawned on me that here was a guy, with no formal education, who had become the biggest Hollywood player! This inspired me to go out there and do it myself.

As soon as I reached the age of 15, I became serious about wanting to make films so I started writing *Movies*, which I ended up directing when I was 20.

**Q:** Who has influenced your work?

**MA:** Filmmakers such as Quentin Tarantino and Robert Rodriguez; their brash visual style and amazingly witty dialogue is great to watch. I am also a big fan of Hindi cinema, the extravagant colourful sets and lush colour. My favourite Indian directors include Yash Chopra, Aditya Chopra, Karan Johar and Sanjay Leela Bhansali.

I have tried to maintain the grittiness and darker elements of filmmakers such as Tarantino and Martin Scorsese in my work, and merge them with the vibrancy of Hindi cinema. I feel that I definitely have a unique style which is evident in my feature film, *Movies*.



**Q:** What are the prominent themes within your film work?

**MA:** A variety of issues and emotions experienced throughout one's life, such as ambition, revenge, betrayal, envy, and greed. That is why I made *Movies* to show these human emotions, through my "window", and how I saw things. The characters, fleshed-out, are the puppets in the show; they are manipulated to portray these very powerful themes.

I guess it is difficult not to use your own experiences and draw them into your script, you do it subconsciously, and my time at QMUL was also a big part of my life. So I draw upon things that I have endured and experienced.

**Q:** How has living and studying in the East End influenced you?

**MA:** The East End is where I gained experience of making films, by attending small workshops and meeting people in the industry. I can't imagine that I would be here without having spent most of my life there. East London provides young people with so many opportunities to gain valuable skills in filmmaking. For me this has been priceless.

**Q:** What did your peers and tutors at Queen Mary think of your film work?

**MA:** My peers were amazed by it; at the start they were a bit sceptical but they were supportive. My Head of Department, Professor Roger Lee, and my tutors Dr Alastair Owens and Dr Kavita Datta have been wonderful. They have been very supportive and shown a great deal of interest.

**Q:** How did you manage to combine your studies and film work?

**MA:** By not having a social life!

**Q:** How have your films been received?

**MA:** At the moment *Movies* is being readied for festivals, both across the country and in the US, so it will be a very exciting few months. *Martilino* won a Guy Ritchie Award and I got to meet him on the set of his new film *Revolver*, which was an amazing experience. Sitting next to Guy,

while he stared through the monitor, and directed actors such as Ray Liotta [*Goodfellas*] and Jason Stratham [*Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels/Snatch*] was unbelievable. The day was brilliant, Guy was really down-to-earth, and had loads of advice for a young filmmaker such as myself on what to do and what not to do, and what types of deals to go for; it was extremely informative.

The film sets were also amazing, it's a \$30 million film! He was shooting a bar scene which had a large number of extras and resembled 1950's New York, with wonderful dresses and hairstyles, though Guy admitted he was being clever by not telling the audience what period or where the film was set. Money was referred to as "dough" but no locations or cities are mentioned in the entire film.

**Q:** Why did you set up Alam Brothers and Co.?

**MA:** I started Alam Brothers and Co. as a production company as soon as I knew we had the green light to go and shoot *Movies*. I wanted to set up an organisation that would be close-knit, and a place where the people working together would be more than just colleagues. The company involves the whole family; the marketing and PR is handled by my brother Mashfiqul, while music development is headed by Mohibul. We also have several production heads working for the company who deal with editing, Quinn Pohl and Jonaid Jilani, and sound, Ashraf Islam.

There are plans to expand the company, several filmmakers are part of the company but want to branch-out and make their own feature films. I also want to provide an outlet in the music department, to produce music through our own artists, although at the moment, blueprints are being put together to get that up and running.

**Q:** What links do you have with the Bangladeshi community?

**MA:** The premiere of my trailer for *Movies* was officially unveiled on Brick Lane by BritBangla, an organisation of Bangladeshi professionals, to an audience of over 300 guests and VIPs. I would love to build

bridges with the community in the near future with other projects. Overall though, my films are for everyone, and I want them to be watched universally. It is not just the Bengali community that I want to forge relations with but all communities, encompassing a whole hybrid of different cultures and religions.

**Q:** What do you hope to go on to achieve?

**MA:** I hope to create a body of work that I can be proud of, and look back at the films that I have made and not cringe. Most importantly, I want to make a film that changes people's lives for the better. Whether that is possible is another question, but one can always try. An Oscar would also be nice on my mantelpiece but I don't want to be too greedy, God has given me more than I deserve.

## Filmography

*Martilino* (2003) (8 mins)

*Once upon a guy and girl* (2003) (8 mins)

*Movies* (2005) (90 mins)

For more information visit:

Alam Brothers Co:

[www.alambrothers.co.uk](http://www.alambrothers.co.uk)

BritBangla: [www.britbangla.net](http://www.britbangla.net)



Monshur Alam with Guy Ritchie

# Student News

## Alumni Support



To celebrate the support that our students receive, Queen Mary recently held its first Scholars' Evening. Representatives from QMandWAlumni, BATLAA, the Westfield Trust, as well as Aldgate and All Hallows Charitable Foundation, the Drapers' Company, and Sir John Cass's Foundation, all of whom provide grants and scholarships, presented certificates and congratulated students on their achievements.

Bhavik Mistry (above right), who is currently studying for an MSc in Telecommunications at Queen Mary, is the recipient of the 2004-05 Moses Scholarship. The scholarship has helped Mr Mistry, who comes from Gujarat, India, to overcome some of the financial difficulties he has faced as an overseas student.

Bhavik is one of four students who have benefited from scholarships provided by the Queen Mary and Westfield Alumni Association in the past year.

You can support this important work by making a donation to the Queen Mary and Westfield Alumni Benevolent Fund, details can be found on the *Update Form* with this issue of *Quad*.

The College warmly thanks all its donors for their ongoing support.

## A lasting legacy

The Alumni Relations Office has received a number of requests for information about leaving a gift to Queen Mary in the form of a legacy. We have now produced a leaflet setting out some of the basic facts. If you would like to receive a copy or wish to talk to someone about leaving such a gift, please contact Susan Nettle in the Alumni Relations Office on +44 (0)20 7882 7423 or email [s.nettle@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:s.nettle@qmul.ac.uk)

## Cypriot student wins QMandWAlumni award



Michalis Economides, received the third QMandWAlumni Student Achievement Award at this year's Annual Colours and Honours Ball in

March. Michalis, a first year Law student, is President of the Cypriot Society and a member of the newly formed and successful Students' Union governance committee. He has recently been elected 2005-06 Societies Officer for QMSU.

The QMandWAlumni Achievement Award is given to the student who has done most to promote the student community. The Award comprises an engraved plaque as a permanent memento and a cheque for £100 donated by the QMandWAlumni Benevolent Fund.

## Barts and The London students raise £1m for RAG

Students from Barts and The London, Queen Mary's School of Medicine and Dentistry, have raised more than £150,000 for charity since the start of this academic year. This sizeable amount brings the grand total raised by Queen Mary's medical and dental students to more than £1 million over the past 10 years.

BL RAG supports over 100 registered charities on a local, national and international scale, including Steppingstone Farm, St Luke's Hospice, and Bart's City Life Saver among others.

This year also saw a series of pre-Rag events, including Christmas and comedy shows, two fashion shows and various fancy dress nights, all held in the Students' Union.

## PROVIDE paints a picture in the Nursery

Students from PROVIDE, Queen Mary's volunteering society, recently gave the College Nursery a face lift when they painted a jungle mural inside the Nursery's fence. Children can now enjoy brightly-coloured animals from all over the world every morning as they arrive at the Nursery and in their play time.

Nursery manager Kelly Cooper said the mural was colourful and child friendly: "We couldn't get the kids inside when they first saw it. They were really surprised and just couldn't stop staring."



# Catch-Up

Over 100 alumni have written to us with their news over the past six months. If you wish to contact a friend on the alumni list, please send us the 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 Dental and Medical Schools, your news will appear in the next issue of the *Barts and The London Chronicle*.

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## QMandWAlumni Management Committee

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<b>Chair</b>	<b>Dr John C Williams</b> (Electrical Engineering 1960; PhD 1965)
<b>Hon Treasurer</b>	<b>Dr Alan Fox</b> (Physics 1959; PhD 1963)
<b>Elected Members</b>	<b>Mr Graham Barnes</b> (Mathematics 1968) <b>Mrs Marjorie Church</b> (MSc Mathematics 1950) <b>Mr Steve Delo</b> (Statistics 1989) <b>Mr Richard Gascoigne</b> (Geography 1989) <b>Ms Mihoko Horiguchi</b> (MA English 1984) <b>Mr Matt Hyde</b> (English 1996) <b>Dr Tony Longden</b> (Chemistry 1955; PhD 1958) <b>Mr Karim Nanji</b> (Mathematics and Business 2002) <b>Ms Kathryn Weaver</b> (English 2003) <b>Mrs Despina Zenonos</b> (Economics 1997)
<b>Internal Members</b>	The Principal, <b>Professor Adrian Smith</b> ; Director of Corporate Affairs, <b>Mr Nigel Relph</b> ; President of the Students' Union, <b>Ms Laura Blomeley</b> ; Head of Alumni Relations and Secretary, <b>Ms Susan Nettle</b>

## Alumni in the News

Sir George Cox (QMC



Aeronautical Engineering 1962), who retired as Director General of

the Institute of Directors in September 2004, has been appointed Chairman of the Design Council for the next three years. Interviewed by Edward Simpkins in the *Daily Telegraph* on 21 November, he said '[The UK] is never going to compete as an alternative supplier of cheap labour. The idea of getting goods made cheaper in the UK has no future. It has got to be based on innovation, the uptake of technology, flair, style, creativity, imagination and design'.

George Cox received a knighthood in the 2005 Birthday Honours List.

Professor Robin Ganellin FRS



(PhD Chemistry 1955) who recently retired as SmithKline Professor of Medicinal

Chemistry at UCL, was awarded the 2004 Nauta Award for Pharmacochemistry from the European Federation of Medicinal Chemistry. The award was given for his impressive career in industry,

academic and scientific organisations as well as his contribution 'to the discovery of histamine antagonists as a novel class of antiulcer drugs with a major impact to health'.

Martin Gorham (QMC,



History 1968) was awarded an OBE in the New Year's Honours List for services

to the NHS. Mr Gorham has been Chief Executive of the National Blood Authority since 1998. He was appointed President of the European Blood Alliance in 2001.

Tiffany Murray (W, English & Drama 1990) has had her first novel published by 4th Estate. *Happy Accidents* was singled out as one of *The Independent's* top ten distinctive novels during autumn 2004.

Dr Kevin Woods (QMC Geography 1974; PhD 1979) was appointed Chief Executive of the North Central London Strategic Health Authority in September 2004 but has since moved back to Scotland as Chief Executive of NHS Scotland.

## HM Queen Mary visits Queen Mary



**Mrs Betty Marlow (née Crawford)** (QMC, Latin 1937) sent this photograph of Queen Mary visiting the Octagon library on 14 November 1936. Her Majesty Queen Mary has Sir Frederic Maurice, Principal of East London College and then Queen Mary College, to her left. Queen Mary College received its Charter on 12 December 1934.

Betty Marlow is the student wearing an academic gown with her hands resting on the table behind and to the left of Queen Mary.

## 1940

**Cecilia Holden** (W, French and Latin) writes 'Having failing sight, I no longer play competition bridge, but enjoy rubber bridge with low vision cards. No longer able to drive, I shop on the internet. I would love to hear from old Westfield students (1937-41) if any are still left! I'm still in Helston'.

## 1942

**Jean Cooke** (W, Botany) is 'very much retired, on the South Coast but is interested in all the QM news'.

**Patrick Cronin** (QMC, Classics (Latin and Greek) writes 'I retired from my post in the Validation Office (Inland Revenue) in 1985 and am still alive and kicking, touch wood! – 83 this week. I am glad that through *Quad* I am still able to maintain contact with the College. I wish I could be more active but an old injury has left me slightly disabled'.

## 1948

**Dr Brian Cross** (QMC, PhD Chemistry) has published over a hundred papers as a result of his research in organic chemistry, for example, gibberellic acid.

## 1949

**Kenneth Dale** (QMC, Electrical Engineering) writes 'I have the fondest memories of the three years at QMC (1946-49) and wondered why I have taken so long to re-visit the College when I was in England last November. Susan Nettle kindly gave me a tour – I had no idea it had grown so much since I graduated in 1949'.

## 1951

**Dr Asher Hyatt** (QMC, Chemistry; PhD 1954) would 'enjoy hearing from anyone who remembers me and is passing through the Washington area'.

## 1952

**Kenneth Wilcox** (QMC, Geography) writes 'have enjoyed an active retirement living next to and using the facilities of St Mellion Golf and Country Club, Cornwall for 15 years. My wife and I are now moving to a Taunton/Somerset address to be nearer to relations and live in a more easily manageable property; hopefully maintenance free!'

## 1953

**Marion Waller** (QMC, French with Spanish) 'spent thirty years teaching secondary French and Spanish, then all subjects in the village school until retirement in 1989. We live in a village in Northants – gardening, swimming, some reading, painting, etc. Dates at QMC, 1950-53, French – does anyone remember me? I keep in touch with a few ex-QMCs'.

## 1954

**Dr Asher Hyatt** (QMC, Chemistry 1951; PhD) – see 1951.

## 1957

**Seymour Freed** (QMC, Medicine) was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry in January 2005. He had initially taken a degree in Psychology and Chemistry as an evening student at Chelsea (now King's) College, whilst working full-time as a lecturer and teacher. The research he undertook included chromatography work at the National Hospital in Queen's Square and Lewisham Hospital. Later at Imperial College he worked on the etiology of arthritis. [Ed apologises for the error in *Quad* 13, which stated that Mr Freed had studied History and graduated in 1964].

## 1958

**Rosalind Hussey (formerly Allan)** (W, English) writes 'I was widowed in February 2001 and have now married (August 2003) Lt. Com. Charles Hussey'.

## 1959

**Barry Maynard-Smith** (QMC, Mathematics) retired from full-time teaching in 1988. He gave up work

as a GCSE marker in 2003, after 35 years as a marker, Team Leader and some time Principal Examiner for several different boards.

## 1960

**Tony Iles** (QMC, Geology) reports that the Kirkaldy Society is running a Geology/Geomorphology field trip in the Norfolk Area, on the weekend of 30 September to 2 October 2005 – the programme will suit both younger and older earth scientists. Please email him on [tonyiles@fbks.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:tonyiles@fbks.freeserve.co.uk) for more information.

## 1961

**Dr Peter Forman** (QMC, PhD Electrical Engineering) retired from EEV, Chelmsford (now E2V Technologies), in 1992. He is now an avid environmentalist representing CP Essex on transport and campaigning with Greenpeace, WWF, the Soil Association, WDM (World Development Movement) and the One World Trust.

## 1965

**Harry Birks** (QMC, Mathematics) left teaching in 1988 to train in legal costing. In 1998, he established his own firm of law costs draftsmen and consultants. He has written a reference book on legal costs, published in 2001. His firm now employs six people and has moved into new office premises in Sutton Coldfield.

**Eleri Carrog (née Evans)** (QMC, English) would like Ruth, Paddy and Gay to get in touch! 'I would love to hear from you'.

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## 1966

**Professor Richard Marks, FSA** (QMC, History) writes 'I curated the 'Gothic Art for England, 1400-1547' exhibition at the Victoria & Albert Museum (Oct 2003 – Jan 2004). In October this year, the exhibition catalogue, which I devised and co-edited, won the *Art Newspaper/AXA Prize* for the Best Art Exhibition Catalogue published in the UK in 2003/04. In September I completed my nine year period of office as international president of the *Corpus Vitrearum Medii Aevi*.

**Dr William Stephenson** (PhD Mathematics) retired after 20 years at UCL, 16 at Bedford College and one year at QMW. He is now a local councillor for the London Borough of Harrow and Portfolio Holder for Education and Lifelong Learning.

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## 1968

**David Clutterbuck** (QMC, English) has received an honorary doctorate from Sheffield Hallam University where he is Visiting Professor of Management. He was recently keynote speaker at the opening of the South African personnel management profession's celebrations of 10 years of democracy. David's most recent book is entitled *Techniques in Coaching and Mentoring*.

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## 1969

**Dr Christopher Green** (QMC, Physics; PhD Material Science 1977), 'after two years at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, I have returned to Northwick Park Hospital to head up the Medical Physics Department as Consultant Medical Physicist. I'll miss teaching on the MSc course at Aberdeen'.

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## 1972

**Dr Linda Spedding** (QMC, Law; LL.M European and International Law 1977; PhD 1984) since qualifying as a solicitor in 1975, was admitted to the New York Bar as an Attorney at Law in 1985 and as an Advocate in the Bar of New Delhi in 1989. Over the last 18 years she has been published, particularly in the area of environmental law and management, and has spoken regularly at conferences and in-house training sessions. At the 1995/96 awards, she received the Alexander Maxwell Law Scholarship Trust Award for her contributions. Over the last two decades Dr Spedding has spent several months a year overseas, namely the USA, Europe and India. She has been particularly concerned with the needs of small business and has interacted with the FPB and its members for several years, especially regarding policy issues relating to the environment, environmental management, corporate governance, CSR and ethical issues. Throughout her professional life she has carried out pro bono work and assisted an ethnic minority charity for women, children and the disabled. Most recently she has been assisting the charity with an important appeal regarding hands-on Tsunami Relief work. Visit [www.lindaspedding.co.uk](http://www.lindaspedding.co.uk), [www.womeninlaw.com](http://www.womeninlaw.com) and [www.balancedlives.info](http://www.balancedlives.info)

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## 1973

**Steve Chambers** (W, Biological Sciences) went plural after 25 years of corporate banking. He is now a finance director and finance consultant in the property sector, specialising in property development. Steve has three sons and is living in Bedfordshire. He is still very interested in Darwinism and evolutionary psychology. 'Where are you: Babs, Trish, Diane, Alan, Keith, ee by gum, Kay and hardwoman Cecilia?'

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## Father and daughter graduate together



During the College Graduation Ceremony in December 2004, while Roger Cullis received his PhD hood, his daughter Gemma, graduated with an MSc in the Management of Intellectual Property. Roger had even taught Gemma during her degree programme; he was a Visiting Lecturer in the CCLS Intellectual Property Law Unit until his recent retirement.

**Brian Gillbanks** (QMC, Computer Science and Mathematics) reports 'I left the IT industry in 2003 after ten years of computer consultancy, and am now very content sorting out people's mortgages. There is much less stress and I am able to live at home all week. I am currently painting our team's Christmas tableaux – very therapeutic and relaxing! Last year's was *Peter Pan* and this year's is *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. I have just finished painting the lamppost. My time in ADSOC was useful after all! And I haven't had so much fun since leaving QMC. It's good to be a bit creative for a change, in an artistic way'.

and our two children, Sam and Hannah, and I teach international business'.

**Mike Oldfield** (QMC, Nuclear Engineering), 'having left behind a career in power station safety, environmental and technical management, I now advise firms in the counties around Cambridge on the use of 'Investors in Excellence'.

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## 1975

**Valerie Ann Harper** (QMC, Geography) is retired and is shortly moving to New Zealand.

**Dr Malcolm Marks** (QMC, PhD Plant Biology) writes 'Since 1979, I have been working in Africa on international development programmes for the major development donors. My field of specialisation is natural resources management with particular emphasis on environmental policy, monitoring and evaluation and programme management'.

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## 1974

**Mary Candler** (QMC, Latin) was recently interviewed on Radio 4's *Home Truths* programme.

**Dr James Johnson** (QMC, Spanish), 'after teaching ESL in Europe and spending six years in the Army, I moved to the United States in 1987. At present, I live in sunny Florida with my wife, Lauren,

## Rory Bremner visits Queen Mary



Political satirist, Rory Bremner, delivered the Bagehot Lecture in October 2004 to a packed audience of over 1,000 alumni, students and staff members in the Great Hall. Afterwards he signed copies of his latest book, *You are here*, at a wine reception in the Octagon. This was just one of over 80 free lectures held each year which alumni are invited to attend. Visit [www.qmul.ac.uk/events](http://www.qmul.ac.uk/events) for a regularly up-dated listing of all College events or sign-up to receive our termly *Events Leaflet*.

## 1976

**Professor Mike Dunn** (QMC, Physics; PhD 1981), took over as Principal of the Faculty of Physical Sciences at Imperial College in May 2005. He was previously director of the Centre of Theoretical Physics at the University of Michigan.

## 1977

**Dr Christopher Green** (QMC, Physics 1969; PhD Material Science) – see 1969.

**Dr Linda Spedding** (QMC, Law 1972; LLM European and International Law; PhD 1984) – see 1972.

## 1979

**Martin Roberts** (QMC, Geology) has completed four years in Oman and returns to Aberdeen in 2005. He would like to contact QMC Geology students from 1979.

**Sally West (formerly Shepherd)** (W, French) writes 'I have recently remarried and life is marvellous now. I am enjoying my job in a wonderful prep school in Sussex, teaching English'.

## 1981

**Professor David Bakibinga** (PhD Company Law) was appointed Deputy Vice Chancellor (Finance & Admin) of Makerere University from 1st November 2004. He was the former Dean of Law (2002-03) and Director of the Graduate School (2003-04) in the same university. He has published the following texts: *Revenue Law in Uganda* (2003) and *Equity & Trusts in Uganda* (2003).

**Professor Mike Dunn** (QMC, Physics 1976; PhD) – see 1976.

**David Schrire** (QMC, Nuclear Engineering) has followed a fulfilling career in nuclear engineering after his studies at QMC.

## 1982

**Dr Elizabeth Shepherd** (W, History) 'finally, and successfully, completed my PhD, 'Archives and Archivists in the 20th Century', in 2004. In 2003, I published *Managing Records*, Facet Publishing's bestseller of that year!'

**Nicholas Thody** (Geography), moved to Brazil in 1995, first as Head of Geography, then IB Diploma Co-ordinator at St Paul's School. He is now Headteacher of St Nicholas School.

## 1983

**Rev Richard Allen** (Geography) 'is thoroughly enjoying chaplaining a large sporting community, coaching and teaching sport as well as leading the R.S. Department. Harriet, his wife, also teaches games and has her own form. All the Allen children, Rosie, Jasmine and Josh, play sport for Millfield A teams'.

**Dr Trevor Lipscombe** (QMC, Theoretical Physics) writes 'After leaving Queen Mary, I eventually entered the field of science publishing. Authors of books I have published include, physics faculty members, John Charap and Geoffrey Sewell, as well as fellow alumnus, Mark Kidger. This year my own book will be published, a biography of Albert Einstein written for high-school students'.

## 1984

**Dr Linda Spedding** (QMC, Law 1972; LLM European and International Law 1977; PhD) – see 1972.

## 1985

**Catriona Gorton** (QMC, Nuclear Engineering) 'after 15 years keeping the UK Civil Nuclear programme safe, I now serve a small congregation in rural Leicestershire

sharing in holistic Christian mission. Both great fun, both rewarding – and many transferable skills!!'

**Martin Haggerty** (W, English; QMW, MPhil 1996) is an independent researcher and writer, specialising in aspects of English cultural history. He continues to be active as an environmental campaigner; and was recently appointed as a coordinator in the Genetic Engineering Network. Following part-time study at York St John College in 2004, Martin gained an MA (with Distinction) in Theology & Religious Studies.

**Carl Halling** (French and Drama), writes 'while still very much an actor, I am far more involved with music, songwriting and recording at present. To hear a song, please visit [www.download.com/carllalling](http://www.download.com/carllalling) For further information, please visit [profiles.yahoo.com/carllalling](http://profiles.yahoo.com/carllalling) Email me on [croberthg@aol.com](mailto:croberthg@aol.com)'

**David Parker** (QMC, Chemistry) is married to Lise with two children, Lauren (ten) and Rachel (four). He has held his current post for six years but prior to this worked for eight years at the Tiffin Boys School in Kingston-Upon-Thames and for three years at the Cranbrook School in Kent.

## 1986

**Helena Fasching (née Scott)** (QMC, European Studies (Spanish) writes 'Peter (European Studies (German) 1992) and I are now living in Cambridge and working as teachers. We have three children, Laura (15), Hannah (13), and Maxi (6). Laura had a liver transplant as a tiny baby and it has been tough keeping her healthy. We married in 1986 and would like to hear from Onu Jagidar and Jonathan who were our best men. My time at QM was the happiest time of my life and now that Laura is looking forward to choosing her A-levels and a career, it reminds me how much I owe to the teachers I was privileged to have at QM, especially Professor Ronald Rayfield, Professor Nigel Glendinning, Professor Alan Patterson and many others'.

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## 1987

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**Ric Euteneuer** (Chemistry) clerks the country's only Greek Orthodox primary school in his spare time, amongst other things!

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## 1988

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**Alison Aitchison** (Genetics and Microbiology), for the second year running, has won first prize in the Oxoid Award for Beer Quality and Brewery Hygiene 2003/04. Judges unanimously chose Alison, Microbiology Team Leader at Scottish Courage, Reading, for her outstanding, and continuing, contribution to standards of beer quality and brewery hygiene. Alison has developed a simple reference tool, available as a PowerPoint presentation and as an A5 booklet, for the brewing industry that is both objective, logical, and innovative. Visit [www.oxoid.com](http://www.oxoid.com) for further information.

**Carole Ciaravolo (née Franchi)** (Computer Science) 'completed an MSc in Business Systems Analysis and Design in 1989 at City University. I have been living in the South of France since 1994 and am married with one son, Alexis. I have been working as an analyst-programmer in the computing department of a French motorway company since 1998'.

**Nicola Hammersley** (QMC, Human Geography) writes 'I was made redundant from a large pharmaceutical company in 2001 and I am now self-employed with my own research company working flexibly around my two daughters who are now both at school. Married to Pete who is an accountant'.

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## 1989

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**Karen Dubury-Watkinson** (Marine and Freshwater Biology), 'after travelling around Australia for five years and marrying a native,

I returned to the UK in 1994 and worked for Whitbread, Bass and Green King Breweries. We now own our own tenancy in the heart of Dartmoor Park. I love being my own boss and mother of two, Jack, eight, and Charlotte, five'.

**Neil Hughes** (Statistics) is currently living in Woking with his wife, Carine, and a baby on the way. He works for a film visual effects facility in Soho and is still playing football and cricket.

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## 1990

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**Nadeem Arshad** (Mechanical Engineering), after completing his degree in June 1990, undertook an MSc at KCL in October 1991. He joined several auto suppliers in the UK before taking up his present spell at Aston Martin. Nadeem takes responsibility for the climate control system in the DB0 and other projects.

**Jack Pennington** (Earth Sciences), in 1992, completed an MSc in Mineral Exploration and Mining Geology at the University of Leicester. He has worked in the Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona since 1994. Jack's time is divided between working at the Field Institute and teaching classes during five or six days of backpacking along a route studying geology, etc. Jack married Diana in 1997. For more information, visit [www.grandcanyon.org/fieldinstitute/](http://www.grandcanyon.org/fieldinstitute/)

**David Steer** (Computer Science) writes 'My first child, a boy, was born on 1 January 2004. He is doing great and already walking at 10 months!'

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## 1991

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**Tamás Gődölle** (Dip Intellectual Property Law) is working as an attorney at law in Budapest, being a Partner at Bogsch & Partners. He advises local and multinational clients

on trademark and branding issues, advertising and unfair competition law, IT, franchise and distribution contracts as well as on anti-trust issues. He and his wife, Ili, have a daughter and are expecting their second child in August 2005. Contact: [tamas.godolle@bosch-partners.hu](mailto:tamas.godolle@bosch-partners.hu)

**Anmarie Landi** (Marine and Freshwater Biology) very recently moved to work in London on secondment from Thames Water to head up HSEQ team supporting part of the PPP contract to London Underground – Delivery of Capital Projects for Stations and Civil Assets.

**Sarah O'Neill** (Modern History) writes 'After graduating, I had a career in banking before moving into Sales. I have been in sales for almost seven years, nearly four with PepsiCo (Walkers Crisps, Quaker, Pepsi & Tropicana). I live in Bristol with my husband, Ian. We both love travelling and have recently visited Canada and Alaska. I'd love to hear from anyone who remembers me'.

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## 1992

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**Jess Cully** (History) is now back in Hampshire, working at the Office for National Statistics in Titchfield.

**Peter Fasching** (European Studies (German)) – see **Helena Fasching (née Scott)** (QMC, European Studies (Spanish) 1986).

**Sabera Malik** (Physics) writes 'I qualified and taught briefly as a primary school teacher. My husband and I own a bookshop in East London, Safa Books, which I help run. I also write regularly for *The Muslim Weekly* newspaper – [www.themuslimweekly.com](http://www.themuslimweekly.com). I live in north-west London with my husband and three daughters'.

**Jeffrey Moy** (Computer Science with Statistics) is currently working in IT Solution Integration in China. 'I would like to hear from all my friends when I was at QMW and also those who are now in China'.

## Maths: 40 years on



The Maths class who arrived at QMC in 1964 held a reunion in Chester on 9-10 October 2004. From an original class of thirty-seven students, 30 were tracked down, together with, and as a by-product, 30 members of the Rowing Club. A further 24 QMC alums, who were either married to or had remained friends with the 60, came along.

Visit our website [www.QMandWAlumni.com](http://www.QMandWAlumni.com) to read a full account by Graham Barnes (QMC, Maths 1967) of how the reunion came about.

**Andrew Winter** (French) is married and now has three beautiful girls at home (his wife and two children). He completed a PGCE and spent two years teaching and is just finishing his eighth year in the military.

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## 1993

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**Pollyanna Nethersole-de-Ramirez (née Nethersole)** (Hispanic Studies and French) is now living in Barcelona after a varied career which has seen her seconded to the Dominican Republic with Unilever. On meeting her Mexican husband, they moved to Singapore for five years; teaching Latin dance and setting up a Singaporean Spanish Language School, amongst other things. She is now co-writing a small book with a local Catalan

author, which will include an English translation and may be of interest to those studying Catalan.

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## 1994

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**Jane May** (French and Drama) writes 'I worked as a freelance Production Manager and Lighting Designer for theatre and circus companies. I am now a Production Advisor at the Circus Space and Course Manager at Lambeth College. Having my first child in March 2005 and married a very tall sculptor in September 2001. Very happy'.

**Abdullah Mohammad** (Law), after leaving Queen Mary in 1994, Abdullah qualified as a teacher and taught for three years. Since then he reverted back to law. After doing his training contract with Tower Hamlets Council, he worked for a solicitors firm in Finsbury Park for one year. He is now a Housing and Employment Solicitor at Dowse & Co. Solicitors in Dalston. He lives with his wife and daughter in Forest Gate.

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## 1995

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**Nicholas Hajdu** (Geography) is currently working for the world's biggest independent pay-per-click search engine. His recent personal achievements include completion of the Melbourne, London and New York marathons.

**Marie Temple** (Geography) is teaching geography (and some maths) full-time. She is married with two sons, Ross (six) and Seamus (two).

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**Frances De-Young (née Gentry)** (Law) has been married for over four years and recently gave birth to a son. She is currently living in Feering, Essex, but is still commuting to London for work.

**Alexandra Elder** (Hispanic Studies) 'having spent seven years in investment banking, I quit to travel the world for 18 months. Now pursuing a career in journalism in Sussex. Hi to everyone who knew me'.

**Ayisha Filfil (née Khabbazeh)** (French and European Studies) is really happy to announce the birth of her daughter, Sara Yasmin, born on 1st January 2005. Baby is beautiful, bouncing and very healthy! Hopefully there will be many more to come just like her!

**Martin Haggerty** (W, English 1985: QMW, MPhil) – see 1985.

**Judicaelle Hammond (née Thise)** (Politics) and **Jay Hammond** (formerly of the Arts Computing Unit) are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Raphael, on the 18th February 2004.

**David Johnson** (Basic Medical Sciences with Pharmacology) and his wife, Juliette (née Nandley), are now the proud parents of Austyn James Johnson who was born on 30 January 2005.

**Beatrice Khine** (German) writes 'finally returned to the East End two months ago when I purchased an apartment in Poplar to be near Canary Wharf and my office. Now living seven minutes away from work so going to work even longer hours!! Still with Citibank, though moved to corporate banking from investment management'.

**Jennifer Leeder (née Young)** (Law), 'after leaving College, I went to the College of Law, London, for a year. In September 1999, I joined Prettys Solicitors, Ipswich, for a training contract. I left them in August 2001 and moved to Norwich and took a job with Howes Percival. I married in June this year and have recently been made an Associate'.

**Spiros Rigas** (Computer Science) writes 'I have recently formed/established a s/w company with an old collaborator of mine. We specialise in open business software built on our own platform.'

## Alumni lunch and mini-reunions 2004



His Honour Judge Robert Bartfield (QMC, Law 1970) hosted a table for his contemporaries at last year's lunch. The group was joined by Ian Yeats from the Department of Law.

Over 80 alumni and guests braved a wet and blustery day on 18 September to meet at the now well-established annual alumni reunion. Guests enjoyed lunch in the Senior Common Room, a walk through Stepney Green led by Derek Morris (QMC, Physics 1957), a tour of the recently finished Westfield Student Village and a canal barge trip along the Regents' Canal from Queen Mary to Camden Lock.

The software we produce is open source and can run on different o.s. and the platform offers a run-time design/development environment'.

**Tim Stedman** (Geological Engineering), 'after three years abroad teaching English in Istanbul, Turkey, then mainly in Alcoy, Spain, Tim did a primary PGCE with Spanish at Nottingham Trent University. Due to competition for jobs, Tim could only manage to secure a job-share. The rest of the week, he supplies. This is his NQT year'.

**Tabitha Sudworth (née George)** (QMW, Biology) married fellow QMW Biology graduate, **Joel Sudworth**, on the 20th February 2004.

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## 1997

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**Abdul Aziz** (Molecular Biology) writes 'I am currently teaching in a Catholic school as KS3 Coordinator for Science. I now have a daughter who is six months old'.

**Giles Corbally** (MSc Management of Intellectual Property) married Karen Heath on the 25 September 2004.

**Marshah Dixon-Terry (née Dixon)** (Law and Politics) writes 'I got married in June 2004 to Abdul Terry in Crouch End, north London.'

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## 1998

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**Jason Adelman** (Combined Associate) would love to hear from old friends, and former hockey club team mates. He works as a TV producer, working primarily in reality television in his hometown of Los Angeles, California. You can reach him at [jgadelman@hotmail.com](mailto:jgadelman@hotmail.com)

**Kok Ho Huen** (Electronic Engineering) has a yearbook of Electrical Engineering students from 1998.

**Rahul Nag** (German and Economics), 'after several years as a business consultant, I am now an actor! Check out [www.rahulnag.com](http://www.rahulnag.com) and get in touch!'

**Galia Segal** (English) gave birth to a beautiful baby boy in September 2004.

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## 1999

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**(Roy) Anwar Featherstone** (Law and Politics), 'after converting to Islam in 1998 at Queen Mary's, I graduated in 1999 with BA Law and Politics and now practice as a Barrister. My name is now Anwar Featherstone'.

**Dr Farah Ramjohn** (Zoology and Physiology) completed a Biology degree at QMW before studying dentistry in Liverpool. 'I am currently a dentist working for a corporate body, Oasis Dental Care Ltd. Have enjoyed my first five months in employment. A big fan of contemporary and latin jazz!'

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## 2000

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**Munsur Choudhury ('Hassan')** (Politics) married in 2004 and is now a political analyst and public speaker, specialising in Islam and the Muslim world. He is co-author of the forthcoming book *Faultline: Between Islam and Propaganda*. Visit <http://www.generationislam.org>

**Nathalie Handal** (MPhil English), Palestinian poet, playwright and writer, has been shortlisted for the Agnes Lynch Starrett Poetry Prize/Pitt Poetry Series for her collection, *The Lives of Rain*. She currently teaches at Columbia University.

**Sylvie Lopardi** (Law) writes 'I am currently living in the US and would like to stay here for a couple of years'.

**Samantha Neal** (Genetics and Microbiology), having graduated again, is now a qualified Physiotherapist, living and working in Hertfordshire.

**Katharine Ruff (née Starling)** (French and Drama) is living in Crawley and started a new job as an Executive Search Consultant in January 2004. Katharine is hoping to move house at some point in

2005 – not sure where to yet but staying in Sussex. She is still in touch with a few people but would love to hear from others.

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## 2001

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**Ilias Demertzis** (MEng Communication Engineering) started work for one of the largest telecommunications companies in Europe right after graduation. He completed his military obligations during 2002 and underwent the process of having his degree recognised by the official state agency (DI.KA.TSA). Ilias became a member of the Technical Chamber of Greece (T.E.E.) and is continuing to work as a developer for IN Services Developer at INTRACOM S.A.

**Suraj Goel** (Engineering (Aerospace)) is still working as an Independent Financial Adviser but has progressed to becoming a corporate IFA, as well as personal. 'Also, I took my first flying lesson. It was fantastic; an amazing experience!'

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## 2002

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**Michael Farmer** (Genetics) writes 'Celebrating two years of marriage to the lovely Ana, whom I met while at QMW...Thanks for that! And best wishes and regards to all the Science teachers that helped me in my four great years of education'.

**Jamie Kanj** (Aerospace Engineering), 'after graduating in 2002, I took a PGCE in Physics at Kings College London. I now teach Physics (A-level) and general science (Year 7-11) at Queens Park Community School in north-west London.

**Alastair Stone** (MA Language, Society and Change in Europe) writes 'I have just started a PhD in Applied Linguistics at the University of Reading'.

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## 2003

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**Fakhra Ashraf** (Mathematics with Business Management) writes 'Enjoying myself, glad I did the postgrad and made a successful beginning to my career. THE ONLY WAY IS UP! Hi to everyone and anyone I know, hope you're all well. Keep in touch :)'

**Cdr David Dacam OBE** (Mathematics), following his MSc in Mathematics, began his PhD in Maths Education in September 2004.

**Brookes Girard** (Mechanical Engineering) writes 'Hello! Brooksie here, sending greetings to everyone. Been busy since graduating. Taught Maths and Physics GCSE and GCE for nine months and pleased to report that I have a 100% pass rate in the A-C range. All of you who know me will remember that I am crazy about the art/science known to the world as "football". I have been making in-roads into a professional career, playing in a US league for a Canadian club. However, injury unfortunately means I will miss this season but I feel invincible. Queen Mary has helped to equip me with skills that have benefited my life. Many, many thanks for a great degree, great times and great friends. Good luck and God bless to all. I'd be glad to hear from you all, especially Haya A-Rawaf, Clemente Lopez, Rezwan Arshad, Phillip Ward, Samma Al-Azawi, Keith Whitbread, Mary "K" Kwarteng, Yong Tea La and Aya Sano'.

**Jiabing Liu** (Materials with Business) would like to thank all the people who helped him while he was studying at Queen Mary. 'Thanks very much!!'

**Stefan Wurwal** (Aerospace Engineering) recently completed three weeks ground school at Linton-on-Ouse. He began flying on the 214 Basic Fast Jet course with the 72(R) Squadron in mid December.

## Ho Huen wins Drapers Award



Queen Mary alumnus and member of staff, Ho Huen won a Drapers' Award for his outstanding service to the work of the College in 2004. Ho Huen (Computer Science, 1998) is IT Infrastructure Manager in the Department of Electronic Engineering. He was nominated for the award, which includes a cheque for £1,000, for his exceptional practical skills and technical expertise, outstanding innovation in working practices, and improvement to the working environment of the College.

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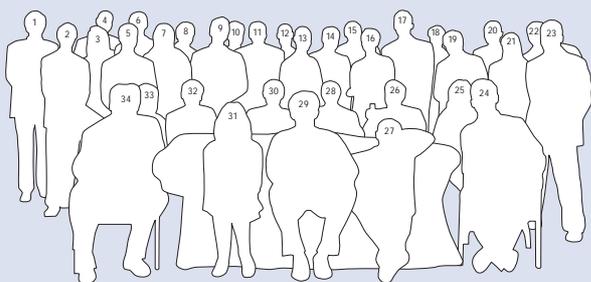
## 2004

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**Grace Evans** (Twentieth-Century American History) writes, 'What a great place Queen Mary is! I loved my three years at QM, especially my final year. Now my younger brother is following in my footsteps. A big "HI!" to everyone who did History with me, 2001-04! I have loads of great memories. Thank you QM!'

**Emily Jarvis** (English) is currently studying at Royal Holloway for an MA in Modernism and Modern Writers. She plans to attend law school in the USA in August 2005.

## Inaugural SU Presidents, Sabbaticals' and Officers' Reception



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| 1. The Principal,<br>Professor Adrian Smith FRS                            | 19. Professor Peter Heathcote,<br>Head of the School of<br>Biological Sciences |
| 2. Matt Hyde   | 20. Baiju Naik   |
| 3. Nicola Eagleton   | 21. Despina Zenonos  |
| 4. Tom Wilcox  | 22. Phil Cheadle   |
| 5. Nigel Fletcher  | 23. Dr John Williams   |
| 6. Alex Dawson   | 24. Kish Bhatt, Vice-President<br>Education & Representation                   |
| 7. Charlotte Dawkins   | 25. Kat Osman  |
| 8. Adam Tinworth   | 26. Dr David Urch  |
| 9. Ben Griffin   | 27. Dr John Ross   |
| 10. Bill Roberts   | 28. Sir Norman Lindop  |
| 11. Karim Nanji  | 29. Paddy Wilkinson, Vice-<br>President Association, BLSA                      |
| 12. Professor Jaap van<br>der Meer, Head of the<br>Department of Geography | 30. Dr David Malcolme-Lawes  |
| 13. Julian Robinson  | 31. Laura Blomeley, President<br>of the Students' Union                        |
| 14. Martin Young   | 32. Dr Alan Fox  |
| 15. Ivan Hurst   | 33. Dr Duncan Gillies  |
| 16. Kate Standen   | 34. Dr Malcolm Sims  |
| 17. Chris Austin   |  |
| 18. Professor David Dunstan,<br>Head of the Department of<br>Physics       |  |

The Reception took place on 27 October 2004.

Chemistry at KCL and in 1988, was awarded a DSc from the University of London. He cites his biggest mistake as 'persuading QMC governors to create sabbatical officers for the Students' Union!'

### 1967

**Dr Malcolm Sims** (QMC, Chemistry; PhD 1970; SU Vice-President 1956-66), while studying for his PhD, helped to run ULU Entertainments with Jimi Hendrix and Pan's People on the same bill! From 1970-93, Malcolm worked for the BP Group, including positions as General Manager for BP Ventures and Head of Chemicals at Catalysis Research. In 1992, he became Managing Director of KCL Enterprises at King's. This followed on, in 2003, to his present role as the Commercial Director of the Innovation and Enterprise Unit at QM.

### 1942

**Sir Norman Lindop** (QMC, Chemistry; SU President 1940-41) has enjoyed a varied career in education – he held a lectureship in Chemistry at QMC in 1946, was Principal of the British School of Osteopathy and has been involved in numerous committees on educational policy.

### 1963

**Dr Alan Fox** (QMC, Physics; SU President 1960-61) spent a distinguished career in the Civil Service, including a position as Assistant Under-Secretary of State at the MoD.

### 1966

**Dr David Malcolme-Lawes** (QMC, Chemistry; PhD 1969; SU President 1966-67) started his career as a Systems Programmer at QMC. He went on to become a Staff Chemist and, subsequently, a lecturer in Chemistry, at Yale (1970-72), ICI Research Fellow at the University of Kent (1972-74), Research Assistant and SRC Research Fellow at Cambridge (1974-75), lecturer in Chemistry at Loughborough University of Technology (1975-81) and between 1981 and 1988, worked as a BP Senior Fellow and Royal Society Research Fellow at KCL. Since 1988, he has been a Reader in Analytical

### 1971

**Dr John Ross** (QMC, Physics; PhD Astrophysics) worked briefly as a science reporter on the *Times Higher Education Supplement*, then as a researcher on BBC science programmes such as *Horizon*. He later moved into more general work, i.e. *Panorama*, documentaries, comedy and drama. John is now – by day – a senior producer at COI TV, producing TV campaigns such as those on road safety and fire prevention. By night, (and weekends!), he writes feature films.

### 1983

**Martin Young** (QMC, Law; SU President 1980-81) served as External Affairs Officer from his second year until his election as President in 1980. He recalls it was a busy campaign year, dealing with overseas student fees, SU financing and education cuts, as well as a University of London review of academic reforms, some security trouble at music events, the renovation of the SU Bar and a lot of work with community organisations in Tower Hamlets. Martin went on to settle down in the East End and took up practice at the Bar in 1984; he still lives on the Isle of Dogs with his wife and two children. Having served as a Councillor for Tower Hamlets from

1994-2002, he is still active in local life. Martin says that he is 'proud of QMC and the achievements of the College in the East End. I wish I had the time (and didn't feel so old) to visit more often'.

## 1984

**Chris Austin** (W, History; SU Vice-President (Finance & Administration) 1982-83), upon graduation, became a civil servant in central government, focusing mainly on international development – this involved four years in Malawi and three years in Washington. Since October 2003, Chris has been on secondment to the Treasury, covering EU Finances.

**Julian Robinson** (QMC, Geography; SU President 1984-85) joined the College in 1988 following two and half years working in the Planning Department of Tower Hamlets. He was appointed Head of Projects in 1993 with responsibility for establishing the Projects Office and the implementation of the College's physical development programme. Julian moved on this summer to become Head of Capital Development for the Estates Division at the LSE. During his time at QM, he managed over 50 new build and major refurbishment projects with a historic value of £116m. Julian married Barbara, a QMC History graduate, in 1987. They have three children, Laura, Ellie and Sam, and live in Buckhurst Hill.

**Kate Standen** (W, English; SU President 1982-83) co-edited *WC*, Westfield's student paper in 1981-82, then became President in 1982. Her sabbatical was an interesting one as this was the year talks of a merger with Queen Mary became public. 'Merger talk was rife across the University and was causing much consternation among current and, especially, prospective students. Not knowing then just how successful the merger would be, it just spelled TURMOIL and was, unsurprisingly, associated with much student unrest'. Upon graduating, Kate began a career in advertising at Saatchi & Saatchi, during its heyday in the 80s, then went on to spend 13 years working for blue-chip international clients at Grey Worldwide. She left Grey, and London, in 2003 for a career break and change

of lifestyle and now lives in the Yorkshire Dales with her kitchen and furniture designer husband and son, Eli. She is expecting another child early in 2005. Kate serves as a Trustee of The Westfield Trust and thoroughly enjoys, not just being generous with other people's money, but also the contact this has given her with her adoptive alma mater.

## 1992

**Bill Roberts** (English; SU Vice-President (Welfare) 1992-93), during his time at the College, was an active member of the Drama and Rock Climbing societies. During his time as VP (Welfare) he set up 'Safe Transport', ran Nightline and worked very closely with the Women's Officer, Rachel, who he married in 1998; they have three children, Jack, Lucy and Ruby. Since 1994, Bill has been working for Linklaters, a global law firm, on the business services side, running a 24/7 service desk. He obtained an MBA in 2002.

## 1993

**Adam Tinworth** (English; SU Vice-President (Welfare) 1993-94) edited *Cub* while completing an English degree in his spare time. For the decade since he left the College, he has been working as a business journalist. Adam currently works for the Estates Gazette Group, part of RBI, as Editor of *GRID* magazine and as Section Editor for *Estates Gazette*.

## 1996

**Matt Hyde** (English; SU President 1996-98), following his sabbatical at QMWSU in 1998, became President of ULU. He now works as General Manager of Goldsmiths College Students' Union.

## 1997

**Alex Dawson** (History; SU Vice-President (Welfare) 1997-98, Vice-President (Communications) 1998-99) now works as a Learning and Development Adviser for Yarrow, a charity providing care and housing for adults with learning disabilities.

## 1998

**Phil Cheadle** (Geography; SU President 1998-99), following his sabbatical as President, joined Kellogg's on their graduate scheme, eventually moving to their European Head Office in Manchester. While there, he also studied at the Business School for a Masters in Strategic Marketing. After a number of roles culminating in Customer Marketing, Phil moved back down South to work for Alberto Culver, another US FMCG company with personal care brands such as VO5, St Ives, and TRESemmé. He now lives in Richmond with his girlfriend, a tea taster and buyer for Tetley.

**Tom Wilcox** (History; SU Vice-President (Finance & Administration) 1996-97) spent three years working for PWC as a business advisor and auditor to public sector bodies and charities, before going on to work, at the Arts Council. This was followed by a period as a management consultant to arts organisations. Tom now enjoys being back in the East End as General Manager of Whitechapel Art Gallery where he is responsible for strategic planning, finance, staffing, IT and the building and commercial trading areas of the business. He is also a Visiting Lecturer at Goldsmiths and holds management and finance training seminars for various organisations, including student unions.

## 1999

**Kat Osman** (Geological Engineering with Modern European Studies; SU Chair 1996-98) has worked for almost five years in PR, specialising in consumer technology and computer games. Her first job was with Herald Communications, a top agency and part of the Fleishman Hillard/Omnicom group, where she was responsible for Eidos Interactive (of Tomb Raider/Lara Croft fame). Kat joined Lunch PR in October 2002.

## 2001

**Charlotte Dawkins** (Politics; SU Vice-President (Finance, Sports & Societies) 2001-02), having spent five enjoyable

years studying Law, and latterly Politics, took on a sabbatical position. Her year in office was 'an amazing experience which taught me an awful lot about the complexities of running an SU, managing people and change and lobbying individuals and organisations'. Following this, Charlotte was elected President of ULU (2002-03). Here she lobbied both Government and decision-makers alike as to the content and strategy of the Higher Education bill. From September 2003, Charlotte spent 13 months working as a Graduate Trainee for Marks & Spencer plc. She is currently looking for a career change within the field of public affairs and political communications.

**Nigel Fletcher** (Politics; Vice-President, ULU 2001-02), during his final year, was elected to the part-time executive of ULU. He was then elected as a full-time Sabbatical Officer, as Vice-President (Finance & Societies). In that role he worked closely with the QMSU sabbs, Karim and Charlotte. He was recently elected as a Councillor in the London Borough of Greenwich.

**Ben Griffin** (History; SU Vice-President (Education & Representation) 2001-02), since 2000, has been working for the Learning and Skills Development Agency. He is currently monitoring the impact of their quality improvement activities in post-16 education and training.

**Karim Nanji** (Maths with Business Studies; SU President 2001-02), while at QM, was involved with the Royal Naval Unit, Football Club and the Social Club at South Woodford; he was also Ents Officer for two years. While President, his main focus was development of the Student Village and SU finances. He now works in the City in IT Recruitment.

## 2004

**Kish Bhatt** (Physics and Astronomy; SU Vice-President (Education, Welfare & Representation) 2004-) took up his sabbatical position after graduating.

## OBITUARIES

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

### HONORARY FELLOWS AND STAFF

**Professor Gordon E (Tony) Fogg, CBE, FRS**, founder of the Department of Botany at Westfield College and Professor of Botany from 1960-1971, has died. He will be best remembered for his pioneering studies into the fundamental importance of cyanobacteria. Tony Fogg won a scholarship to read Botany at QMC in 1937. After graduating he assisted in a national survey of seaweed resources for the Ministry of Supply. He was appointed lecturer in Botany at UCL in 1945. During his time at Westfield, Professor Fogg championed investigations of microalgae in cultures for understanding their contribution to the ecology of lakes and oceans. In 1971, Professor Fogg moved to the Chair of Marine Biology at the University College of North Wales, Bangor. He was elected FRS in 1965 and appointed a CBE in 1985. He was created an Honorary Fellow of Queen Mary in 1975.

**Mr Lawrence George Parncutt**, Maintenance Officer at Westfield College from 1969-1984, died on 1 April 2005.



**Mr Anthony (Tony) Quinsee** (QMC, English 1955), who died on 3 July 2004, was both

a former student and former member of staff. He also met his wife Pat here who was also a student. During his career, Tony was librarian at several colleges of the University of London. He was

involved in copyright legislation, library design and was treasurer of SCONUL.

In 1984 he returned to QMC as College Librarian. He oversaw the planning and building of the current library and had a great influence on how the library evolved. He regarded those years at Queen Mary as some of the busiest and happiest times of his career. On his retirement in 1992 he was awarded the title of Librarian Emeritus.

**Mrs Lena Moncrieff Townsend**, Member of the Council of Westfield College from 1965 to 1989, died on 17 November 2004 at the age of 93. Mrs Townsend was created a Fellow of Westfield College in 1983 and an Honorary Fellow of Queen Mary and Westfield College in 1989.

**Professor Sir John Vane FRS**, founder of the William Harvey Research Institute at Barts and The London, Queen Mary's School of Medicine and Dentistry, died on 19 November 2004 aged 77.

Sir John is credited with discovering how aspirin and similar drugs produced their effects; his work provided a scientific basis for the understanding of the pain relieving and anti-inflammatory effects of the drug. Sir John received the Nobel Prize in Medicine and Physiology in 1982 for his work on prostaglandins.

**Professor Alec Young, OBE, FRS, FREng** died on 27 January 2005. Alec Young was Head of Aeronautical Engineering at Queen Mary from 1954-78 and served as Vice-Principal from 1966-78; after his retirement he continued working at the College until 1994. Professor Young was

involved in some of the most widely publicised accident investigations in post-war British aviation: the two de Havilland Comet crashes in 1954 and the Munich air crash in 1958 which killed a number of Manchester United's football players. Born in east London in 1913, Alec was educated at Caius College, Cambridge and worked at the Royal Aircraft Establishment in the Aerodynamics Department between 1936 and 1946. He then moved to the College of Aeronautics, first as Senior Lecturer and then Professor, prior to his appointment at Queen Mary. Professor Young was made a Fellow of Queen Mary in 1980.

### FORMER STUDENTS

**Mrs Thisbe Ander (née Niméus)** (LLM International Copyright 1998) perished in the tsunami disaster on 26 December 2004, together with her husband Thomas. They had been holidaying in Thailand. Adrian Sterling, her tutor, writes, "Thisbe was a remarkably gifted person, full of life. Her interests covered music, dancing, ceramics; she spoke English, French and Italian as well as Swedish. Her professional legal career was flourishing; after a time in the European Commission and the Swedish Ministry of Justice, she took up work in a distinguished law firm in Stockholm, specialising in intellectual property law".

**Mr Peter Battley** died on 5 January 2005, aged 32. Peter came to study at Queen Mary as a mature student on the French, Linguists and Computer Science degree programme in 2002. He is

greatly missed by all current students and staff at the College who knew him.

**Dr John Champion** (QMC Physics 1951) died in May 2004.

**Mrs Jane Clarke (née Delmege)** (W, French with Italian 1959) died on 29 December 2004. Mrs Clarke had been a teacher for many years. She and her late husband were both active members of their local town twinning association in Battle, East Sussex.

**Mr Omar El-Aziz** (MEng Computer Engineering 2004) died in August 2004. His family have named a scholarship in his memory.

**Mr David Eve** (QMC, Chemistry and Physics 1942) died on 12 August 2004.

**Mr Roy Goddard MBE** (QMC, Mathematics 1952) spent his life in education. After graduating he became a teacher first in the East End and then at Hele's School in Exeter. An irreversible eye disease meant that teaching became more difficult, but failed to stop him moving into a senior management role – eventually becoming Education Officer for Exeter. In retirement, he was a hugely committed fundraiser, raising £150,000 for a resource centre for the West of England School for Children with Little or No Sight, an organisation of which he was Vice-Chairman. He was created an MBE in 2004.

**Dr Hannah Hickman (née Weinberger)** (W, German 1948) taught at the universities of Manchester and Salford as well as in the FE sector. She was the author of two books, one on the Austrian novelist and playwright Robert Musil, on whom she wrote

her PhD thesis, *Robert Musil and the Culture of Vienna* (1984) and a book of memoirs, *Let One go Free* (2003). Dr Hickman died on 2 April 2005 at the age of 77.

The writer and poet, **Charles Hobday** (QMC, History 1939) died on 2 March 2005 aged 87. The poverty he saw in the East End as a student persuaded Charles to become a political activist, initially with the Communist Party until 1957 and then the Labour movement which he eventually left over the Iraq war; he was also a member of the Marxist Writers' Group for many years. For some 30 years Charles' 'daytime' job was that of recording contemporary India and China for Keesing's Archives. From the 1960s onwards his writing and poetry came to the fore. Collections of poetry included

*A wreath for Inez* (1976), *Here goes the enemy* (2000) and his long poem about the First World War, *Elegy for a Sergeant* (2002). In 1989 his widely regarded life of the poet Edgell Rickwood was published and was followed 10 years later by *The Golden Ring*, a study of the English poets in Italy.

Mr Barry Maynard-Smith wrote to say that **Mr Mathew Rowson** (QMC, BSc General Hons 1959) died in February 2004. Mr Rowson gained a Certificate in Education at the University of Cambridge after graduating from Queen Mary College, he then went on to teach Physics at Warwick School from 1960-64 and at KCS, Wimbledon from 1964-97. After retiring from teaching he remained at KCS for some years in an administrative capacity.

**Mr Alan Smith** (QMC, Computer Engineering 1986) died in late 2004.

**Sheila Sreeves** (QMC, Latin 1948) died in December 2004.

**Mrs Joan M Taylor (née Long)** (History 1937) died on 3 March 2005, aged 89. Her daughter Mrs Helen Robinson sent further details about the life of her mother. Joan won a scholarship to study history which was fully justified when she graduated with the top marks for a University of London history degree in 1937, an achievement marked by the award of a travelling studentship for postgraduate work. After briefly taking up a teaching post at Roedean School, she was appointed lecturer in history at King's College, Newcastle

(now the University of Newcastle) in 1943. There she met and married Drummond Taylor, an electrical engineer; they celebrated their Diamond wedding anniversary in 2004. Mrs Taylor's academic career flourished, she became the first woman and non-professorial Dean of a Faculty and was a Senior Tutor in Arts. In retirement she came second in the 1977 radio *Brain of Britain* quiz and won the televised version the following year. She also competed in *Mastermind* coming second in the final. She is survived by her husband and two children.

**Miss G Turner** (Botany 1929) has died.

**Mrs Winifred Zuber** (QMC, History 1948) died on 7 September 2004.

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# 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 use the booking section of the *Update Form* which is enclosed with this mailing, especially if a payment is required. Alternatively email [events@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:events@qmul.ac.uk) or contact Anila Memon on +44 (0)20 7882 3732. There is a full and updated list of events and booking details on our website at [www.QMandWAlumni.org](http://www.QMandWAlumni.org)

## JUNE

### Tuesday 21 June

12.30pm onwards

#### Westfield Reunion at St Peter's College (formerly St Peter's Hall), Oxford

During the Second World War, Westfield College was evacuated to St Peter's, Oxford. The current Master has kindly agreed to host a luncheon and afternoon tea for former Westfielders; a tour of St Peter's College will be included. The Alumni Relations Office at Queen Mary is sponsoring this event.

Tickets: Free for pre-1947 Westfield graduates and one guest; £15 per head for graduates of later years

*Booking essential: please use Booking Form in Update to reserve your place*

#### Hispanic Studies 50th Anniversary Weekend

25 – 26 June

A packed weekend of reunions, talks, roundtable discussions and singing, with a three-course dinner on Saturday evening in the Octagon. All attendees will receive a copy of Alan Deyermond's history of the department which includes brief biographies of current and former members of staff.

For further details, visit [www.modern-languages.qmul.ac.uk/hispanicstudies50th/index.htm](http://www.modern-languages.qmul.ac.uk/hispanicstudies50th/index.htm)

## JULY

### Tuesday 5 July

5.30pm onwards

#### CCLS Open Day

The Centre for Commercial Law Studies (CCLS) is hosting a champagne and canapés reception for former students to launch the 25th anniversary celebrations of the founding of the Centre. This event is an ideal opportunity to meet and talk to current academic staff about the research and teaching being currently undertaken. The setting for this event will be Charterhouse Square, EC1.

For further information, please contact Swee Ng on +44 (0)20 7882 6065 or [s.c.ng@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:s.c.ng@qmul.ac.uk). Visit [www.ccls.edu](http://www.ccls.edu)

## SEPTEMBER

### Saturday 17 September

Opening of the Law Building, 4pm; Dinner, 7.30pm

#### 40th Anniversary of the Department of Law Dinner

To begin a year of celebrations to mark the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Department, the Law Building will be formally opened. This will be followed by a candle-lit black-tie dinner in Barts' Great Hall.

Tickets must be booked in advance: £85 per person, inclusive of a four-course dinner, drinks and one-way transport between Queen Mary and the Great Hall at St Bartholomew's Hospital, West Smithfield EC1.

## OCTOBER

### Tuesday 18 October

All day event, from 8.30am

#### William Harvey Day

Some of the best research currently underway in Queen Mary's School of Medicine and Dentistry will be presented. Guest speakers will include geneticist Steve Jones from UCL; Stephen Holgate from Southampton and Walter Willett from Harvard. The day will conclude with the annual Barts and The London NHS Trust's traditional St Luke's Tide Service and a subscription dinner in the Great Hall.

Subscription Dinner: £50 per person

Willoughby Lecture Theatre, Charterhouse Square Campus EC1 and the Great Hall at St Bartholomew's Hospital, West Smithfield

*Booking essential: please use Booking Form in Update to reserve your place*

## NOVEMBER

### Wednesday 2 November

6pm onwards

#### Peston Lecture



Rt Hon Roy Hattersley will deliver the inaugural Peston Lecture. This event marks the beginning of a year of events to celebrate 40 years since the founding of the Department of Economics.

Skeel Lecture Theatre, People's Palace, Mile End

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### Autumn 2005 (tbc)

12.30pm onwards

#### Queen Mary College Reunion at Girton College, Cambridge

During the Second World War, women students from Queen Mary College were evacuated to Girton College, Cambridge. The Alumni Relations Office at Queen Mary is sponsoring this event, which will include lunch, afternoon tea and a tour of Girton College.

Tickets: Free for pre-1947 QMC graduates and one guest; for graduates of later years: tbc

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## Alumni Campus Lunch and Mini Reunions Day



### Saturday 17 September

The 2005 Alumni Campus Lunch and Mini Reunions will include the opportunity to visit some academic departments, as well as the Institute of Cell and Molecular Science in Whitechapel, a canal cruise on the southern route towards Canary Wharf, with a stop over for afternoon tea at the Three Mills Studios in Bromley-by-Bow, or a more energetic geography 'field-trip' through the Docklands development.

Prices:

- For lunch only, £17.50 per person
- For canal cruise, including tea, £20 per person
- For all inclusive lunch and canal cruise, including tea, £35 per person
- For geography field-trip to Docklands, including tea, £10 per person

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The following alumni and staff have agreed to host tables at lunch:

- **Chemistry:** Dr Tony Longden, email: [rawlongden@aol.com](mailto:rawlongden@aol.com)

- **Electrical Engineering:** Dr John Williams, email: [johnchaswilliams@btinternet.com](mailto:johnchaswilliams@btinternet.com)
- **French:** Mr Hugh Ogus, email: [hughogus@btinternet.com](mailto:hughogus@btinternet.com)
- **Geography:** Mrs Christine Roberts, email: [bcfroboberts@aol.com](mailto:bcfroboberts@aol.com)
- **Law:** Mr Ian Yeats, email: [alumni@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@qmul.ac.uk)
- **Mathematics:** Mr Colin Callegari, email: [the.callegaris@ntlworld.com](mailto:the.callegaris@ntlworld.com)
- **The Kirkaldy Society** will hold their AGM in the morning, members can join planned events in the afternoon. Contact David Greenwood, email: [kirksoc@globalspirit.net](mailto:kirksoc@globalspirit.net)
- **The 1950s Westfield Group:** Mrs Marigold Chamberlin writes, 'As the usual venue at the Royal Festival Hall is unavailable during 2005, this year's meeting will take place at Queen Mary on 17 September, "all Westfielders welcome". Contact Kathryn Blunt on 01675 442879.

When contacting reunion organisers by email, please state the subject as 'Queen Mary Reunion'.