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DEAR FRIENDS

When is the right time to establish a business? Four alumni featured in this issue of *QUAD* talk about how and when they established their diverse enterprises. Ching-He Huang and Fuge Foods; David Clutterbuck with his business management consultancy; Justin Rhodes with his eponymous designer belt company in Covent Garden and Piers Corbyn with WeatherAction.

2007 is a year of anniversaries: it is 125 years since the founding of Westfield College and 120 years since the founding of what has become Queen Mary, University of London through the People's Palace Project and East London College on the Mile End site. It is now also 20 years since the decision to merge Westfield with Queen Mary College in 1987 was taken.

2007 is also the centenary anniversary of Aeronautical Engineering which celebrates being the oldest such department in the country, with a conference and reunion focusing on the achievements of its founder, Professor AP Thurston, taking place in September. An exhibition called Women@QM, running from October to

December this year, will bring together the voices and memorabilia of the women who have studied and worked at all four of the constituent parts of today's College. The exhibition will take place in the Octagon.

Our colleague, Sue Boswell, retired at the end of 2006. Sue spent ten varied years in the area of External Relations at Queen Mary, she did much to revive the fortunes of the Queen Mary and Westfield Alumni Association, and worked closely with medical and dental colleagues to establish the Barts and The London Alumni Association. We all wish her a long and happy retirement.

Our new website 'Alumni, Family and Friends' was launched in June 2007. It features profiles of many former students and can be accessed from www.qmul.ac.uk

Finally, I am sure that many readers will be saddened to hear of the deaths of two members associated with the College. Dr Janet Sondheimer, author of *Castle Adamant in Hampstead* and archivist at Westfield College, died on 1 April 2007. While 2004-05 Students' Union President Laura Blomeley, whose untimely death at the age



Sue Boswell with Dr Brian Colvin, President of the Barts and The London Alumni Association

of 23 from cancer, shortly after the last issue of *QUAD* went to press, has left an unfillable gap in the memory of the present institution. This issue of *QUAD* is dedicated to Laura's memory.

With kind regards

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Alumni in the News



Professor David Blanchflower (QMC, PhD Economics 1985) has been appointed an external member of the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee. The Committee makes operational decisions on interest rate policy. David, also Bruce V Rauner Professor of Economics at Dartmouth College, New England, is a leading labour economist; his areas of interest include economics of trade unions, entrepreneurship, wage determination and youth unemployment.

The Prime Minister, Gordon Brown said he was delighted at the appointment, adding "David is a world class labour market economist and brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the Committee". Professor Blanchflower gave the Annual Bernard Corry Lecture in June 2007.

Bruce Dickinson (QMC, History 1979) front man of heavy metal band *Iron Maiden*, together with his band mates, celebrated the 25th anniversary of the release of their first eponymous album and 30 years since their formation in 2005. The celebrations also saw the re-release of the single *Number of the Beast* which went straight to number three in the UK charts.



Matt Hyde (English 1996) has been appointed National Deputy Director of the National Union of Students (NUS). He has a long history

of involvement in the student movement having been President of the Students' Union at Queen Mary between 1996 and 1998 and of the University of London Union (ULLU) from 1998-99. He said, "I'm thrilled to have been offered the position of Deputy National Director of NUS. The National Union of Students has a significant role to play in promoting, defending and extending the rights of students."

Dilwara Khatun (Biochemistry 2005) featured in an article in the *Guardian* about careers in finance. Upon graduation she heard about the East London Business Alliance's Community Affairs Trainee Scheme which offers Bangladeshi graduates the opportunity to work in the City and Canary Wharf in established corporates. She is now an analyst with Credit Suisse.



Elizabeth (Liz) Davenport

(q PhD The London 1993), Professor of Dental Education in the Institute of Dentistry, was

among the top 50 lecturers and learning support staff who received National Teaching Fellowships from the Higher Education Academy in 2006. Professor Davenport was awarded the first ever Chair in Dental Education in Europe, having been instrumental in driving forward a review of the dental curriculum in the School of Medicine and Dentistry. She has since introduced the Graduate Entry Programme for Dentistry (first intake 2006-07) and has received two Drapers' prizes for Excellence in Teaching and Learning in the last five years.

Parveen Kumar CBE (q Barts 1965), Professor of Clinical Medical Education at Barts and The London, Queen Mary's School of Medicine and Dentistry was delighted and honoured to have been appointed President of the British Medical Association last July. The theme she has chosen for her year as President is 'the quality of care we deliver to our patients'.

Professor Kumar, also an honorary consultant physician and gastroenterologist for Barts and The London NHS Trust, has combined a lifelong working commitment to the NHS with a distinguished academic career.

Ed Whitmore (English Literature 1992) was awarded an Edgar by the Mystery Writers of America for best teleplay for his episode of *Sea of Souls*, a BBC1 crime drama, at a ceremony in New York. The 'Edgars', or Edgar Allan Poe Awards, are given to the world's most talented crime and mystery writers.



Sir Michael Lyons

(MSc Economics 1973) was appointed the first Chairman of the BBC Trust, the BBC's new governing body, with effect from 1 May 2007.

He said the appointment was a "great privilege" and that he looked forward to "the exciting challenges of the future and working with my colleagues on the Trust to ensure the BBC provides a quality service to justify the public's continuing support."

Sir Michael was formerly chief executive of Birmingham, Wolverhampton and Nottingham city councils and Professor of Public Policy at Birmingham University. He was also a non-executive director of Central Television Ltd and, until recently, Chairman of the Regional Advisory Council for ITV. He received a knighthood in 2000 for services to local government.

Queen's New Year's Honours

Husband and wife **Professor Malcolm Molyneux** (q MBBChir Barts 1968) and **Professor Elizabeth Molyneux** (q Barts 1968) received OBEs in the Queen's New Year's Honours. Malcolm was recognised for medical services in Malawi, particularly in the field of tropical diseases, while Elizabeth was acknowledged for services to paediatric healthcare in Malawi. Also based in Malawi, **Professor Christopher Lavy** (q Barts 1982) was awarded the OBE for services to orthopaedic care in Africa.

Dr John Lloyd Parry (q Barts) was made an MBE for services to Sports Medicine.

David Streeter (QMC, Botany 1959), conservationist and Reader in Ecology at the University of Sussex, received an MBE for services to Higher Education.

College News

New Honorary Fellow



Professor Dame Lesley Rees DBE (q Barts 1965), was made an Honorary Fellow of the College in summer 2006. Shortly after graduating with Distinction in 1965, she embarked on co-founding a world-renowned Centre for Clinical Endocrinology at Barts. She has won numerous awards for her research and, in 1980, was the youngest Fellow to be admitted to the Royal College of Physicians. As Dean of St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College from 1989, Professor Rees initiated a modern medical curriculum for both Barts and The London Hospital Medical Colleges, placing both institutions well ahead in medical education for undergraduates. Furthermore, she led the College to a successful merger as part of Queen Mary in 1995. In recognition of her extensive achievements in her field, she was appointed a Dame of the British Empire in 2001.

Westfield Student Village completed



Laura Blomeley (1983-2006)

The Curve, Queen Mary's latest catering facility, marks the completion of Phase 3 of the Westfield Student Village. Offering a deli counter, café bar and eatery, The Curve is located on the ground floor of Fielden House halls of residence which opened at the beginning of the 2006-07 academic year.

Adjacent to The Curve is the new Queen Mary's Students' Union Blomeley Centre, a suite of offices named in memory of the late Laura Blomeley who died last year. Laura had served as Vice-President (Education and Representation) 2003-04, and later as President of the Students' Union 2004-05.

Double success at *The Times* Higher Awards

Queen Mary celebrated a double success at *The Times* Higher Awards 2006. Professor Lisa Jardine CBE, from the School of English and Drama, won the Lifetime Achievement Award for her commitment and services to education. Dr Dan Todman, from the Department of History, was awarded UK Young Academic Author of the Year for his book *The Great War: Myth and Memory*.



Professor Lisa Jardine

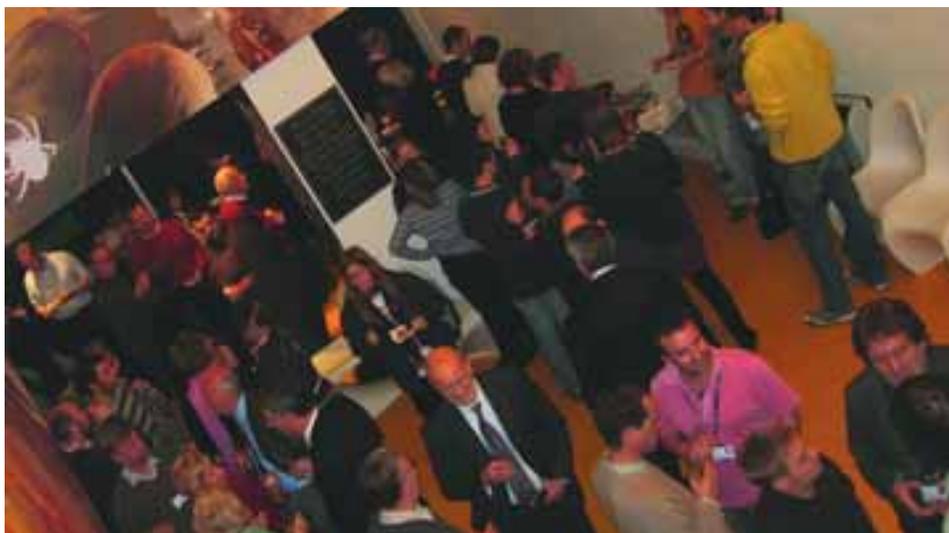


Dr Dan Todman

Welcome to the Fogg Building

In November, the School of Biological and Chemical Sciences renamed its home the Fogg Building after one of Queen Mary's most eminent biologists, alumnus Professor Gordon Fogg. The revamped reception area of the building now boasts a colourful mural of images taken by staff and students.

Professor Fogg's association with the department spanned over 60 years; from his undergraduate studies in Botany; through his evacuation to Cambridge during the Second World War while a research student; to his appointment as a Professor in 1960 and his re-establishment of the Botany Department.



Researching City Lives and Connections

The City Centre: Researching City Lives and Connections, led by Professor Jane Wills, the Geography Department's new collaborative research centre, was launched last December. With the aim of providing a space in which research focusing on the city can be developed and communicated within and beyond the College. The City Centre's research falls into the following main themes: new forms of urban politics; socio-economic exclusion and livelihoods; economic geographies of the city; gendered space in the city; art; performance and representation; and environmental concerns in the city. For more information about the centre and its work, visit www.geog.qmul.ac.uk/citycentre/



Department of Geography, City Centre Link

Diagnosing manmade networks

The School of Mathematical Sciences has been awarded £1.1 million by the EU to investigate how to diagnose vulnerabilities, phenomena and volatility in manmade networks. The project will run for three years and will investigate the mathematical methods required to understand the dynamics of networks that comprise Europe's critical infrastructure, namely energy supply, emergency response systems and transport. Visit www.manmadenet.eu for more information.

Spying on the southern sky

In a desert in Chile, on the top of a mountain at the European Southern Observatory more than 70 miles from the nearest city and eight miles from the Pacific Ocean, VISTA, the Visible and Infrared Survey Telescope for Astronomy, is being assembled; its first test images are anticipated in autumn this year. With its minimal light pollution and unusually stable atmospheric conditions, this remote spot is an excellent site for VISTA to capture infrared images of the southern sky.

Queen Mary, the lead institution of the 18-university VISTA Consortium, has received two grants totalling £36 million for this project which marks the construction of the world's most effective system for surveying the southern skies at near infrared wavelengths where optical detectors are no longer sensitive.



View from the VISTA

As Jim Emerson, Director of the College's Astronomy Unit and VISTA Principal Investigator explains, "Although VISTA is not the telescope with the biggest mirror area or field of view, it is uniquely powerful as it combines both a large collecting area and a large field of view. This means that we can see faint distant objects very quickly whilst simultaneously surveying large volumes of space."

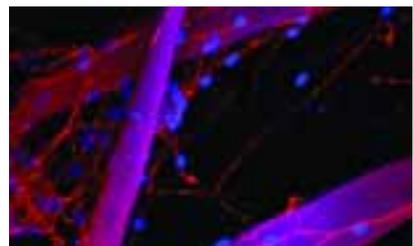
The telescope has a four metre diameter mirror – polished in Russia and transported by an Antonov transport cargo plane to Chile – feeding the world's largest infrared camera (64 million pixels). This gives good quality images each covering 0.6 square degrees, three times the angular area of the full moon. Professor Emerson adds: "By using near-infrared wavelengths we gain more information which helps us to understand objects already known to us from their visible light. In addition we can also detect distant objects whose light has been obscured by the expansion of the universe, or objects which are too cool to emit light and therefore invisible to the naked eye. VISTA will also enable us to see through the smog of interstellar dust clouds that obscure the visible view of much of our galaxy, and in particular the regions where the exciting process of star formation occurs."

A new approach to nerve repair

Neurotex Ltd, Queen Mary's latest spin-out company, has been established to develop novel silk-based materials that have the potential to provide a new generation of nerve repair materials and treatments. Funded by £250,000 from the Kinetique Biomedical Seed Fund, this joint venture with Oxford Biomaterials Ltd aims to commercialise innovative new materials for the repair of damaged nerves, using Spidrex®, a modified wild silk.

Neurotex's scientific founders, Professor John Priestly and Dr Von King from the Institute of Cell and Molecular Science, part of Queen Mary's School of Medicine and Dentistry, have shown for the first time that

nerve cells will bind to silk filaments and that the biological and mechanical properties of Spidrex® make it a highly attractive candidate material for nerve repair devices. Their initial focus is to develop devices for peripheral nerve injury repair such as a knife wound to the wrist.



Professor Priestley's award winning image shows nerve cells growing along silk fibres

Fusing the food

With one in five new companies failing in their first year, having a business idea just a few weeks before your finals may not be regarded as a safe bet. Eight years on, one such business idea has spawned a company that provides fresh noodle dishes to some of the UK's top-end food chains and turned a young economics graduate into a highly respected entrepreneur, TV chef and food writer.

Susan Nettle went to meet Ching-He Huang at her company Fuge Foods in Leyton.



Along with a favourite song, many former students tend to remember the food they ate while at university. For some, it is toast or mashed potatoes, for others curries in Banglatown, or Chinese at the Golden Bird restaurant on the Mile End Road. For Ching-He rather, it was what she could not find that gave her an idea which eight years on has become a highly successful business.

Sushi was 'in' in 1999, a wave of noodle-style dishes was sweeping the lunch-time fast-food markets. Yet when eaten, the fare was often gluey and completely tasteless. Unimpressed with the range and quality of the noodle dishes on offer in the grocers near her student halls, Nutford House on London's Oxford Street, she knew that she could do better.

Ching-He was born, and spent her early years growing up, in Taiwan. By the age of six, she and her family had already moved to South Africa; and by the time she was 12, her family had settled in London. Yet the memories of watching her grandmother cook food in her wood-fired oven remained fresh in Ching-He's mind. Be it helping her grandmother prepare zong-zi, small, bamboo-wrapped parcels of sweet and savoury rice dumplings, traditionally served at the Dragon Boat festivals, or accompanying her grandfather, a bamboo farmer, to the local market and haggling for provisions, these all made a huge impression on the young Ching-He.

In South Africa, she remembers that there was only one shop in Benoni, a suburb of Johannesburg, where her mother could buy the staples of their familiar diet, and so improvisation of traditional Taiwanese recipes became the norm.

In England, it was her brother En Shen who suggested that she should study economics at Queen Mary; he had already graduated

in 1997. A successful businessman, he is currently studying for an Executive MBA at the China Europe International Business School in Shanghai. During her degree, Ching-He recalls the opportunity to spend a semester on an European Erasmus exchange programme at the Bocconi Business School in Milan, where not only did she fall under the spell of Italian food but also gained a greater understanding of a business environment, marketing, management skills and international financial markets.

Ching-He is challenging the view that Chinese food is no more than what appears on the menu at your local take-away

Back in London, it was the local buyer for a branch of Europa Foods, who helped Ching-He turn a frustration into a business idea. Arriving with some packaging and a description of what the contents could be – noodles, vegetables and protein; he took the time to describe the logistics and

processes; from developing the product to describing labelling law. Finals over, Ching-He began cooking fresh noodles and experimenting with prawns, chicken and beansprouts; having sampled the products the buyer agreed to take a small and regular consignment of freshly prepared noodle dishes by a start-up company called Fuge Foods.

Chilled, short shelf-life, fast turnaround food is probably the most difficult market to crack; customers are fickle and UK food regulations for both preparation and storage are stringent. In a highly competitive marketplace, Fuge Foods now provides a bespoke product to its retail and foodservice customers. Today with 16 full-time members of staff, at the height of the summer months, the company is preparing 5,000 fresh hand-made salads each day.

Ching-He challenges the view that Chinese food is no more than what the local take-away is serving or a cloying flavour of a stir-fry from the local supermarket. She says that you only have to compare the amount of shelf space given to Italian sourced pastas and sauces with that of Chinese

products to realise that there is a fear of experimenting with new flavours, unusual vegetables and different cooking methods.

It is finding ways of re-creating the flavours of her childhood, her grandmother's recipes passed down to her mother, and using ingredients available in most supermarkets that have inspired the fusion-style recipes that appear on her television programme *Ching's Kitchen* on UK Food, appearances on the BBC's *Saturday Kitchen*, ITV's *Saturday* and *Daily Cooks*; in her recently published book *China Modern: 100 cutting-edge, fusion-style recipes for the 21st century*; or her food columns in *Delicious*, *Olive* and *Good Food* magazines.

Ching-He Huang follows in the footsteps of Ken Hom and Nancy Lam in challenging and educating our perceptions of Chinese and South-East Asian food and cooking through the media. At the same time, she provides healthy lunch-time, hand-made and pre-packaged noodle-salads to up-market grocers and supermarkets between London and Edinburgh.

Visit Ching-He Huang's website at www.fuge.co.uk

Steamed Cod with Salted Black Beans

Serves 2

- 500g cod fillet, skinned or unskinned
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed and finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons ginger, grated
- 3 tablespoons sesame oil
- 3 tablespoons light soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons rice wine
- Juice of 1 lime
- 2 tablespoons bought dried, fermented, salted black beans, rinsed and crushed
- 1 spring onion, chopped diagonally into 1cm pieces
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Preparation time: five minutes

Cooking time: 12 minutes

- 1 Wash the fish in cold water, pat dry on kitchen paper, then slash some slits into the skin of the fish (if necessary). Season with a pinch of salt and ground black pepper on both sides.
- 2 If the skin is on, place the fish on a heatproof plate, skin side down. Put the rest of the ingredients, except the spring onion, over the fish and place the plate in the base of a bamboo

steamer. Fill a wok or pan with boiling water to a depth that will not submerge the base of the steamer. Place the steamer in the wok, put the lid on and steam for 12 minutes on a high heat. One minute before the fish is ready, add the spring onions and season to taste.

- 3 Serve immediately with jasmine rice or Ching-He's Chinese Pickled Salad.



From *China Modern: 100 cutting-edge recipes for the 21st century* by Ching-He Huang © Kyle Cathie Ltd. [ISBN 1 85626 673 7]
Price: £14.95. Available from all good bookshops and www.amazon.co.uk

Making it happen

The Alumni Relations Office and Queen Mary's Careers Service jointly hosted the inaugural Queen Mary Alumni Entrepreneurs' Evening during National Entrepreneurs Week. Current students who aspire to running their own businesses were invited to meet alumni who have set up their own companies. Anila Memon reports.

Belt driven

Justin Rhodes (Economics with Hispanic Studies 1993) launched Elliot Rhodes, the only custom beltmaker in the UK and recipient of the Startups 2005 Award for Retailer of the Year, just over three years ago in 2004. Through his own passion for belts and with the aim to challenge perceptions of what a belt is, Justin has set about creating an environment where customers can come in and create their own bespoke and personalised belts at his shop on Long Acre in London's Covent Garden.

Justin acknowledges that he has not started something new, almost everyone wears a belt. Instead he has taken something mundane and made it more exciting. He says, "Belts in the past were mass produced with little personality other than having the branded logo on the buckle. They were treated merely as add-ons to an outfit or suit, rather than a product adding value and style. Elliot Rhodes has taken the humble belt and turned it into a mix-and-match product which exudes the personality of the wearer."

This mix-and-match product, comprised of a detachable buckle and luxury leather belt strap, is his unique selling point. Justin's custom made belts not only represent the character and personality of the wearer, they have also "offered the opportunity to extend the customer shopping experience,



increase the quality of customer service and to turn the shopping experience into a customer-centred operation." With over 400 styles of belt strap and 1,000 different buckles to choose from, coupled with the fact that people like to shop, the concept is simple and that he says is the key.

Justin's drive to set up his own business stemmed from his inquisitive nature and the realisation that he could not add value through a career in mass distribution which inevitably would be on behalf of someone else. "I like to control things. Working in an environment where there is a big volume of goods for a small price just wasn't for me." It took him 12 months from formulating the concept of Elliot Rhodes to opening a

shop, during which time he has relied upon the support of family and friends. For him, they have been vital to the success of his project.

His advice to aspiring entrepreneurs is to "Only do what you can do best. Be inquisitive and questioning" and most importantly perhaps, "Don't do it unless you are committed 24/7! Expect the unexpected and stick to your plan. Be confident in it." On what he wishes he had known before he started is how long it would take to get where he is today!

Visit www.elliotrhes.com for more information.

Whether the weather be...

Piers Corbyn (MSc Astrophysics, 1981) is Managing Director of WeatherAction, a provider of long-range weather forecasting services. Following mathematical development and a series of successful forecast trials, Piers started making his forecasts public in summer 1988 as a spin-out of South Bank University, where he lectured in maths and physics, and demonstrated their accuracy through public betting on his forecasts with William Hill.

WeatherAction proclaims to be the only weather forecasting company that can accurately forecast weather conditions up to a year in advance using the 'Solar Weather Technique' (SWT) which was developed by Piers and uses predictable aspects of solar activity – particle and magnetic effects from the sun. By Piers' own admission, this is an unusual product but, as he states, "one that is unique." His long-range weather forecasts are used in sectors such as retail, insurance, energy, travel and farming for budget

planning, time tabling, risk assessment, forecasting demand and product launches.

WeatherAction's forecasts cite an 85 per cent accuracy rate and have been independently proved by peer-reviewed academic published testing as well as a significant profit rate on Scientific Weather Bets through William Hill at odds and verification organised independently by the Met Office. Piers' scientific weather bets proved so profitable that William Hill later withdrew the account.

Piers explained how his company succeeded and subsequently failed due to a series of bad business decisions, in particular a bad partnership, and employing more people than was necessary. He managed to revive his business and, in November 1998, WeatherAction floated on the London Stock Exchange. Although the company had a turnover of only £144,000 in the year to March 1997 and had lost £68,000 in the period immediately before the float, the



Piers speaks to a current student at the Alumni Entrepreneurs' Evening

market capitalised WeatherAction at £5.3 million. Piers advises against putting "too many eggs in one basket" and falling into what he calls the "cash flow death trap."

Visit www.weatheraction.com for more information.

Departmental Profile

More Maths Grads

Queen Mary is one of three institutions involved in a £3 million project to increase and widen participation in mathematical sciences in England over the next three years. The project, officially entitled 'Increasing the supply of Mathematical Sciences Graduates', is funded by the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) and will involve working directly with local schools, colleges and employers across three pilot regions, including East London, in developing careers information and education for maths students.



This project aims to encourage school and college students to maintain and pursue an interest in maths beyond GCSE level and to develop the undergraduate mathematics curriculum to ensure a more fluid progression from A-level to degree-level study, so that it supports a wider range of students. Furthermore, it hopes to convey the message that maths degrees offer graduates employability and, in turn, that by increasing the supply of maths graduates the demands of industry, commerce and education could be better met.

The remit within the field of higher education will particularly focus on developing the undergraduate mathematics curriculum to give students more flexibility and choice about their learning. This will include reviewing current teaching, learning and assessment methods, including how new technologies can be used to assist with these. Led by Professor David Arrowsmith, Head of the School of

Mathematical Sciences and supported by the Department of Computer Science's Professor Peter McOwan, operational head of the HEFCE grant, the project was launched nationally on 23 April 2007.

Embracing the academic disciplines of pure mathematics, applied mathematics, statistics and astronomy, Queen Mary's School of Mathematical Sciences is one of the largest maths departments in the UK. It has:

- 575 undergraduate students enrolled in total (507 home plus 68 overseas)
- 247 new students enrolled in 2006-07 (214 home plus 33 overseas)
- Over 40 research students (MSc and PhD)
- Ten postdoctoral fellows and researchers
- Over 40 members of staff (lecturers, readers and professors)

The skills of talk-talk

Westfield alumnus, David Clutterbuck is best known for his work in the areas of business excellence, one-to-one development (coaching and mentoring) and organisational change.

As a best-selling author, and without a television tie-in or radio series boosting sales; you might be wondering how such a phenomenon has passed you by or, if the name is familiar, reflecting how some of his ideas have helped and challenged you in your career.

With nearly 60,000 Queen Mary alumni around the world, part of the College's strategy is to engage alumni in ways which will help Queen Mary and alumni themselves.

David Clutterbuck and Susan Nettle met to discuss how mentoring could become an exciting and essential component in Queen Mary's offer to its alumni.



Have you ever thought, "I wish I had someone to talk to about my next career move"; or "I want to change career sectors, how do I go about it?"; or "the children are at school now, how do I return to work without feeling guilty?" Sometimes we hear these questions being asked at alumni reunions and networking events and sometimes the Alumni Relations team can bring people together to help each other. But this is an ad hoc solution with a miniscule number of people.

David Clutterbuck has become one of Europe's most well-known management writers and thinkers; over the past 25 years

he has written or co-authored nearly 50 books. He lectures around the world, bringing management concepts to a wider audience as well as undertaking numerous consultancy projects on themes such as mentoring, corporate governance, top team development, benchmarking, service excellence and internal communications.

David arrived at Westfield in 1965, in the second intake of men, taking the opportunity and (presumably) challenge of studying English. He particularly remembers being taught Old Icelandic by Dr CG Harlow. During his three years he satisfied his early career aspiration to become a journalist by

writing for, and then editing, *Tattler* and *Layabout*, the student newspaper. Yet all to no avail when he failed to gain a position at Reuters as a trainee journalist in 1968.

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Thwarted in his early attempts, he initially worked for the Home Office as an immigration officer, before job-hopping to the Institute of Civil Engineers and then *New Scientist* magazine. It was while working as News Editor (Technology) at the *New Scientist* that David met his first mentor, Copy Editor, Ian Low. David remembers the first piece of copy he wrote being rapidly returned to his desk covered in red ink; reading through the remarks, he realised that he could actually improve the style and the content. For some six months the red ink continued and then suddenly stopped, with the comment "You need to find your own way now." Looking back, David realises a "lesson well-taught and well-learned."

Ten years of travelling the world and reporting on effective management for the journal *International Management* opened his eyes to some of the emerging management techniques and corporate shifts that were taking place. With the intention of bringing these ideas to a wider marketplace and an audience ready to interpret these concepts, in 1981 he began writing and co-authoring books.

Themes such as corporate citizenship, corporate social responsibility, strategies for coping with changing environments, and worker empowerment, all tapped into the management zeitgeist of the 1980s and 1990s in Britain and Europe. Books such as *The Winning Streak*, co-authored with Walter Goldsmith, Director-General of the Institute of Directors in 1982 and *The Winning Streak, Mark II* in 1997, updated with new case-studies, analysed the corporations who changed their management strategies in order to survive.

It is the themes and ideas in *Everyone needs a Mentor*, originally published in 1985 (Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development), where David first explained



how mentoring was both a cost efficient and sustainable method for fostering and developing talent within an organisation. The book was the first attempt to bring the concept of the structured mentoring process to Europe. Since then he has designed hundreds of sustainable mentoring and coaching programmes. David explains that mentoring is actually a nurturing process; helping someone else to develop their own wisdom. It is also about communicating through a learning dialogue; the most successful mentor/mentee relationship is where the mentor learns as much as the mentee. This is a 'professional friendship' glued together by respect for each other. The courage within the relationship is that it should not become one of high dependency, thus the role of the mentor is not to sort out the day-to-day work issues, but to develop the competences of the mentee on a much bigger canvas.

Mentoring is actually a nurturing process; helping someone else to develop their own wisdom

The flexibility of the mentoring framework is that it can work for career development within the business environment; it can work at the level of returning to work; or for those looking towards remaining active and coping with retirement. It is ideally suited to the transitional periods in life.

David established two companies in the early 1980s. Item, a specialist in employee communications became an employee buy-out two years ago, and Clutterbuck Associates (www.clutterbuckassociates.com). He remains very active in the areas of the promotion of coaching and mentoring as well as corporate governance. He was also instrumental in forming the European Mentoring and Coaching Council which provides a framework for quality and development of coaching and mentoring, and is currently formulating standards of practice for mentors and business coaching.

David is currently Visiting Professor at Sheffield Hallam University, where he is a member of the Mentoring and Coaching Research team, and Oxford Brookes University. In fact, one could say that David's career has travelled full-circle; having achieved his journalist aim he has now scored his academic goal as well.

Are you interested in becoming a Queen Mary mentor, helping other alumni with their career options?

Please contact Jo Stiles by email at j.stiles@qmul.ac.uk or register your interest via the alumni website at www.qmul.ac.uk/alumni/mentoring

A Cambridge wartime reunion

Over 30 alumni and their guests returned to Cambridge last June for a reunion at Girton and King's colleges, where Queen Mary students had been evacuated between 1939 and 1945. For the first year or so, women stayed at Girton while the men were at King's; the women moved to Kings in late 1940.

At Girton College a sumptuous lunch in the Stanley Library was followed by a visit to a special archive display in the College library. Guests included the late Westfield archivist, Dr Janet Sondheimer, herself a Girtonian, and her husband, Professor Ernst Sondheimer who had taught Maths at both Queen Mary and Westfield colleges.

From Girton, the group moved to King's for a tour of the Chapel and a welcome by the Acting Provost, Dr Tess Adkins, over afternoon tea in the Beves Room. Two young alumni joined the group, **Rekha Masih** (Geography 2006) and **Ololade Yusuf** (Law and Economics 2006); both had received Cambridge Long Vac Scholarships to spend a summer at King's undertaking research. These scholarships, open to undergraduates in selected departments, are a testament of Queen Mary's long association with King's College.



Ololade Yusuf and Rekha Masih with Joan Hatfield (née Reynolds) (Geography 1940)



Thank you to those of you who shared your reminiscences of Cambridge with us. A small selection follows:

Dr Doris Fulljames (née Egan)

(Chemistry 1942) recollected the move from London to Cambridge: "The entire Department had come from London, Professor Partington, his staff and lab technicians. We used the Cambridge lecture rooms and our laboratory was on the top floor of the Chemistry Building in Pembroke Street." **Jean Bowes (née Hall)** (French 1947) remembers: "We had pews reserved in King's College Chapel. The library was in the Gibbs Building. We had use of everything – playing fields and the boat house (men and women) for rowing." **Christine Price (née Thurston)** (French with Spanish 1947) particularly recalls joining the University Musical Society and "the two performances we gave in King's College Chapel of Verdi's *Requiem*."

While the men mostly received College accommodation, many of the women students were housed in digs. **Dr Doris Fulljames** and **Eileen Gleadle-Richards MBE** (General 1943) remembered the icy Cambridge winter. "We lived in an old house, where the water heater frequently exploded and was reserved for bath night so we used slightly warm water from our hot water bottles for our morning wash – that is after we had thawed out our flannels." **Robert Cooke** (Civil Engineering 1945) wrote to say, "A school friend and I lodged with two traditional university landladies, one a vegetarian. We were extremely well-fed and were given the whole of the vegetarian lady's meat ration."

Reunited at the reunion after 64 years were the trio of chemists, 'Wragg, Stack and Lindop': **Dr Bill Wragg** (Maths, Physics, Chemistry 1942), **Maurice**



Bill Wragg, Maurice Stack and Sir Norman Lindop

Stack (Chemistry 1941) and **Sir Norman Lindop** (Chemistry 1942) who was Queen Mary's SU President from 1940-41. **Dr Peter Dallas Ross** (q Barts 1945) who completed his medical training at King's and St Bartholomew's, recalled past QMC friends: "I have happy memories of friends who were at Queen Mary and who shared our lives in college. In particular I remember the football team, drawn from members of both institutions."

The wartime Provost of King's was also well remembered. **Dorothy Challinor** (History 1947) remembered "a meeting of the whole College with the Provost of King's just before we left to return to Mile End Road." While **Dr Moya Naunton Davies** (Botany 1947) recalled that "Provost Sheppard treated us like his own students. He would pat us on the hand and say "Bless you, my child."



Tour of King's College Chapel

Women@QM

The Women@QM exhibition is a celebration of the contribution of women, both as students and as teachers, to the four institutions that underpin the College as it is today: Queen Mary College, Westfield College, St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College and The London Hospital Medical and Dental colleges.

Women@QM seeks to explore the challenges, dilemmas and opportunities for women from different generations and different communities entering higher education for the first time. It draws parallels between different groups of women for whom entry into education was unexpected and, in some sense, disruptive of wider assumptions about their social and cultural role.

The exhibition, which will be held in the Octagon, forms part of a series of events during the 2007-08 academic year to mark 120 years of Queen Mary and 125 years of Westfield. Visit www.womenatqm.qmul.ac.uk for more information.



Lesley Goodman

Lesley Goodman, former member of staff in the Department of Zoology at Queen Mary College, devoted her professional life to the study of insect physiology. Prior to her death in 1998, she established the LJ Goodman Insect Physiology Research Trust to promote the control and conservation of insect species. The LJ Goodman Award for Insect Biology, established by the Royal Entomological Society in her memory, promotes research into aspects of insect physiology and behaviour. The award's first recipients were Queen Mary's Dr Thomas Döring and Lars Chittka, Professor of Sensory and Behavioural Ecology from the School of Biological and Chemical Sciences.



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Professor Caroline Skeel

Caroline Skeel (1872-1951) was first appointed to Westfield College in 1896 as a Visiting Lecturer in Classics and History and remained on the staff for the next 33 years. The

founder of Westfield's School of History, she was promoted in 1919 to a university readership, and, in 1925, to a professorship, the first to be held at Westfield. The Skeel Prize for History was established in 1930.

Professor Skeel was a major benefactor of Westfield throughout and after her life. The Skeel Lecture Theatre, in the People's Palace on Queen Mary's Mile End Campus is named in her memory, as is the Caroline Skeel Room in the Library.

Winifred Watkins

Winifred Watkins (1924-2003), biochemist, was awarded her PhD in 1950 after three years of study at St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College under the supervision of the immunochemist, Arthur Wormall. She studied the action of nitrogen mustards (cytotoxic agents then used to treat myeloid leukaemia) on the immunological properties of body proteins after reaction with these agents.

Not only was her research into the chemical structure of red cell antigens of the most important human blood group system ABO one of her most brilliant achievements, but notably, her research happened at the very dawn of molecular biology. Watkins was the recipient of many honours throughout her life: she was elected a fellow of the Royal Society in 1969, became a member of council of the Royal Society from 1984 to 1986 and received its royal medal in 1988.



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Miss Eva Luckes

Eva Luckes, a significant contributor to the development of the nursing profession, was

appointed Matron of The London Hospital in 1880, aged only 26, and the School of Nursing which had been opened at The London, expanded under Luckes to become the largest nurse training school in Britain.

Eva Luckes featured in the BBC drama *Casualty 1906* which was set in the Receiving Room (today's A&E) of The London and used true cases, characters and events taken from the hospital's historical records, nurses' Ward Diaries and memoirs.

Can you help?

Do you have any photographs or memorabilia of your time at the College that you would be willing to lend or donate to the Women@QM exhibition? We are also looking for female alumni who would be happy to be interviewed recalling their experiences of the College – extracts of these recollections will be included in the exhibition and on the project website, alongside the contributor's photograph(s).

If you can help, please contact Lorraine Screene on +44 (0)20 7882 7556 or by email at l.screene@qmul.ac.uk. You may also write to us at Women@QM, Alumni Relations Office, Queen Mary, University of London, Mile End Road, London E1 4NS.

From President to Pet Parent

The chances are high that somewhere in your home you will find a Procter and Gamble product. With over 300 branded items available in more than 180 countries, it is quite difficult to get away from them and, with the parent company buying three competitors in 2005-06, even more brand loyal consumers have now been swept under the P&G umbrella. From Gillette razors to Crest toothpaste; Pantene and Head & Shoulders hair care products to Hugo Boss fine fragrances; Pampers nappies to Ariel washing powder; Pringles snacks to IAMS pet health, it is hardly surprising that P&G can claim 'three billion times a day, [our] brands touch the lives of people around the world'.

Susan Nettle visited Richard Learwood at P&G's UK headquarters in Weybridge to talk about the power of marketing with one of Queen Mary's former Students' Union presidents.



At the beginning of the year, the Higher Education Statistics Agency for England announced that 315,985 students had graduated with degrees from the UK's tertiary education sector in 2006, the highest number of graduates to date.

But how do these graduates differentiate themselves to potential employers for places on the much coveted graduate training schemes? Richard Learwood (Economics 1990), who was President of the Students' Union during the 1990-91 academic year, is not alone in his certainty that 'personal' marketing is a huge asset. "This is not just about signing-up and paying lip service to community support schemes through the Students' Union, but actually showing a long-term commitment to these causes and being able to demonstrate an aptitude for sustaining involvement in this type of activity."

Having been accepted to join Procter and Gamble's graduate training scheme in 1991 straight after university, and spending the first six months working on the Old Spice shaving products Christmas marketing promotion, Richard Learwood was immediately exposed to the power of advertising. Sales levels that year suggested that one in eight homes in the UK had a P&G gift-set under the Christmas tree; the Old Spice 'soap-on-a-string' being its best-selling male cleansing product.

Today, as Europe, Middle East and Africa's Marketing Director for P&G's Petcare including IAMS and Eukanuba dog food products, Richard's mission is to educate the world's pet-parents about the nutritional value of pet food. With a global pet food market spend of \$30bn per annum, the UK pet food sector alone is valued at £1.6billion and, in marketing terms, is a mature market. P&G entered the pet food market in 1999 with the acquisition of the IAMS company, and chose to move the IAMS brand from being sold by vets and specialist pet shops into the general supermarket arena, a

decision that has more than trebled the value of the business.

The colour-blind dog, being fed coloured kibbles that resemble ‘meat and two veg’ merely satisfies the perceptions of its owner. Similarly, the carnivorous cat eating a vegetable-based diet suggests that it might not be receiving the most nutritionally suitable diet. For Richard, educating the pet-loving public, so that their cats and dogs lead healthy, active and long lives, is largely down to delivering the message and evolving the product.

“What Jamie Oliver has achieved for healthy school dinners I hope to emulate for dry pet food by educating pet parents”

Richard Learwood

The increasingly fragmented advertising market means taking advantage of P&G’s buying power as the world’s largest purchaser of premium advertising opportunities. While being able to draw upon P&G’s extensive knowledge through the baby products division, to understand more closely the characteristics of parents and parenting skills, offers a unique scale advantage.

Yet, Richard Learwood’s name may also be familiar to many students of the late 1980s at Queen Mary. Remember the Blind Drunk Society? Aside from the regular sessions of inebriation, the student society touched a nerve with many Queen Mary students at the time. The all-inclusive society aimed to have a good time as well as raise money to support the training of guide-dogs for the blind; two of the dogs being named Mary and Westfield. Richard, as one of the founders, had been inspired by the all-inclusive fraternity associations he had found characteristic of Dutch universities during his gap-year. Who remembers the fancy dress hitchhikes from London to Paris or the Grenadier Guards playing at a May Ball in the Octagon?

During the final term of his Economics degree Richard decided to stand for election

as SU President on a ticket that was the antithesis of what the Union had previously stood for. He chose an apolitical message at the hustings which proved especially popular among the wider student body. Together with his sabbaticals, Julie Naismith (Economics 1990), Nadir Contractor (Physics with English 1990) and Westfield SU President, Sarah Page (French and Spanish 1993), they set about making the SU more open and accessible socially; building a bar on the second floor of the SU building; creating Club e1; developing a logo and identity for the Union and employing the Union’s first Commercial Manager whose task was to maintain a proper management and services structure and ensure the longevity of SU projects.

At the time, Britain was heading into the 1992 single European Market, potentially a time of dramatic change for the employability of new graduates. Richard and his team organised a student event called ‘Graduating into Europe’ in association with

the *Guardian* newspaper, other higher education institutions in Europe and the British Council. The event offered students a profile of what the enlarged employment pool of Europe would look like and how best they could equip themselves to respond to the changes. The event achieved wide national media coverage.

Last summer, Richard was invited back to Queen Mary to attend a reception at which The Principal, Professor Adrian Smith, spoke about the evolution of Queen Mary and his vision of the future for the College. For Richard, this event was an epiphany which reminded him of the whole generation of his Queen Mary years who he identified could be powerful ambassadors for the future of the College.

Richard Learwood returned to Queen Mary on Thursday 29 March to speak to students in the School of Business and Management about the marketing strategy for Gillette Fusion products.



Hundreds of QMW students reach the top of Tottenham Court Road on the way to the headquarters of the Universities Funding Council in Park Crescent on December 5 1990. (*The Cub: Issue 356*)

Medical School research update

Twenty years of the William Harvey Research Institute

The William Harvey Research Institute (WHRI), part of Barts and The London, Queen Mary's School of Medicine and Dentistry, celebrated its twentieth anniversary last year. Founded by the Nobel Laureate Sir John Vane, the WHRI is the largest centre for pharmacological research in the UK and its reputation is affirmed by its independent rating amongst the top 20 pharmacological research centres worldwide.

The Institute's anniversary celebrations were marked by a two-day event which included a series of presentations and lectures by key William Harvey researchers and visiting international academics. The WHRI's Director, Professor Mark Caulfield (q The London 1984), highlighted the fact that the occasion reflected not only the WHRI's past,

present and future scientific achievements, but the people who had and continued to undertake this crucial work: "John Vane's vision when he founded the Institute was to nurture and encourage pharmacological excellence with academia. We are particularly proud that over the past 20 years we have worked or collaborated with scientists from over 44 different countries."



2007 marks the 350th anniversary of William Harvey's death

NHS Foundation Trust application



Queen Mary, University of London is working closely with colleagues at Barts and The London NHS Trust to support the Trust's application to become an NHS

Foundation Trust. This will create one of Britain's first Academic Health Sciences Centres, and will speed new cures and treatments from Barts and The London, Queen Mary's School of Medicine and Dentistry's medical research to the patient bedside.

Landmark study into the genetics of disease

Scientists at Queen Mary, University of London have taken part in the largest ever genome-wide association study of the genetics behind common diseases such as diabetes, coronary heart disease, Crohn's disease, rheumatoid arthritis, hypertension and bipolar disorder.

Professor Mark Caulfield, Director of the William Harvey Research Institute (WHRI), is among the £9 million Wellcome Trust Case Control Consortium's Principal Investigators along with Dr Patricia Munroe, Senior Lecturer, and Professor Graham Hitman, Professor of Molecular Medicine and Diabetes from the Institute of Cell and Molecular Science. A further 12 authors hail from the WHRI at Queen Mary.

Researchers analysed 17,000 DNA samples taken from people in the UK – 2,000 patients for each disease, and 3,000 control samples – to identify common genetic variations for the seven major diseases. Their results will enable scientists to better understand how disease occurs, which people are most at risk, and in time, to produce more specifically tailored and effective treatments.

Key findings of the Hypertension genome-wide scan, on which Professor Caulfield and Dr Munroe led, show a comparable number of signals to the other diseases studied.

Professor Caulfield said: "Hypertension – or high blood pressure – is an incredibly common disorder, affecting one billion people worldwide. Our study has highlighted the complex nature of the condition but excitingly these results bring us much closer to discovering the mechanisms by which hypertension may arise. We are now following up the signals in much larger numbers to verify our positive findings."

Research by the Consortium is ongoing with further analysis to focus on tuberculosis, breast cancer, autoimmune thyroid disease, multiple sclerosis, and *ankylosing spondylitis*.

Pioneering heart repair

The UK Stem Cell Foundation has jointly awarded Barts and The London, Queen Mary's School of Medicine and Dentistry and University College London (UCL) £1.2 million for a pioneering research project aimed at reducing the number of fatalities among heart attack patients. Heart attack patients brought to the London Chest Hospital, part of Barts and The London NHS Trust and the Heart Hospital (UCLH Trust), for direct coronary intervention will be recruited for the study. Following the intervention, a stem cell sample will be taken from the patient's own bone marrow. Once the cells have been prepared, patients will receive the sample into the previously blocked artery. David Macauley, Chief Executive of the UK Stem Cell Foundation, said "This is the first known project of its type in the UK to combine stem cell delivery to the heart with primary angioplasty. It addresses one of the biggest killers in the UK; 108,000 people die every year from heart attack."

Supporting Queen Mary

Legacy news

Alumna and Honorary Fellow of Queen Mary, Dr Peggy Holmes (QMC, French 1949), died in January 2007. She will be remembered by generations of past students as the former Warden of Lynden Hall (1951-53), Tutor to Women Students and part-time lecturer in French. As Student Counsellor and the Co-ordinator of Counselling Services at Queen Mary from 1951 up until her retirement in 1982, she provided a steadying hand in times of anxiety and crisis.

In her Will, Peggy left a legacy of £75,000 to the College, this will be used to support student activities in years to come.



If you would like further information about leaving a legacy to support future generations of students during their time at Queen Mary, or if you have ideas about other areas you might wish to support, we have produced a series of brochures which may be of interest. Please contact Susan Nettle for a copy on +44 (0)20 7882 7423.

Queen Mary is enormously grateful to its executors and legators for all the support they have given to the College.

Latest QMandWA scholars



Shima Bashar (r) and Hana Begum (l), both in their first year of degrees in English, are this year's recipients of the QMandWA Bursary Award. Shima said the award would enable her to purchase more books, as not only do English students have to read numerous primary texts but a lengthy secondary reading list as well. The QMandWAlumni Benevolent Fund is currently able to support six undergraduate students with three year bursaries of between £500-£1,000 annually.

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* magazine.

The Humanities Artwork Fund

The New Humanities Building, which will complete the College's impressive frontage on the Mile End Road, is scheduled to be completed in 2009. As well as providing a new home for the Department of History and specialist activities for Film and Drama, the building will incorporate a new 300-seater lecture theatre and five other teaching spaces, to be used by students across the College.

The Humanities Artwork Fund has been established as a conduit for financial gifts to be used to enhance the working environment of this essential new Humanities Building with works by young artists as well as more established names on permanent display.

The campuses of today's Queen Mary College are remarkable for the quality and quantity of the artwork which is part of the fabric of everyday life. This ranges from William Hogarth's *Christ at the Pool of Bethesda* in the William Gibbs Great Hall building at Barts Hospital, painted in 1736, to Bruce McLean's stained-glass panels in the Blizzard Building on the Whitechapel campus.



The Queens' Building houses many of the paintings and objet d'art from the Westfield campus, including the Philip d'Lazlo portrait of Westfield Principal Bertha Philpots and the Shute Clock. Look more closely and you can find interpretive landscapes by Richard Walker and Zoe Benbow, as well as ceramics by Peter Haynes around the campus.

To receive further information about the Humanities Artwork Fund or to make a donation, please use the Update Form which accompanies this issue of *QUAD* magazine.

International news

Letter from Hong Kong



The Principal with Peter Ho

Dear Alumni,

In October 2006, I returned to England for the first time since graduating in 1993 and went to visit Queen Mary where I had spent three happy years as an undergrad. Wow, what a change!

Having come to England from Hong Kong in 1985 to study for my O and A levels, a degree from the University of London was what you did next. Computer Science with Business Studies was the degree that got you a good job, especially in the Far East.

Looking back, I am so pleased that I chose Queen Mary. As an international student I quickly enrolled on a course to improve my English and immediately made friends with other overseas students. I joined the Hong Kong and Chinese Students' Society and quickly became involved in organising events, variety shows, drama nights and visits into central London for both Queen Mary and the University of London Chinese Society.

Just walking around the 'new' campus and seeing the amazing Westfield Student Village reminded me of buying my first car, driving it from South Woodford into College and taking friends for a 'night on the town'. I remember my family and friends came over from Hong Kong to see me graduate in the People's Palace.

Aside from my degree, Queen Mary taught me to be a free-thinker. I developed greater interpersonal and social skills; these have helped me during my career which has taken me around the Far East; from Singapore to Mainland China and back to Hong Kong.

As a Swiss Banker, I travel to Mainland China quite often and am witnessing its potential to become one of the world's strongest economic powers. I feel proud to see Queen Mary's name associated with so many of the Mainland's most prestigious universities.

Having been to reunions of former students in Hong Kong, I am very keen to support the Queen Mary Hong Kong Alumni Chapter and to work with other alumni to support graduates in Hong Kong and Mainland China.

Good wishes,

Peter Ho, (Computer Science with Business Studies 1993)

A celebratory alumni reunion will be held in Hong Kong on Tuesday 16 October to mark 25 years of the Hong Kong Alumni Association. We do hope you will join us. Visit the Hong Kong page on our website at www.QMandWAlumni.org or email alumni@qmul.ac.uk for more information.

Student Recruitment in Japan



(l-r) Takao Watanabe, Kazahiko Kajiki, Louise Sutherland and Takayoshi Takayama.

Volunteers from the Japan Chapter supported Louise Sutherland, International Officer at Queen Mary, at the British University Exhibition, held at the Tokyo International Forum. **Serena Iida** (Politics 1993), **Mihoko Horiguchi** (QMC, MA English Literature and Language 1984), **Kazuhiko Kajiki** (Combined Studies 1991), **Jun Miyakawa** (LLM Intellectual Property 2000), **Takayoshi Takayama** (Business Economics 2003) and **Takao Watanabe** (Intermediate Certificate in Social Studies 1993) met and spoke to prospective students about studying at Queen Mary.

Alumni in Nigeria



Bunmi Iyela (pictured), Queen Mary's Business Development Manager in Nigeria, is looking for alumni who are living or working in Nigeria to get in touch with the aim of establishing an active regional alumni group.

Please contact Bunmi Iyela by email at b.iyela@qmul.ac.uk. For her full contact details, visit the Nigeria page on our website at www.QMandWAlumni.org

Father and Daughter Celebrate



Lim Eng Huat with his daughter Lim Hern Gene on their graduation day

Our Malaysian correspondent Lim Eng Huat (QMC, Mechanical Engineering) visited Queen Mary during the summer to not only watch his daughter, Lim Hern Gene, graduate in Law, but to graduate himself. Although he completed his degree in 1980, Mr Lim had been unable to attend the graduation ceremony at the time.

Student news

Law students triumph in world's largest moot court competition



A team of students from the School of International Arbitration in the Centre for Commercial Law Studies (CCLS) won the 13th Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot – the largest moot court competition in the area of international commercial law.

On Queen Mary's team were LLM students: Joseph Altendorf; Angelica Andre; Maarten Draye; Kristofer Schwarzrock and Lise Svendsen. They won the Frédéric Eisemann Award for best overall team in the orals having mooted against, among others, the LSE; Victoria University, Melbourne; Columbia University and Vienna University in the finals. They also won four more prizes – two for oralists and two for written memoranda, for claimant and respondent.

The team was coached by two members of staff from the School: Angie Raymond and Starros Brekoulakis. The competition, held

annually in Vienna since 1993, aims to foster the study of international commercial law and arbitration for the resolution of international business disputes. Queen Mary's victory marks the first time a UK university has won the competition.

Professor Loukas Mistelis of the CCLS said, "There were 158 participating teams assessed by 450 arbitrators and competition was fierce. The performance of the team was absolutely outstanding and congratulations are flying in from all over the world."

Students' Union Sabbaticals for 2006-07



(l-r) Tom Barton, Alex Hudson, Kayleigh Wall, Ed Marsh and Sam Shethran

The Queen Mary Students' Union team for 2006-07 was Ed Marsh, President; Kayleigh Wall, Vice-President Education and Representation; Sam Shethran, Vice-President Student Activities; Alex Hudson, Vice-President Media and Publications and Tom Barton, Vice-President Association and President of the Barts and The London Students' Association.

As the 2006-07 academic year ends, a new Sabbatical Team will be taking its place. Nasir Tarmann, President; Malcolm Scott, Barts and The London Student Association President; Denis Shukur, Vice-President Education, Welfare and Representation; Mazdak Alizadeh, Vice-President for Student Activities and Claire Rutter, Vice-President for Media and Publications.

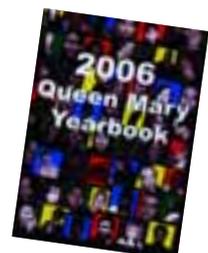
...and another Moot victory



The Department of Law triumphed in the Essex Court Chambers National Mooting Competition at the Royal Courts of Justice. Michael Attenborough and Vijaiya Poopalasingam, both of whom graduated last summer, beat off strong competition from the University of Birmingham to take home the silver Mace and £1,000 each. Michael commented "Entering this prestigious competition gives us a real taste of what it would be like to have a career at the Bar," while Vijaiya added, "We are delighted that after 25 years, the mace returns to east London."

Queen Mary Yearbook

The Class of 2006 were the first to be invited to sign-up for the *Queen Mary Yearbook*, a new initiative being coordinated by the Students' Union and the Alumni Relations Office in conjunction with GradFinale, an online yearbook company. The yearbook has proved so popular that there are plans to continue offering it to all future graduating years.



Catch-up

Over 150 alumni have written to us recently with their news. If you wish to contact a friend from the alumni list, please send us your correspondence and we will be happy to forward the message on your behalf. Many of you have attended reunions and other events; please remember to have a camera to hand to capture the occasion and we will try to print photographs here. For those who qualified at Barts and The London Hospital Dental and Medical Schools, your news will appear in the next issue of *Barts and The London Chronicle*.

1937

Dennis (Joe) Lyons CB (QMC, Aeronautical Engineering) writes "I am 90 years old. I have seven children, 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. I am still skipping a trip boat on the Basingstoke Canal but I gave up skiing when I was 84."

1940

Joan Hatfield (née Reynolds) (QMC, Geography) wrote "My husband, Percy, died in June 2002. In the last few years I have travelled to China, the Amazon and Antarctica, and a year ago I climbed Machu Pichu."

1943

(David) Geoffrey Ainley (QMC, Engineering) would like to hear from any old colleagues in the Engineering Faculty, 1941-43 (Cambridge) – or others who shared rooms in Webb's Court, King's College in 1942.

Dr Albert Courts (QMC, Chemistry) retired from his work at Imperial College in 1986 and took up supply teaching in Maths for two years. "I then moved to a sedate life in Dorset, playing bridge and observing the assassination of character in its main resorts."

Jessie Hall (née Wheeler) (QMC, Geography) writes "I was a wartime student and would like to hear from others."

1945

Dr Robert Cooke (QMC, Civil Engineering) has moved one and a half miles to be nearer the surgery, shops, garage and quay, but is still in an unspoilt area with good painting sites all around.

1946

Pamela Monkhouse (née Brisbane) (W, History) attended the QMWA Westfield Reunion Luncheon in 2006. She said "I very much enjoyed it and the 'tour' afterwards, especially as my daughter **Penelope** attended Queen Mary College." (QMC, Chemistry 1974; PhD 1977)

QMWA Spring Visit and Lunch, 17 March 2007



Some 50 alumni revisited the College in March. In the morning, there was an overwhelmingly popular visit to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Britain's oldest manufacturing company whose bells include Big Ben in St Stephen's Tower, Houses of Parliament.

A three-course lunch was served in the splendid setting of the Octagon, after which Professor Trevor Dadson, Vice-Principal (Humanities and Social Sciences) gave an overview of recent and forthcoming developments at the College, including plans for the new Humanities Building which will open in 2009.

Another visit to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry has been scheduled for the annual Alumni Campus Lunch and Mini-Reunions Day on Saturday 6 October. If you would like to attend, please book early to avoid disappointment.

1947

Barbara Rose-Innes (née Nicholls) (QMC, English) writes "I gave my last lesson just after Easter 2005 and now have lots of time, part of which I spend with our four children and eight grandchildren. My husband and I travel a lot. Antarctica last year!"

Dr Michael Waters (QMC, Aeronautical Engineering; PhD 1951) writes "I retired in late 1987 from the Scientific Civil Service as Head of Vehicles Group, Transport Research Laboratory. Since then I have volunteered for the Citizens' Advice Bureau and the local community health council – until it was abolished in December 2003.

My wife, **Valerie (née Pegg)** (QMC, English 1949), and I still keep in touch with our QMC contemporaries."

1949

Valerie Waters (née Pegg) (QMC, English 1949) writes, "In 2005, I went with my husband, **Dr Michael Waters** (QMC, Aeronautical Engineering 1947; PhD 1951), on a very interesting guided tour of the Drapers' Company Hall. It was also interesting to see in *QUAD* mention of Señor Barragon, my tutor in Spanish. I have happy memories of his hospitality and my first taste of an olive!"

1950

Barbara Brown (née Hooper) (W, English) has had a varied career as a journalist and freelance writer, working for provincial newspapers and the BBC. Her publications include *Mary Stocks, 1891-1975*, *An Uncommonplace Life* (1996), a biography of a suffragette and

former Principal of Westfield, and *Time to Stand and Stare* (2004), a biography of the poet WH Davies.

Kathleen Coutin (née Gordon) (W, History) is still involved with the study of vernacular architecture in Britain and Normandy, and also local history in Sussex. In 2005, she visited some in the USA and Australia.

Professor Terry Flanagan OBE (QMC, Physics and Mathematics) spent most of his career at SIRA Ltd (Scientific Instrument Research Association); the final 10 years as Managing Director. He was appointed an OBE in 1986 and Visiting Professor at City University in 1990.

Dr Patrick Flynn (QMC, Electronic Engineering; PhD Plasma Physics 1953) wrote "My Honorary Research Fellowship in the Physics Department at Lancaster University has been renewed for a further two years."

1951

Brian Tolley (QMC, Electrical Engineering) – see **Ian Bywater** (QMC, Electrical Engineering 1965).

Dr Michael Waters (QMC, Aeronautical Engineering 1947; PhD) – see 1947.

Dr (Harold) Vivian Wyatt (QMC, Botany and Zoology; Zoology 1952) is Visiting Lecturer in Philosophy at the University of Leeds.

1952

Ian Ferguson (QMC, Geography), after 20 years working in Switzerland, has retired to Storrington, rural Sussex with his wife **June (née Hall)** (QMC, English, Latin and French). They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 2004.

Pamela Knight (née Jeffrey) (W, Modern Languages) is still doing editing jobs for the United Nations when called upon, and is still a member of the UN singers.

Dr Philip Lewin (QMC, Mechanical Engineering) writes "Building Research Station to 1981 (PhD 1979). Continued geotechnics research as a Visiting Senior Research Fellow at City University. Then switched to historical biography (four entries in ODNB), principally on Stuart courtiers: Tobias Rustat, George Kirke (and his notorious womenfolk) and also Richard Beamish who was Brunel's assistant on the Rotherhithe Tunnel. Married to **Anne Summersby** (QMC, English 1956), a retired counsellor but now a busy painter."

Derek Watts (QMC, Civil Engineering) worked for the Colonial Service (1952-55) in Malaya in the Irrigation and Drainage Department. He emigrated to Canada in 1956 and worked, until retirement in 1995, in consulting engineering, living in major eastern cities – his specialism was water and wastewater treatment in the Atlantic Provinces, with some international work. Derek married Heather Donald in 1963 and moved to Halifax in 1964 a year later.

Dr (Harold) Vivian Wyatt (QMC, Botany and Zoology 1951; Zoology) – see 1951.

1953

Dr Patrick Flynn (QMC, Electronic Engineering 1950; PhD Plasma Physics) – see 1950.

Dr David Mitchell CBE (QMC, Engineering; PhD 1956) is "still tottering on!" He is webmaster and past master of the Worshipful Company of Engineers.

Marion Waller (née French) (QMC, French (sub. Spanish) retired in 1989 but, she says, still does "some voluntary teaching in her village school (recorder for 8-11

Freed meets Freed



Seymour Freed (QMC, Medicine 1957), as a result of *QUAD (Issue 14)* was contacted by Irving Freed, the father of alumna **Deborah Freed** (QMC, History 1985). Irving is Seymour's first cousin whom he had not seen for 60 years; they are now back in touch once again.

year olds). I run a music group in the village and we play at our monthly Family Church Service. Otherwise I swim, paint and have a large garden to tend – still close to the French family."

1954

Dr Alan Beare (QMC, PhD Electrical Engineering) is still enjoying retirement in the South of France with his wife **Doreen (née Horton)**, also ex-QMC.

1955

Dr Joan Alcock (W, History) has published two books: *Sydenham and Forest Hill: History and Guide* (Tempus Publications, 2005) about the history of the two areas from Neolithic times to the present day, and *Food in the ancient world* (Greenwood Press, 2006) which details food culture, history and professions in ancient Egypt, Greece, Rome and the Celtic world.

1956

Professor Leonard Finegold (QMC, Physics) spent a happy two weeks solo car camping and hiking in the high Colorado Plateau and Grand Canyon in Utah in autumn 2005. He visited the Alumni Relations Office in 2006.

Dr David Mitchell CBE (QMC, Engineering 1953; PhD) – see 1953.

Anne Summersby (QMC, English) – see **Dr Philip Lewin** (QMC, Mechanical Engineering 1952).

Avis Thompson (QMC, History) writes "I was involved in a very enjoyable visit to Edwins Hall, Woodham Ferrers, Essex. Twenty went, six of whom were History graduates of 1956. We would love to hear from other history graduates of the same vintage and other 1956 graduates also."

Miriam Wood (née Ridley) (QMC, History) has nothing new to report except for a move to a restored, once derelict, 19th century mill – "my living room is the former engine room and coal house!"

The rain...well snow, in Spain



Professor John B Thornes (QMC, Geography 1962), an Honorary Fellow of the College since 1998, was awarded an Honorary Doctorate (*honoris causa*) by the Universidad de Murcia in recognition of his 25 years of research work on the problems of environmental change in the province of Murcia, Spain.

On the day of the ceremony, held in January 2006, three cm of snow fell in the town, the first time in living memory in an area that is semi-arid. Professor Thornes (right) is seen here receiving the award from the Rector Magnifico of the University (centre). Francisco López-Bermúdez (left), Professor of Physical Geography, reads the oration.

1957

John Baker (QMC, Mechanical Engineering) "enjoyed a friends and family 70th birthday celebration in March with **Brian** (QMC, Engineering) and **Doreen Farey** (QMC, French) in Northants. Brian and Doreen have lived in Bergheim, Alsace, France for many years – working and now retired. All three of us rowed for the College during our time at QMC!"

Philip Swift (QMC, Aeronautical Engineering) has "long since retired. I now help my wife with her Portobello Road antique lace business! More civilised than designing missiles."

1958

Revd Margaret Moore (née Wood) (W, History) writes "I was Priest in Charge of the parishes of Woodham Mortimer with Hazeleigh and Woodham Walter from 1999-2004 when I retired."

1959

Ann Edwards (née Taylor) (W, English) wrote in 2006, "This is the big year for seven of us who were freshers in 1956. We meet biannually in Oxford, easily accessible to us all, and have found a range of restaurants happy for us to eat and chat for up to four hours. We shall be there in July [2006]."

Dr David Mitchell CBE (QMC, Engineering 1953; PhD) – see 1953.

Barbara Tristram (née Venables) (QMC, Geography) writes "I moved to Market Bosworth in December 2005 with my husband, in order to be near our family. We have two young grandsons."

1960

Lloyd Pennicott (QMC, Electrical Engineering) is enjoying an active retirement with his extended family, including nine grandchildren.

1961

Joe Cloke (QMC, German (sub. French), following 41 years in Education in Hampshire, retired in 2003. He says, "Since then I have visited Sri Lanka and South Africa as well as several visits to Europe. Since last May I have been Secretary of my local rugby club. My two sons and their wives have presented me with a grandson each!"

Elizabeth Raitt (née Evans) (W, English) has "retired from inspecting English and Drama for Ofsted but am still a governor of Casterton School, Cumbria. My husband, Gordon, and I moved to the Scottish Borders eight years ago."

1962

Angela Banham (née Carpenter) (QMC, Geography) writes "I was widowed in 1999 and moved from Winchester to Romsey in June 2005. I still work part-time in the local planning department (five minutes walk away) and have travelled quite a lot, including Mongolia. I am planning more ventures."

(Gordon) Henry Christian (QMC, Geography) writes "After many years teaching at the European School in Munich, my wife and I retired in July 2003 and moved to Emsworth one year later. We have since been to (our first visit) Australia and New Zealand, where we were delighted to meet up with two fellow alumni who have lived in New Zealand for many years – **Judith Davey** in Wellington and **Jim Jewell** in Auckland."

Carolyn Gailey (née Vander Meersch) (W, Mathematics) writes "I am a member of the Canadian Federation of University Women – Parkville/Qualicum. We raise money for educational projects locally and worldwide. I kayak, garden, cross-country ski and read

extensively (I belong to a book group). I volunteer at a local garden open to the public and do income tax returns for seniors. I would love to hear from **Marion Foote (née Fardell)** and **Jennifer McCrory (née Booth)**, both of Westfield."

Dr Peter Howarth (QMC, Mechanical Engineering; PhD 1965) – see 1965.

Wilma Dethan (QMC, French 1963) – see **Clare Keane (née O'Donovan)** (QMC, French 1964).

Dr Christopher Moore (QMC, Electrical Engineering) retired seven years ago and is now fully occupied with voluntary work.

Dr Raymond Neve (QMC, Aeronautical Engineering) is now semi-retired and teaching aeronautical engineering at City University two days a week.

1964

Sheila Brain (QMC, German) writes "Although not in paid employment, I am still actively using my German as a volunteer translator. My main commitment is to the German 'Kirchentag', a huge two-yearly church gathering attracting 100,000 people, including many international visitors for whom the English-language service is crucial. I am married to another QMC graduate and have two adult children."

Dr Jill Dimmock (née Thompson) (QMC, German) received a PhD from the Slade School, UCL in 1984 for her dissertation on the work of the German/Austrian filmmaker, GW Pabst. She is now teaching film at the Open University.

Clare Keane (née O'Donovan) (QMC, French) was "delighted to renew contact with **Wilma Dethan** (QMC, French 1963) recently. Is there anyone else out there from 1960-64 who remembers me (I notice Jim Hoare's name periodically!)? I have lived in the US since 1967 - in the Boston area since 1970."

John Pairaudeau (QMC, Geology) wrote to say "My wife, **Susan (née Harper)** (QMC, Zoology) and I have retired to an old cedar log cabin on Vancouver Island (that we plan to rebuild) after 40+ years in the oil industry and assignments that took us to Iran, Pakistan and Indonesia. Always enjoy hearing from old friends and colleagues."

1965

J Paul Hodgson (QMC, Aeronautical Engineering) wrote an article for *Quad (Issue 9)* in 2001. Since then, as Visiting Lecturer at the University of Manchester, he has taken responsibility for the first year Design-Make-Test module in Aerospace Engineering (90 students, 2005-06).

Dr Peter Howarth (QMC, Mechanical Engineering 1962; PhD) is "still attending the annual Lake District football tour (started in 1965), our 41st last year. More of a lads and dads team against carefully selected opposition. Cricket and golf are thrown in for good measure."

Judy Riley (née Bull) (W) – see **Fiona Tennick (née Bentley)** (W, English 1966).

1966

Professor Malcolm Chisholm (QMC, Chemistry; PhD 1969) was recently elected to the National Academy of Sciences (USA), the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Die Deutsche Akademie für Naturforscher – Leopoldina.

Fiona Tennick (née Bentley) (W, English) writes "Having moved 500 miles north on retirement, I find my next-door neighbour is fellow Westfieldian **Judy Riley (née Bull)** (1962-65). We remember each other!"

1967

Ross Letten (QMC, Mechanical Engineering) wrote in 2005 "retired from Rio Tinto in 2001 after many years working in southern Africa and Papua New Guinea. Home is now Brisbane. I recently sailed a 43-foot catamaran, *Blithe Spirit* in the 2006 South Atlantic Race."

Margaret Wilson (QMC, English; Middle English 1972) is a foundation governor of her local CoE Lower School. She is doing an advanced textiles course and planned to exhibit her work in her local library in autumn 2006.

1968

Michael Evans (QMC, English) has been a journalist with *The Times* since 1986. He was appointed Defence Editor in 1998 and has covered all the major conflicts since the 1991 Gulf War, including the Balkan Wars, Sierra Leone, Iraq and Afghanistan.

John Lucas (QMC, MSc Planning Studies (Economics and Geography) wrote "Only spent one year at QMC, taking an MSc in Economics and Geography, 1967-68. Very much enjoyed living in Creed Hall under Warden Dr Chergwin. Most of my career has involved lecturing economics and combining it with an interest in geography and business; most recently specialising in the gambling industry and gambling policy. From 1986-96 was Senior Warden of three Halls of Residence at the University of Salford. Now on the verge of early retirement, and looking forward to it."

1969

Professor Malcolm Chisholm (QMC, Chemistry 1966; PhD) – see 1966.

Thomas Fraser (QMC, Geology) has moved back to KL, Malaysia, to work with an existing client on a long term appraisal/development of the western portion of their license area (offshore northern Malay Basin).

David Morrison (QMC, Spanish) writes "I graduated from QMC in 1969 and at that time I lived in Guyana, South America. I moved to Canada in 1974 and undertook graduate studies in Hispanic Studies and Education at the University of Toronto. Since that time I have remained in Canada where I currently teach Human Resources Management at Durham College. I would love to make contact with anyone who graduated with me from the Spanish Department."

Dr Malcolm Wilson (W, Chemistry) writes "My wife **Sally (née Beckett)** (W, Zoology) and I retired to British Columbia in October 2005. We now operate a small consultancy in environmental and forestry research known as AltaWise Associates."

Martyn Wilson (QMC, Combined Studies (Science) says "It would be good to hear from friends from the Biology Department, 1966-69."

1970

Lynne Davis (née Albinson) (QMC, Zoology) "married Dr Paul Davis in 1975. Went to Malawi for five years, bought a small holding in Wales and then moved to Zimbabwe for six years. Had a daughter. Grow organic fruit, cattle, sheep, honey and fruit trees. Doing okay."

Alumni in New Zealand



Ian Bywater (QMC, Electrical Engineering 1965) has teamed up with **Brian Tolley** (QMC, Electrical Engineering 1951) to form Natural Systems Ltd, a lead technology company with a focus on renewable forms of distributed generation in the modern era. Brian was formerly head of Tolley Industries in New Zealand, a company started by his grandfather. During the late 1980s, he held senior posts in a number of areas, and was a founder of Energy Intellect, an advanced electronic metering company in the 1990s. Ian began his career in the UK with Eastern Electricity before emigrating in 1974. A career in electricity supply led to his becoming head of a new technology bioenergy research company, and from there to independent consulting on energy. Ian won the Institution of Electrical Engineers' New Spirit Challenge in 2003 with his integrated energy system for dairy farms. This and a new technology for hydropower generation, HydroVenturi, are the cornerstones of Natural Systems Ltd. He asks "Are there any QMC engineers out there who wish to join us?" Visit www.naturalsystems.co.nz

The 8th Hickinbottom Research Symposium, 7 April 2006



Chemists who undertook their research at QMC 50 years ago: (l-r) Dr Alec Simpson (1956; PhD 1959); Professor Tony Whitehead (1956; PhD 1959); Dr George Loveday (1956; PhD 1959); Dr Ted Crunden (1954; PhD 1958), Dr John Butcher (1956; PhD 1959) and Mr Roger Clarke (1956; PhD 1959).

About 90 past and present postgraduate chemists attended the 8th Hickinbottom Research Symposium which was held at Queen Mary in April 2006. The series started in 1982 as a memorial to Professor W J Hickinbottom who taught and researched in the Chemistry Department (1947-63). Following his death in 1979, a memorial endowment, funded by public subscription, has been used to support these symposia which are held about every three years. Ray Bonnett, Emeritus Professor of Organic Chemistry, and his colleagues have played a lead role in organising these.

Lectures were given by former research students and members of staff. Current research students presented a poster display in the new chemical laboratories. The next symposium is scheduled for 2009.

1971

Richard Seabrook (QMC, MA English) works freelance for the Department of Education and Skills on data-related issues.

1972

Peter Bennett (QMC, Geography) wrote "taught Access, A-Level and GCSE Geography at a college until 1996, when it fell victim to the contraction of 'General Studies'. I have since taught as a Basic and Key Skills tutor. Married in 1987, two children, aged 18 and 17; Adelle wants to be a vet and has a

place at Nottingham (Sept 2007), Paul in Year 12 is very interested in history."

Richard Brewester (QMC, Mathematics) is still living quietly in retirement in Sussex.

Dr John Hagel (QMC, Chemistry; PhD Chemistry 1976) is on the verge of full retirement. "I still pursue my research interests in chemistry, specifically in transition metallaborane structural chemistry. I currently have two collaborative projects in this area that take up much of my spare time; one with Leeds University and the other with the University of Georgia, Athens. Publications resulting from these are imminent!"

Peter Mortimer's (QMC, French and Russian) article on distance education in France was published in the American journal, *Quarterly Review of Distance Education* in 2005. It is available on his website at http://peter.mortimer.free.fr/en/instructional_case_studies_article_qrde.htm.

Dr Penelope Monkhouse (QMC, Chemistry 1974; PhD) – see

Pamela Monkhouse (née Brisbane) (W, History 1946).

Dr Linda Spedding (QMC, Law; LL.M. 1977; PhD 1984) helped to launch a chapter of Women in Law in India last autumn. The group seeks to deal with women's rights and raising awareness. Visit www.womeninlaw.com

Margaret Wilson (QMC, English 1967; Middle English) – see 1967.

1975

Michael Mather (QMC, Law) writes, "caring for my twins alone. Still refereeing and coaching football. Governor of three schools, still teaching on supply."

1976

Anna Colledge (née McColl) (QMC, French and German) is married with three teenage daughters and is living in Cirencester, Gloucestershire. She is head of German and Citizenship in a comprehensive school in Swindon where she has been teaching for the past nine years. Anna has kept in close contact with **Vaughne Miller** (QMC, French and German 1977) who lives and works in London.

Dr John Hagel (QMC, Chemistry 1972; PhD Chemistry) – see 1972.

1977

Revd David Butler (W, History) writes "Celebrated my 50th birthday! Over 50 family and friends attended, including **Kim Hubbard** (W, Environmental Science 1978) whom I knew from the Christian Union at Westfield, 1975-77. I am enjoying being a Funeral Officiator, Portsmouth City Councillor and Chair of Licensing. I have three children and a partner, Phillip."

Pamela Gale (QMC, Economics) has been married to Chris for 24 years; they have three children, all at Manchester University. He is Head of Law at Bradford University while she teaches at a primary school for children with special needs.

Diane Hutton (née Lambert) (QMC, Geology and Zoology) has separated from Chris Hutton after 24 years. She is still a tutor at the Virtual College working to reconnect KS4 pupils.

Dr Penelope Monkhouse (QMC, Chemistry 1974; PhD) – see **Pamela Monkhouse (née Brisbane)** (W, History 1946).

Dr Linda Spedding (QMC, Law 1972; LL.M.; PhD 1984) – see 1972.

Vaughne Miller (QMC, French and German) – see **Anna Colledge (née McColl)** (QMC, French and German 1976).

1978

(Philip) Kim Hubbard (W, Environmental Science 1978) – see **Revd David Butler** (W, History 1977).

Sean Murphy (QMC, History) is now writing and teaching. His book *Letting the Side Down: British Traitors of the Second World War* was published by Sutton Books and is available in paperback.

1979

Peter Adcock (QMC, Biology) is working as a consultant project manager. He is married with three children (all girls) and has been living in Bristol since 1987.

Janet Came (née Goodchild) (QMC, French) writes "Since my husband, Terry, and I moved to Somerset with our family in the summer of 1997, there have been a couple of new additions! Our fifth child, Tabitha, was born in December 1998, and our eldest daughter, Felicity, presented us with a granddaughter, Phoebe, in January 2005. Our eldest child and only son, Tim, graduated with a

2:1 in Law last summer. I would love to hear from fellow French and French/Spanish graduates from 1979, and also from Mary, (whose surname I cannot recall), who decided not to do a year abroad and who I believe graduated in French in 1978."

John Davies (W, Chemistry) writes "The MBO is going well, having beaten our first year profit targets. Onwards and upwards from this point on!"

Salim Mehta (QMC, Electronic Engineering) is working as an IT consultant. Following graduation in 1979, he has worked in the UK, USA and EU but is now back in London.

Zandra O'Donnell (QMC, MA English) retired in July 2005 after 25 years at Blackheath Blue Coats School, rising to the post of Assistant Head Teacher. She is now enjoying retirement; spending more time with her 11 grandchildren, ranging in age from 15 years to six months, and being secretary of the Johnson Society in London.

1980

Robert Brown (QMC, Combined Honours (Science) survived cancer in 2004. He took his IEMA exams in February 2006 and is writing and delivering NVQ2 in EMS. In addition, Robert has now set up as an independent environmental practitioner. See www.casagaia.org

1981

John Carter (QMC, Electrical and Electronic Engineering) is currently working as a Materials Engineer for Metronet Rail, working on the upgrading of the London Underground.

Nick Collett (W, History) – see **Murray Craig** (W, History 1982).

Chris Gibson (W, Chemistry) – see **Murray Craig** (W, History 1982).

Liz Graham (W, French) – see **Murray Craig** (W, History 1982).

Keiichi Kogure (CCLS, Banking Law) resigned from Mizuho Corporate Bank on 31 March 2006 to join Daido Metal Co. Ltd on 1 April.

Alun Williams (W, History) – see **Murray Craig** (W, History 1982).

Bestowing Freedoms



Murray Craig Murray Craig (W, History 1982) wrote to say "Readers of Issue 13 of your excellent publication *QUAD* may be interested to know the identity of the debonair looking chap bestowing the Freedom of the City of London to Sue Boswell, former Head of Medical and Dental Alumni. I am Murray Craig and rejoice in the title of Clerk of the Chamberlain's Court, a post of some antiquity. Indeed I am only the 37th post holder since 1294! The major role of my job is to conduct the ceremony admitting people to the Freedom of the City of London. The Freedom is largely symbolic today but remains a unique slice of London history. The modern relevance is still the connection with the Livery Companies (of which there are now 106). Queen Mary, of course, has strong links with the Drapers' Company. In addition to Sue, in 2004, I also admitted Rupert Murdoch, the Archbishop of Canterbury and Darren Gough, the cricketer. It is a fascinating job and I get to meet a tremendous cross-section of people who are all generally in a good mood as I am giving them something they really want! I graduated in 1982 and am married to Tracey with three children (all boys) and live in St Albans. I am still in touch with several friends from Westfield including **Alun Williams** (W, History 1981) (who married **Liz Graham** (W, French 1981), **Nick Collett** (W, History 1981), **Tim Key** (W, Environmental Science 1983), **Matthew Collins** (W, Environmental Science 1983), **Tim Evans** (W, History 1982), **Tim Ritchie** and **Chris Gibson** (W, Chemistry 1981)."

Caught up!



(l-r) Rachel Nabudde, Susan Nettle, Professor David Bakibinga and Stephanie Mannion

We were pleased to meet alumnus **Professor David Bakibinga** (QMC, PhD Company Law 1981) at the Council for Advancement and Support of Education's (CASE) European Annual Conference last September. Professor Bakibinga is Deputy Vice Chancellor of Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda, one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in Africa. Following the conference and the chance meeting with representatives from his *alma mater*, Professor Bakibinga came back to Queen Mary to visit the campus.

1982

Christiane Mitchell (née Edwards) (QMC, German) retired from teaching as Head of German at Durham Johnston School. She is doing some voluntary work for HMP Durham and is actively working as an overseas officer for Inner Wheel Durham (Rotary of Durham).

Tim Evans (W, History) – see **Murray Craig** (W, History 1982).

1983

Matthew Collins (W, Environmental Science) – see **Murray Craig** (W, History 1982).

Patrick Garvey (QMC, Economics; MSc 1984) writes "Despite suffering from severe spinal difficulties that have now forced

me to retire prematurely, I have been attending lectures at Queen Mary: a truly excellent inaugural lecture by Jonathan Haskell and, the Bernard Corry lecture, also excellent and thought provoking. It is amazing how large the College is now with wonderfully laid out buildings. I was both surprised and pleased to see such wonderful progress."

Tim Key (W, Environmental Science) – see **Murray Craig** (W, History 1982).

1984

Tessa Bannister (née Watts) (W, Biological Sciences) has been living in Wales for over 10 years now. Having completed a PGCE at UWIC, she is a primary school teacher, science curriculum leader and head of the Infants department.

Danielle Cyr (W, English Literature Associate) writes "I was at Westfield during the spring of

1984 (on the Tufts-in-London program). I graduated from Tufts, worked in the venture capital field for a few years, and then went to law school in LA (after taking a year off and living in Japan and Maui for short periods). I practiced for ten years, five as a litigator and five as in-house counsel for videogame/technology companies. I am currently a legal recruiter while I go to Columbia University to get my Masters in International Affairs. Once a year, three others from Westfield and I get together for a 'reunion dinner' (three Americans; one Brit (Ritterband). I would love to reconnect with the folks who were at Westfield College in 1984, English or American. Looking forward to hearing from you!"

Polly Dawson (née Thompson) (QMC, English) celebrated her ninth wedding anniversary. She continues to practice from the Temple as a family barrister under her maiden name and is now living in Greenwich.

Talia Foa (Genetics) is the company secretary for a private bank in Mayfair.

Patrick Garvey (QMC, Economics 1983; MSc) – see 1983.

Susan Harrison (née Farrington) (W, History) is still happily self-employed and getting people back in to history!

Claire Oldmeadow-Hepiegne (née Oldmeadow) (W, French) is currently living in the suburbs of Paris with her husband and 13-year-old son. She has been Director of Business English Examinations for the Franco-British Chamber of Commerce since 2000 and also runs a non-profit association for English language teachers.

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

1985

Deborah Freed (QMC, History) – see **Seymour Freed** (QMC, Medicine 1957).

Carl Halling (W, French and Drama) writes "My current passion is writing and all my work can be read online at carlhalling.blogspot.com or check out my news and online activity at profiles.yahoo.com/wally70uk"

Patricia Horne (MA European Economic Community Area Studies) is now retired. Her MA enabled her to obtain about 10 million Euros for full-time one-year courses for women and a five term postgraduate course (for language students) for a European Marketing and Management course run at APU.

1986

Professor Dayanthi Nugegoda (QMC, PhD Zoology) is currently Associate Professor of Ecotoxicology in Melbourne, Australia. He writes "I would

welcome any visiting researchers and postgraduate students in this area of research to my lab."

Carol Spencer-Overton (W, Spanish (sub. German) writes "My children had already grown up and flown the nest when I retired from teaching Spanish, German and French in August 2003. A career change was indicated, and I completed a part-time MA course in Translation and Linguistics at Westminster University in February 2006. I am now a freelance translator."

1987

Louis Karaloizou (QMC, Civil Engineering) is married and practicing construction management consulting services in Limassol, Cyprus.

Elsadig Talab (QMC, Mechanical Engineering) wrote from Sudan, "I would like to see some cooperation between Queen Mary's Students' Union and the Students' Union of Khartoum University."

1988

Dr (Judith) Sian Prior (née Pullen) (PhD Marine Biology) has moved to New Zealand with her husband and two-year-old son. She is working as a consultant on international marine policy and the Southern Ocean for WWF and other environmental groups.

1989

Helen Day (née Osborne) (W, French and German) married Chris in 1997 and has two daughters, aged five and seven. She is living in Germany and working part-time from home ("ideal!").

Adam Radage (MSc Geomaterials) was a Geotechnical Engineer from 1989-2000: working for Peter Fraenkel & Partners (1989-90) and

Department of German Alumni Celebrations, 16 September 2006



German graduates from the Class of 2006: (L-R) Caroline Stoffell, Lauren Walker and Katherine Fletcher

To mark the centenary of the teaching of German at Queen Mary, a one-day event focusing on the history and future of the department and the changing context of German culture was held at the College last September. Many former students welcomed the opportunity to see Dr Rosemary Combridge, Reader Emerita and a longstanding member of the department, again.

In the evening, the writer and critic Daniel Johnson delivered a thought provoking lecture entitled *Mozart in London*. The celebrations concluded with a German themed anniversary dinner in the Senior Common Room.

Peter Brett Associates (1990-2000). He has been a Senior IT Consultant at Affiniti from 2000 having previously worked for Technica (UK) Ltd (2000-2005).

1990

Jason Noronha (MSci Computer Science) moved back to India (Goa) in 1991. He taught at a computer institute for five years, after which he joined an upcoming company (www.opspl.com) where he has since been for nine years. He is married with two children.

David Steer (Computer Science) wrote "My mum died unexpectedly in September 2005. My little boy, now two-and-a-half, is helping me through the hard times."

1991

Eric Chubb (Classical and Archaeological Studies) has been attending a 'Discovering London' course at Barnet College for a number of years. Last year, he researched, organised and led two walks. The first was along the canal from Boston Manor to the Thames while the second traced the disused railway track that is now a nature reserve from Finsbury Park to Alexandra Palace.

Kirsty Maguire (née Janes) (English) married **Richard Maguire** (Mechanical Engineering) in 1995. At the time of writing they had a five-year-old boy and a three-year-old girl, with another one on the way. They have also started up their own business.

Richard Mann (Material Science and Engineering) sends "a big hello to Material Scientists of 1991 after 15 years of life."

1992

Kirsten Murphy (Combined Studies Associate) wrote "My 2002 wedding in Dornoch, Scotland

Centenary Celebration of the Department of French, 9 June 2006



Thirty alumni, current and former staff from the Department of French returned for a day of papers and discussion on Anglo-French relations to mark 100 years of the teaching of French at Queen Mary. The conference entitled 'London – Paris Dialogues' included a series of lectures on French politics, literature, art, film and culture which were presented by colleagues from both within the department and other institutions including the University of London Institute in Paris.

Elza Adamowicz, Professor of French Literature and Visual Culture, who coordinated the day, asked alumni to reminisce about their time at the College. Among those present, Dr Beatrice Worthing (PhD French (sub. Spanish)) recalled her years at Queen Mary between 1933 and 1936.

The day closed with a *vin d'honneur* reception in the Global Village and a centenary dinner.

was attended by several QMW graduates. I am currently attending Emperor's College of Oriental Medicine in Santa Monica, California, and developing my practice in Alternative Health Therapies and Education."

James Rushworth (Human Geography) is married to **Caroline (née Stonebanks)** (Human Geography). They live in Singapore and have two kids.

Silvia Schikhof (Law), having lived in Amsterdam for nearly ten years, has moved to The Hague to be closer to work. More importantly, she gave birth to a beautiful baby boy named Benjamin in February 2006.

1993

Regina Choudhury (née Ahad) (Ecology) is teaching Science and Agriculture in a school in Biggleswade (Bedfordshire). She has returned to work after a seven month break (maternity leave), having given birth to her second son, Arif, in May 2005.

Rebecca Ireland (Ecology) writes "after leaving London to live in the home counties, and working for a charity, life events have seen me move to Cambridge to pursue a teaching career. I live with my partner and play 'stepmum' to two gorgeous children. Life is good."

Justin Elliot Rhodes (Economics with Hispanic Studies) – see article on pages 8-9

Dr Jose Luis Vazquez-Bello (PhD Physics) writes "I am lecturing physics for natural science prospects at the Inter-American University of Puerto Rico and the University of Puerto Rico, Bayamon Campus, I am married to a native Puerto Rican and have three daughters aged two, three and four years old who were all born at home. This was an amazing experience under Caribbean conditions."

Guy Walters (W, English) is a full-time author. His books include *The Traitor* (2002), *The Leader* (2003), *The Occupation* (2004), *The Colditz Legacy* (2005), *The Voice of War* (ed.) (2004) and *Berlin Games* (2006). He is married with two children and lives in Wiltshire. Visit www.guywalters.com

1994

Dr Andrew Davies (PhD Astronomy) is teaching Physics at Oakham School, (after seven years at a comprehensive in Suffolk). He wrote "To my amazement, I received a teaching award this year from the Institute of Physics!"

Tracey McDonnell (née Brown) (French) was running her own business with her husband; they now have two children.

1995

Rajesh Bhundia (Law) has moved to Northwood in Middlesex. He has a five-year-old son and a three-year-old daughter.

Paz Delgado (LLM Banking and Finance Law) has been working in the Finance Department of Clifford Chance in Madrid since 2000. email: paz.delgado@cliffordchance.com. She had her first child, a baby girl, in February 2006.

Adam Harvey (History) married his girlfriend, Leander, on 20 May 2006.

Nasser Janjua (Computer Science with Business Studies) is still located in London and well settled with his wife Samina, and three lovely children: Salman, four, Maryam, two, and Usman, one. Since May 2001, he has worked for LOGICACMG as an IT consultant specialising in Oracle DBA. The projects have been varied and have included clients such as o2, RAC and Aon.

Yvonne Levicki (French and Hispanic Studies) is now Curriculum Manager for MFL at the Redbridge Institute. She organises many activities to promote languages: French films, French music, Spanish flamenco, etc.

Martin Simmons (MSc Economics) would love to hear from fellow graduates from the 1995 MSc Economics cohort.

Tim Wright (Civil Engineering) married Claire in 2000 and lives in Colchester, his home town, with their two children. "I work for Atkins, the largest Civil Engineering consultancy in Europe, and plan, design and implement highway maintenance and improvement works for the Highways Agency in East Anglia. In June 2005, I successfully passed my Chartered Professional Review with the Institution of Highways and Transportation and I am now a Chartered Civil Engineer."

1996

Charlotte Ellerby (née Durrant) (QMW, MA Literature, Culture and Modernity) married Stephen Ellerby on 23 July 2005.

Zafira (Zafi) Ferrer Allkins (QMW, Biology) sends her best wishes to all her classmates, lecturers and friends at QMW. "I am working in local government, for environmental

issues in Valencia. I have been very bad at keeping in touch, but would love to hear from you all. Uni was one of the best times in my life! You are all in my heart forever. Love and peace."

Amy Green (Geography), having graduated, went straight into working in TV production. And ten years later, she is still doing it! She is currently a producer/director on *Celebrity X Factor*.

1997

Stephen Gibson (Civil Engineering) works as a Civil Engineer in Oxfordshire. He is married with two children.

Rowena Phillips (European Studies (French and German) writes "worked in the City for a few years until I decided to give it all up to live the dream. I now work six months in London and six months in Switzerland ski teaching!"

Nairn Openshaw (Marine and Freshwater Biology) got married in July 2003 and, in July 2005, his wife gave birth to their first child.

Dean Rowley (Mathematics) has been Head of Maths for two years and is enjoying it. He plans to continue his education with a part-time MA in education and then a leadership post.

Abdus Shakoor (Computer Science) has held project management positions at Reuters, BP and East Thames.

1998

Dr Sofia Bethani (Civil Engineering) is the founder, president and chief scientist of an Engineering Innovations Patent Licensing company based in New York.

Daniel Brett (Politics) is currently living in India as a freelance consultant and runs an NGO for Arab minority rights in Iran.

Vanita Eden (French and Spanish) is "alive and kicking!"

Alfred Neumeister (European Law) is based in Tallinn, Estonia, and is responsible for all European Operations. He is planning to get married to his girlfriend of two years, Kirkke.

Anne Russell (English with Drama) is working for the BBC as a script editor on the hospital drama *Casualty* and training in Taekwondo in her spare time.

Clayton Wellman (English) is "training as an English teacher (secondary school) – would you believe!"

Tom Wilcox (History) and Paul Waterson (Marine and Freshwater Biology) play in *The Chavs*, a dirty blues/rock band, who formed in 2003 and released their critically acclaimed debut album *Angry Sex* in 2004. The single, *Shock & Awe* was released in June 2006. Tom has also been busy producing songwriter, Gillian Glover's forthcoming debut album *Red Handed*, featuring David Bowie's drummer Woody Woodmansey (released 14 May 2007). Visit www.myspace.com/gillianglover music All of these CDs are available through the web on www.amazon.co.uk, www.play.com or www.hmv.co.uk, or by order from record shops.

1999

Muhammad Chishti (Dipl International Tax Law) was awarded a PhD in Law by Brunel University in 2005. He was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court on 1 February 2006 and is currently working for O'Keefe Solicitors in London.

Thando McLaren (French and Politics) wrote "after shocking everyone in the French department by converting to Islam and then getting married in my third year, my book about conversion and women in Islam was published by

Bantam in May 2005 with QMW as a backdrop to 'the action!' I hope my old lecturers like it!"

Angela Sharma (German with Business Studies) got married to Dinesh in May 2003 and gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Tara, on 9 September 2005.

Dr Eleni Venardou (Biological Chemistry) graduated with a PhD in Chemistry from the University of Nottingham in 2004. She is now working as a Quality Assurance Manager for Farmar, a contract manufacturing pharmaceutical company in Athens, Greece.

Dr Kate Williams's (MA Writing and Society, 1700-1820) book, *England's Mistress: the Infamous Life of Emma Hamilton* was published by Hutchinson in October 2006 and was Book of the Week on Radio 4. Kate has discussed her work on *Richard and Judy*, *Woman's Hour* and *Broadcasting House* as well as various other TV programmes. She is currently at work on her second non-fiction book and a novel. She has a website at www.kate-williams.com

2000

Laura Daniels (née Jassoy) (Medieval History) writes "My husband and I are expecting our second child this July. We have a lovely boy called Noah who turned one in May. We are both really excited and feel lucky with our gift of children."

Dr Jean-Dominique Delcroix (PhD Neuroscience), after some adventures in the USA, is now back in Europe. "I am very lucky to be at the helm of my own lab. I currently work on Alzheimer's disease and Down's Syndrome."

Jaber Elmrbati (Computing) was offered a new post as Systems Engineer at Roehampton. His role is to look after the Active Directory and Exchange.

Caroline Taylor (formerly Mulhern) (English and History) loved her studies in English and History and went to train as a teacher. She now teaches English up to 'A' Level and has students who are applying to Queen Mary!

Cheryl Tipp (Zoology) is currently working in the sound archive of the British Library where she is curator of the collection of wildlife recordings (an internationally recognised collection used by bioacousticians).

2001

Nicola Buquicchio (LLM International Business Law), following his Masters, worked for Allen & Overy in Milan as a Corporate/Antitrust Lawyer. He is now working as a self-employed lawyer for general commercial matters.

Philip Kenny (MSc Information Technology) emigrated to Hong Kong in 2006.

Naomi Kerr (Medieval History) married Harry Owen at Salisbury Cathedral in August 2005.

Boris Pahn (Combined Studies Associate) wrote "In May 2006, I finished the eighth and final year of the German legal qualification, having passed the second state examination and having obtained the title 'Assessor Luris'. I will then become a lawyer in Berlin."

Dmitry Tolonen (Drama with Russian) wrote to say that in autumn 2005, his short film *Geistertrio* was in post-production. He has also completed a book translation on film production and is enjoying living in Finland at the moment!

Panagiotis Zefkilis (Biochemistry), after graduating, completed an MSc in Biopharmacy at King's College and returned to Greece to do his military service with the army. He works for a pharmaceutical company in Greece as a regulations officer.

2002

Clare Denton (MSc Public Policy) is a trainee solicitor in Criminal Law.

William Rolfe (Medical Engineering), after a short stint at the Post Office, used his engineering background to train at Loughborough as a Tech teacher. He is enjoying the job a lot, "despite the sleep loss."

Hasnat Shah (Mechanical Engineering) is studying management accounting (CIMA) and working in finance.

2003

Kia (Rukia) Abdullah (Computer Science) published her debut novel *Life, Love and Assimilation* (17 May 2006) which, she says, was a "fantastic experience". Based on the experiences of British Asian youth, it explores the ups and downs of living between two cultures. She currently works in IT and is writing her second book.

Sunil Abeyaratne (LLM Commercial and Corporate Law) wrote "I contested for the post of Secretary of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka, 2006-07. It is my pleasure to inform you that I won the elections with a majority of 690 votes."

Olivia Herlihy (English with Russian) has completed a Masters level course in Biblical Hebrew at Queen's University, Belfast.

Ricardo Martins Pedro Bayão Horta (LLM Commercial and Corporate Law) writes "graduating from the LLM was essential for me to get the job I wanted. Currently I'm working in the field I studied! In May 2004 I got married and, on 7 April 2005, our son was born!"

Daniel Plummer (Geography), having completed an MSc in Geohazard Assessment at the University of Portsmouth, is now working as a Geotechnical Engineer for MottMacDonald in

Southampton. He is still supporting the mighty Arsenal though!

Sandra Tidholm Sezgin (Politics with History) has been in a PA role for almost two years. Her role involves a lot of events organisation and so on.

2004

Amina Hassan (Geography) worked for nine months with autistic adults and is undertaking a masters in Human Rights and Social Change at City University which she hopes to complete in September.

Jens-Ole Skambraks (French and Politics) is doing a Masters in the field of media management at the Parisian Business School, ESCP-EAP.

Leslie Sturdy (née Pomplun) (Marine and Freshwater Biology) married her partner Adam Sturdy in July 2005. She has been working for British Airways, based at Terminal 4, for over a year.

Athanassios Valakas (MSc Information Technology) is married, with a daughter.

Charlene Voyse (née Daly) (German with Linguistics) got married in July 2004. She went on to do a PGCE in Primary Education and is now working as a primary school teacher, teaching a Year 1 class.

2005

Nadeem Badshah (English) wrote "I am studying for a Masters in Journalism at the London College of Communication and did a work placement at *The Times* in March 2006. A special mention to two people who were influential in me achieving a 2:1 – the approachable Rachel Gilmour whose interesting lectures I attended for three years and Peter Forbes from the RLF Fellows whose advice in my final year greatly improved my writing."

Study Abroad Farewell Reception, 29 March 2007



A reception was held in Bar Med for outgoing Associate students who had

just completed the Study Abroad programme at Queen Mary. Students from an overseas university can either choose to spend one or two semesters at the College – the programme allows them to choose courses from a variety of departments and study alongside home and other international students. Elizabeth Parker (pictured), a Business Associate from Seattle, Washington, who spent three months in London, commented, "It's nice to experience a different academic culture; it's like night and day. And it has given me a totally different opinion of British culture – every stereotype you've been encouraged to believe has been proved wrong. The atmosphere here has been delightful."

Venetia Boucher (Hispanic Studies) is working in film and TV as an assistant director and producer.

Samira Chekam (Geography with Business Management) is working as a retail territory manager for the *Guardian* and studying for a Masters with the Open University.

Duhaj Zaman Uddin (Geography) is working as a Youth Offending rehabilitation officer with a view to teaching as a long-term career.

Blair Wilson (Geography) wrote to say he is now back from travelling around South America for six months – but now has the 'travel bug'.

OBITUARIES

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

STAFF AND HONORARY FELLOWS

Former Professor of Physics at Westfield College from 1960 to 1984, **Professor Edmund (Ted) Bellamy** died of cancer on 11 December 2005, aged 82. A significant contributor to high energy physics in Britain, Professor Bellamy made an invaluable impact on Westfield where he created a department from scratch in less than a year. His first experiments, conducted with colleagues from UCL, used a specially modified 35mm camera and a set of optical spark chambers – a then new technique – to photograph tracks of charged particles emerging from nuclear reactions. Furthermore, his efforts played a major part in Westfield's transformation from a small, all-female, liberal arts institution into a mixed college with a key role in the natural sciences. He also served as Dean of Science and Vice-Principal.

Paul Cohn, Emeritus Professor of Mathematics at the University of London and former Reader in Mathematics at Queen Mary College (1962-67), died on 20 April 2006. As a child, he had been sent to England in 1939 to escape the persecution of Jews in Nazi Germany and worked on a farm and in a factory while undertaking evening study. The Committee for Refugees encouraged him to take the scholarship examination at Cambridge and, although he had had no formal education since the age of 15, he taught himself by correspondence course and duly won an Exhibition to Trinity College in 1944. This was the start of a long successful academic career.

Mr George Cooley CChem FRSC, retired senior research fellow at Queen Mary, died on 23 April 2006 at the age of 84.

Mr James (Jim) Horne passed away on 4 February 2006. He was a former member of staff in the Estates Department.



The physicist and museum administrator, **Professor Gwyn Owain Jones CBE** died on 3 July

2006. He had joined Queen Mary College in 1949 as Reader in Experimental Physics, was appointed to the chair of physics in 1952, and later to the headship of what was then a small Physics Department. Over the next two decades he oversaw its expansion - during the 1950s, it became the College's largest academic department. In 1968 Professor Jones took a change of direction to become Director of the National Museum of Wales until 1977.

Sir James Menter, former Principal of Queen Mary College (1976-86) and Fellow of the Royal Society, died on 18 July 2006, aged 84. A scientist and industrialist of distinction, Sir James was renowned for his pioneering contributions to the use of transmission electron microscopy for studying the internal structure of crystalline materials such as metals. He carried these out at the Tube Investments Research Laboratories where he was Director from 1961. He later moved into academic administration.

The internationally renowned mechanical engineer **Professor Keith John Miller** who was also an explorer, mountaineer and former lecturer at Queen Mary, died on 26 May 2006 at the age of 74. Professor Miller began his career at QMC as a lecturer (1963-68) where he combined his work with a PhD in metal fatigue; a topic

which occupied the rest of his life. Professor Miller was the recipient of many international honours; he was elected Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering and, a Fellow of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. Throughout his academic career, Miller continued exploration; the pinnacle of which was his leadership of the 1980 Royal Geographical Society International Karakoram Project, for which he was later awarded the Founder's Medal of the Royal Geographical Society.

Mr Denis Mudge, former lecturer in Mechanical Engineering, died on 2 October 2006 following a long battle with cancer. He had been involved with the Retired Staff Association since its inception in 1985; initially as Secretary and later as Chairman.

Mr Michael Saville OBE, Honorary Fellow and former Academic Registrar at Queen Mary died on 22 December 2006.

Professor Meredith Thring, former Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering (1964-81) died on 15 September 2006. Following his retirement from Queen Mary, he set up the charity Power Aid to develop engineering equipment in poor shantytowns in developing countries.

Mr George Vickery, former member of staff in the Chemistry department, died in 2005.

Miss Dorothy Walker who had worked in the Fees Office, Registry, died on 3 July 2006. She had been a long standing member of the Retired Staff Association committee.

STUDENTS

Mrs Richmal Ashbee (W, Modern History 1951) passed away in November 2005.



Dr Susan Baker (QMC, European Studies (German with History)

1981), passed away on 23 October 2005 at the age of 47, after a seven year battle with cancer. Following a career in the wine trade where she was marketing director of Whitbreads' restaurant business in Germany, she became a senior lecturer in marketing at the Cranfield School of Management. Susan was a frequent keynote speaker at marketing and management conferences around the world, a trustee of the Consumer's Association for nine years and a director for their subsidiary *Which?* for seven years. She was also a trustee of the charity Beating Bowel Cancer and a Governor of Manland Primary School in Harpenden. She leaves a husband, Chris Riley and two sons, James, 11, and Mark, 8.

Mr David Barlow (QMC, Physics 1985) died in a fatal accident at home on 30 June 2005.

Mr Jack Blitz (QMC, Physics 1949) passed away last April at the age of 84.

Horticulture expert **Beryl Bowen** (QMC, Botany and Zoology) died in 2006, at the age of 81.

Renowned for her encyclopaedic knowledge of all things horticultural, she had been amongst the cohort who were evacuated to Cambridge during the Second World War.

Mrs Barbara Collingwood (née Tatham) (W, English 1933) passed away on 21 August 2006, aged 93. Her son recalled that she spoke fondly of her time at Westfield.

Mr Paul Crispin (QMC, Mathematics, Physics and Geography 1948) died on 6 July 2006 following a tragic accident. The Bishop of London, the Right Reverend and Right Honorable Richard Chartres expressed his sadness – Paul had served the Diocese of London for many years, as a member of Diocesan Synod, the Vacancy in See Committee, Bishop’s Council and Stepney Area Council. He was also a longstanding member of St Dunstan and All Saints, Stepney.

Mr Patrick Cronin (QMC, Classics (Latin and Greek) 1942) died on 22 March 2006.

Miss Roslyn Doyle (French and Drama 1994) died on 30 March 2006 in Bahrain when the boat she was on capsized. She had been an English teacher with the British Council.

Professor Christopher Duncan (QMC, Zoology 1953) died suddenly after a brief illness on 21 July 2005.

Mr Richard Duvall (W, Electronics and Physics 1983), founder of Zopa Ltd and co-founder of Egg, the largest and most successful internet and telephone only bank, died of cancer on 16 October 2006, at the age of 44. He leaves a wife and two children.

Former member of staff and alumnus, **Dr Cyril Everard** (PhD Geography 2004) died in July 2006. He had obtained his doctorate at the age of 75.

The death of **Mr Derek John Farmer** (QMC, 1971) on 15 May 2006 was announced in *The Times* and *The Daily Telegraph*.

Dr Roger Hancox (QMC, Electrical Engineering 1953) died in September 2005 from mesothelioma, an asbestos related cancer.

Mrs Joan Hewitt (née Howden) (W, Mathematics 1935) died on 6 May 2006, at the age of 91. She had graduated from Westfield with a First in mathematics, one of the first women to do so.

Ms Berit Hovda (Economics 1997) passed away on 15 February 2006. In the last issue of *Quad* she had written in to say she had been diagnosed with chronic myelogenous leukemia.

Ms Ciara Hand (French and Hispanic Studies (European Studies, 2005) died suddenly on 6 June 2006.

Miss Gillian Kemp (W, English 1981) died on 22 August 2005 from cancer.

Mr Edwin Leach (QMC, Engineering 1950) died on 18 April 2006 while on holiday in Australia.

Professor Ivor Mills FRCP (QMC, 1942) passed away on 14 December 2005 after a long illness. He was 84.

Mrs Maureen Nyazai (née Maloney) (Spanish 1968) passed away after a courageous two year battle with ovarian cancer.

Miss Celia Palfreyman (Mathematics 1969) died on 24 April 2006; she had been suffering from cancer for several years.

Mrs Joan Muriel Taylor (W, History 1937) died aged 89.

Mr Harry Wakeling (QMC, Civil Engineering 1948) died on 23 January 2005 after a short illness.

Dr Helen Wilcock (PhD Biological Sciences 1998) died on 20 March 2006.

Miss Maria Yiannoullou (Physics 1995) lost her battle with cancer on 7 April 2004.

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SEPTEMBER

**Monday 10 to
Tuesday 11 September**

100 years of Aeronautics at Queen Mary

The School of Engineering and Materials Science celebrates 100 years of Aeronautics at Queen Mary this summer. Professor AP Thurston (ELC, Engineering 1906) began the formal teaching of the subject in 1907 just four years after the first powered flight. A year later, he founded the Department of Aeronautics.

To commemorate Professor Thurston's legacy, experts have been invited to contribute to three sessions at this conference: 'Flying Machines (Heavier than Air Type)', 'Balloons, Airships and Kites' and 'The Mechanical Principles of Flight'. A celebratory dinner will be held on Monday evening.

All alumni and other flight enthusiasts are invited to attend.

To register, contact Dr Fairborz Motallebi +44 (0)20 7882 5182 or by email at f.motallebi@qmul.ac.uk

Retired Staff Association

Forthcoming events:

- **Thursday 26 July**
River trip from Guildford
- **Thursday 20 September**
Visit to Bekonscot Model Village, Beaconsfield, Bucks
- **Thursday 18 October, 11am**
Annual General Meeting
Room 602, Physics Building, Mile End

For further information, or if you would like to join the Association, please contact Sheila Fenn by email at retired-staff@qmul.ac.uk or visit www.qmul.ac.uk/alumni/former-staff

OCTOBER

Saturday 6 October

Alumni Campus Lunch and Mini-Reunions Day

The day's programme will include lunch in the Octagon and a preview of the Women@QM exhibition.

This year's optional morning excursions will include a visit to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry or a tour of the 2012 Olympics site near Stratford. Limited places are available for each of these and will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

In the afternoon, you will have the opportunity to take campus tours and departmental visits (subject to demand) as well as to enjoy afternoon tea.

Prices:

- Lunch and afternoon tea, £26.50 per person
- Excursion, lunch and afternoon tea, £35 per person

For more information, contact Anila Memon on +44 (0)20 7882 3732 or by email at alumni@qmul.ac.uk

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WOMEN

Women@QM celebrates the contribution of women to Queen Mary and its forerunners: Queen Mary College, Westfield College, St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College and The London Hospital Medical and Dental Colleges.



Mary Stocks
(1891-1975)

Opening days

October: Monday 8; Wednesday 10; Thursday 18; Friday 19; Saturday 20; Tuesday 23; Thursday 25; Monday 29.

November: Friday 2; Monday 5; Thursday 8; Thursday 15; Friday 16; Saturday 17; Monday 19; Thursday 22; Monday 26; Thursday 29.

December: Monday 3; Thursday 6; Saturday 15; Monday 17; Thursday 20.

If you would like to make a group visit at another time, please contact the Alumni Relations and Events Office on +44 (0)20 7882 5147 or events@qmul.ac.uk

Associated Events

**Wednesday 27 June,
1.30 - 6pm**

London Women and Planning Forum seminar 'Home improvement: women on housing estates'

Speakers include Lynsey Hanley (Politics and History 1997), author of *Estates: an intimate history* (2007).

Tuesday 4 December

'Informed Consent: Nuremberg to Helsinki and Beyond'

Baroness Onora O'Neill, CBE, PBA, HonFRS, Professor of Philosophy, Cambridge

Venue: tbc

Visit womenatqm@qmul.ac.uk for full information about the project.

**Sunday 14 to
Thursday 18 October**

The Principal, Professor Adrian Smith FRS, the President of BATLAA, Dr Brian Colvin and Nigel Relph, Director of Corporate Affairs will be hosting a number of alumni receptions in Asia in October. All alumni are welcome to attend.

If you live in or are visiting any of the cities below, please join us:

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