

# Bulletin

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## HONORARY DEGREES FOR DISTINGUISHED PERSONALITIES

The Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire, a Leicester-born international movie director and a member of the University staff who is a popular local children's author are among a host of celebrated people who are to be honoured by the University.

They will be awarded honorary degrees at the 80th anniversary degree ceremonies between July 10-12.

A renowned sculptress who has given a famous sculpture to Leicester, an international conservationist who studied at the University and a classical violinist are also among the recipients of the degrees in front of thousands of students and their families.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Robert Burgess said: "We are delighted to honour a group of people whose achievements have contributed so much to many aspects of public life. They have all contributed so much to their respective areas of expertise and in many cases have established close links with the University, the

City and County. They are also excellent role models for our students."

Recipients of the University of Leicester 2002 honorary degrees are as follows:

### Professor Peter Atkins, Doctor of Science (DSc)

Professor of Chemistry, University of Oxford. For his contributions to chemistry. Professor Atkins was an undergraduate and postgraduate student at the University of Leicester. He has written college textbooks as well as books on science (particularly chemistry) for general audiences, such as *Molecules*; *The Second Law*; *Atoms, Electrons, and Change*; *The Periodic Kingdom*.

### Professor Maurice Beresford, FBA Doctor of Letters (DLitt)

Emeritus Professor of Economic History, University of Leeds. For his



HONOURED: Mr Chris d'Lacey

contribution to the study of local history. Professor Beresford's research has transformed the world of medieval archaeology and stimulated the study of landscape history.

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## Success of University reflected in Leicester's climb up league tables

Latest national media league tables have placed the University of Leicester among the foremost universities in the UK – and it leads the country in the provision of postgraduate programmes.

Leicester achieved its highest ever rating in the *Financial Times* league table (May 11) which placed the University at 17 – climbing two places from last year's 19th, the first time it had achieved a top 20 rating.

The University is also ranked in the top 20 by *The Sunday Times*, and *The Times*, which published its league table on May 10, placed Leicester at its highest ever ranking of 26 – climbing seven places from the 2001 ranking of 33rd.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Robert Burgess said: "This is a splendid set of achievements. It is the result of some very hard work by all members of the University."

The FT identified Leicester as an 'outstanding performer' in terms of its five year record and placed Leicester in first place for being the largest provider of taught postgraduate courses in the UK.

*The Times*, ranking Leicester in the top quartile of UK universities, placed 15 subject areas in the top 20 in the UK. They are: Archaeology (3), Education (6), Law (9=), Medicine (9), English (10=), Engineering (10), Economics (12), History (13), Psychology (13), Chemistry (13), History of Art (13), American Studies (15), Media Studies (16),

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## UNIVERSITY TO HOST ITS BIGGEST EVENT

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Physics and Astronomy (17), Italian (18).

The University, which is celebrating its 80th anniversary, achieved record recruitment this year and scored among the best results in teaching quality for any university – it is graded Excellent in 18 subject areas. For research, the University attracted a record income of £33 million last year and it 84% of staff were deemed to be doing research of national and international calibre by the Research Assessment Exercise, 2001. ☺

## Homecoming for Graduates

**More than 30 events are lined up for graduates returning to the University on 22 June 2002 for their annual "Homecoming".**

An exciting programme of tours, film, music and mini-lectures covering a range of interests including crime, world affairs, genetics, engineering, sport and history will be on offer for the hundreds of Leicester graduates who are expected to turn up to meet old friends and catch up on University news.

An extra attraction this year is a visit to the hugely popular National Space Centre in Leicester. Lunch is provided, and for those who want to prolong the experience, an al fresco dinner in Beaumont Hall, set in the University's stunning Harold Martin Botanic Garden. Overnight accommodation is available in the halls of residence.

For full details of the programme please contact the Graduate Relations office, tel 0116 252 2195, email [graduate.relations@le.ac.uk](mailto:graduate.relations@le.ac.uk) ☺

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### Dr Helaine Blumenfeld, Doctor of Letters (DLitt)

Sculptress. For her contribution to the visual arts. Dr Blumenfeld has exhibited widely in the United Kingdom, Italy and the USA as well as having major public sculptures installed in the USA and France. In 1990 she donated her sculpture, 'Souls', to the University of Leicester and recently contributed to an exhibition at the Richard Attenborough Centre at the University of Leicester.

### Ms Lynne Brindley, Doctor of Letters (DLitt)

Chief Executive, British Library. For her contribution to the national and international development of library and information services. She lives in the local area. She is a former Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University of Leeds and a member of the Library & Information Commission since 1998.

### Mr Tim Brooks, Doctor of Laws (LLD)

Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire. For his contribution to public life in Leicestershire over several decades. Mr Brooks, a JP, has been Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire since 1989 and is a former High Sheriff of the county.

### Mr Chris d'Lacey, Doctor of Letters (DLitt)

Distinguished children's author. He is a technician in the University's Department of Pre-Clinical Sciences. For his contribution to children's literature. Chris d'Lacey is a prominent children's writer who has published thirteen books in the last six years. His first novel *Fly, Cherokee, Fly* was highly commended for the Literary

Association Carnegie Medal. He engages in an active programme of visits to schools, encouraging young people to write creatively.

### Mr Stephen Frears, Doctor of Letters (DLitt)

Film director, (films include *My Beautiful Launderette* and *Dangerous Liaisons*). For his contribution to film making. He was born in Leicester and is internationally renowned for his movies.

### Professor Dame Julia Higgins FRS CBE, Doctor of Science (DSc)

Professor of Polymer Science, Imperial College, London. For her contribution to science and the promotion of programmes for women in science. Dame Julia is a Fellow of the Royal Society and a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering. As Chairman of the Athena project, a UK-wide initiative that aims to advance women in science, engineering and technology in higher education, she is seen as a role model for younger women considering a career in science.

### Professor David King FRS, Doctor of Science (DSc)

Chief Scientific Advisor to the UK Government and Head of the



Professor David Western

Office of Science and Technology. For his contribution to science. Professor King is a Fellow of the Royal Society and has been Professor of Physical Chemistry at the University of Cambridge since 1988.

### Ms Tasmin Little, Doctor of Music (DMus)

One of the world's most accomplished classical violinists. For her contribution to music. Ms Little was educated at the Yehudi Menuhin School and Guildhall School of Music and has performed as a soloist around the world.

### Mrs Hazel Thornton, Doctor of Science (DSc)

Founding Chairman, Consumers' Advisory Group for Clinical Trials. For her contribution to medicine and patient care.

### Professor David Western, Doctor of Science (DSc)

Chairman of the African Conservation Centre, Nairobi and former Head of the Kenya Wildlife Service. For his contribution to wildlife conservation. He was an undergraduate student of the University of Leicester and is considered to be one of the top conservation ecologists in the world. ☺



Professor Peter Atkins

## Building on a firm foundation

**The University hosted a national conference on the development of foundation degrees.**

"East Midlands Foundation Degrees – Building on a Firm Foundation" aimed to raise the profile of foundation degrees,

looking at them from both Higher and Further Education perspectives as well as from an employer's point of view.

Issues addressed included market research into the development of foundation degrees, progression from foundation degrees to honours degrees, and work-based learning.

The University of Leicester was

the only university in the East Midlands to receive prototype funds to develop foundation degrees and is a major provider, internationally, of distance learning.

Ms Jackie Dunne, Director of Continuing Professional Development at the University, said: "The University of Leicester is highly committed to foundation degrees,

as part of its lifelong learning strategy, and current programmes in Educational Studies for Teaching Assistants and Security and Risk Management are very successful. As a leading institution in this field, the University is delighted to have hosted this national event. ☺



## YEAR OF CELEBRATIONS

The UKCCSG, based at the University, is celebrating its 25th Anniversary with a series of events taking place throughout the year.

The Group was formed in 1977 by a small number of doctors with aims of improving the management of children with cancer and advancing knowledge and study of childhood malignancies.

There are now over 400 members and it is the only national organisation devoted to the study and treatment of childhood cancer. The UKCCSG Data Centre, which coordinates the activities of the Group, has been based within the University since the late 1980s. Over the years significant changes have taken place in treatment and care of children with cancer and now around 70% of children with cancer are cured.

### Art's in the right place

The walls of the UKCCSG Data Centre will shortly be graced by a picture with a difference! Vishal Joshi of Leicester is studying for his GCSEs but is also being treated for Hodgkin's Disease at Leicester Royal Infirmary. Vishal chose to focus on his cancer as the subject for his GCSE art exam. Hearing of his artistic skills, the UKCCSG decided to offer Vishal his first

commission, that of producing a piece of artwork to mark the 25th anniversary of the Group. Vishal accepted and visited the Data Centre in March to show the preliminary sketches. These show a leaping tiger in 3D format becoming bigger and stronger to symbolise the tiger overcoming cancer. The Group's accountants KPMG, were so impressed they agreed to donate £100 worth of art material vouchers to the ward where Vishal is being treated.

### Public Meeting: Childhood Cancer Partnerships – Triumphs and Challenges

In partnership with the National Alliance of Childhood Cancer Charities and Support Groups (NACCPO) the UKCCSG is holding a meeting in London on Friday 5th July to highlight the partnerships that have been so successful in improving the outcome and quality of life of children with cancer and their families. It will also focus on areas where there are continued problems and shortfalls so that the strategies to address these issues can be planned. Representatives from all 22 UKCCSG centres, partner organisations, patients and families will be present at the meeting.

### UKCCSG Commemorative History

How can I find out more about the history of childhood cancer in the UK? What progress has been made in treatment over the last 25 years? How are clinical trials developed? What's the story behind Contact magazine? What does the future hold for children with cancer and their families? All these questions and more can be answered in a commemorative history of the UKCCSG to be launched on 2nd December 2002. The book will cost £9.99 for a paperback and £19.99 for a hardback copy. Fliers for the book and an order form will be sent out with the next edition of Contact.

### Centre Celebrations

On and around July 4 patients and families will be invited to join in a number of activities to celebrate the Group's anniversary in the 22 UKCCSG treatment centres across the UK.

### 25th Anniversary bookmarks

To mark this special year the UKCCSG are selling 25th Anniversary leather bookmarks in blue/silver at the bargain price of £1.00. All money raised will go to support the work of the group. To obtain your bookmark contact Angela Bartlam on 0116 249 4460.

## New theatre and film viewing facilities planned

The University is planning to enhance its provision for the Arts through a programme of investment that will see a new film viewing and new theatre venue on campus.

It will provide an up-to-400-seater theatre in the Queen's Hall, Percy Gee Building and a 150-



seater facility in the Attenborough Building. The creation of the film facility follows the University's expansion of degree programmes which includes a new Honours degree in Film Studies and Visual Arts starting in September.

Students will study topics such as the Introduction to the Moving Image, Realism and Cinema, American Film, Visual Culture and World Cinema. There will be opportunities to specialise in a particular subject eg Film as Mass Communications, Cinema and the City.

The new theatrical space is being created in the Percy Gee Building, where the Queen's Hall will undergo a £117,000 refurbishment. The refurbished hall will become the new home of the University of Leicester Theatre group (LUT), and will also see increased other usage once the refit is completed in September.

A University spokesperson said: "The Queen's Hall has the potential to become an extremely useful facility and, due to its size, has the potential to offer an intimate venue through the use of flexible seating, as well as offering stage productions. There is also the added benefit that these changes will upgrade and improve the Queen's Hall."

## NEW PARTNERSHIP WORKS TO HALT EAST MIDLANDS 'BRAIN DRAIN'

Universities are exploring ways to halt a 'brain drain' of graduate talent away from the East Midlands.

Around two thirds of those who come to the region to study in an East Midlands university leave to pursue their careers elsewhere.

For that reason the event 'Promoting Graduate Employment in the East-Midlands' was organised to provide a chance for those concerned about promoting graduate employment and regional competitiveness to look at new approaches to attracting, recruiting and retaining graduates.

It explained how the issue is being tackled by the University Careers Services Partnership, of which the University of Leicester is a member

along with all higher education institutions, through their careers services, in the East Midlands.

The conference in Nottingham was supported by key regional agencies and provided a forum for the development of further partnership approaches to the issue. It also saw the launch of the Em-grad Online website [www.em-grad.co.uk](http://www.em-grad.co.uk) as the culmination of the 15-month project started in January 2001.

Head of the Careers Service Martin Pennington commented: "The University of Leicester is a key partner in the Em-grad Online project, which is all about collaborating with the region's other universities and ensuring

graduates can find out about opportunities in the East Midlands wherever they are."

"Graduates are able to use both Em-grad online and their local University Careers Service to enable them to improve their career prospects in the region."

The website is aimed at underemployed and unemployed graduates seeking to work in the East Midlands and includes information on vacancy sources for graduates plus guidance on interviews and applying for jobs. It also gives help on identifying relevant postgraduate and professional training and contact points are also available for those seeking self-employment."



## Everard Foundation Supports Volunteering Efforts

Students who volunteer their time to help others in the community were rewarded by local industry.

More than 400 students at the University engage in positive action to benefit others – helping in schools, mentoring pupils, providing free legal advice, running a playgroup for children with disabilities and much more.

The students are all members of Contact Student Community Action – a student-led association of the Students' Union which supports students who volunteer in their community. Members volunteer with 40 community organisations and help with 10 organisations run by Contact itself.

The students received funding from the Everard Foundation in recognition of their contribution and achievements. Richard Everard from the Foundation visited Contact to see the work of the students and present them with a cheque.

Claire Barton, Contact co-ordinator said: "Richard Everard has supported and recognised Contact's work for many years and we are very grateful to him for this. His visit provides a moment of glory for Contact's work and allows us to improve and develop the work we do. We will use the money presented to Contact on committee training as well as resources for our projects." ☺

## World's oldest DNA?

Researchers believe they have found traces of 425-million-year-old bacterial DNA in rock salt of the same vintage.

The problems of dating ancient DNA mean that previous studies have struggled to work out whether or not microorganisms had been incorporated into such rocks at a later date. Professor William D Grant of the University's Department of Microbiology, and colleagues, used advanced geochemical and microbiological techniques to analyse minute samples of the desiccated remains of ancient seas from 11 to 425 million years old, as they reported Nature.

They find evidence of different populations of microorganisms in salt deposits of different ages, giving them a much better idea of which bacteria are likely to have been incorporated when. ☺

# UNIVERSITY SET TO HOST BIGGEST EVER FESTIVAL

**Free offer for staff and students**

**The University of Leicester is hosting its biggest event - and urging you to get involved!**

This September sees a fantastic opportunity for staff and students to attend the BA Festival of Science for free!

From September 9-13, the University is hosting the annual event for the first time since 1972. Organised by the BA (British Association for the Advancement of Science), the Festival will see more than 400 scientists and 3000 visitors coming together to explore and debate the important issues facing science today.

The theme for the Festival, as chosen by the current president Sir Howard Newby, is Science and The Quality of Life. Topics covered range from the welfare of farm animals and healthy foods, to computer access for the blind and using psychology to improve design. Tough questions will be addressed, such as the health of our aging population and the potential dangers of antibiotic resistance.

As well as hearing about groundbreaking work from all areas of science, the Festival is a chance to express your own views. The major platform for this will be the nightly x-change where festival-goers can get together in an informal atmosphere to discuss the

hot topics of the day.

Commenting on the BA's offer for University staff and students, Dr Peter Briggs, Chief Executive of the BA, said

"Our Festival of Science is always an enjoyable and interesting event. Offering the opportunity for staff and students to come for free will hopefully create a buzz around the campus and is also to show our appreciation for the all the efforts that the University puts in



helping us organise the event."

To find out more details of the extensive programme go to: [www.the-ba.net](http://www.the-ba.net) To come along, all you have to do is register by emailing [festival@the-ba.net](mailto:festival@the-ba.net) or ringing 020 7973 3052.

## JOIN IN THE CELEBRATIONS!

**By Johnathan Young, BA local organising secretary**

Coinciding with the 80th anniversary of the founding of the University, we are both proud and honoured to welcome the annual BA Festival of Science between September 9-13, 2002. We last welcomed the British Association to Leicester in 1972. The event will be the largest event of its kind ever to be staged on campus. We anticipate 3000 delegates participating in the main conference, and up to 5,000 pupils and students attending a host of exciting workshops, exhibitions and lectures organised by the BAYS (young scientists).

The main programme, which contains a 'Leicester' input in over half of the sessions, will highlight the best of our science profile at the University – including Sir Alec Jeffreys' genetic fingerprinting, and our space science programme. We will also be welcoming, Sir David Attenborough, the son of a former Principal, who will be delivering a keynote lecture on the Monday evening. The

BAYS programme will enable us to promote Leicester to a large number of talented youngsters who will be looking towards university entrance over the coming decade – a superb recruitment opportunity!

There are likely to be upwards of 200 members of the national and international press corps on site throughout the week, including representatives from all the major national TV and radio networks. As a result of the University will enjoy major media exposure to a national audience.

Finally the Festival will be fun, and there will be an opportunity for everyone – students, academic staff, secretarial, catering, and portering colleagues – to participate in a range of public activities and events. In return, the local Organising Committee, under the enthusiastic guidance of Professor John Holloway, is asking everyone in the University to join the 'team', and to do everything possible to make our many thousands of visitors to the Festival feel welcome. A friendly smile and an offer to help will work miracles! ☺





► In the frame

The University's video production unit, AVS Video, was showered with prizes at this year's Learning on Screen awards, winning two runner-up Highly Commended certificates and three first place awards, including the top Premier Award.

The awards the UK's education Oscars are organised by the Society for Screen Based Learning to promote the 'use of innovative learning design and production creativity'.

In the craft awards, Leicester won the award for Best Editing and was runner up in the Best Camera category for the Higher Education Summer School video. The judges commented: "In a very tightly run race between three very strong candidates, we decided to give the award to Leicester because of the

nically paced, well crafted editing style which kept the jury engrossed throughout the film."

Hari Kaur, the University's Widening Participation Project Leader, is in no doubt that the video has been instrumental in breaking down barriers and misconceptions commonly associated with higher education.

Leicester won the Training Award for its video about the Leicester Royal Infirmary Prematurity Prevention Service which operates in a unique way to identify and reduce the risks of mothers giving birth prematurely. The video was made to introduce the service and its techniques to staff and patients and was also shown as part of an exhibition at the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. The success of this film in the face of the competition it encountered was impressive, the judges commented,



**TEAMWORK:** AVS-Video's Carl Vivian and Jon Shears with awards ceremony host Fred Dinage (third left) and Charlie Fenton from Premier Award sponsors Panasonic Broadcast Europe (right)

this film with its beautifully weighted, carefully crafted approach to the subject of training provides us all with an important benchmark against which future entrants in this category will be judged.

The Premier Award, the top award for non-broadcast entries, was given to 'Understanding Domestic Abuse', a video commissioned by the Oadby, Wigston and South Wigston Domestic Violence Forum and paid for through funding from the National Lottery and Comic Relief. The video forms part of a teaching pack aimed at Years 9 and 10 in schools and is designed to raise issues and stimulate discussion about domestic violence.

It features two women who have

been victims of domestic abuse who tell their stories and explain how they have managed to cope with their experiences. According to the Society "the production scored high marks with the judges, especially with the great deal of thought which had gone into the making of the film. It is a well executed and totally absorbing film and it conveys its important message with great skill and power.

Although initially made with a teenage audience in mind, the video is also being used locally in nurse and police training on domestic violence and in the University's School of Social Work.

*Jon Shears*

► RETIREMENT

**First-Class Service:**

► Many friends and colleagues attended a reception in the Charles Wilson Building on Tuesday, April 30, to mark the retirement of Post Room Supervisor Charlotte Selby, and to wish her well for the future. Charlotte's husband David joined her for the occasion where she was presented with a wrist watch for twenty years' service and a cheque representing the generous contributions made by many to her retirement gift. Charlotte is taking early retirement after nearly twenty-three years service at the University.

Before joining the University in 1979, her career encompassed work locally in Leicestershire – at a High Street cleaning firm, the

Electricity Board (in retail outlets and later offices), and finally with a television rental company.

She joined the University as a Clerk in the combined post and stationery service within the administration. Later these services were separated and she continued working with the external post service where she progressed to Principal Clerk and Post Room Supervisor. During her time in the stationery store full computerisation and automatic recharging were introduced. The external post grew to the current volume of one and a quarter million items per year, all of which require much quick, careful and expert processing to combine full departmental recharging without delaying the post.

Charlotte and David have been

keen boaters on the inland waterways, liking the lifestyle so much that they bought a large canal boat and fitted it out themselves to achieve a high standard of comfort and practicability. Many have visited their boat – named Tara 1 – to enjoy their company. Look out for them on local waterways upon which they hope to spend many happy months during future years. Next winter they plan to visit friends in Australia for an

extended holiday taking in some of the South Sea Islands.

*Ian Saker*



**SPECIAL DELIVERY:** Ian Saker presents Charlotte Selby with a cheque from friends and colleagues



**POINT OF DEPARTURE:** Louise Jones, Clinical Sciences Librarian, pictured with the University Librarian Dr Timothy Hobbs, raises a smile when colleagues and friends of Tim gathered together on April 12 to wish him well for the future. Library colleagues thanked Dr Hobbs for his leadership and support over the past six years, and wished him well in his new role. Later in the day the Vice-Chancellor paid tribute to Tim's contribution to the Library and the University at a farewell reception attended by many academic colleagues. Tim is to take up the post of Chief Executive of the East Midlands Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (EMMLAC). (Full report of reception in eBulletin at <http://www.le.ac.uk/press/ebulletin/people/timhobbs.html>)

**Academic and Scholarly Distinction**

► Pauline Hardiker, a retired member of staff of this University, received an honorary degree of Duniv from the Open University on April 26 at a ceremony at the University of Leicester's Richard Attenborough Centre. The degree is for academic and scholarly distinction, including academic achievement by those without the normal academic opportunities.

Born and brought up in Rochdale, Pauline worked as a medical secretary in Manchester and community worker in London before reading Sociology at this

University, attaining a BA in 1966 and an MA in 1968. From 1967-69, she taught Sociology and Psychology at Stevenage College of Further Education. She was appointed a lectureship at this University in the School of Social Work in 1969, and was promoted to Senior Lecturer in 1986. She retired in 2000.

Throughout her career, she has been interested in applying social science perspectives to social work and social policy. Her research has ranged from probation and childcare to illness, disability and community care. She has co-authored books on social work theory, research methodology and child welfare. She has worked for the British Journal of Social Work in various capacities since its inception, and latterly was an executive editor of *Disability and Society*.

Ms Hardiker currently works with medical students undertaking studies at the Richard Attenborough Centre.

**Leading University Professor 'Takes Silk'**



Professor Malcolm Shaw (pictured with his wife Judith), the Sir Robert Jennings Professor of International Law at the University of Leicester, was sworn in at a ceremony conducted by the Lord Chancellor for new QCs at the House of Lords on Wednesday April 10.

**► OBITUARIES**

► **The University has learnt, with regret, of the death of the following:**

► **Sir Anthony Alment**

Sir Anthony Alment, obstetrician and gynaecologist, whose reforms improved both healthcare and women and standards among doctors, died on March 6, 2002, aged 80. He received an honorary degree (Doctor of Science) from this University in 1982.

► **Mr Nicholas J A Salmon**

Nicholas Salmon was born in August 1957, and came to Leicester in 1980 as one of the last students to complete the MA in English Literature and Society, 1830-1870.

During his time at Leicester he suffered serious ill health. He was unable to finish his dissertation for some years, during which time he suffered great financial hardship. But he was a dedicated scholar, and not only wrote an excellent dissertation on William Morris, but started work at this time on his recently-completed history of Amersham, his home town in Buckinghamshire.

His persistence was regarded with a British Academy grant to read for a PhD on Morris at Reading University under Professor Patrick Parrinder. This he successfully completed, subsequently publishing selections of Morris's *Political Writings*, Morris's contributions to *Commonweal*, 1885-1890, and Morris's *Historical Writings*.

Salmon was joint author of *The William Morris Chronology*, he edited the *Journal of the William Morris Society* from 1996 to 2001, and helped to set up the William Morris Internet Archive. He served on the committee of the William Morris Society from 1994. When he and his wife Bridget moved to Darhill, they became energetically involved in conservation work in the area. He died on March 6, 2002.

*Professor William Myers*

► **Dr Campbell King**

The University has learnt, with regret, of the death of Dr Campbell King on Tuesday, February 26. Dr King was Warden of Beaumont Hall from 1965 to 1978.

► **Mrs Glenys White**

Colleagues in the Library were saddened to learn that Glenys White

had died on March 25, 2002, after a courageous fight with cancer over a number of years.

Glenys worked in the Acquisitions Section of the Main Library from 1981 until 1996. She was appointed as a typist but contributed to a number of areas of office activity and readily acquired the necessary IT skills to work with the advance of automation in the Library.

She was a very cheerful and caring lady, a committed Christian and canal boat enthusiast. Her funeral on April 4 at St Peter's Church, Oadby reflected these interests, and the large number of people who were there showed in what high regard she was held by family, friends and colleagues. Glenys leaves husband Tony, two children – Linda and Ian, and four grandchildren.

*Elizabeth Preston (Section Head of Acquisitions)  
Alison Hall (Acquisitions Section, Main Library)*

► **Lynne James**

The University learnt with much regret of the death of Lynne James on Tuesday, April 9, following a short illness. Lynne joined the University in September 1998 as the first Director of Marketing.

Born in Croydon, she attended Southampton University where she gained a degree in Sociology in 1981. Before joining Leicester, she had experience in marketing across four diverse sectors and had also worked in international markets. She came to Leicester after working as Marketing and Business Development Director and Deputy Chief Executive at Solotec – the South London Training and Enterprise Council.



*Lynne James*



Apart from her commitment to charities and worthy causes, Lynne was in her element within the university sector – surrounded by young people and helping to open up opportunities for others in education. For Lynne was first and foremost a marketer. She was extraordinarily good at her job. She demystified the subject and divested it of its jargon so that, with a few simple measures, we all began to make improvements in the way we worked.

You never know how much you'll miss someone – until they're gone. This truism uttered at a packed funeral service for Lynne James hardly seems comprehensible – such is the sense of disbelief that Lynne has been taken away from amongst us. Amid the feelings of loss, devastation and desolation that have surrounded her sudden and untimely demise there is still a strong sense of thanksgiving – epitomised by the service – for the life that was Lynne's.

For those who met her just the once to those who knew her intimately, Lynne left a legacy of love, kindness and genuine concern. She was a people person. You warmed to her immediately and she took you to heart.

Before the arrival of Lynne James at Leicester in September 1998, the University was in the throes of trying to create 'a culture of marketing' on campus – addressing issues ranging from logos to partnership agreements. With her private sector background, there were many who feared the impact of this new thinking on the traditional 'way things are done'. Those fears were ill founded. Lynne breathed new life into the logo, polished up the image and identified the 'key messages' and 'brand values' – concepts that were so alien before she arrived but are so familiar now.

Working alongside her, we were all too aware of how committed and conscientious she was. Had she not such a vibrant and fun-loving personality, work would have seemed to be all she lived for – but in fact she rarely let it get on top of her, and she always made time for a drink with colleagues after work, for heading down to the senior common room, to almost every inaugural lecture, or getting home to be – as she sometimes said – 'the corporate

wife' for her husband Tony's guests.

Lynne enjoyed good food, fine wine, antiques and took an active part in village activities in Medbourne, particularly in raising funds to refurbish the children's playground.

She loved to travel, having jetted off to remote corners of the world with Tony – often the most dangerous places on earth as her mother put it – with a sense of verve and adventure that symbolised her spirit. It was her abiding love for Tony that helped to keep work in perspective – and it was the strength of their union, along with the Christian message of hope – that came out so strongly at the church service. Tony's tribute testified to how Lynne had changed his life beyond recognition – the same could be said of her impact on the University.

*Ather Mirza*

- A full obituary on Lynne James, together with details of how to make a donation in her memory, appears in eBulletin at <http://www.le.ac.uk/press/ebulletin/people/obitlynnejames.html>

#### ► Mrs Doreen Butler

Doreen Butler died on April 7, 2002. Doreen Butler joined the University as a shorthand typist in the Faculty of the Social Sciences in November 1959. She was promoted to the post of Chief Clerk in the Department of Sociology and worked as the departmental secretary until she retired in January 1979.

Throughout the 1960s and 1970s, when she was Principal Clerk and then Chief Clerk in the Department of Sociology. Doreen Butler died on April 7, 2002.

- A full obituary on Doreen Butler appears in eBulletin at <http://www.le.ac.uk/press/ebulletin/people/obitdoreenbutler.html>

#### ► Professor Emeritus H Arthur Jones, CBE

All of Arthur's friends, colleagues and students – and the nature of the man meant that these categories were mutually inclusive – will be saddened by the news of his death on April 14.

He came to this University in 1967 upon appointment to the Vaughan Chair of Education and the Directorship of the Department of Adult Education. His decision to

respond to the invitation – for invitation it was – brought not only a man of style, learning and wit to the University but one who was already by that time one of the leading figures in adult education and who carried, albeit lightly, a knowledge and experience of the field which it must have been difficult to equal. He served as Pro-Vice-Chancellor from 1979 until his retirement in 1981.

A thanksgiving service was held at Great Bowden Parish Church, near Market Harborough, on April 23. Donations in memory of Professor Jones may be made to the Richard Attenborough Centre or UNICEF UK, and sent c/o J Stamp & Sons, Funeral Directors, Market Harborough, LE16 8AN.

- A full obituary on Professor Jones, written by Emeritus Professor Bill Forster, can be found in eBulletin at <http://www.le.ac.uk/press/ebulletin/people/obitarthurjones.html>

#### ► Mr S Chapman

Stan Chapman, an MPhil student in the School of Archaeological Studies, died on Thursday, May 2. An active and articulate student, he was over 60 when he started his studies for the BA degree in Archaeology. He went on to study for a PhD in Human Spinal Analysis, but, due to increasing bad health, this was changed to an MPhil.

Donations to LOROS in memory of Stan Chapman may be sent to Gillivers Funeral Directors, 7 Church Road, Barleston, Market Bosworth.

- An obituary appears in eBulletin at [ebulletin/people/obitstanchapman.html](http://ebulletin/people/obitstanchapman.html)

#### ► Mrs Judith Savage

Judith Savage died on Saturday, May 4, after a long illness. Judith had worked as a Domestic Assistant at Mary Gee Houses since December 1990. She was also known to many staff as the UNISON shop steward.

*Frances White*

- Donations to the District Nurse Team (cheques made payable to Ann Richardson) in Judith's memory should be sent to the Midlands Co-operative Funeral Service, 143 Wyngate Drive, Leicester, LE3 0UW.

#### ► Dr Harold W Turner

Dr Harold Turner died in hospital in Auckland, New Zealand on Sunday,

May 5, of Dr Harold Turner, aged 91. Dr Turner was a Lecturer in the Department of Philosophy from April 1966 until he resigned in September 1970 to take up a post at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

Harold Turner pioneered the academic study of religion at Leicester and in this country. Fresh from Nigeria in 1966, he was given the title of Lecturer in Phenomenology and History of Religion, as well as a liberal book grant, to prepare for the first intake of students.

He left in 1970 for Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, and thence to Aberdeen, Birmingham, and back to New Zealand. Amongst his major contributions to the field was his work on the Independent Religious Movements. This resulted in the classic two-volume work, *African Independent Church* (Oxford, Clarendon Press, 1967). A six-volume bibliography of independent religious movements round the world appeared later at intervals.

Harold Turner leaves a wife, Maude, three daughters, a son, grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

- A full obituary on Dr Turner by Dr Peter McKenzie, Head of Department of Religion, 1977-89, appears in eBulletin at <http://www.le.ac.uk/press/ebulletin/people/obitDrHWTurner.html>

#### ► Mr Stephen Cawthra

Stephen Cawthra, aged 33, died at his home in Bingham, Nottinghamshire over Easter.

After graduating from this University in 1990 (BSc Geology), he spent some time in Australia before returning to qualify as a primary school teacher in Nottingham. He was a popular teacher who will be much missed – he was the only male teacher in a staff of 21 at Canarvon Primary School. Two new classrooms in the school are to be named after him.

Fond of sport, he was a life-long rugby league fan and had played cricket for Halifax Cricket Club (his early years were spent in Halifax). In Bingham he had set up a successful basketball team.

He leaves parents Mervyn and Christine and brother Richard.



The following Professorial Inaugural Lectures are to be held in Lecture Theatre 1 of the Ken Edwards Building at 5.30 pm. These Lectures are open to the public and free.

## Tuesday June 18

► RNA Splicing: The Joker in the Genome. Professor Ian Eperon, Department of Biochemistry.

## JUNE

### Tuesday June 18

► Evening Concert: Members of the Choral Society and Singers, the Orchestral Society and Proteus Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Anthony Pither. Mendelssohn's cantata Laud Sion and Mozart. 7.30pm. Stoneygate Baptist Church, London Road (opposite the Regency Hotel). For further information ring the Music Department on 0116 252 2781 or visit [www.le.ac.uk/music/](http://www.le.ac.uk/music/)

### Wednesday June 19

► Lunchtime Concert: Open-Air Concert. University Orchestra conducted by Anthony Pither. Music by Mozart. 12.45pm. Outside University Library (if wet or windy it will be in the Music Room, 10th Floor, Charles Wilson Building). Admission is free. For further information ring the Music Department on 0116 252 2781 or visit [www.le.ac.uk/music/](http://www.le.ac.uk/music/)

### Saturday June 22

► 80TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT: Homecoming. A choice of mini lectures, departmental tours, film, a visit to the National Space Centre. For further information contact Graduate Relations on 0116 252 2195 or visit [www.le.ac.uk/alumni/reunions.html](http://www.le.ac.uk/alumni/reunions.html)

### Saturday June 22

► Evening Concert: Cantamici (chamber choir) directed by Phillip Gilbert. Stars, Stripes and Shamrocks. 7.30pm. Fraser Noble Hall. Tickets £7 (£5.50; £2.50). For further information ring the Music Department on 0116 252 2781 or visit [www.le.ac.uk/music/](http://www.le.ac.uk/music/)

### Saturday June 22

► Centre for English Local History: W G Hoskins Lecture: The Perception of the Landscape in Early Modern England. Professor Sir Keith Thomas. 2.30pm. Lecture Theatre 1, Ken Edwards Building. For further information contact 0116 252 2762.

### Monday June 24

► British Association for the Advancement of Science (local branch): Celluloid Odyssey – Development of Science Fiction Films Throughout the Twentieth Century. Alan R Pendragon. 7.30pm – 9.30pm. Council Room, New Walk Museum, Leicester (Princess Road West Entrance).

### Monday June 24

► 80TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT: Annual Chaplaincy Lecture: Faith in the Future – The Politics of Global Renewal. Paul Boateng, MP, Financial Secretary to the Treasury. 5.30 pm. Lecture Theatre 1, Ken Edwards Building.

### Tuesday June 25

► 80TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT: Faculty of Medicine and Biological Sciences Lecture: Surgery Then and Now. Professor Peter Bell, Professor of Surgery, Leicester Warwick Medical School. 5.30pm. Lecture Theatre 1, Ken Edwards Building.

### Wednesday June 26

► Evening Concert: Andrew Wilde (piano). 7.30pm. Fraser Noble Hall. Tickets £12 (£10; £5). For further information ring the Music Department on 0116 252 2781 or visit [www.le.ac.uk/music/](http://www.le.ac.uk/music/)

### Thursday June 27 – Sunday June 30

► Centre for Urban History: International Round-Table Conference 27-30 June: Urban Environment: Resources, Perceptions, Uses. For the full programme visit [www.le.ac.uk/urbanhist/conf.html](http://www.le.ac.uk/urbanhist/conf.html). A limited number of places is still available. Members of the University are welcome to attend but need to register. For further information

contact Professor Dieter Schott, Centre for Urban History on [ds68@le.ac.uk](mailto:ds68@le.ac.uk).

### Friday June 28

► 80TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT: Buffet Supper and Music in the Gardens at Knighton Hall. 6.00pm – 9.30pm. Also 50th Anniversary of the University of Leicester Women's Club. In aid of Breast Cancer Research. Tickets £20. To apply for a ticket contact Sally Hurman on 0116 252 2322.

### Saturday June 29

► Evening Concert: University Sinfonia conducted by Michael Sackin. Music by Richard Wilkins and Mozart. 7.30pm. Fraser Noble Hall. Tickets £5 (£4). For further information ring the Music Department on 0116 252 2781 or visit [www.le.ac.uk/music/](http://www.le.ac.uk/music/)

## JULY

### Tuesday July 2

► 80TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT: Faculty of Medicine and Biological Science Lecture: 150 Reasons Why You May Have a Heart Attack...! Professor Nilesh Samani, Professor of Cardiology, Leicester Warwick Medical School. 5.30pm. Lecture Theatre 1. Ken Edwards Building.

### Wednesday July 3

► University Open Day: An insight into student life and the degree courses on offer, with an opportunity to meet academic staff and current students, see the campus and facilities, visit University accommodation. To book a place, receive a programme, or for further information, contact Jacky Wetzig or Lucy Durling (0116 252 2674, email [admissions@le.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@le.ac.uk)).

### Sunday July 7

► 80TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT: Harold Martin Botanic Garden Open Day, organised by the Friends of the Botanic Garden. 11am – 4pm. Displays outlining research

associated with the Garden over the years, history of the houses and development of the Garden. For further information ring 0116 271 2933.

### Wednesday July 10, Thursday July 11, Friday July 12

► DEGREE CONGREGATIONS: see page 7 of supplement, De Montfort Hall.

### Wednesday July 17

► University Information Day: Tours of the campus and accommodation. Book by the Monday prior to your visit – contact Jacky Wetzig or Lucy Durling (0116 252 2674, [admissions@le.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@le.ac.uk)).

### Wednesday July 24

► University Information Day: Tours of the campus and accommodation. Book by the Monday prior to your visit – contact Jacky Wetzig or Lucy Durling (0116 252 2674, [admissions@le.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@le.ac.uk)).

### Sunday July 28

► Harold Martin Botanic Garden National Gardens Scheme Open Day: 12 – 4pm. Teas and plants for sale.

### Wednesday July 31

► University Information Day: Tours of the campus and accommodation. Book by the Monday prior to your visit – contact Jacky Wetzig or Lucy Durling (0116 252 2674, [admissions@le.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@le.ac.uk)).

## AUGUST

### Thursday August 8

► 80TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT: Campus Tours, given by Diana Courtney, Registered Blue Badge Tourist Guide. Further details from Leicester's Tourist Information office.

**A list of all events can be viewed on CWIS**

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