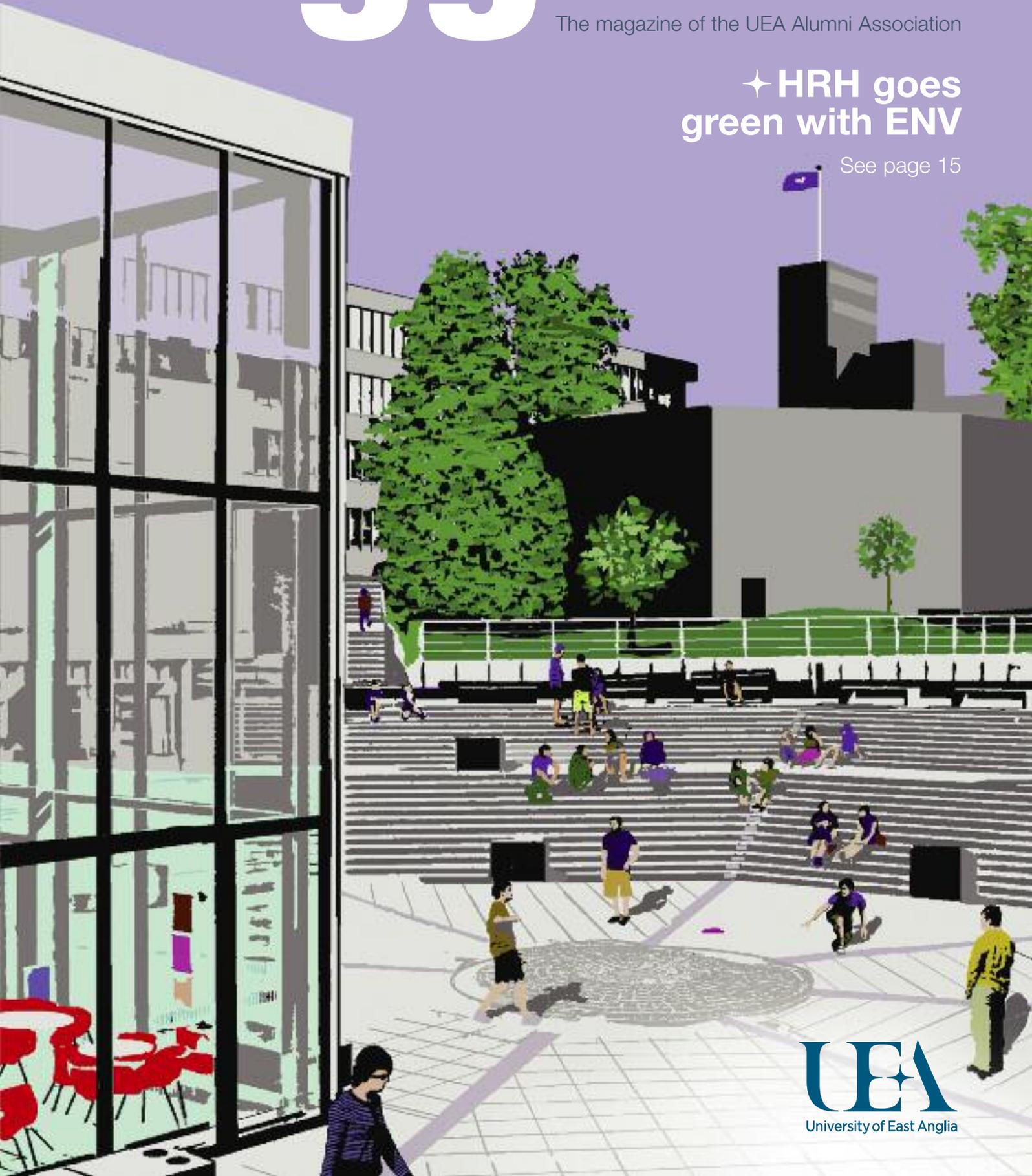


Ziggurat

The magazine of the UEA Alumni Association

✦ HRH goes green with ENV

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In this issue

We're boasting about royal credentials in this issue with both a Queen's Anniversary Prize for the School of International Development (p12) and a visit by ENV's Patron, HRH The Prince of Wales. Following his call to the Copenhagen Climate Change Summit in December 2009 to consider opportunities for success, The Prince visited the University in January to be updated on the University's research and the range of responses proposed to tackle the issue of climate change. We have

taken the opportunity to look back and compare the current day University with how things were at the time of the first Royal visit, by The Queen, in 1968 (p15).

We would also like to give a royal welcome to alumnus, David Peters Corbett (EAS75), as the new Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities. He has chosen to introduce himself to you in person and is this issue's Guest Editor.

We highlight a new set of images of the city and campus created by Emeritus Professor Howard Temperley (p10). Royals, returns and retired professors – enjoy the read.



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Guest Editor David Peters Corbett (EAS75)

I arrived at UEA in October 1975 during an Indian summer. I remember how good Earlham Park and the campus looked in the sun and how like a liberation it felt to be here. I'd been constrained and unhappy at school, and, at a time when only 12% of 18-year olds went to university, I'd seriously considered not being among them. In the end I came largely because I wanted to live in Norfolk. I enjoyed the experience of walking past a particular street off Unthank Road and knowing that my great-grandfather the vet had lived there, or remembering when I walked down Exchange Street that I'd been told that some apocryphal relation had once owned the whole of the Jarrold side and lost it in a card game.

Astray in this ancestral dream-world, it was only when I began to attend lectures and seminars that autumn that I realised what I'd almost missed. There seemed a never-ending supply of new things to encounter,



new books to read, and new perspectives to wrestle with. Rosemary Jackson made me, a convinced modernist at 20, see how exciting nineteenth century literature could be. Tony Gash made me read Freud, and Dick Shannon, born in the Fiji Isles, provided an eye-opening dissection of the British class system. We were given lessons in rigor and responsible thought in the classroom that prepared us to try systematic enquiry for ourselves. We were also encouraged to range beyond our own subjects and I remember some exemplary demonstrations of interdisciplinarity, particularly in seminars with Malcolm Bradbury. Attending lectures outside my School by Jane Beckett and Andrew Martindale set me on the road to art history. Above all, in an era of full grants we had the privilege of time to extend our reading way beyond the course lists. That freedom to explore independently within a guiding structure is what university education is all about, and UEA provided it for me to a high standard and made me see its potential.

When I left the University in 1979 I had a long period exploring possible futures, including time training in Norwich with the accountants Coopers & Lybrand. In due course I became a postgraduate, migrated to art history, and began an academic career. I had an enjoyable three years at Manchester Met, and then went to the University of York in 1994, becoming a Professor there in 2004 and serving stints as Head of the History of Art department and founding Director of the interdisciplinary Centre for Modern Studies. Throughout all this I have continued to draw daily on my education at UEA. My research has responded over a long period to some of the topics I was introduced to as a student here; its nuanced interdisciplinarity has had a permanent effect on how I work, and I remember my teachers with gratitude. It's a great privilege to be returning now as Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities.

Reunion of '69

On 24 October 2009, sixteen 1969-ers (most of them not with bus passes – yet), gathered for lunch at the Loch Fyne restaurant in Norwich. The occasion was a celebration of 40 years since we first met at the start of UEA's autumn term in 1969, organised by Astrid Ogilvie (ENV69), Hilary White (EUR69) and Sue Beswick née Harrison (EUR69).

The close friendships that had been forged at that time are as strong as ever. Some of us

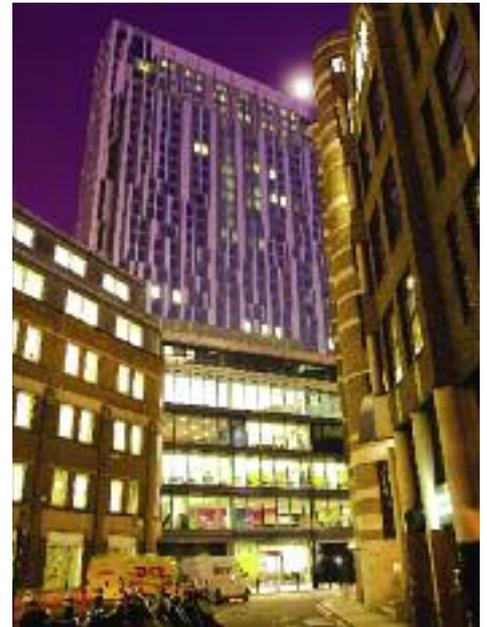


Mike Askew

had always remained in touch, others had drifted out of sight, if not out of mind and we were grateful for the help of the alumni office for tracking them down. Some of us had found that Norfolk was still a great place to live, some had retired to the county shires, and some had flown in especially from further afield such as Norway, Holland, France and the United States. Most had studied in EUR (SCAN was well represented) or EAS, with a few from ENV. Several were alumni of Horsham's D block and Z block.

We found that the intervening 40 years had brought us all fulfilling lives and the hours we spent together were hardly enough to catch up. The smiles on everyone's faces, the peals of laughter during our time together told of the success of the event and we all vowed to meet again soon. Perhaps the most significant part of our reunion was the discovery that despite the alterations in hair colour and girth, our essential spirit remains unchanged.

Astrid, Hilary and Sue



UEA London Lecture 15 June 2010

Our inaugural UEA London Lecture will provide alumni with an opportunity to have a look at the brand new facilities at the University's London base.

The event will provide an opportunity to hear from one of our eminent professors, be updated on latest news from campus and will be followed by a drinks reception in the smart new surroundings. You can also find out about what UEA London offers in terms of learning, enterprise and engagement.

The new building, which opened its doors to students in January, is a purpose-built study centre in the heart of London's financial district and will provide first class teaching and learning as well as student accommodation. It is on Middlesex Street, which is close to Liverpool Street tube and rail station. The lecture will start at 6.30pm and is open to all alumni and their guests. Tickets are priced at £10 each which includes a drink and nibbles.

For more details about this event and to book your tickets online, go to www.uea.ac.uk/alumni or telephone 01603 592130.

If you wish to find out more about UEA London, please go to www.uea.ac.uk/london.

Tune in with old friends

3 September 2010

Tony Ovenell (FAM68) and Paul Terry (FAM68) report that the UEA musicians in their year group so enjoyed reunions in 2008 and 2009 that they are planning a much bigger gathering for 2010. They would like to include all music students and music faculty from the first six years of the department, which is up to and including those who entered UEA in 1970. This will take place in central London on Friday 3 September 2010, meeting at 12 noon for a leisurely lunch to start at 1pm.

Tony said: "With the help of the alumni office, many friends and the internet, more than 30 colleagues have been contacted and almost all hope to come along for an afternoon of nostalgia, but there are still a few more people to find." In particular they would

like to hear news of Olivia Adamczyk (AHM66), Dianne Hole (AHM70), Wendy Holmes (AHM70), Sheila MacVicar (MUS70) and Robert Samsworth (AHM70). Please email Tony and Paul at reunion@musonix.demon.co.uk if you have any news of these alumni or require further details.



Professor Julian Rushton (front left) and his 1968 tutor group in 2009

Hong Kong nights

The Hong Kong alumni group continues to demonstrate that distance from campus really makes no difference to their fondness for the place. Following the Global Pub Reunion, where 25 alumni met at a local bar, they arranged another gathering just before Christmas and plans are already being put together for reunions later this year. The group

is always looking for more members and welcomes all alumni – even if you are just travelling through. The best place to find out about their next meeting is to check our website at www.uea.ac.uk/alumni. Go to Alumni Groups on the left hand side menu and follow the links to Hong Kong. You can see photos of the most recent events there too.



New Aviva Chair

Highly-regarded statistician Elena Kulinskaya has been appointed as the first Aviva Chair in Statistics at UEA. Prof Kulinskaya is the founding director of the Statistical Advisory Service at Imperial College, London.

Based within the School of Computing Sciences (CMP), the Aviva Chair in Statistics is a new post funded by insurance giant Aviva. It has been created to explore, in depth, the statistical nature of risk, which is fundamental to the insurance business.

"I am delighted Elena will be joining us as the inaugural Aviva Professor of Statistics," said Prof Vic Rayward-Smith, head of CMP. "Her impressive track record in statistics research and its applications will be a significant asset to the University and further strengthen the current links between the University and Aviva."

Clive Bolton, Annuity Business Director at Aviva UK Life, said: "We are delighted that Elena will be taking up this role and we are very much looking forward to working with her to develop the statistical capability within our Life and General Insurance businesses."



Elena Kulinskaya

Prizes and scholarships

The work of outstanding biology students was recognised with a series of prizes.

Nichar Gregory, Lee Rudd, Rosemary Earwaker, Michelle Fielden and Kieran Withey all received inaugural **Chris Lelliott Memorial Prizes for Field Ecology**. They were presented by Chris' widow, UEA alumna Lucy Lelliott née Martyn (EAS76). Chris studied in the School of Mathematics and Physics at the University in the 1970s.

The **Luke Robinson Puddy Memorial Prize** was awarded to Paul Scott for his work in population biology, conservation and ecology and for making the most significant progress in his first year of study. Luke's mother, Mary, was there to present the prize. The prize was set up in memory of Luke Puddy (BIO91) who was tragically killed in the Boxing Day Tsunami in 2004.



Other students awarded prizes on the day were Thomas Lowe and Carly Hammond who both received John Innes Foundation Prizes. Carly also received the Novartis second year Cell Biology Prize. Baxter Healthcare Prizes were awarded to Sean Pollen and Danni Folkard, and the Society for General Microbiology Prize was won by Susan Duncan.

Other awards made recently include the **Peter Earl Foundation Elective Awards** for exceptional effort and improved academic performance while undertaking an elective. Christine Coe and Paul Efthymiou received highly commended awards and James Flatt, Kate Lawton and Julio Castaño Jaramillo were awarded commended. James Flatt spent the ten weeks of his elective in East Africa and found the experience "educationally rich and culturally fascinating". He was delighted to receive his award and said: "Receiving such a commendation from the Peter Earl Foundation is the icing on the cake of what has been a



thoroughly rewarding elective experience and serves as a significant confidence boost as I tackle my final-year studies in preparation for working as a doctor."

Final year music student Carys Chaney has been awarded the **Norfolk Youth Music Trust Scholarship** for 2009/10. Carys plays the harp and flute and hopes to continue her music studies by doing a postgraduate degree in solo performance at the Royal Northern College of Music. Carys will use her prize for advanced instrumental lessons and master classes.



A new scholarship has recently been launched thanks to the generosity of UEA alumnus Mark Williams (EUR81). Known as the **Mark V Williams Undergraduate Scholarship Fund**, the scholarship is open to all prospective students who have applied for the BSc (Hons) in Accounting and Finance. Students will need to apply for the scholarship and must meet certain criteria. The scholarship will contribute to the successful applicant's full course fees for a maximum of three years based on the current fee rates. One new scholarship will be available every three years.

If you are interested in funding a named scholarship, please contact David Street, Head of the Development and Campaigns team, on 01603 591168 or email david.street@uea.ac.uk.



Planning a legacy gift: make a difference to future generations

The gift of a legacy has the potential to be a valuable source of income to the University of East Anglia in years to come and over the past 50 years a number of alumni and friends have decided to support us by including a legacy gift in their will.



It can help to change the lives of future generations of students and, at the same time, prove to be a tax efficient way of distributing an estate after someone dies.

In response to the increasing interest from

alumni and friends of the University, the Development and Campaigns Office has recently produced a new leaflet which explains some of the reasons why alumni and friends of the University might consider

providing support by leaving a gift in their will. Through this method of support it will cost you nothing now but could make a significant difference to the University in the future.

Legacy gifts can meet an individual's wishes, whether this is in a particular Faculty or School of Study or an area of personal interest.

If you would like to speak to someone about leaving a legacy to the University in your will, or would like any further information, please contact Joyce Griffin, Development Manager, on 01603 592114 or email j.griffin@uea.ac.uk. Alternatively please visit www.uea.ac.uk/supportuea.

Annual Fund update

This year's Annual Fund got off to a great start in 2009. The Autumn calling campaign raised over £30,000 from previous supporters and new donors for the Jubilee Scholarships Fund and Priority Fund. We will be continuing to raise money throughout the year and with the government matched funding scheme we will be able to do so much more with every gift.

Projects supported by the Annual Fund have also been flourishing this year. Feedback from Saturday Morning Science, a lecture series for young people, as mentioned in the last issue of Ziggurat, was very positive. Comments included "Engaging, funny, informed. Great stuff and full of fun!" and every event was fully booked.

Students provided with bursaries to attend the Literacy Inequalities conference saw a new side to the process of researching and writing and one student said: "It was a good opportunity and a privilege for me to meet and share my research ideas with some of the key authors in my field whose work I've been reading all year."

More information on the 14 projects that received funding in 2008/09 can be found on our website at www.uea.ac.uk/supportuea.

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Thank you

Thank you to all our alumni who have given to the Annual Fund so far this year. Your generous support makes a very real difference to the lives of students here at the University.

If you would like to make a gift, please contact Charlotte Burford, Annual Fund Manager, on 01603 592220 or email c.burford@uea.ac.uk. Alternatively visit our website at www.uea.ac.uk/supportuea where you can read more about the Annual Fund and make an online donation.

Matched funding

The University is currently able to take advantage of a Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) matched funding scheme which enables us to claim an additional 50% of the total value (including gift aid) of most donations to the University.

The scheme has been introduced to encourage higher education institutions to become less dependent upon traditional forms of funding and to encourage more individuals to consider supporting the world-class research and teaching which takes place in English universities.

Most philanthropic donations fall within the scheme and certainly all alumni donations. This means that a £10 donation with gift aid and added matched funding is worth £19.05 to the University.

The scheme has just over one year left to run. We are keen to maximise the potential for this opportunity and welcome all alumni donations either as a cash gift or a pledge of cash whilst the scheme remains available.





Who's our doctor?

Filming continues in Cardiff for the new series of Doctor Who. As reported in Ziggurat last year, drama graduate Matt Smith (LIT02) has taken on the illustrious role. He said: "I feel very privileged and proud to be part of this iconic show. The scripts are brilliant and the rest of the crew is an inspiration because their work ethic and passion for the show is so admirable."

Fans of the show would have caught a 20 second glimpse of the 11th incarnation of the TV favourite at the end of the Christmas special. The series attracts viewers of all ages and the Christmas special alone was seen by 11 million people.

Doctor Who's new lead writer and executive producer, Steven Moffat, reiterates the significance of the role. "The Doctor is a very special part and it takes a very special actor to play him. You need to be old and young at the same time, a boffin and an action hero, a cheeky schoolboy and the wise old man of the universe." This might sound like a tall order, but as Steven explained: "As soon as Matt walked through the door and blew us away with a bold and brand new take on the Time Lord, we knew we had our man".

Controller of BBC Drama Commissioning, Ben Stephenson, remarked: "I am thrilled that a whole new generation of children will forever say that their Doctor was the wonderful Matt Smith."

The new series will be shown on BBC1 later this year.



Matt Smith with co-star Karen Gillan

DEV graduates give Hope for Latvia



A team of International Development (DEV) graduates have taken on board the day to day running of Hope for Latvia. They first became involved in the charity whilst studying at the University of East Anglia.

"Currently 21 per cent of Latvians live below the poverty line, which is the highest poverty rate in Europe. The Latvian economy has shrunk by 18 per cent in the last year, and unemployment rates are at their highest since the end of Soviet occupation" said Fran Bradley (DEV06). It was these harrowing facts that sparked Fran and three other DEV graduates, John Lee (DEV06), Dave Marcus (DEV07) and Adela Beakhouse (DEV06) to become involved in the work of Hope for Latvia.

Since taking on the charity's work, John Lee has won a place on the Vodafone

Foundation's 2009 World of Difference programme, which provided him with the opportunity to work full time for two months. John intends to use this time to "launch our corporate sponsorship initiative, train our volunteers and increase the funding for our charity". The team is looking to increase the input from British people who want to be able to provide Latvian families with opportunities to build their future. They are always looking for new ways of increasing their fundraising and look to promote Hope for Latvia on campus. For more information visit their website: www.hopeforlatvia.org or email johnlee@hopeforlatvia.org.



Reunion success goes global

The 46th anniversary of the University of East Anglia was marked in September in pubs, bars and cafés around the world. Alumni were asked to organise a party in their corner of the world and they certainly didn't disappoint. Armed with a reunion pack (which included University news, information, a UEA quiz and a message from the Vice-Chancellor) the organisers welcomed alumni in their hometowns. Reunions took place in 45 cities across all continents including Dhaka, Casablanca, Taipei, Auckland, Nicosia, Mexico City, San Francisco and Helsinki.

Back in the UK, there were 14 reunions dotted across the country attracting hundreds of alumni to celebrate the occasion.

Thank you again to all the organisers for their time and for sending us the photos of

their events which are available to view on our website at www.uea.ac.uk/alumni.

We hope you enjoyed meeting fellow alumni and sharing UEA experiences in your country.

We will be planning another Global Pub Reunion on 29 September 2010, so if you would like to arrange one in your local area, or just to pop in for a drink on your way home from work, please contact us at alumni@uea.ac.uk.



Where are they now?

Have you ever wondered what happened to those friends and acquaintances who left the University of East Anglia? To submit your update please fill in the enclosed update form, email us at alumni@uea.ac.uk or log in to Netcommunity and click The Square.

1960s

Andrew McLuskey (EUR66)

After retiring from teaching two years ago (sadly – on health grounds), I am busy acting as convenor of a local Lib Dem group. I also preach fairly regularly and sing with Feltham Choral Society.

Stephen Oakley (EAS67)

We moved (for the 29th and last time) to Hampshire to be nearer our daughter who recently graduated with a 1st in Law from Birmingham University, and who is due to work with a major city law firm from mid 2010. Now retired I still do the odd lecture on Lean Business Process Re-engineering and write for financial publications.

Andrew Wood (EAS67)

Since October 2009, I have been a partner of Miller Rosenfalck, a cross border law firm based in London, Norwich, New York and Copenhagen. The focus is on business law and inward investment especially for The Netherlands, France, Germany, Scandinavia, the UK and USA.

Thomas Forster (SOC68)

I am a reader in the School of Philosophy at UEA!

Philip Randall (SOC69)

I retired from local government as regeneration manager for Destormel Borough Council in Cornwall. I'm now doing some freelance work and starting on a backlog of tasks postponed.



1970s

Richard Allen (MAP72)

After graduation I moved around the country with my career in the banking industry, finishing up as a commercial lending manager, in Newcastle upon Tyne. However five years ago I was made redundant and since then have been self employed as a driving instructor. It is less stressful – honest! I hope all my old friends are keeping well, and look forward to seeing some of you again, possibly at a future reunion.

Stephen Giles (EUR72)

I recently took early retirement from the University of Nottingham, where I was Professor of German studies and critical theory. I am still academically active, my most recent publication being a new edition and translation of Bertolt Brecht's 'Rise and Fall of the City of Mahogany'.

Anthony Lee (SOC72)

Since leaving Norwich in 1976, I taught for 9 years in London except for one year in the London Met Police. I emigrated to Perth, Western Australia in

1985 with my wife and two daughters. We all still live here with the addition of two husbands (one for each daughter) and two grandchildren (again, one each). I am still teaching and am head of mathematics in an independent school. If anybody from UEA who remembers me comes this way, please feel free to come and stay.

John Dennett (ENV72)

After graduating from ENV in 1975 I decided to enter the world of business and finished up doing accountancy (if anyone had told my long-haired self that when I was at UEA I would have said "not in a million years", or words to that effect!). Anyway, I crept up the corporate ladder and spent many years working in Sydney, Hong Kong and Singapore. I took early retirement a few years ago and now spend some of the year in London and during the colder months I migrate to the Philippines, where my wife comes from.

Your opinion matters

As mentioned in the January newsletter, we are interested in your reasons for choosing, or not choosing, to undertake postgraduate study and the way you make decisions about what and where to study. Please refer to the newsletter for more details and a link to an online survey.

All those completing the survey you will have the opportunity to enter into a prize draw to win £500 cash. There will also be 17 runners-up prizes of £100 each. If you have any queries please email marketresearch@uea.ac.uk.

Fiona Glewser née McMillan (AHM78)

I have moved back to Norfolk from London. I have an eight year old daughter at school here. I still do some production work relating to live events.

Desperately seeking

If anyone knows of the whereabouts of the following people, please could they ask them to contact the Alumni Association at alumni@uea.ac.uk as one of their University friends would like to get in touch with them.

Ian Aldridge (SOC83)
David Atkins (BIO83)
Margaret Greengrass née Cooke (EAS82)
Lesley Harland née Watson (CHE64)
Anthony Hughes (EAS69)
Roy Livermore (ENV75)
Amanda Maher née Phillips (EAS79)
Kevin Millett (BIO68)
John Thornton (SOC84)
Patricia Tickner (SOC67)
Alison Turner (EAS74)
William Wan (SYS92)
Nicola Whatley (EAS97)

Christine Leong née White (CHE76)

Lived in Malaysia for 13 years,
now back in Twickenham and
working in Teddington.

Maureen Boylan (EAS74)

Currently chief operating officer and secretary to council in the School of Pharmacy, University of London.

"Stumbled into" what turned out to be the best possible career in university administration after an MA at Birmingham and have never quite found a reason to leave it – despite successive governments' wicked ways with funding. Two daughters, aged 14 and 18 and living in Amersham, Buckinghamshire.

Paul J Geater (SOC77)

I'm still very heavily involved in politics – but as an observer rather than a participant. I've been a journalist at the East Anglian Daily Times and Evening Star (the Suffolk equivalents of the EDP and Evening News) for the last 28 years and specialise in political reporting – I'm preparing to cover my fifth general election! Married with two kids and living in Ipswich. My daughter is now at Oxford and my 15-year-old son is starting to think about A levels and university. I just took him up to UEA to see what an established modern Uni is like. He was impressed. Maybe he'll end up following my footsteps!

Andrew Southall (ENV77)

I'm now on my third career having retired on the successful sale of a water and environmental engineering consultancy to a FTSE plc. I'm head of business development at the South West Regional Development Agency and my focus is on engaging with business throughout Somerset and Devon to try and help them with business issues and wherever possible access grant support. The next election may see the demise of RDA's!

Dave Food (ENV79)

Now guest lecturing on a number of masters courses around the country, particularly in terms of supply chain best practice.

1980s



Charles Marson (LAW83)

Since graduating I have developed my career in human resource management with several jobs in the NHS. Having spent the last 9 years in Cornwall I have now returned to the East of England for my next challenge. Am living just outside Market Harborough with my partner and two cats.

Margaret Cathcart (CES87)

Retired. Taught at Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Nebraska and University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Mary Potsnig née Forsyth (EUR88)

After my UEA degree and PGCE, I taught for a while in Stevenage and then in Newcastle, before settling back in Northumberland. I'm now married, have a little girl and another baby is imminent.

1990s

Michael Collins (SOC90)

Enid and I live in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Enid is retired and enjoying Canada, whilst I work part-time as a professor at three local universities.

Dave Tong (HIS94)

After working freelance for the Norfolk museums service for a while I eventually became a storyteller fusing my love of history with traditional storytelling. This may sound strange, but if it hadn't have been for UEA I would have never become an itinerant teller of tales. For more about what I do, go to www.yarnsmithofnorwich.com

Ahmed El-Sarag (EDU95)

I am currently working as an educational expert in Albania. I work at the Egyptian Cultural Centre in Tirana on projects aimed at helping the Albanian society. We are also working with friends in Europe.

Lee Webster (LLT97)

I was Women's Officer for the Students Union in 2000 and now work for an international aid agency – CARE International as Campaigns Manager. I am currently working on a campaign to end violence against women in conflict. Last year I travelled to Uganda where I marched with over 300 women, many who were survivors of rape or gender-based violence, to raise awareness of the issues women face in the country and to get the attention of the politicians who can make a difference.



James Pike (SOC98)

After graduating I started an MA in social research but unfortunately ran out of money. I ended up working as a teaching assistant in a special needs school, and that was where I met my wife (of 5 years now) who also worked there. We now have a son, Jasper. As my wife is the higher earner I am privileged to be able to be a stay at home Dad – the best post-graduate job in the world!

2000s

Marguerite Finn (CCE00)

I retired from the civil service after 25 years and now work one day a week at EAGIT Ltd, editing their quarterly newsletter. I write profiles of various local companies. I also write for the Eastern Daily Press once a month in the One World Column which

ENV 70 REUNION – 3 JULY 2010

40 years since we started

Our reunion on campus is on 3-4 July 2010, which is a week earlier than the date given previously. We are in touch with 22 students from our year group of 50, so where are the rest of you? We would like to invite other members of our year group, staff – and anyone else who remembers us – to attend. Partners and friends are welcome.

Most of those attending have booked accommodation in Broadview Lodge on campus.

Friday 2 July is the University's Open Day which means many buildings will be open. On Saturday we plan to visit ENV and to have a celebratory meal on campus in the evening. Sunday will be a "field trip" to a local venue.

Please contact us by emailing the alumni office at alumni@uea.ac.uk and they will forward all correspondence.

Hazel Goulden née Mills (ENV70)

appears every Saturday. I am one of a team of four columnists, see www.oneworldcolumn.org. I am also Vice-Chair of the local branch of the United Nations Association. I am a campaigner for peace issues and the environment.



**Laura Dobson
née Price (AHP01)**

After meeting in (cell) block H, Waveney Terrace in 2001, James (Dobson SOC01) and I enjoyed many years of fun at Uni. We graduated in 2004 and worked in London for a few years – James is a business analyst and I am a physio – then went travelling for a year. We got engaged on the last day of our travels (aaah!) and got married last month. So we owe a lot to UEA – especially the LCR!

Claire McAneny (EAS01)

I trained as a journalist after graduating but didn't like it very much and was made redundant after a month. Temped for a year and a half at my local council working in admin and then PR/comms/promotions and now have been working for the Probation Service in HR for the past two years after having a bit of a career change! I have been with Dan for nearly six years – we bought a flat in Colchester together three years ago and have just sold that and bought a house. I still write when I have the time and definitely plan on having my name in print someday soon.

Vanessa Crichlow-Chambers (PSI03)

I am currently preparing to run the 2010 London in aid of Age Concern and Help the Aged. My dad passed away in my final year at UEA and, with the

help of Professor John Greenaway and Age Concern, I finished my degree and helped my family recover. I have a website for donations and more information can be found on www.justgiving.com/vanessa-crichlow.chambers.

Mohammed Hussain (PSI03)

I graduated with a 2:1 in Politics. Now currently employed as a junior reporter for local press, Bedfordshire on Sunday and county magazine 'Living Locally'. I'm doing a part-time National Council for Training Journalists newspaper course. I also freelance for numerous Islamic/Asian websites (online news).

Caroline Kemp (BIO03)

After I graduated from UEA, I undertook an MSc in medical and molecular microbiology at the University of Manchester. I then worked in industry, as a technical support scientist at Oxoid, where I tested immunoassays. I currently work as a research technician at the University of Birmingham, where I am assisting research into disinfectant resistance in salmonella.



Paul Wheeler (CMP03)

I'm currently working in Norwich for the largest independent regional newspaper company in the UK. During my time at Archant I have held multiple positions, the most recent being Business Analyst for Archant Life. I still help out as a duty manager at the Union Bar now and then. I'm also a Special Constable currently based at Bethal Street, Norwich.



**Abdul-Kadri
Yahaya (DEV03)**

I am a lecturer at the Department of Environment and Resource Studies of the University for Development Studies in Ghana. I am also a district programme co-ordinator of the community outreach programme of the University.

**Mohammed
Ghettas (AMS04)**

PhD research student at the International History Department, London School of Economics. I was one of 2 recipients of the Stonex PhD Scholarship 2008-9.

Lucy Ginger (CMP04)

I am currently working for Essex County Council as a business analyst. My main role is to document and improve processes within adult social care. I also support the new IT systems and gather requirements. Without my degree I would have been unable to get this job, which is what I have always wanted to do.

**Konstantinos
Kiourtsis (CMP04)**

In November 2009 I shall begin my one year of national service in the armed forces.

Malte Schürmann (LAW05)

I have just finished law school in Germany and will start my two year internship in 2010.

**EUR 86 REUNION
– 16 OCTOBER 2010**

20th Anniversary Reunion

Anyone – students or staff – who was in EUR (I can't remember what this actually stood for!?) between 1986-1990 is invited to join us for a reunion. It will be on Saturday 16 October 2010 at the Louis Marchesi pub in Tombland from 7pm for drinks and a walk around some of the old haunts in "Narch" before we adjourn to a sit-down dinner. Anyone who had friends in EUR or who attended other schools at UEA is also more than welcome. Who knows when we'll have the next chance, or if we leave it much longer whether we will still recognise anyone! Apparently more money is now being spent on breast enhancements and Viagra than on Alzheimer's research, so if we wait for the 40th anniversary by that stage everyone will be up for a great night out but no one will remember anything about it. So better meet up now before it's too late...

**Stephen Abarrow and Mark Brewster
(both EUR86)**

To contact the organisers direct, please email Mark on Mrbrewster@talktalk.net. If you would like us to pass a message on to them, please email alumni@uea.ac.uk

Eleanor Smith (ENV04)

I am now working for EREC (European Renewable Energy Council), an industry association representing the whole renewable energy sector in Europe. EREC is based in Brussels close to the EU decision-making institutions with which I work closely as policy officer.

NAM names theatre after lecturer



A lecture theatre has been named after a lecturer in the School of Nursing and Midwifery (NAM). The theatre in the Edith Cavell Building on the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital site has been dedicated to the memory of Sue Harry who passed away in 2008.

In a ceremony, led by the acting head of NAM Dr Jill Robinson, Sue's friends, family and colleagues were given the opportunity to reflect on their memories of Sue and how she had touched their lives. Former Dean, Kate Guyon, spoke highly of her commitment to nurse education in her speech, which was said to capture the key essence of Sue's character. She said: "Her untimely death deeply saddened all those who knew her and this tribute recognises her exemplary contribution to the School."

Obituaries

We are sad to announce the deaths of the following alumni:

Alison Beales (SWK04)
 Stephen Bell (EDU01)
 Jane Cameron (EUR70)
 David Causton (BIO76)
 Luke Day (SOC97)
 Diana Hall née Harland (EAS70)
 Sylviane Harwood (SOC69)
 Ian Hewitt (CHE94)
 Margaret Knights (EDU81)
 James O'Donoghue (EAS73)
 Angela Quartly née Morgan (ENG63)
 George Rowe (MUS68)
 Alan Thomas (EUR74)
 Nikki Welch (LAW96)

How to Evolve in the job market

The Project Evolve internship programme is a new initiative which offers internships to recent graduates within Norfolk and Waveney and gives businesses the opportunity to secure skilled resource. Placements can be part-/full-time, between 4-12 weeks, and in any industry sector. Subsidies are available to eligible businesses, and graduates will receive a tax-free training allowance.

Anna Mills née Dixon (EAS96), managing director of Pinstripe PR commented: "We are delighted to be working with UEA to organise an internship through this programme. Having studied there myself I was keen to offer some significant work experience to a recent graduate, while hopefully benefiting as a business from the extra resource. I have been really impressed with the scheme which offers a great deal of support to both the businesses and the candidates themselves."



As a result of the programme, recent graduate Ruth Barton (PSI06) secured a marketing placement at Archant. Ruth said: "Having moved from a non-graduate job to this internship has helped me realise how useful my degree actually is. It has provided me with the essential skills with which I have been able to research and write reports. I feel so lucky to have been offered this opportunity."

Recent graduates can view current intern opportunities at www.uea.ac.uk/nbs/intern and any regionally based organisation interested in securing an intern should contact Andrea on 01603 591574 or evolveinternship@uea.ac.uk. For further information on the Project Evolve programme visit www.evolveinorfolk.co.uk.

New career for Emeritus Professor

Retired history professor, Howard Temperley, has embarked on a new art career, creating a range of distinctive images of the campus and city of Norwich.

He has produced a series of Christmas cards, postcards and a calendar depicting familiar Norwich scenes such as Elm Hill, the market, and the Forum. As can be seen by the cover image, he has also produced some striking images of the University. The postcards and cards are being sold in city shops, including Jarrolds, Norwich Cathedral shop and on campus.

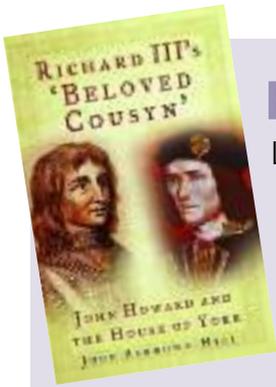
The Emeritus Professor created the digital images on his computer using just a mouse to draw, and began by making Christmas cards for friends. Howard said: "The calendar alone took weeks of work. It is very labour intensive – perhaps that is why no one else does it."

He revealed it was 60 years since he last dabbled in art: "I did a lot of drawing between the ages of 12 and 16 but I gave it up and had not done any art since I was a teenager"

After joining the University in 1967 he spent three decades teaching American History and was Dean of English and American Studies, a former editor of *The Journal of American Studies* and a former chairman of the British Association of American Studies.

"One thing about taking up something new is you get better rather quickly. It's certainly easier than writing. Maybe I'm turning into a new Grandma Moses."





Bookshelf

Listed below are books written by University staff and alumni which have been published recently. We have included all the titles that we have been made aware of. If you would like further details about any of the titles, please contact either the publisher or the Alumni Association.

John Ashdown-Hill (EUR68)

Richard III's "Beloved Cousyn". John Howard and the House of York. The History Press, Nov 2009

Cathie Carmichael (HIS)

Genocide before the Holocaust. Yale University Press, July 2009

Magdalen Evans (AHM84)

Utmost Fidelity: The Painting Lives of Marianne and Adrian Stokes. Sansom and Co, Feb 2009

Johnny Fincham (EAS85)

While the Gods Sleep. Virtual Tales Press, Nov 2009

Robert Graham (EAS74)

The Only Living Boy. Salt Publishing Ltd, Sept 2009

Richard Grayson (EAS87)

Belfast Boys. Continuum, Oct 2009

Stephen Greasley (PSI)

Changing local governance, changing citizens. The Policy Press, Oct 2009

Sarah Hesketh (LIT06)

Napoleon's Travelling Bookshelf. Penned in the Margin, July 2009

Geoffrey Hicks (HIS) & Bendor Grosvenor

Crap MPs: The 40 Worst Members of Parliament in History. Harper Collins, Nov 2009

Keith M Johnston (FTV)

Coming Soon: Film Trailers and the Selling of Hollywood Technology. McFarland, Aug 2009

Claire Mortimer (EAS84)

Romantic Comedy. Routledge, May 2010

Jane Ormerod (EAS97)

Recreational Vehicles on Fire: new and selected poems. Three Rooms Press, Oct 2009

Dominic O'Sullivan (EUR74)

Swifts and Other Stories. Olympia Publishers, May 2009

Geraldine Terry (DEV)

Climate Change and Gender Justice. Practical Action Publishing, Oct 2009

Johnny Tipler (AHM78)

La Carrera Panamericana: The World's Greatest Road Race. Veloce Publishing, Jan 2009

Steve Tomlin (SOC66)

Pirates! Pirates! The rise and rise of a Cornish rugby club. Cornish Pirates, Sept 2009

Luke Waterson (EAS99)

Moon Guide to Scotland. Moon Handbooks, Jan 2009



Book award for DEV researcher

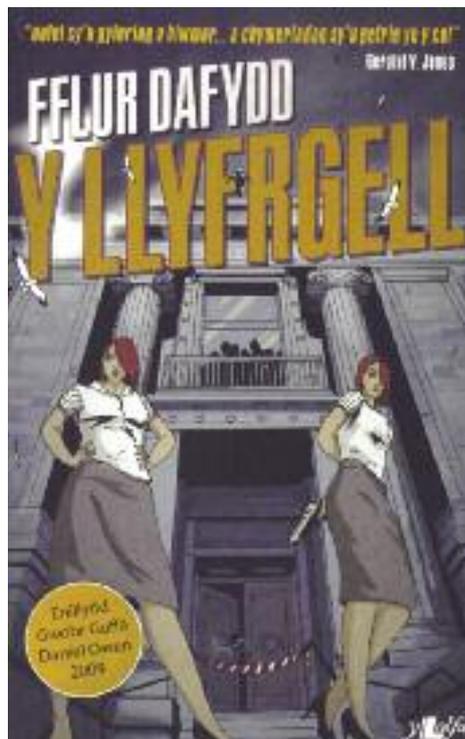
Dr Ben Jones, a lecturer in the School of International Development (DEV) has been awarded the 2009 Elliott P Skinner Book Award by the American Anthropological Association (AAA). The award is in recognition of *Beyond the State in Rural Uganda* which was published last year and is based on research carried out in the Teso region of eastern Uganda. Ben commented on the origins of the book: "At the beginning all I had wanted to do was a piece on how people had responded to government reforms, a fairly ordinary subject. But by the end of my 18 month stay what was clear was that I was living in a place still coming to terms with a violent war that ended a decade earlier. Much of the book is about the legacy of that war, and how people have come to terms with a history of violence. The study is about those sorts of social institutions – churches, clans and families – through which people have rebuilt their lives. I am immensely proud that this account has received wider recognition."

The Elliott P Skinner Book Award is presented by the Africa section of the AAA and recognises work 'that best furthers both the global community of Africanist scholars and the wider interests of the African continent'. Ben said: "Getting the award was a complete surprise, as I have only recently completed my PhD. This is my first book, and I was not really expecting such an award and honour." Ben collected his award at the annual meeting of the AAA in Philadelphia in November.

National Eisteddfod of Wales awards

Congratulations to two of our creative writing graduates who each won an award at this year's National Eisteddfod of Wales. The festival, which travels around Wales each year, brings together all aspects of Welsh culture including Welsh language literature.

Sian Melangell Dafydd (LIT05) won the Prose Medal and a cash prize for a volume of prose fiction of not more than 40,000 words. Fellow graduate Fflur Dafydd (EAS99) won the Daniel Owen Memorial Prize for her novel *Y Llyfrgell*. The prize is worth £4,600 and given for an, as yet, unpublished novel of not less than 50,000 words. Fflur has previously published four Welsh-language novels, the third of these, *Atyniad*, won the Prose Medal at the 2006 National Eisteddfod. Her first English-language novel, *Twenty Thousand Saints*, won the 2009 Oxfam Hay Prize for Emerging Writers.





THE QUEEN'S
ANNIVERSARY PRIZES

FOR HIGHER AND FURTHER EDUCATION

Faculty of Health

Neonatal nurses win national award

Neonatal nurses from the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital have won the prestigious Nursing Times' Team of the Year award for their work with the School of Nursing and Midwifery (NAM) and Quidenham Hospice.

The three organisations worked together to develop the very first service in the country to create a care pathway for newborn babies who go from intensive care to receive palliative care at Quidenham Hospice, or at home with hospice support for life-limiting conditions.

The pathway was developed in response to two families who went through the painful experience and raised issues about lack of choice, particularly in relation to bereavement support.

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit nurse manager, Amanda Williamson, and Sister Jacqui Jones were presented with the award in London by health minister and former nurse, Ann Keen. The winners were up against 96 entrants and have been invited to meet the Prime Minister Gordon Brown. Julie Lindsay in NAM said: "The establishment of this pathway and this prestigious national award will also show our students examples of good innovative care approaches, encouraging our future practitioners."

Faculty of Social Sciences

DEV win highest accolade – with a little help from their alumni

The School of International Development (DEV) has been awarded the UK's most prestigious higher education accolade, the Queen's Anniversary Prize, for its work in meeting the challenges in development and environment. The award, which is the equivalent of a knighthood of an individual, is awarded to higher education departments which can demonstrate outstanding work at world class level. The prize particularly reflects the long-standing programmes of ground-breaking research in DEV and its charitable company International Development UEA, formerly ODG (see page 14).

This includes seminal works that have had a profound influence on how people think about and respond to problems, such as land degradation, climate change and the livelihoods of the poor.

Vice-Chancellor, Prof Edward Acton, who was delighted with the honour, said: "When we set up the school in 1967, we brought together academics from different disciplines to tackle



some of the world's most intractable problems through their teaching and research and through their own professional practice. It remains the most effective and exciting model for academic engagement with global and local development issues."



Chief executive of International Development UEA, Dr Adrian Martin, said: "Our natural and social scientists work side by side, helping communities to address poverty and environmental change and to develop in a sustainable way."

"An award such as this, recognising our 40-year history of working in development, is very gratifying for us but also sends out a strong message about the importance of the work that we do and the issues that we address."

We are proud to say that our DEV alumni were instrumental in the research that went into the report for the prize. We asked them to let us know their employment details, in particular those that directly relate to the environment, and received over 100 responses. In a message of appreciation to the respondents, Dr Martin recognised the variety and enormous impact of the work in environment and development outside the University. He said: "Much of that impact is of course not delivered by us, but by our alumni who have entered so many walks of life and who strive to make a difference. That's why we needed all of your inputs – to be able to collate and convey a sense of your achievements. So, many thanks! We could not have presented a strong case without your support."

Representatives from DEV travelled to Buckingham Palace to receive the prize medal and certificate by the Queen.

Faculty of Science

Chemical “chastity belt” discovered



Scientists in the School of Biological Sciences (BIO) have discovered a protein in male fruit flies that makes the females they mate with less likely to pair off with rival males after breeding. The protein called PEBII is part of a so-called 'mating plug' which the male leaves in the female reproductive tract after mating.

“Mating plugs act like a sort of chastity belt,” said Dr Tracey Chapman (BIO) who is leading the study. “We think the PEBII has a subtle but significant role in stopping females pairing off soon after mating.”

Many species leave mating plugs, but in the fruit fly (*Drosophila melanogaster*), earlier research had shown that the physical presence of the plug itself was not enough to stop females mating again. Dr Chapman's team discovered that the presence of PEBII was essential for the plug to work properly. “We noticed that male flies that could not make this protein were not very good at preventing their recent mates from mating again. So we had a hunch that this protein must be really important in the male's mating strategy,” she said.

Reported in the *Journal of Insect Physiology*, the work aims to provide new techniques to improve control of insect pests, the source of some of the world's most



serious agricultural and health problems. The research will continue next year following an award by the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) of more than £350,000. It will be the first investigation of the complete pathway by which males respond to rivals.

Media Watch

Here are a few of the University's mentions in the news. A round-up of recent media coverage is available online at www.uea.ac.uk/comm

September

Dr John Ashton (CCP)

Financial Times, Belfast Telegraph, Western Daily Press, BBC Radio Ulster, The Times, Fleetwood Gazette, Nottingham Evening Post, BBC News online, Sky News Radio, North West Evening Mail and online. *Interest rates*. Business Weekly *Savings*.

Daithi Mac Sithigh (LAW)

Radio Norfolk, The Scotsman, Computer Active and online. *Wi-fi legislation*.

Dr Peter Curtis (MED)

The Sun, The Guardian, Heart radio, News of the World, BBC online, Telegraph online, Metro, BBC Radio Cambridgeshire. *Chocolate trials*.

October

Dr Andreas Stephan (CCP/LAW)

Daily Telegraph, Financial Times, The Times. *Price fixing*.

Prof Susan Fairweather-Tait (MED)

Daily Mail. *Vitamins*

Dr Tracey Sach (PHA)

British Medical Journal. *Knee pain*.

November

Dr Keith Tovey (ENV)

BBC1 news, The Politics Show. *Windfarms*.

Dr Sharon Choa (MUS)

BBC Radio 3. *Bohuslav Martinu*.

Prof Gillian Schofield (SWP)

Community Care. *Report on birth parents of foster children*.

Prof Edward Acton (VCO)

The Guardian. *Funding*.

December

Prof Corinne Le Quéré (ENV)

Independent, The Times, The Guardian, Daily Mirror, Daily Telegraph, CNN, Al-Jazeera, Washington Post, Metro, BBC Radio 4, BBC online and over 100 websites. *Carbon emissions*

Dr Sarah Churchwell (AMS)

The Week. *The Simpsons*. Night Waves. *The Humbling*. The Spectator. *Vampires*. Independent. *Sesame Street*. Newsnight Review BBC 2. *Paul Auster*.

Prof Bob Watson (ENV)

BBC Radio 4 Today programme, Daily Politics, Newsnight, World Service. *CRU data*.

Prof Andy Watson (ENV)

Channel 4 news. *CRU data*.

January

Prof Mike Hulme (ENV)

Real Radio, ABC Radio, The Economist. *New book*. Australian Newspaper, Financial Times, ITN News, Daily Mail online, The Guardian, BBC Radio 4, The Sunday Post, CNN. *Copenhagen Summit*. Sunday Times, BBC online, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, THE, Wall Street Journal, World Service, Toronto Globe. *CRU hack*.

Faculty of Arts and Humanities

Lorna Sage archive



The papers of Lorna Sage, which were given to the University library by her daughter, are now available for consultation in the library archives.

Lorna was professor of English literature at the University as part of a

varied career in which she was a literary journalist, critic and writer of the award-winning autobiographical memoir *Bad Blood*. She died in 2001. The collection includes papers relating to all aspects of her teaching and writing career, with particular emphasis on women authors, including Angela Carter.

Last year, as reported in Ziggurat, Doris Lessing, a distinguished fellow in literature at the University and winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2007, gifted her collection of personal and general correspondence to the University library archives.

For more information about the archives the library holds, visit their website at www.uea.ac.uk/is/archives

International Development UEA

The Overseas Development Group, which is a charitable company in the School of International Development originally formed in 1967, has changed its name to International Development UEA.

For over 40 years, the company has made a respected contribution to some of the most urgent problems in the world's poorest countries. It manages both the UK-based and international project activities of the University's School of International Development, as well as other schools.

The name has been changed to modernise the terminology and to better reflect its areas of expertise as well as that of its some 600 partner organisations and wide range of clients, which include NGOs, international development agencies and private clients.

Chief Executive, Dr Adrian Martin, said: "Such is the symbiosis between the School of International Development, which also officially changes its name from the School of Development Studies, and International Development UEA that we now share the same abbreviation "DEV" and the same new logo. By presenting such closeness between these two parts, we are reflecting what has for a long time been a reality - that our research, professional services and education are mutually reinforcing components of our whole."

To read more about DEV, the school and current projects, go to www.uea.ac.uk/dev.



Fifth best for geoscience research

A list of the best institutions for research into geosciences has placed the University of East Anglia fifth in the world. The survey was conducted by information service company Thomson Reuters. It used data from its Essential Science Indicators, a unique compilation of science performance statistics and trends between January 1999 to June 2009. It covers journal articles indexed by Thomson Reuters and gives the number of papers produced, the number of citations and the citations per paper.

For more information, go to <http://scientific.thomsonreuters.com/products/esi>.



World Class Norfolk

Norfolk County Council has launched a new bold campaign to champion itself as a world class business destination. The campaign aims to attract more businesses to the area by showing that it already supports sustained high-level investment from multinational companies, internationally-renowned research centres and engineering excellence. It highlights Norfolk as being an energy hub for the UK, with particular emphasis on renewable energy development, as researched and

supported by the University.

As well as a world class place to work, the campaign also focuses on Norfolk as a world class place to live. The county can offer unsurpassed heritage sites, a wealth of cultural opportunities and miles of unspoilt coastline.

To see more details about the campaign, find out more about Norfolk as it is today or remind yourself of Norfolk's beautiful countryside, visit www.worldclassnorfolk.com.

Back to School

Two graduates of the Creative Writing MA have come back to the School of Literature and Creative Writing (LIT) as Writing Fellows. James Scudamore (EAS03) was in post over the autumn semester and Jeremy Page (LIT02) took up his Fellowship in January. Both writers have recently been recognised for their writing talent. James was recently longlisted for the Man Booker Prize with *Heliopolis* last year and Jeremy's first novel *Salt* was shortlisted for the Commonwealth Writer's Prize for First Novel.

The writing fellowships are awarded annually to writers with an established reputation. The role involves teaching LIT undergraduates, workshops and giving readings as well as pursuing their own writing.

Previous Writing Fellows have included Alan Burns, Michèle Roberts, Henry Sutton and alumnus Toby Litt (EAS94).

CRU Update

Following the publication of emails hacked from the Climatic Research Unit (CRU), the University has announced an external reappraisal of the science in CRU's key publications. The Royal Society will assist the University in identifying assessors with the requisite expertise, standing and independence.

"Colleagues in CRU have strenuously defended their conduct and the published work and we believe it is in the interests of all concerned that there should be an additional assessment considering the science itself," said pro-vice-chancellor Prof Trevor Davies.

The independent reassessment will complement Sir Muir Russell's Review of the key allegations which is expected to announce its findings this spring. Police enquiries are still under way. Following renewed media interest, Prof Phil Jones has done in-depth interviews with *Science*, *Nature*, BBC online and the *Sunday Times*.

For the very latest news on this and all other news stories, go to www.uea.ac.uk/comm.



The Royal Welcome – then and now

The University was honoured to welcome HRH The Prince of Wales to campus at the end of January.



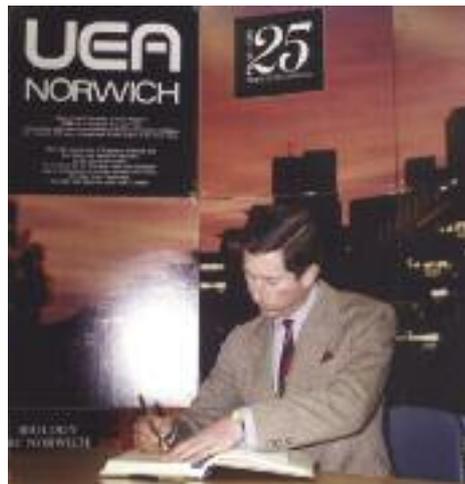
As Patron of the School of Environmental Sciences (ENV), the Prince wanted to demonstrate his particular interest in current research within ENV and his public expression of support was warmly received. He arrived on a freezing afternoon to a spirited reception from hundreds of excited students waiting on Founder's Green and outside the Registry building, waving flags and taking photographs. This friendly welcome was followed by a presentation and special exhibition hosted by staff and students from various different projects and research areas within ENV.

Johanna Forster from the Climatic Research Unit (CRU) said: "Prince Charles spent considerable time talking to the staff and students in CRU. He seemed very interested to find out how we use information about past climate to provide some context for the future."

Chairman of Norfolk County Council, Shelagh Gurney, was one of the dignitaries who met the Prince at his car. She said: "What impressed me more than anything was that he stopped and spent time with the students. The welcome they gave him was amazing. I felt like I was on *The X Factor*".

This was the third time the University has received a visit from the Prince; the second was in 1994 when he first took up his role as Patron. The first was in 1988, before the majority of the current students were born.

Some of our alumni may recall that Her Majesty The Queen has also visited the



University on various occasions, the first of which was in 1968 (below). During her visit, The Queen was reported to have demonstrated a hint of her characteristic sense of humour. According to *The History of the University of East Anglia*: "The Queen walked past banners proclaiming "No Anarchy, Yes to Monarchy (sic)". Unfortunately the "r" in "Monarchy" had been left out and inserted as an afterthought, to which the Queen commented: "It is a pity that our side cannot spell as well as theirs!"."



Past and present – a comparison

In honour of the royal visit past and present, we asked pioneering ENV graduate Ann Griffiths (ENV68) and current ENV student Ben Seears how various aspects of student life compare between the sixties and the present day.

Money matters

Ann: I was very lucky. In 1968 I had a grant of £364 a year and fees were £87 per year. I lived on £4 a week. Most grant money went on food and petrol but I worked in the holidays and eventually managed to buy a mini van.

Ben: I try to save as much money as possible from my loan each semester and any extra cash might go towards an Xbox game (around £40), a meal out or to help pay off my overdraft from the previous term.

Pranks and protests

Ann: In the sixties the protest and strike over the punishment of a student for possessing drugs was going on, as was the protest over American students having to serve in Vietnam and return to the US.

Ben: I know someone who had their legs shaved on the first year field course. But I'm not telling you who it was!

Ann: There was always competitiveness between Norfolk and Suffolk terraces culminating in an annual firework contest on bonfire night.

Getting to know people

Ann: I really enjoyed being in the first ever ENV cohort, and benefited from being in a small group – just over 50. We all knew each other and what with new lecturers and being "the first" students, it was learning all round.

Ben: There are 148 of us this year, and with so many people it can end up being hard to get to know everyone. That said, I did meet my girlfriend in the first year.

Ann: The first year was out at Horsham St Faiths, an old RAF base. I remember breakfast in the canteen and the buses onto campus every day. The second year was in digs and the third was in Norfolk Terrace on the Plain – amazing accommodation although we shared it with mice!

Ben: Campus rooms were small and if you didn't like your flatmates you're stuck. But saying that, who am I to complain when you can get out of bed at 8.58 for a 9am lecture?

Did you know?

In the "What Uni" Student Choice awards, we were voted top for the Student Union and Accommodation and 3rd for 'Eye Candy'.



Campus over the years

Our 'Then and Now' gallery is just one of the new items you will find on the alumni website and shows images of how the University has changed over the years.

Under our interactive section The Square, comparison images show scenes from all over campus. For those who weren't there, you can now see what it looked like when the Broad was being constructed, take a look at the 70s fashions in the Street at a pancake race and view the bar as it is today. You'll quickly see how the site has changed dramatically, though in some cases, such as the study bedrooms and kitchens, you may notice that it has not changed very much at all... We'll leave you to decide.

To view the photos, the whole of The Square section or to add your own photos, you will need to register on Netcommunity. Simply fill in the online form and you will be able to access the extra pages after your registration is processed, which is always within two working days. For any queries relating to the website, please contact us on netcommunity@uea.ac.uk.

Chilling out then and now



Campus kitchen then and now



The bar then and now



Questionnaire

New Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities and Guest Editor, David Peters Corbett (formerly Corbett) (EAS75) answers our Questionnaire, examining what his university experience was really like.

What is your best memory of UEA?

There really are a lot to choose from, and this may strike you as contrived, but I'm quite sincere: walking into the Library for the first time and realising I had all that time and freedom.

What is your worst memory of UEA?

Waking up as an MA student in Norfolk Terrace in 1979 to news on the Today programme of savage cuts in university funding, and knowing with absolute certainty that I would never, ever, get an academic job.

Who is the most influential person you met here?

Without a doubt Malcolm Bradbury. I am still trying to answer some of the questions he raised for me in seminars in 1977 and 1979. He introduced me to some of the issues my work has been about. It was Malcolm's enthusiasm for my MA that convinced me I might be able to write a worthwhile PhD.

I also remember as inspiring teachers, Eric Homberger, Rosemary Jackson, John Broadbent, Ellmann Crasnow, Paul Kennedy, and Geoffrey Searle, as well as Tony Gash, who still works in LIT.

What was your worst result?

I can't answer that! I want to keep my job.

Can you name someone you've kept in touch with from UEA and why?

I'm very glad to say I've kept in touch with Susan Peters (EAS76) – we've been happily married for twenty-two years. Otherwise Glenn Wood (EAS75). His unswerving scepticism about anything and everything institutionally academic keeps me on the right track.

Can you name someone you wish you'd kept in touch with, and why?

Hmm, no, but I did recently meet Frank Hardman (EAS75) again after thirty years when he arrived to be Professor of Education at York.

What was the best party you attended?

You're joking. Parties are a sublimation of the reading instinct.

To what extent have you used your UEA degree?

Well, to the greatest possible extent. Whenever I write or research or try to think I draw on the education I received as an undergraduate and MA student. It's quite true I think that UEA made me. It opened up possibilities I hadn't known were there and gave me the means to aspire to them. It was a profoundly liberating experience and it changed my life.

What experience have you used most?

It has to be the Library again. And those seminars.

If you had your time over again, what would you do different?

Probably more courses on American topics. I'd also dress a lot better.