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welcome

to the Link

Welcome to the 2011 edition of your alumni magazine, and congratulations to those who graduated during the last year.

We are 50 years old in 2012 and we want you to come and help us celebrate. There will be events taking place to mark this special occasion throughout the year. Read more on page 7.

Pictured on this issue's front cover is our story from alumnus Andy Robson, former Christ Church student, who has been helping street children in Mumbai, read all about his charities and how you can become involved, on page 12.

Putting an end to the destructive cycle of domestic violence is explored on page 10, while our student entrepreneurs feature on page 14. The explosive sound of percussion used with amazing lighting is taking audiences by storm. Ethan Maltby tells us about his unique show on page 8.

The Link also contains a round-up of University news, plus information on alumni services. And don't forget to check out the Class Notes and Bulletin Board sections to find out what some of your former fellow students are doing now.

We'd love to hear from you, too. So if you have a story to tell or simply want to update us on your life since leaving Canterbury Christ Church, please get in touch. Use the form enclosed with this magazine or email us at alumni@canterbury.ac.uk. You may find yourself featured in the next edition of The Link! Please also remember to give us your updated email address, so you can receive the e-bulletin.

We hope you enjoy the magazine.

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Archbishop of Canterbury opens Research Centre

Chancellor officially opened new research centre

The Research Centre for Children, Families and Communities was officially opened by the Archbishop of Canterbury in April. The Centre will undertake work that aims to enhance the lives and life chances of children and young people, their families and communities, both in the UK and abroad.

"It has always been a great delight to be associated with Canterbury Christ Church and I am very proud of my connection. However, the work and agenda of this the Centre makes me prouder than ever to be this University's Chancellor."

Vice-Chancellor installed

Canterbury Cathedral hosted a unique ceremony in February, as Professor Robin Baker CMG became the first Vice-Chancellor in the UK to be installed by our Chancellor, The Most Revd and Rt Hon Dr Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury.

Dr Rowan Williams led the unique Service of Installation which began at the University's Chapel. This was followed by an academic and ceremonial procession through the city to the Cathedral, where the Archbishop concluded the ceremony with a Liturgy of Prayer and Blessing.



Installation

Exclusive Canterbury performance by world-class conductor



Vladimir Ashkenazy

One of the greatest musicians of his generation, Vladimir Ashkenazy, led a concert at Canterbury Cathedral in support of St Gregory's development.

The exclusive visit to the city, the first for many years, saw Ashkenazy conduct the Southbank Sinfonia, of which he is patron, in a programme that combined his love of English music with Schuman's popular cello concerto. Guest artists included the cellist Raphael Wallfisch and the Sacconi Quartet.

The concert celebrated the new relationship between Southbank Sinfonia and Christ Church, developed as part of the St Gregory's project.

"Performing with the young players in the Southbank Sinfonia has been a wonderful experience," Ashkenazy said. "Music brings people together and creates a stronger society. As in life, tensions and jealousies are soon forgotten when working together for a common purpose."



Education Minister visits Broadstairs

Ministers of State visit the University

The Children's Minister, Sarah Teather MP, visited the Medway Campus to meet with the first group of students studying on the unique New Leaders in Early Years programme.

The programme was launched by the Children's Workforce Development Council (CWDC), in conjunction with Christ Church, last summer. The programme is the only one of its kind in the country, and its aim is to develop a new generation of outstanding graduate leaders for the early years sector.

Following extensive placements in early years settings including Children's Centres, childminders and private, voluntary or independent settings, students will be in a substantive working role in their second year, whilst completing a Masters Degree.

At the end of the two year course the graduates will have gained an MA Early Years, Early Years Professional Status (EYPS), and leadership and management skills and experience.

To find out more about New Leaders in Early Years programme, visit the website: www.newleaders.org.uk/

Christ Church academics receive prestigious awards

Professor Tony Lavender, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Research & Knowledge Exchange) at Canterbury Christ Church, received the MB Shapiro Award 2011 in recognition of the significant impact he has made on knowledge and practice in British clinical psychology, as well as for developing widely recognised innovation in the field.

Masi Noor, Senior Lecturer in Social Psychology, has been awarded the 2010 Early Career Recipient for the Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict, and Violence, Peace Psychology Division of the American Psychological Association, for his research contributions to the psychology of violent conflicts, such as the ones in the Middle East, Latin America, and Northern Ireland.

The Minister for Sport and Olympics talks about London 2012

The Minister for Sport and Olympics, Faversham and Mid Kent MP, Hugh Robertson, gave a public lecture in March, discussing the opportunities available for British Sport due to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Andrew Balsdon, Director of Sport at Canterbury Christ Church University, said: "We share the Minister's desire to raise the importance of sport and physical activity. The University works closely with partners in the community to give our students the best possible sport experience.

"It is hoped that the lasting Olympic and Paralympics' legacy will support students to be active sports participants and enjoy healthy lifestyles whilst studying at University."

University answers Government call to train more health visitors

The University is responding to a recent Government pledge to boost the number of health visitors and school nurses by increasing the number of places available on their course in Specialist Community Public Health Nursing.

The Postgraduate Diploma and Graduate Diploma BSc (Hons) is aimed at nurses and midwives who wish to develop their skills and gain a formal qualification to enable them to work in the community as a health visitor or school nurse, as well as encouraging former health visitors back into practice.

The programme will help to advance knowledge and understanding of current issues in public health and safeguarding children and vulnerable young people. It will lead to an expertise in child growth and development, introduce the study of pharmacology and prescribing for community practitioners, as well as developing leadership skills to create effective team working.

Upon successful completion of the programme, graduates will be able to specialise in working with vulnerable women and their families, young parents, or continue to develop management skills and become a public health nurse leader within the NHS.

For more information visit:

<http://www.canterbury.ac.uk/health>

University ranks 13th in England for its student employability rate

The 2009-2010 Destination of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) survey indicates that 94.3% of UK full-time first degree leavers from Canterbury Christ Church are in employment and/or further study within the first six months of leaving the University.

The 94.3% employment rate means the University is rated 13th in England and 17th out of all UK institutions. These figures come in the same month that Canterbury is rated the safest city for students in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, according to the Complete University Guide.

Honorary Fellows

The following received Honorary Fellowships from the University for their dedication and work within the community.



Darren Henley

Darren Henley started his career in the media industry by making tea in the newsroom at Invicta Radio in Kent. He then filled in as an overnight presenter and graduated to news reporting and reading. He then moved to Classic FM as a newsreader and progressed upwards to become Managing Director.



Leyland Ridings JP

Born in Australia, Leyland Ridings has lived in Kent since 1984. He was elected to the County Council in 1997 as the Conservative Member for Sandwich and appointed Cabinet member for Children, Families and Educational Standards at Kent County Council in 2008. He now serves as Deputy Cabinet Member for Vulnerable Children and Children and Young People's Health.



Charlotte Edwards MBE

The most capped One Day International player in the history of women's cricket and its leading runs scorer, Charlotte Edwards currently plays for Kent. She has captained England to two Ashes wins, the '50 Over World Cup' and the 'World Twenty/20 Championships'. In 2008 Charlotte was awarded the highest individual honour a player can achieve, when she became the ICC Women's World Player of the Year.



Richard Sturt OBE

Solicitor and former Kent Coroner, Richard Sturt, conducted the inquests following the capsizing of the MS Herald of Free Enterprise and the IRA bombing at the Royal Marine Barracks in Deal in 1989.



Roddy Loder-Symonds

Roddy Loder-Symonds is Vice President of Canterbury Festival and was a former High Sheriff of Kent. He served as a Governor at Christ Church from 1998-2010.

New appointments

World renowned academics strengthen research into nursing practice

The Department of Nursing and Applied Clinical Studies appointed Dr Kim Manley CBE as Senior Research Fellow and Project Manager for a joint project with East Kent Hospitals NHS Trust. Four Honorary Professors will work within the Department for the next three years: Professor Sally Hardy joins from City University where she is responsible for leading postgraduate education provision and research. Professor Tanya McCane is the Mona Grey Professor of Nursing Research and Development at the Institute of Health Care Research, School of Nursing, University of Ulster. Professor Val Wilson joins from the University of Technology Sydney Research and Practice Development, and is Director of Nursing Research and Practice Development at The Children's Hospital at Westmead; Professor Ken Walsh is the inaugural Professor of Nursing Practice Development at the University of Wollongong.

Internationally acclaimed Mozart expert heads the Department of Music

Professor John Irving, an internationally acclaimed expert on Mozart, joined the University in August as the new Head of Music and Professor of Music History and Performance Practice.

High profile members of industry and commerce inspire business students

Universally respected business leader and former Chief Executive Officer for Rolls-Royce Motor Cars, Tom Purves, has joined the University as Visiting Professor in Management Practice. Also joining the University as Visiting Professors are Professor Jeff Hyman, who has recently retired from the University of Strathclyde and is also a Visiting Professor at the University of Tianjin in China; Dr Geert Duysters, Professor of Entrepreneurship at Eindhoven University

of Technology and Tilburg University in the Netherlands. Dr Duysters is also the Scientific Director of the Brabant Centre of Entrepreneurship.

A new era for University partnerships

David Smith, newly appointed Pro Vice-Chancellor (External Relations), is the strategic lead for the University's external facing activities. David will lead on the management of partnership arrangements, the University's five campus network, a growing portfolio of international activities, marketing initiatives and will line manage the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities and develop the University's cultural engagement strategy with him. New appointments to support David include Sue Kendall-Seatter, Director of Partnerships, and Mark Wilson, Head of International Office.

New Dean for the Faculty of Social and Applied Sciences

Dr Janet Haddock-Fraser will take over as Dean of the Faculty of Social and Applied Sciences in October.

Dr Haddock-Fraser will join us from the University of Kent where she has been Acting Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences in 2011 and Director of Learning and Teaching in the Faculty since 2008.

New Professors and Readers

The Professorship and Readership Committee recently conferred the titles of Professor and Reader to the following:

Reader:

Dr Patricia Driscoll, Department of Postgraduate Initial Teacher Education
Dr Carolyn Oulton, Department of English and Language Studies
Dr Hazel Reid, Department of Professional Development

Professor:

Mr David Bradshaw, Department of Media
Dr Margie Callanan, Department of Applied Psychology
Dr Paul Camic, Department of Applied Psychology
Dr Trevor Cooling, National Institute for Christian Education Research



We are 50 in 2012!

Help celebrate 50 years of Christ Church

Canterbury Christ Church will be 50 years old in 2012 and we want you to help us celebrate.

Come and join us for events to mark our half century. We have lots of things planned to commemorate this great occasion and one of those events is an open day especially for alumni.

We also want your involvement – whether it's your memories which we can share with everyone, or you coming to the events. Please send us your personal memories of your time here at Canterbury Christ Church and include your photos – either email these to us atalumni@canterbury.ac.uk, or if you only have hard copies and

don't mind us having them, send those to Isobelle Leggett, Corporate Communications Officer, Canterbury Christ Church University, Rochester House, Canterbury, CT1 1UT. We will use your memories to create a visual time line, so only send those you don't want back.

Some of the events happening in 2012 to put in your diary are listed here, but these are only the highlights, full details of all events can be found on the Jubilee web pages.

Mozart's Requiem and Karl Jenkins' The Armed Man

Canterbury Cathedral – Saturday 17 March at 7.30pm

Alumni Open day

Saturday 19 May 10.45-5.30pm

Catch up with old friends and tutors and take a stroll down memory lane – there will be plenty to do and see and lots of entertainment

Golden Jubilee Service

Friday 28 September at 11.00am

Golden Jubilee Photography Competition

The theme for this special competition is *Freedom*. There is a cash prize of £250 to the winner – full details and how to enter are on the Jubilee web pages. You will find a link at www.canterbury.ac.uk/alumni.

We want to keep you informed of events, so please let us know your current contact details, especially your email address.

Keep an eye on the alumni web pages and this will give you the link to the Jubilee web pages with all the up-to-date information and how to book events: www.canterbury.ac.uk/alumni.

When dimensions collide

Imagine a world of percussion where communication is only through the medium of drums and imagine what happens when that world inadvertently enters ours.

This is the journey you take when you enter composer and director Ethan Maltby's production of *DrumChasers*. A tale of warring drum tribes from another world, who are accidentally brought into ours.

Ethan describes it as "a musical without words, but with drums" with forbidden romance, gangs, drum fights, drama and comedy – a show for the whole family to enjoy. Building upon the success of his previous show, *Noise Ensemble*, Ethan has Stephen Fry on board with this unique production. Stephen brings the whole story together through his narration.

Using poetry to tell the story

"I immediately had Stephen Fry in mind as the narrator," explained Ethan. "I have always admired his work and voice. Even though it was a long shot, I approached him and he loved the whole idea, partly because no-one has ever produced a show using only percussion to tell the story."

Ethan involved a singer/songwriter colleague from Christ Church, Jenna Donnelly, to write the poetic narration. The poem fills in the backstory of the characters and helps guide the audience through their world. The main story of *DrumChasers* centres around Mr Bennett, a caretaker in an old concert hall who looks after all the percussion instruments. One night the instruments come to life and he comes face to face with the people from *Noiseland*. He and the audience are pulled into their world of percussion, feuds and forbidden love.

"Mr Bennett serves as an anchor for the audience and a way for them to become involved in the story," Ethan continued. "He watches from the sidelines, but gets dragged into the ancient feud and ultimately it is up to him to find a resolution.

"The cast is made up of a mixture of percussionists, dancers and actors and each one has a unique character which brings plenty of variation and drama to the show."

From small lunchtime concerts to the world stage

Ethan has been a percussionist since early childhood. He made the move towards composition when he was a Music and RFTV student at Christ Church. His intention to become a film maker changed when he realised he was more interested in how the end product sounded rather than how it looked and so took an MA in Composition. He then became a lecturer and formed the Christ Church percussion ensemble which gave a series of lunchtime concerts and then performed as part of the Canterbury Festival with *Noise Ensemble*. Ethan developed the show into a production for the Edinburgh Festival before writing it into a full touring show which has played all over the world and in front of thousands at the FA Cup Final at Wembley Stadium.

"*DrumChasers* is a natural progression from *Noise Ensemble*," Ethan concluded. "I have taken the strongest elements from that show and brought them together with a solid story. The show is touring again in September/October, ending with a show at the new Marlowe Theatre as part of the Canterbury Festival, which is nice to end where it all began many years ago. In 2012 it is booked to perform in Taiwan before returning to tour in Holland."

Ethan is looking forward to one day filling the Albert Hall with a full orchestral and choral production for his dramatic percussion performances.

To find out more about *DrumChasers*, visit www.drumchasers.com





“a musical without words,
but with drums”



Breaking the cycle of abuse

Abuse often breeds abuse. Whether it is through drugs and alcohol, sexual relationships or identity, many young people find themselves the victim or perpetrator of abuse because of experiences in childhood. To try and break this cycle, young people who have experienced abuse have helped to produce a Healthy Relationships toolkit for themselves and their peers to use. It helps them to identify abuse and therefore avoid the pattern.

Sophie is now 23 years old and has contributed to the toolkit by speaking openly about her experiences. Determined to be in control of her own destiny, she has pulled herself free from a drug-filled existence and an abusive relationship, to put herself through college and onto a career path.

She is keen to help others and tells us her story here.

"I was 16 when I left home, without any GCSEs or any qualifications at all," Sophie explains. "My mother and step father moved to London and I didn't want to go with them, so they helped me to find accommodation in a supported housing unit for young vulnerable people aged between 16 and 25. I had been suffering from depression, which caused me to miss a lot of school, hence no qualifications. I arrived at the unit and soon went off the rails with my newfound freedom and associating with older people who influenced me into taking drugs.

Escaping an abusive relationship

"I met a boy whom I thought was really vulnerable, but soon discovered that he was completely unstable and spent the next 18 months trying to get away from him. He used his Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder as an excuse for his behaviour and was totally manipulative. He had a strange control over me, which I couldn't seem to break free from. He made me feel guilty whenever I tried to break it off and whenever he scared me he always turned it around to me over-reacting. I believed this for a long while until one day he had me pinned down with a pair of scissors at my throat and a manic look in his eyes. I realised then that I had to get away."

During this time Sophie realised that she didn't want to be trapped in a cycle of low paid jobs which would be the case if she had no qualifications, so she set about finding a

career. She took a beauty therapist course which enabled her to take her key skills and gain qualifications in Maths, English and IT. She discovered that she loved meeting and helping people and thought she would like occupational therapy. She took an access 'A' level course in Human Biology, Psychology and Sociology in order to get into university. At the same time she was dealing with the abusive relationship and a culture of drugs.

"I had to move right out of the area to get away from the drugs and him," Sophie continued. "Even though I felt totally isolated, I also felt relieved to be away from that environment. However, he managed to track me down and turned up at my new flat. I was afraid he was going to turn up with a shotgun or something, so I moved again and then he couldn't find me.

A bright future

"I am now a completely different person. That's why I wanted to contribute to the toolkit. Telling my story might help others see that if they try, they can change things too. Doing the OT course helped me realise that I wanted to help people to live independent lives, but not necessarily in a hospital setting, so I applied for the job I am doing now with the supported housing project I was in. I feel I can empathise with these vulnerable young people because of my own experiences. I try to get them to see the bigger picture and not just live from day to day.

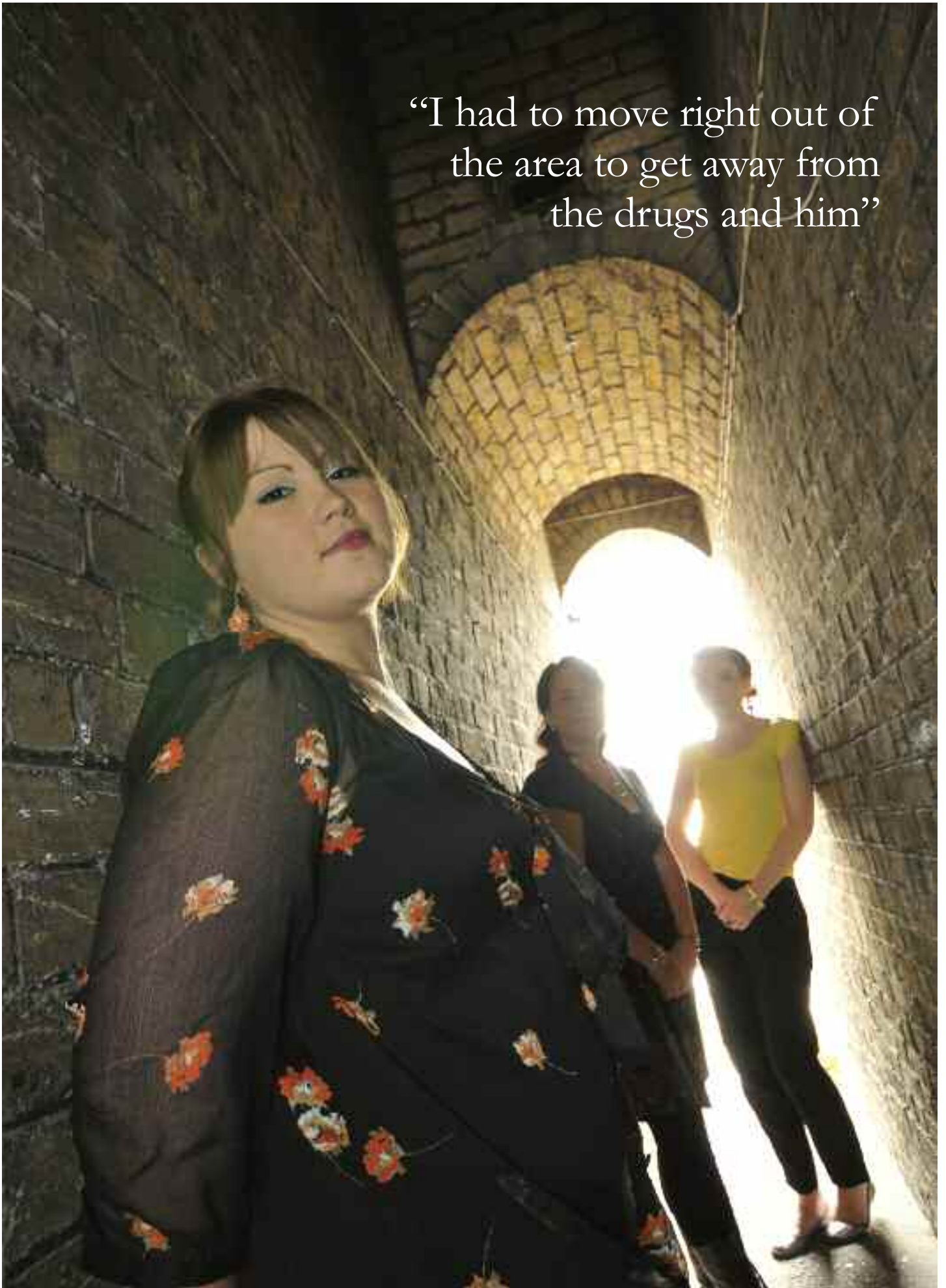
"I don't regret any of my life because it has made me appreciate everything I have now far more. I feel proud of what I have achieved. I could so easily have gone the wrong way. I could have become pregnant at a young age or a drug addict, but my ambitions to have a better life saw me through. I have a job I love, a new flat, a car I never thought I would ever own and a lovely boyfriend. I am studying for a diploma in housing practice with the Institute of

Housing and hope to continue my career and become a housing officer."

The Healthy Relationships toolkit has been devised by the Swale Domestic Violence Forum, in collaboration with the Centre for Health and Social Care Research at Canterbury Christ Church. It enables young people to identify and understand domestic violence, whether it is in their own home or an abusive relationship they may be in. Rebecca Perry, Domestic Violence Co-ordinator, and Rebecca Duffy, Healthy Relationships Facilitator, organised workshops and interviews with young people who have experienced abuse and worked within schools to produce an invaluable resource for young people and their parents to use. It helps them to recognise what is acceptable behaviour and what is inappropriate, what is actually 'abuse' and that abuse is not normal behaviour they have to accept.

Professor Annmarie Ruston, Head of the Centre for Health and Social Care Research, said: "The project is part of the South East Coastal Communities programme to support coastal communities. Nine universities in the South East were involved and out of all the projects put forward from the Kent and Medway region, we negotiated the successful applications for funding for eight, one of which was the Domestic Violence Forum's project. All eight projects are very ambitious and aimed at working with community groups to build their own capacity to improve their health and wellbeing. Not only did we secure a successful application for funding for this project, but we also supported them through academic leadership and guidance and training in evaluation methods and running focus groups. This particular project is very successful and has helped a great many people in Swale. I hope they can continue with this good work."

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“The only sustainable solution to their plight is education”

Rescuing Mumbai's street children

Living cheek-to-cheek with the affluent and elite in Mumbai are the street children, who spend their days scavenging and begging and nights literally sleeping on the streets, while tourists step over them to get to their destinations.

In the world of 'haves' and 'have nots', these are the forgotten, invisible people, ignored by society, or when brought to the attention of the authorities, forced into children's homes which are more like prisons. Some of the children are sent out to beg by their families and can return to their homes in the slums, while others are orphans who have no other means of survival, and their home is the street.

The only sustainable solution to their plight is education. This is their only escape from the perpetual cycle of poverty. To be able to read and write, especially in English, is a luxury many do not even dream of. Bringing that possibility to them is Sport Science and Education alumnus, Andy Robson's dream.

"I always wanted to work with street children," Andy explained. "I wanted to go out to Bolivia before starting university life at Christ Church, but that unfortunately fell through. When I got the opportunity, many years later, to become involved with a charity in India, I leapt at the chance."

Providing education, medical help and advice

Vision Rescue is a charity committed to helping street children by giving them informal education, medical help, counselling and advice. Founded in 2004 by Biju Thampy, motivated by a picture of a three-year-old boy suckling from a dog in the street, the charity started by giving out food at railway stations where most of the children congregated. He started to teach the children basics and as the numbers grew, bought a bus to give informal 45 minute lessons in English, Hindi and Maths. After each lesson, the children receive a healthy meal. The children are taught to a level where they can enter into government schools.

"Some are volunteers and most are unqualified," Andy continued. "The amount of education the children could get was very



limited. I was asked to look at how we could improve this. After an initial visit, I decided to quit my job in England and spend my time out there. I introduced phonics to help the children to read and write and trained the teachers, giving them tips and methods on organising lessons, providing different activities and how to engage the children.

"There are now about 20 staff on the four buses. They teach and feed about 800 children a day, travelling to 16 different areas in and around Mumbai. Around 200 children are now in full-time education in government-run schools."

Improving standards even further

"Now the level of education they receive has improved, we have hit another problem. Their standard is higher than the State's and they are either unlearning everything we taught them, or coming back to the bus and asking to stay with us. The government schools are overcrowded with 70-80 in a class for two hours. Phonics are not taught and only the better schools teach English.

"These children want to learn; they know they need an education to get out of poverty and 45 minutes will not do that. It gives them the basics, but now we want to set up proper schools. We also want to set up a teacher-training academy using a syllabus based on English methods. We have discussed different

ways we can achieve this with Christ Church and I am now researching the best approach.

A brighter future for some

"Unfortunately, it isn't always a fairy story. Many of the children go on to full-time education and do very well, but some don't. Just recently, a few children from the buses were arrested for begging and put into a children's home. They will now miss out on their education. Those who go to school and still live on the streets are often bullied because they can't afford the proper uniforms and books.

"But others are lucky. One 12 year-old lad I met was cleaning motorbikes to earn enough to buy a uniform and books to go to the local school. It would have taken him three months to earn enough. I personally bought him a uniform and books and now sponsor his education so he doesn't have to go out begging. I see him every time I go back. He is now 14 and his ambition is to be an engineer and he is working hard to realise that dream.

"Another 15 year-old lad, Ravi, lives on the streets but goes to school because his uniform and books are paid for by the project. His prospects are now infinitely better.

"A six year-old orphan was rescued by Vision Rescue from among drug addicts and found a place in an orphanage in Goa. He now has an excellent education and can speak English. All he wants to do when he is older is to help other people."

Now back in England and Deputy Head of a Primary School in Surrey, Andy has set up a charity, www.streetlifeindia.co.uk, to raise financial support for Vision Rescue.

"There are so many desperate families out there who want their children educated, but money means survival and they have to send them out to beg. They hate the way they live and are so grateful for the opportunity we are offering their children."



Encouraging entrepreneurs

At a time when jobs are hard to come by, is being an entrepreneur and starting your own business the answer? Andy Robinson and Lucy Cousins think so. They both ventured down this path while studying for a Music Industry Management degree at Christ Church.

Identifying them as possible candidates for support, Julia Jones, Entrepreneur in Residence, took them under her wing and pointed them in the right direction to get started.

"Some students stand out as entrepreneurs by nature," Julia explains. "I help them to activate their ideas and open doors for them so they can pursue the business they want to create. This could be securing funding, setting up the business contacts or helping them set up their strategic goals."

Andy Robinson has been a DJ and events manager for the past 10 years and decided he wanted to combine qualifications with his chosen professions. He has just completed his first year and is looking forward to graduating, while continuing with a new venture he started after he arrived at Christ Church with Julia's encouragement.

Seizing opportunities

"When I arrived at Christ Church I saw an opportunity to get a show on CSR radio, the University's radio station," Andy explains. "While training for that, a London company asked me to produce a weekly two hour show for them to drive traffic to their website. They do a lot of corporate work for companies like BT and Goldman Sachs and use the radio shows as a value added tool for the corporate websites.

"I love doing these shows. I play the music

I like and also through the internet have a relationship with the audience. I am also helping Julia on her project, Generation Expo, a lifestyle exhibition with live music, which opens in October at the Brighton Centre. And I have just finished an internship with Warner Bros, which made me realise that I wanted to work for myself. I think that there will be a large market for internet radio shows in the future which I am pursuing."

Internships expose new possibilities

Lucy Cousins, another of Julia's protégées, has just completed her BA in Music Management and is managing two music artists. She is about to take a Masters in Music and Entertainment Management.

"I started interning for Julia on a variety of projects as soon as I arrived at Christ Church. My first big project was the Soundsurf Music Education Tour in association with Gibson, Hard Rock Cafe and Pure Solo. Four of us from Christ Church went on the tour and hosted workshops on copyright in schools and colleges. And we also hosted open mike evenings for local bands to air their work.

Meeting idols and future clients

"The next big project was the Genesis Suite, a classical interpretation of their main hits. I was lucky enough to work on the PR side with one other colleague, which culminated in the world premiere at the Barbican where I met members of Genesis.

"Working on this project led to my band management now. We worked closely with companies like Classic FM and one of their feature editors happened to be the drummer of The Crimea, which is a band I have loved since I was 14 and on whom my dissertation is based. I had written a consultancy report on them. After they received it they asked me to be their manager on a short-term contract, but I hope it will continue after the launch of their album in October. I also manage a local singer/songwriter.

"The whole experience at Christ Church has been amazing. I thought that I would be interning one day a week and never dreamt I would have the opportunity to have hands on experiences like being on the biggest tour bus I have ever seen in my life. All the projects I have worked on have been fantastic and opened up possibilities for my future. I don't think I would have had any of these opportunities anywhere else."

Are you an entrepreneur who would like to inspire current students by sharing your knowledge, challenges and experiences you have faced whilst setting up a business? Canterbury Enterprise Group is a support organisation of undergraduate and graduate students of Christ Church who would love you to speak at their events. For further information and enquiries contact; marcusball@canterburyenterpriseigroup.co.uk

Opportunities



MA in Community Arts at UCF

The practice-based MA programme in Community Arts at UCF is intended to support practising artists, teachers, workshop leaders and animators who are seeking to develop their practice and skills.

The course, taught over 2 years during evenings and weekends and in intensive summer/spring/winter schools, will yield tangible and measurable benefits to personal and professional development, and have a direct improvement on the way you conduct your business in whatever context you choose.

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Obituaries

1993

Julia Van-Cauter (nee Dean) – B.Ed

Julia died in August 2010 after a three-year fight against melanoma. She had been teaching in Hertfordshire since graduating and was much-loved and is greatly missed by her pupils, family and friends.

2007

Andrew Cutting – PGCE

Andrew died in October 2009. He was working as a PE Teacher in London at the time.

He will be sadly missed by family and friends.

class notes - remember me

Recognise anyone from the class of '70?

Left to Right:

Karen Underwood née Walker became an artiste manager and Creative Director of JC2000, The Millennium Arts Festival for Schools and consultant to a TV series.

Maureen Emerson née Tulley is happily retired after 27 years primary teaching.

Barbara Smith née Taranto now works part time with the London Diocesan Board for Education's PGCE programme, being a link tutor for trainees just starting out to become teachers.

Patsy Cameron née Stiff was the headteacher of an Infant school in Denham, Bucks.

Felicity Burke née Tipton has retired from teaching adults with learning difficulties at a local FE College in Shrewsbury.

Elizabeth Walker nee Loader continued teaching whilst training to be a non-stipendiary minister in the Church of England. She is currently a parish priest and an honorary Canon of Rochester Cathedral.

Carol Frost née Wood completed her teaching career as a SENCO/Inclusion Manager.



What about the class of '72?



Left-right:

Barbara Christopher née Wilson, Jean Bentley nee Rosser and **Sue Brindle née Thelfall**. They were all music students and sang in the choir – do you recognise any of them?

1976

Roger Ward
BEd(Hons) Physics with Education
Vice President Internal Affairs

After graduation, I was a Physics teacher at Skinners in Tunbridge Wells, then went on to do a Masters degree at Chelsea College and then my PhD at Salford. I moved into HE and senior management at a college in Surrey, running a pioneering department in developing internet and electronic imaging in the UK. I set up my own company and worked on several educational projects in Uganda. I am now a part-time communications officer and web master for a college, and also a technical archaeologist specifically on the Great Arab Revolt project, a ten year project investigating the military historical sites of Lawrence of Arabia in Jordan.





2002

Neil Marsden
Religious Studies

I met up with a friend, Zoe Clayton, from Christ Church when I moved to Norwich after graduating. We were engaged a year later and married in Norwich Catholic Cathedral in 2005. We now have daughter, Juliet. Zoe is still a primary school teacher and I became an Independent Financial Advisor.



2005

Kate Watson
BA(Hons) Primary Education
ACC (Associate of Christ Church)
Award

I became one of the very first Learning and Behaviour Mentors in Medway, a role dedicated to supporting children in overcoming barriers to learning, including low self-esteem and bullying. I then worked as a Learning Mentor in a further school before setting up a partnership with a SENCO colleague called 'Snivel and Shriek'. We design and supply resources to support children's personal, emotional, social and behavioural development, to school staff, health and social care professionals and parents, nationally. I also do freelance work for 'Creative Partnerships' supporting teachers in implementing programmes of creative change throughout Kent.

2006

Nicholas Downs
Film Radio and Television

I met my wife, Hannah nee Brannigan, while at Christ Church. Hannah studied religion and then went on to do her PGCE. We got married in Las Vegas last year, with Elvis presiding, and had our honeymoon and wedding all in one during the October half term. My best man and his girlfriend came out for a few days to attend the wedding and enjoy the sights, then we had the rest of the week to ourselves.



2008

Laura Niven
Tourism Management

Whilst at Christ Church I trained to be a PAL (Peer Assisted Learning) Leader and during my last year of University, I worked for Canterbury City Council as an Information Officer at the Tourist Information Centre. I also supported Visit Kent as a volunteer assisting with the launch of their website, as well as supporting a campaign at the European golf open. After graduating, I took a three week placement in the events team and have been working there ever since. I also fundraise for a local hospice and Oxfam, organising music events for local bands.



bulletin board

who's doing what and where

(apologies to anyone whom we have not included due to space)

1969

Tina Stirling (née Treacher)
– Teacher's Cert and B.Ed

After 15 years teaching, I became an ordained Minister and am rector of seven rural parishes and an Honorary Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.

1970

Trish Powell (née Smallshaw) – CertEd

I retired at the end of 2010 and am free to roam. I spent the last 10 years of my teaching life in a Primary School in Wolverhampton.

Norman Watson – B.Ed

I have now retired, but after teaching, I joined the Civil Service where I edited a series of major law publications.

1977

Paul Humphries – PGCE Biological Science

I taught for 12 years but have since left and now work in the optical industry as an independent sales consultant specialising in contact lenses.

1983

Martin Poll – English with Religious Studies

I am Principal Anglican Chaplain and Archdeacon for the Royal Navy and an Honorary Chaplain to Her Majesty the Queen.

1986

Bill Hughes – PGCE

I recently featured on Most Haunted Live. I have had two books on Dracula published and am in the middle of writing another on Victorian hypnotism.

1989

Steve Taylor – RFTV with Geography

I am the Creative Commercial Director of the radio division of one of Europe's largest media companies and Creative Director for the cross-media operation.

1990

Sandra-Jeane Brooker (née Cossou)
– RFTV with Geography

I work with Senior Civil Servants and Ministers in their private offices at the Ministry of Justice.

1991

Hugh-Nigel Sheehan – Divinity with Art

I am an Associate Minister of a local church.

Angela Stevens – Sport Science & Primary Education

I was a mature student and have now retired from teaching, but run a wedding video business with my husband covering the South East.

1993

Andrew Ost – IT with Religious Studies

I have been on the leadership team at a secondary school for the past four years.

David Van-Cauter – English with RFTV

After the sad death of my wife last year, I am starting to re-build my life as a self-employed freelance editor, proof reader and personal tutor. I had a play produced at the end of last year, which is being considered by the BBC. My second collection of poetry has been published and I am now writing a musical.

1996

Helen Alkin – Business with Tourism and Leisure

I joined M&S on their graduate programme focussing on HR and now, 15 years later, I am responsible for attracting, selecting and recruiting graduates and school leavers into our business across the stores and head office.

Karen Chappell – RFTV with Religious Studies

I am now a freelance photographer.

Daniel Monaghan – History & Applied Social Sciences

I am now retired, but very closely involved with my Parish church.

Elena Santana Heal – Business and Finance with Tourism

I would love to get in contact with fellow students with whom I partied in the Student Union and went to Malta.

Sara Lyons – Geography and Primary Education

I moved to Cornwall in 2007 and have set up a freelance consultancy in autism. I provide a range of training and support services for adults and young people with autism and deliver training to schools, care homes and employers.

1997

Craig Charteris – BA(Ed) with Geography

I have taught in a range of schools and am now Headteacher in a gorgeous village school.

Deborah Penny (nee Lewis) – BA(Ed) Religious Studies & Education

I took early retirement from teaching in 2009 due to ill health, but enjoyed my 12 years of teaching.

1998

Martin Murray – Adult Nursing

I am a Community Nurse for the homeless in Inverclyde, having completed my LLM in Medical Law, and am now doing an MSc in Health Studies.

2000

Sinead McNally – Music with RFTV

I released my first single earlier this year, called Moody Blues. I left Primary teaching to pursue my dream!

2001

Gill Stephens (nee Blackman) – Midwifery

I re-married in 2009 and am now a Team Co-ordinator for district nurses.

2002

Amanda Talbot - Tourism & Environmental Management

I have just returned from a two-year Voluntary Service Overseas placement in Kathmandu, securing the rights of the low caste people. I am now an Organisation and Advocacy Advisor for the same organisation.

Lee Woolcott-Ellis – Digital Media

I am a Security/CCTV specialist.

2005

Ashutosh More – Masters in Public Health

I am enjoying working in London as a Public Health Specialist.

Michaleen Motley – MA in Fine Art

I am a part-time member of staff at the University and gained my PGCLT(HE) last October. I assist in interviewing potential students for the PGCE 11-18 and 14-19 Art & Design course.

Joanna Preston – Primary Education

I first taught English in a school in Germany and met my husband there.

2006

Kylie Brown – Adult Nursing

I am now a Theatre Practitioner.

Terry Rugg – Business Studies with Geography

I am now an Authorisations Associate with the Financial Services Authority.

2007

Michelle Curle – Children's Nursing

I am a Community Health Nurse in Kent.

Danielle Jarvis – Sport and Leisure Management

I am a self employed Sports Coach specialising in gymnastics. I currently coach in 12 Primary Schools.

Christian Suffield – Cert.Ed

I am a Police Trainer with Dorset Police and am the lead of Diversity training.

2009

Simon Clarke – Doctorate in Clinical Psychology

I am now a Specialist Clinical Psychologist for the Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust.

Lisa Gleeson – Adult Nursing

I am now a Staff Nurse in Spire Healthcare.

Sarah Topliss – PGCE Primary Education

I have been teaching in a Primary School in Essex and am also the school's PE, Dance and Drama Co-ordinator.

2010

Deborah Charnock – Master of Music

I still live in the Canterbury area and perform regularly with friends from the course and students on the current M.Mus programme.

Pam Hardiman – Management Studies

The course has benefitted my job immensely and I am keeping up the link with Christ Church by giving students in the Faculty of Education work experience placements here.

Lydia Narraway – Business Management

After graduating I travelled through Thailand and Australia before finding a graduate placement scheme with a car rental company.

Silvia Rasca – Film, Radio and Television with Media and Cultural Studies

I am a Sabbatical for the Students' Union and am currently the Vice President (Welfare and Education) for 2010-11.

Angela Simoes – PGCE & QTS

I was a supply teacher after graduating, then went on a well-earned holiday to Australia before coming back to start my career.

Erratum: Andy Bloor is not working overseas as reported in the last edition of The Link – he is a Senior Lecturer in Education at Canterbury Christ Church.

If you would like to feature in the next issue of the Link magazine, please send us a brief summary of your recent activities and a photograph. Use the form enclosed with this magazine or email us: alumni@canterbury.ac.uk.

people overseas

1966

Patricia Luxford (née Wood) – CertEd

I taught in the UK and Canada before emigrating to Australia in 1975, where I still live.

1973

Helen Klein (née Engledew) – English (Education)

I moved to the States in 1974. I have lived in seven different states and raised seven children. I am now retired and live in Florida.

1983

Lynda Addison nee Shepherd - B.Ed (Hons) Natural Science

After teaching, I returned to studying and qualified as a Chartered Surveyor before emigrating to Finland, where I am now glass artist and have had two pieces exhibited in the Finnish Glass Museum.

1994

Joyce Ann Nee Ho (née Goh) – English Literature with Music

I am now a Music Teacher in Jaya Selangor, Malaysia.

1995

Stephanie Mills – BA(Ed)

I worked in international schools in Pakistan and Ethiopia where I met my husband. We have set up two schools for poor children in Ethiopia. We rely on volunteers and donations to keep us going.

Ben Murray – Radio, Film & TV Studies with Science

I have moved to New Zealand and am a Motion Capture Technical Director for a digital company.

1997

Penny Akers and Dean Fisher – MA in English Language Education

We both came out to Hong Kong together to work in the English Language Centre at City University. We are about to set up our own Educational Consultancy working with secondary schools.

1999

Lesley Walker (née Carr) – BA(Ed)

After graduating I did some supply teaching before emigrating to Hamilton, New Zealand in 2010 where I am enjoying early retirement.

2000

Dave Owen – Nursing Studies

After graduating I worked as a staff nurse in a local hospital and a children's hospice, then did the same work in Australia and New Zealand. I am now on a two year contract in Abu Dhabi as a Paediatric Emergency Charge Nurse.

Shelley Vernon – Music

I now live in the South of France. I have made three CDs of songs for children learning English and created teaching tools for English as a Second Language.

2001

John Cornfoot – IT with Business Studies

I emigrated to New Zealand and am now a Department Manager at Otago University.

Veronica Mavin (nee Dougal) – Nursing

I have now retired to rural France!

2002

Jess Casey - Social Science with Media and Cultural Studies

I now live in Barcelona and two years ago started an arts organisation/gallery with my friend Xavier Kaye, whom I met at Christ Church, who studied Fine Art with Sculpture. We exhibit work of European and local artists.

2009

Dr Caroline Moore – Language Studies

I am now a university lecturer in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Luke Wondergem – MSc Policing

I am a Senior Security Liaison Officer with the Rotterdam Police.

2010

Peter Baluch – Business Studies and Marketing

I am now living in Slovakia.

keeping in touch



Alumni Services

If you have studied at Canterbury Christ Church you automatically become one of our alumni, joining a social and professional network of around 50,000 former students.

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You can ask for help and advice from our Employability and Careers Services for up to three years after graduation. And don't forget the Jobshop. It is there for those of you who want to place ads for jobs for students and graduates, as well as looking for job vacancies for yourself.

The Link

This is a free magazine produced once a year especially for former students of the University. The magazine aims to keep you in touch with Canterbury Christ Church and each other. We would love to hear from you with news of what you have been doing since graduation. Please contact us if you would like to feature in the next edition of The Link.

E-Bulletin

The E-bulletin is produced twice a year and keeps you up-to-date with the latest news and events at the University. Please register your e-mail address with us to ensure you receive this (please see below for how to update our details).

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You are entitled to preferential discounts when using University facilities. Discounted rates are available for membership to the Library and discounts at the Bookshop. There are special membership rates for alumni at the new Christ Church Sports Centre, Canterbury, and there is a 20% discount on University conferencing and accommodation facilities. Please contact each venue for full details.

Reunions

We can help you get started with organising your own reunion at the University. Please contact us to discuss what you have in mind.

Finding old friends

If you have lost contact with former classmates, we will be more than happy to help you get in touch with lost friends.

Stay involved

Why not come back and talk to current students about your career and how you got there? Have you thought about giving placements to current graduates where you work? What about offering internships? Or, perhaps becoming an Ambassador?

There are lots of ways you can continue to be involved with the University and we would love you to stay a part of our community.

Supporting current students

You might like to consider supporting Christ Church and current students by contributing to scholarships, bursaries and awards or special projects. Please get in touch if you would like to discuss how.

Update your details

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