

Christ Church students clean up the coast



Christ Church Eco Students Society has been working hard this winter to remove waste and plastic from the local environment, with litter-picking events taking place in Canterbury and on the Kentish shoreline.

In November, Eco Students took a circular tour of the area around the North Holmes campus, collecting five sacks of rubbish in just over an hour. Beach cleans also took place at Kingsdown Beach, near Deal, with students working their way through the long stretch of shore over

two separate visits, collecting a whopping 10 bags of waste.

Members of other Students' Union societies also joined the cleans, showing wider commitment from within the student community to maintain and preserve the local environment.

IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH FOR FREE

We're offering free English language classes to anyone for whom English isn't their first language and who would like to improve their English communication skills.

Taught by students who are studying for their MA Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) or Cambridge Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults (CELTA) qualifications, these classes provide students with the opportunity to enhance their teaching skills, while offering high-quality English language classes free of charge to the local community.

Classes will run from Monday 27 January until Thursday 23 April, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 3pm-5pm. The classes are drop-in, drop-out with no commitment, and there are sessions suitable for both high and low-level English.

If you're 18 or over and would like to improve your English, get in touch with our team at language.studies@canterbury.ac.uk

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

Each university has a Community Liaison contact who can advise on a number of community projects, opportunities or issues.

Canterbury Christ Church University
e: community.liaison@canterbury.ac.uk
or t: 01227 922836

University of Kent
e: communityliaison@kent.ac.uk
or t: 01227 816156

The universities take the concerns of our neighbours very seriously. If local residents experience anti-social behaviour and believe our students are involved, there are places you can go to complain and get help.

Police

Call **101** to report non-emergency incidents and **999** for emergencies.

Canterbury City Council's Refuse and Recycling Services

For all recycling enquiries and to report missed bin collections, e: environmentalhelpdesk@canterbury.serco.com
or t: 0800 031 9091

Canterbury City Council's Environmental Health Team

To report a problem with noise, neighbours or nuisance, e: envhealth@canterbury.gov.uk
or t: 01227 862202

Parking Enforcement

To report a problem with parking, e: parking.enforcement@canterbury.gov.uk
or t: 01227 862429

If you encounter an obstruction or other endorsable offences, please telephone the police on **101**.

WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

If you have any questions or comments about the University, or if there is something you would like us to feature in a future issue of Community Matters, please email community.liaison@canterbury.ac.uk

For alternative formats, including electronic and audio versions of the newsletter, visit canterbury.ac.uk/community

World Book Day Competition 2020



Did you know our bookshop is one of World Book Day's participating stores? On Thursday 5 March, come along to the University Bookshop to exchange your World Book Day £1 book tokens for any of the 15 exclusive World Book Day books, or use your book token to get £1 off any full price book instead.

To celebrate World Book Day, we're offering you the chance to win six hardback volumes from the Wordsworth Collector's Edition series. Each of these children's classics is cloth-bound, with matching coloured end papers, embossed gold and coloured blocking to enhance the beautiful bespoke cover illustrations.

To enter our free prize draw, you need to be a CT1 or CT2 resident. Just email bookshop@canterbury.ac.uk using the subject World Book Day Competition, along with your name and address,

by Wednesday 4 March.

The name of the winner will be announced on our Bookshop Twitter page on Thursday 5 March – follow [@ccubookshop](https://twitter.com/ccubookshop) to find out if you've won. We will also email the winner directly. Good luck!

By entering the prize draw, you are agreeing to our terms and conditions, which can be found at canterbury.ac.uk/world-book-day-competition

For more information on World Book Day, visit worldbookday.com

A SHOW IN AID OF CANTERBURY UMBRELLA CENTRE



Our student Show Choir hosted its first showcase in November with *A Night At The Movies*, raising over £700 for the Canterbury Umbrella Centre.

Singing at the Lounge Bar and Kitchen, St George's Place, the Show Choir treated the crowd to a variety of hit songs from the silver screen, such as *This Is Me* from *The Greatest Showman* and *Writing's On The Wall* from *Spectre*. The raffle featured prizes worth up to £1,300, including tickets for local attractions

such as Port Lympne, Leeds Castle, and the Rare Breeds Centre in Ashford. In addition to online donations, the event raised an incredible £705 in aid of the Canterbury Umbrella Centre – a vital community hub that provides support and activities promoting good health and mental wellbeing.

Dates for your diary

MON 20 JAN – FRI 15 MAY
Semester 2 at Christ Church

MON 13 JAN – FRI 3 APR
Spring Term at University of Kent

THU 27 FEB
Postgraduate Open Evening at Christ Church

THU 12 MAR
Foundation Year Open Evening at Christ Church

WED 18 MAR
Information Session at Christ Church

SAT 21 MAR
Christ Church Graduation Award Ceremony at Augustine House

MON 30 MAR – 13 APR
Easter holidays at Christ Church

MON 4 MAY – FRI 12 JUN
Summer term at University of Kent

For more key dates visit
Christ Church: canterbury.ac.uk/termdates University of Kent: kent.ac.uk/community/dates

Community matters

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CHAIR OF ARTS COUNCIL OPENS NEW CREATIVE ARTS BUILDING



Sir Nicholas Serota, Chair of Arts Council England and former Director of the Tate Gallery, formally opened our new Daphne Oram creative arts building.



Sir Nicholas Serota, left, and Vice-Chancellor Professor Rama Thirunamachandran

At the opening event, Sir Nicholas said: "It's a pleasure to celebrate a further step for the University in its relationship with creativity, with the arts and of course with the city. To have a building at this University which is dedicated to the creative arts is an enormous step forward for the arts and the community."

Named after Daphne Oram, co-founder of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop and a tutor at Christ Church during the 1980s, our new creative arts building incorporates in its bold design the historic foundations of our campus, exposing sections of the original St Augustine's Abbey wall beneath a glass floor.



While celebrating local heritage, the building offers contemporary learning facilities to support the graduate skills needed for the growing creative industries in Kent. Part of our £150m campus transformation, the new space includes a gallery and live music spaces, creating a lively artistic hub for the local area.

The building is also one of the successful projects in the 2020 Civic Trust Awards.

For more information about our arts and culture events, visit canterbury.ac.uk/arts-and-culture



2019 general election 'hustings' (Augustine House)

WORKING TOGETHER WITH KENT'S BUSINESS COMMUNITY

Our graduate employment project Gradforce hosted a successful networking event for local businesses in December, with employers from across Kent and Medway coming together to learn how employing Christ Church graduates can benefit their businesses.

Gradforce is a three-year project funded by the Office for Students (OFS), that aims to work with small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) in Kent and Medway to match their recruitment needs with the talent of Canterbury Christ Church University graduates. The project looks to keep our graduates within the region by increasing the number of graduate jobs in Kent and Medway, ultimately making a positive difference to the community and the local economy.

The festive networking event gave businesses the opportunity to learn more about the project, hear from key note speakers and alumni, and discover the advantages of working with Gradforce – as well as enjoy some Christmas nibbles.

If you're a local business owner or employer and would like to find out more about working with us, including the Gradforce initiative, visit our new business webpages at canterbury.ac.uk/business

We offer a range of support services including expert consultancy, training and CPD, research and development, apprenticeships, as well as access to our student talent.

First Canterbury hustings for the 2019 general election

In December, we were proud to host the first hustings for the Canterbury constituency, with Labour, Conservative, Liberal Democrat and Independent candidates all making their case to become our MP at the 2019 general election.

Public Lectures

Our free Public Lectures offer expert insight into a range of diverse and thought-provoking topics, from politics and the arts to science and education.

The most recent lecture by Professor Sir John Curtice (Delighted, Divided or Despairing? Voters' Reactions to the Brexit Process) was a huge success, with a 400-strong audience.



Darren Henley OBE

**THURSDAY 12 MARCH, 6-7PM
OLD SESSIONS HOUSE, LONGPORT**

Next up in 2020 will be our honorary fellow Darren Henley OBE. Darren is the Chief Executive of Arts Council England, whose education reviews have resulted in England's first National Plan for Music Education.



Dame Wendy Hall

**TUESDAY 5 MAY, 6-7PM
OLD SESSIONS HOUSE, LONGPORT**

Our final speaker in the 2019/20 series will be Dame Wendy Hall. One of the world's leading computer scientists, Dame Wendy carried out significant work in many areas including digital libraries, the development of the semantic web and the emerging research discipline of Web Science.

These lectures are open to the public and free. For more information, visit canterbury.ac.uk/public-lectures

Medieval Canterbury Weekend

Discover the secrets of historical Canterbury with the return of our hugely popular Medieval Canterbury Weekend.

Running from Friday 3 to Sunday 5 April, Medieval Canterbury Weekend will showcase the latest research on the Middle Ages. Guided tours will provide exclusive access to the Cathedral's own medieval collections, with special exhibitions, lectures by local historians, and the chance to hear talks from Professors Michael Wood, Diarmaid MacCulloch, Caroline Barron, and Paul Bennett MBE.

This year, Medieval Canterbury Weekend will also coincide with Becket2020, a series of events that mark 850 years since Thomas Becket's murder in Canterbury Cathedral in 1170.

We're giving away two pairs of tickets to two lucky winners to an event of their choice (subject to availability) during the Medieval Canterbury Weekend.



Professor Michael Wood

To enter our free prize draw, you need to be a CT1 or CT2 resident. Just email corporatecommunications@canterbury.ac.uk with the subject Medieval Canterbury Weekend Competition, along with your name, address, and the event you would like to attend, by Friday 6 March. Good luck!

By entering the prize draw, you are agreeing to our terms and conditions, which can be found at canterbury.ac.uk/medieval-competition

CHRIST CHURCH GRADUATE NOMINATED FOR A BRITISH EDUCATION AWARD



Christ Church graduate Lucy Arman, who achieved a first-class degree in Physical Education & Physical Activity (PE & PA) last year, has been nominated for a British Education Award to celebrate her outstanding courage and resilience.

In 2010, Lucy was diagnosed with Chiari Malformation, a rare condition that causes the brain to push against the spinal cord. At the time, she was Kent Cricket's Girls Captain, but her illness forced her to give up her dreams of pursuing a career in sport. Lucy decided on an alternative path to success and enrolled on the Foundation Degree in PE & PA at Christ Church, progressing on to a full degree.

During her studies, Lucy was able to continue to invest in local youth cricket. She encouraged young female cricketers as an innovative coach and developed a talent identification academy. Lucy won Kent Cricket's Coach of the Year Award, in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the local sporting community.

Lucy said: "Christ Church made me realise that no matter what you go through in life, there is always a light at the end of the tunnel."

We are proud to count such inspirational graduates among our alumni, and wish Lucy the very best in what she does next.

Digging into Canterbury's dark ages



The remains of an Anglo-Saxon woman have been uncovered by the Canterbury Archaeological Trust (CAT) on the University's Canterbury Campus. The discovery of the woman, who was buried with lavish jewels, has provided fascinating insights into local life in ancient times.

Christ Church is one of only a few universities in the UK to be located on a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Our North Holmes campus occupies part of the St Augustine's Abbey site, which dates back to the 6th century and marked the rebirth of Christianity in England.

Dr Ellie Williams, Lecturer in Archaeology at the University, said: "The discovery of an ancient burial on our campus is extremely exciting. It demonstrates the richness of the archaeology that surrounds us, and contributes important new evidence to our understanding of life and death in Canterbury around 1400 years ago."

Believed to have been in her twenties, the woman was found buried with a necklace of amber and glass beads, a copper alloy bracelet, an iron knife, and a silver, garnet in-laid Kentish disc brooch. These types of brooches were produced at the behest of

the Kentish royal dynasty and distributed as gifts to those in their favour, indicating that the woman was a contemporary and likely acquaintance of the Kentish King Ethelbert and his Frankish Queen Bertha.

Dr Andrew Richardson, Outreach and Archives Manager at CAT, said that with an estimated burial date of AD 580-600, the find "suggests that relatively high-status burial was taking place on the site in the years shortly before the establishment of the Abbey, which may represent a continuance of existing practice at the site, rather than a completely new development, and has implications for our interpretation of this World Heritage Site."

The bones will be retained for further scientific study, which it is hoped will provide further insights into local Anglo-Saxon life, death and burial.

Watch a video which explores the discovery at canterbury.ac.uk/press-releases/2019/bones

INSPIRING LOCAL CHILDREN TO LEAD ACTIVE LIVES

Christ Church has teamed up with The King's School, Canterbury, for the fifth year of Minilympics, with over 150 pupils taking part from local primary schools.

Pupils heard from Kent-born Olympic hurdler Jack Green, who shared his experiences of elite-level sport at the Olympics and World Championships, and were given a special talk by Christ Church Sports & Exercise student Zsara Finch about making healthy food choices.



Canterbury Anifest 2020

This spring, we're excited to once again bring you Canterbury Anifest – an award-winning animation festival and the largest annual event of its kind in the South East. Running from 28 February to 1 March, this community event invites you to experience the magic of animation with a range of workshops, masterclasses, films and talks that are perfect for all the family.

The festival offers budding animators the chance to submit their own short films to the Canterbury Anifest international animation competition. Shortlisted entries are screened throughout the weekend,

giving you the chance to discover the animation stars of tomorrow.

Canterbury Anifest attracts industry specialists, giving you the opportunity



to hear from some of the biggest names in animation. The festival has grown dramatically since its humble beginnings, and has welcomed the likes of Aardman, Double Negative, DreamWorks, LAIKA, Pixar, and The Ray and Diana Harryhausen Foundation.

To book your tickets, go to canterbury.ac.uk/arts-and-culture

£4M BACKING FOR THE KENT AND MEDWAY MEDICAL SCHOOL

The South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP) has agreed to provide our new Kent and Medway Medical School (KMMS) with £4m of Local Growth funding.

SELEP Chair Christian Brodie said: "The South East LEP is very pleased to be able to support such an important addition to Kent's educational landscape. This investment, and this new school, will help attract the very best talent in this field, as well as supporting the local community by providing a boost in highly trained medical professionals serving the rapidly growing population in the area."

A joint venture between Christ Church and the University of Kent, KMMS will be the first medical school in Kent and Medway, providing a centre in the region for medical education and research to develop the



KENT AND MEDWAY MEDICAL SCHOOL

area's health workforce, and address the growing need for medical professionals in the area due to rapid housing and population growth.

KMMS, in partnership with Brighton and Sussex Medical School (BSMS), has also been chosen to run one of five Medical Schools Council (MSC) Summer Schools this year.

Funded by Health Education England, MSC Summer Schools are free residential

events for young people in England who are thinking about a career as a doctor, in particular those who are from areas where few students apply to study medicine.

For more information, go to kmms.ac.uk



Kent pupils create a political carnival

Young people from across Kent took part in a political carnival on the University's city campus to express their views on a range of issues.

Part of the Economic and Social Research Council's Festival of Social Sciences, the 16 to 18-year-olds from schools and colleges across Kent came together to devise their own political movements, discuss issues such as climate change, equality, Brexit, safer streets and UK politics, and march through the campus with a carnival of political banners.

Professor David Bates, Director of Politics and International Relations at Christ Church, said: "Too often we hear about the political apathy of young people. Today we have witnessed quite the opposite."

Throughout the event there was a sense of fun, excitement, and genuine engagement from the 100 plus young people.

Divaina Burt, 16, from Brockhurst College, said: "It was a good way to explore what different people think about politics," while Mia Waters, 16, from Sandwich Technology School, commented: "I don't think political issues are talked about enough in schools. We are the future so we should be involved."



CALLING ALL KENTISH ARTISTS

The annual Portfolio art competition is now open. A collaboration between Christ Church and Turner Contemporary, this competition is an exciting opportunity for pupils, students, teachers and community groups across Kent and Medway to showcase their creativity.

This year, our Portfolio theme is Places and Spaces, taking inspiration from Turner Contemporary's 2020 Summer Season which celebrates the places and spaces we inhabit.

You are invited to look around and see the world anew. Where are the places and spaces that you spend most of your time? What's special

about them? What would you like to change about them and how might you do this? We want to learn about lost places and imagine new spaces and welcome your personal response to the theme in any medium.

The deadline for entries is Sunday 22 March at midnight. To find out more and apply, go to portfolioartcompetition.com