University of Kent Former Staff Association
Upcoming events and activities 2015

Please note that the below activities are subject to change and that this list is updated regularly. Please email alumni@kent.ac.uk for further details or to book your place. Don’t forget there is a monthly informal lunch from 12.30pm on the last Thursday of the month (not August or December) in Rutherford Dining Hall!

Got an idea for an event/activity? Please let us know!

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| Tuesday 22nd September| Tour of Tudor House, Margate  
11am, meet at Tudor House, Margate, suggested donation of £5 each, email alumni@kent.ac.uk to RSVP by Monday 21st September |
| October 2015:         | No details available                                                                                                                                |
| Wednesday 18th November| University archive update with Ann MacDonald  
5.30pm, Library (room TBC), free to attend, email alumni@kent.ac.uk to RSVP by Monday 17th November |
| Thursday 17th December| Annual Christmas Lunch  
12.30pm, Rutherford College Dining Hall                                                                                                           |
| January 2016:        | No details available                                                                                                                                |
| Friday 5th February   | Malcolm Binns concert  
7.30pm, Colyer-Fergusson Concert Hall, Canterbury, ticket prices and booking TBC                                                               |
Celebrated pianist Malcolm Binns returns to Kent to perform a concert in aid of the University of Kent Music Fund.

**Thursday 18th February 2016: Facial composite construction - Art meets science**
5pm, venue TBC, followed by drinks in Origin’s (Darwin)

*Dr Stuart Gibson, School of Physical Sciences, University of Kent*

In the absence of other leads, a facial description may represent the best opportunity for locating a person who is suspected of committing a crime. Systems for developing pictorial representations of suspects’ faces have been used regularly in the UK since 1970 when PhotoFIT enabled police to locate the murderer of James Cameron in Islington, London. In 1989 a computerised version of the PhotoFIT system was introduced which became known as Electronic Facial Identification Technique (E-FIT). This system is currently used by 90% of UK police and in over 30 other countries. E-FIT is an effective policing tool but its usefulness can be limited by the witness’ ability to describe the suspect’s face in detail. Unfortunately witnesses find it difficult to recall descriptions of faces from memory (especially unfamiliar faces). To address this drawback a new approach has been developed that makes use of the inherent human capacity for recognising similarities between faces. Researchers at the University of Kent have pioneered this approach and their work has led to a commercial system, EFIT-V, that is now used by the majority of UK police and by law enforcement agencies in many other countries. This talk will describe the path from research to commercialisation of our facial identification software and will include a short demonstration.

**March 2016: A history of sit-ins at Kent TBC**

**April 2016: Rutherford Grass Roots Lecture**

Tracey Kivell on the history of the hand TBC

**May 2016: Tour of Medway campus and art end of year show from School of Music and Fine Art students**

Details to follow

**June 2016: Summer Event and AGM – details to follow**

**July 2016: No details available**