This year has seen Kent consolidate its position as one of the UK’s most dynamic universities, with students once again voting it the number one university in London and the south-east in the 2008 National Student Survey. The Guardian also ranked Kent among the UK’s top thirty universities in its annual Higher Education League Tables, representing a rise of 18 places since 2007.

We hope this issue of KENT will give you some idea of what makes Kent such a great university – its research and enterprise activities, the achievements of both its students and staff, as well as the major contribution made by its alumni.

As you will see, this issue has a philanthropic focus, and we have an interview with Dr Anthony Medhurst, the new Head of Development; an article on the launch of a new £2.2million Centre for Charitable Giving and Philanthropy and some details about the new £200m government scheme to match the funding English universities raise in endowments. We would also like to thank postgraduate student and lecturer Peter McMaster and artist George Dannatt for kindly giving us the go-ahead to use the painting depicted on the front cover.

As always, please get in touch if you have any comments or feedback on this issue of Kent – we are always keen to hear from as many people as possible. Also, keep an eye on the alumni website www.kent.ac.uk/alumni – we are planning some exciting new developments over the next few months.

Posie Bogan
Fiona Jones
Editors

Front Cover
The front cover of Kent Autumn 08 shows a print by George Dannatt, donated to Kent Print Collection by Peter McManus. The Collection has been developed as part of the Print Collecting and Curating module, and is run by Dr Ben Thomas, Head of History & Philosophy of Art, and offered as part of the History & Philosophy of Art degree. The module provides a practice-based approach to teaching art history, transforming the student experience by creating the opportunity to gain essential practical experience to enhance career opportunities in the art world to students from a wider range of social backgrounds.

Born in London in 1915, George Dannatt combined a successful career as a surveyor with a reputation as a successful music critic, he also wrote for 12 years for the London News Chronicle. He did not begin painting seriously until 1956 and was greatly inspired by Russian Constructivism, although he was closely allied to the St Ives School. His first public exhibition was in 1970 at the Penwith Galleries, St Ives, since when he has had numerous exhibitions in England and abroad.

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Earlier this year, Kent was lucky enough to be able to welcome Dr Anthony Medhurst as its new Head of Development. Anthony, who will report to Karen Doyle, Director of Communications and Development, has a longstanding association with the charity sector, and brings with him a wealth of experience. Before coming to Kent he was previously Director of Marketing and Income Generation for Havens Hospices in Essex.

Anthony initially studied Ancient History at Sheffield but an overwhelming interest in the First and Second World Wars, and particularly in the Battle of Britain, led him to an MPhil at St Andrews on War and Society and Twentieth Century Britain 1900-1945. He went on to do a PhD at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, on publicity and public relations during the Second World War, looking at images of war and the role of the Royal Air Force in creating those images. He subsequently became a Research Fellow for the RAF. KENT finds out more about him.

Were you tempted to go into academia?
To be honest I was and, once I had finished my PhD, I was given the opportunity to lecture in America. However, while writing up my PhD, I was also volunteering for a local charity and enjoyed it so much that when they asked me to go and work for them I accepted.

I think those of us who work in the fundraising sector are very lucky as we have the opportunity to actually see the outcome of the work that we do. I find that immensely satisfying – it gives you a tremendous ‘feel-good factor’.

I think that’s why we’re very lucky in the development work we do here at Kent, because the difference that we can make to people’s lives is astonishing. For example, Sam Godfrey, the current Alumni Postgraduate Scholar has been given the opportunity to carry out potentially life-saving research into Leukaemia. By giving him the scholarship we could have a real impact on the treatment of the disease and, in turn, on the lives of those who are suffering from it. That’s what makes the sort of work we do so important.

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What were your first impressions of the University?
I’ve been really impressed by people’s friendliness, and by their professionalism. There are a great many people who are committed to the University and have some really exciting ideas. Above all, I’ve been made to feel extremely welcome.

What are you most looking forward to about your new role?
I would like to see raised awareness across the whole University community about the difference that fundraising can make to research, teaching and most of all to the students. And although I generally take a long-term view, I’d expect things to look very different. I think a lot of people forget that many of our universities were built by contributions from individuals and charitable trusts – fundraising isn’t a new thing. The power of benefaction can be amazing, we’ve seen it historically in the charitable sector and I would love to see that happen at Kent.

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Celebrated Indian ensemble comes to the University

The University welcomed the Milón Méla ensemble on its first ever trip to the UK. This unforgettable ensemble, which brings together Baul musicians from Bengal (and recording artists for Peter Gabriel’s Real World label), masters of Kalaripayattu martial art from Kerala, Chhau dancers from Bihar, Gotipua dancers from Orissa, Muslim Fakir musicians, and Hindu-Muslim Patuas painters and storytellers, screened a documentary film about their activities at the Canterbury campus. The screening was followed by a spectacular parade across the campus, with live acoustic music, acrobatic dances, sword combat and whirling fires, in what was definitely one of the most memorable performance events ever seen at the University.

The event was organised by Dr Giuliano Campo, Research Associate at the University’s School of Drama, Film & Visual Arts. Milón Méla aims to encourage original and creative work, as well as providing its members, their families and their communities with material resources for their daily lives.

EXIT strategy
EXIT, a powerful and provocative end-of-year exhibition, showcased models, drawings, devices, photographs, films and installations from the first graduates of the Kent School of Architecture which was established in 2005.

EXIT provided visitors with the opportunity to see a wide range of imaginative, intriguing and thought-provoking responses to many difficult and challenging problems. Many projects were located in Kent, affirming the University’s and the School’s commitment to engagement with contemporary issues in the region, including the Thames Gateway. The exhibition included a Marine Technology and Innovation Centre and a Shaolin Monk’s Training Centre.

University celebrates outstanding student musicians

This year’s University music prizes were awarded to six outstanding students. Luke de Pulford and Carina Trigwell were joint recipients of the Canterbury Festival Music Prize; Robert McKay and Daniel Wheeler received the 2008 Colyer-Fergusson Music Prize; Matthew Billingsley was awarded the University Music Awards Committee Prize; and Piran Legg, received the University Music Prize. The six all performed in the University’s choirs, orchestras and bands and also received Music Scholarships. They received their prizes from Rosie Turner, Director of the Canterbury Festival, Jonathan Monckton from the Colyer-Fergusson Trust, and Professor Keith Mander, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Kent.

Walk the labyrinth

The first labyrinth to be built at an English university has been created at the Canterbury campus. The University commissioned researcher and designer Jeff Saward to construct the labyrinth, which is based on medieval designs and sited on the University grounds overlooking Canterbury Cathedral. The impetus for its creation came from Dr Jan Sellers, Creative Learning Fellow at the University of Kent. In 2005, Dr Sellers won a £50,000 National Teaching Fellowship as part of a national scheme to recognise excellence in teaching, and she sees the labyrinth as a valuable teaching resource. Built using reinforced grass and Yorkstone, the labyrinth provides a peaceful and accessible walk for the University’s staff and students, as well as the wider community.

Honorary degrees

Sir John Tusa, journalist and former managing director of the BBC World Service, was among those who received honorary degrees during the July 2008 congregations at Canterbury Cathedral. Honorary degrees were also awarded to Simon Jenkins, journalist and author; Robert Fisk, Middle East correspondent for The Independent; Professor Janet Thornton, Director of the European Bioinformatics Institute; Professor Keith Gull, microbiologist; Robert Neame, President of Shepherd Neame; Dr John Williams, Head of Heritage Conservation for Kent County Council; and Becky Parker, Head of Physics at the Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys, Canterbury.

Historic graduation day for Medway School of Pharmacy

University students made history at Medway School of Pharmacy’s graduation ceremony. The event, held at the Medway campus, saw the graduation of the School’s first group of students studying for the Master of Pharmacy degree.

A joint project between the universities of Greenwich and Kent, Medway School of Pharmacy opened in 2004. Today it has more than 550 undergraduate and 100 postgraduate students, and is recognised as an established School of Pharmacy by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, having achieved its final accreditation in June this year.

Summer school

The University’s annual residential Summer School for partner schools proved a resounding success. Attended by more than 50 Year 11 pupils, the Summer School was designed to give them a taste of university life, from both an academic and social perspective.

The pupils, aged 15 – 16, were given encouragement and support by both University staff and students as they participated in a programme of fun and challenging activities. The Partner Schools initiative was launched by Kent in 2006 to create an ethos of aspiration and progression to higher education in non-selective schools as well as in the wider community.
Understanding Philanthropy: 
time for a 
new research 
agenda
‘The problem of the distribution of wealth is, in this country, much more urgent than the problem of its creation.’

A century after the Quaker businessman and philanthropist, Joseph Rowntree, made this observation, the University of Kent is spearheading the first concerted effort to understand the philanthropic distribution of wealth. Over the next five years a team from the new Centre for the study of Philanthropy, Humanitarianism and Social Justice will be operating as a ‘research spoke’ for the ESRC Centre For Charitable Giving and Philanthropy.

There is a long tradition of philanthropy in the UK. Philanthropists in previous centuries have built many of the municipal facilities that the public use, including schools, hospitals, libraries, parks, and theatres. The current generation are beneficiaries of scientific and medical discoveries funded by philanthropic research grants and endowments, and contemporary philanthropy continues to facilitate the private funding of a vast and diverse array of activities that promote the public benefit in areas ranging from the arts, to social welfare to educational provision. Arguably, life in the UK would be bleaker without the contribution of private philanthropy. Yet we should not exaggerate its importance, as less than 1% of GDP is given philanthropically, against government spending on welfare of nearer 30% of GDP. However, the importance of philanthropy lies less in the quantities it represents than in the qualities it reflects.

Modern society is often characterized as governed by self-interest and profit maximisation, making the voluntary transfer of money from private purse to public benefit a puzzle. One commentator likened the emergence of philanthropy to another ‘strange and improbable creature’, the giraffe – in both the literal jungle and the jungle of capitalism neither could possibly exist, but they do.

Most of us freely choose to engage in this ‘exotic’ pursuit by giving away some portion of our own money to support charitable causes, and some rich people make substantial philanthropic contributions, yet the academic discourse on giving in Western societies is almost non-existent. Just as nature abhors a vacuum, so this gap in genuine understanding has been filled by views that are dragged in the wake of political and personal ideologies, particularly in relation to the largest philanthropic acts of the elite. Critics see such acts as selfish, egotistical and manipulative, whilst supporters see selfless, redistributive altruists who want to tackle inequalities and heal a divided society. Whether philanthropy is an ‘obituary-improving activity’ or the ‘moral cement’ of society may, ultimately, be a matter of taste and personal opinion. But moving beyond this infertile dichotomy of altruism versus egoism, we might instead agree that philanthropy involves both personal and societal benefits and that it is time to start exploring questions about the meaning, purpose and impact of this fascinating and significant area of social life.

For example, philanthropy raises fundamental questions about society and the human condition: what is a good life? What is a good society? What responsibilities do we have to others? Can we (should we?) use private resources to promote the public good? Kent’s role within the ESRC–funded centre on charitable giving and philanthropy is precisely to focus on some of these more beguiling questions, especially the distributional consequences of philanthropy. Our research team – Dr Iain Wilkinson, Dr Balihar Sanghera, Dr Matthew Bond and myself – will explore a variety of issues including public awareness of the nature and distribution of charitable benefit; relationships between givers and receivers and the social space bridged by donations; the representation of need in charitable appeals and its impact on beneficiaries; and the organisational and social meaning of corporate charitable donations.

Why has philanthropy finally become a topic for academic enquiry in the UK? It is in part propelled by philanthropists’ current place in the spotlight; they have become a staple of media profiles, appear in lists that rank their generosity and have access to presidents, popes and pop stars. Yet their huge media profile has become increasingly disproportionate to any substantive understanding of their role and impact on society, as social scientists have tended to focus on the problem of poverty and tax-funded redistribution, rather than the existence of riches and philanthropic distribution.

Governmental efforts to put philanthropy on the political agenda have also brought attention to this topic. Since the Finance Act 2000, tax breaks for giving have been almost on a par with those found in the USA; the endorsement of philanthropists, including awards and honours, by the present and previous prime minister has substantially raised their visibility and status; and the 2005 Home Office report ‘A Generous Society’ has led to strategic government funding for pro-philanthropy initiatives such as the Giving Campaign, Philanthropy UK and the ESRC research centre of which Kent is a part.

Please contact any of the Kent team for further details of our work in this area. We are all based in the School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research but are keen to establish contacts elsewhere. Together we will advance the understanding of philanthropy, because it is an interesting and important part of social and economic life that deserves to be better understood.

Beth Breeze, Researcher, School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research
Student placements
Student placements benefit both students and the host company – students have the chance to learn new skills and gain essential experience and the introduction of new technology, an additional member of staff or new project development can only benefit any organisation. Kent students are equipped to take on roles with real responsibility within a company and can make a significant difference, operationally and financially.

Holiday Extras, based in Hythe, Kent are taking full advantage of such expertise. A fast growing business currently expanding its headquarters to accommodate an additional 200 staff and a top 100 winner in The Sunday Times’ ‘Top Companies to Work For’, it is taking on three Kent students for their year in industry placement.

Student entrepreneurs
The first students are now taking part in the University’s new Year in Business Start-Up Scheme (YIBSS) which offers support and training to entrepreneurial students to help them develop and grow their innovative business ideas during their work placement year during which they will be given regular access to a business mentor who can act as a sounding board. Julian Kirkness K76, Managing Director of Select Software (www.selecthr.co.uk) was the first mentor to sign up. He started his own company in 1996, and is well aware of the highs and lows of running a business. Select Software was ranked in the 2005 Deloitte Technology Fast 50 as one of the fastest growing technology companies in London and the Southern Region, and his help will be invaluable in supporting student Andrew Davison, for example, to grow his own web based business Student-Design www.student-design.co.uk.

Projects can run for between 12 and 36 months; they create new jobs and enhance the skills of existing staff. Additional benefits include an average increase of £270,000 in annual profits before tax.

If you are interested in getting involved with any of these schemes, please email enterprise@kent.ac.uk.

Student Profiles

Luca Passone – Computer Science with a Year in Industry
I worked as a Technical Software Engineer at IBM Hursley Research Laboratories. This is the biggest research and development lab outside the US and boasts some of the brightest minds in the business. The great thing about IBM is the sheer amount of knowledge around you. I really felt that I learnt a lot, but also that I had a part to play. Being one of the first to see some of the up-and-coming technologies was great too. My placement is a great launch pad for the future and a good starting point to break the ice with potential employers. I am so glad that I did it.

Matt Debont – Computer Science with a Year in Industry
I did my placement with Siemens AG Austria in Vienna, working as a software engineer on two major projects, including a prototype for a next-generation telecommunications/media device. I loved the fact that I could work in Vienna for a year, and for such a well known company. It gave me the opportunity to travel around and to work with people from all over the world – I worked with teams from Eastern Europe and China. The experience has boosted my CV and I also learnt German in the process. I am considering taking a Masters degree here at Kent and then taking a scholarship for a Research Masters at the King Abdullah University of Science and Technology in Saudi Arabia.
New research into risky drinking
A study led by Simon Coulton, Professor of Health Services Research at the Centre for Health Services Studies aims to improve services for over 55s caught up in ‘risky drinking’.

Traditionally, risky drinking in young men and women receives most attention but the ageing process means that older people experience alcohol-related problems at lower consumption levels. It is now estimated that 60% of older people coming into hospital because of repeated falls, confusion, chest infections and heart failure have undiagnosed alcohol problems.

Professor Coulton’s study aims to determine whether screening by GP’s followed by brief psychosocial interventions, which are stepped up in intensity, can help.

Assessing child protection policies
A report by Frank Furedi, Professor of Sociology and journalist/social commentator Jennie Bristow, argues that the growth of child protection policies, police vetting and CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) checks is poisoning the relationship between the generations and damaging the voluntary sector.

Licensed to Hug, published by independent think-tank Civitas, argues that in a climate where many adults feel uneasy about acting on their healthy intuition, they are now wary of interacting with any child other than their own. Consequently, the generations are drifting further apart, as adults suspect each other and children are taught to suspect adults.

The report also notes that vetting culture encourages risk aversion, thereby giving rise to a feeling that it is better to ignore young people, even if they require help, rather than risk accusations of improper conduct. Professor Furedi said: ‘Suspicion of grown-up behaviour towards children has fostered a climate where it has become normal for some parents to only trust adults who possess official clearance.’

Conservationist to aid parrots in peril
A once critically endangered species of parrot now under threat from a highly contagious virus may be offered a renewed chance of survival by a conservationist from Kent.

Dr Jim Groombridge, Lecturer in Biodiversity Conservation at the Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology (DICE), was awarded £215,594 from the Leverhulme Trust to lead a three-year project that aims to determine what factors drive the Mauritius parakeet’s susceptibility to infection, and in particular the spread of the highly contagious (and often lethal) parrot-specific virus Psittacine Beak and Feather Disease (PBFD) that has recently infected this endangered parrot.

This project is all the more important given that the once widespread population of the Mauritius parakeet (Psittacula echo) fell to just 12 individuals in 1987, following a century of habitat loss and competition from the introduced ringneck parakeet. Following a highly successful avian restoration programme, numbers of Mauritian parakeets eventually recovered to 350 birds but in 2004 an outbreak of PBFD threatened this still recovering population.

The future of biometrics
Operators of biometrics technology and experts from industry and academia met at the University’s Brussels’ Office to consider the future of biometrics in Europe.

The event, organised by the University and the United Kingdom Biometrics Institute (UKBI) in association with the European Biometrics Forum, debated the question of whether Europe is properly equipped to respond to the surge in demand for the biometrics technology that will soon be required by many of its citizens. This includes national security technologies as well as an ever increasing number of applications in the private and public sectors, eg finance, social security and healthcare. Speakers included Electronics’ Professor Michael Fairhurst, founder of UKBI and an expert in the field of biometric processing, and Nicolas Delvaux from Sagem.

Top conservation award
Patrícia Medici, a PhD student at the Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology (DICE), was one of 11 people honoured at the Whitley Award ceremony held at the Royal Geographical Society in London. The ceremony was co-hosted by BBC broadcaster Martha Kearney and held in front of a 350-strong audience that included Sir David Attenborough, embassy representatives, leading scientists and celebrity conservation supporters.

The £30,000 award recognises her work in the highly threatened Coastal Atlantic Forests of Brazil, where she uses her research on lowland tapirs to capture interest and support for active habitat conservation of benefit to many other wildlife species. Plans are now underway to roll out the model to other parts of Brazil.

Kent scientist highlighted for contribution to UK economy
A scientist from Kent has been highlighted as one of the leading bioscience researchers contributing to the UK’s economic and social wellbeing. Professor Mick Tuite’s research has led...
to a successful generic technology for the production of biopharmaceuticals and it was highlighted at a recent event, ‘Bioscience: Biomillions’, at HM Treasury, run by the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council. The research has a range of applications in biopharmaceuticals – medical drugs produced using biotechnology.

Perfecting the pig
Research by Kate Fowler, a PhD student at the Department of Biosciences, has provided a boost to pig producers wanting to tailor their animals to specific markets. Her research, which has been sponsored by JSR Genetics, aims to identify fat gene markers which will allow geneticists to predict how and when fat is laid down in the carcass. Kate Fowler described her research as being a natural progression to the mapping of the pig genome undertaken at the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh – and one that could lead to significant practical applications, including human health.

Cultural memory conference
A recent conference at the University addressed the question of whether forgetting is a necessary process which societies must undergo in order to progress. Keynote speakers at Cultural Memory: Forgetting to Remember/Remembering to Forget included Joseph Massad, Associate Professor of Modern Arab Politics and Intellectual History, Columbia University, and Jay Winter, Professor of History, Yale University. A further 160 speakers from over 20 countries worldwide represented disciplines such as anthropology, architecture, art history, English, European and world literature, film, fine art, history, philosophy, politics, sociology and theology.

The conference also considered how architects, filmmakers, video artists, fine artists, photographers, musicians and writers contribute to the process of inventing, forgetting and reinventing elements of national and cultural identity, and whether the social order is allowed to veil memories in order that society may survive by forgetting. The conference also included a photography exhibition.

‘Invisible’ history of mixed race
A major new study, jointly undertaken by Peter Aspinall, Senior Research Fellow at the University of Kent, and Chamion Caballero, Senior Research Fellow at London South Bank University, will investigate who was considered to be mixed race in Britain between 1920 and 1950, and how this population was perceived and treated by officialdom, the media and wider society.

The study uses first-hand accounts, autobiographical recordings and a range of archival material to understand how these perceptions emerged and the impact they may have had on the conceptualisation of mixed race people in Britain today.

The project has already sourced some notable documents, including material at the National Archives on the repatriation of Liverpool Chinese seamen in 1946. According to Peter Aspinall, the stigmatisation of mixed race people in Britain was at its peak during this time, a process to which many major institutions and significant public figures contributed.
Make a difference by supporting scholarships

At Kent we have always aimed to register the best students, regardless of economic circumstances or background.

Unfortunately this is not always possible. Each year we are forced to turn away many exceptional students simply because we do not have the funds to support them with a scholarship.

Over the next three years we wish to build on our tradition of widening access to higher education by increasing the number of undergraduate and postgraduate scholarships we have on offer. These scholarships will be made available to gifted students who for financial reasons might not otherwise have the opportunity to study at Kent, or to students wishing to embark on groundbreaking, significant research.

We cannot do this without your support. You can change someone’s life by giving the gift of a scholarship and there has never been a more exciting time to give.

In August 2008 the government launched its university Matched Funding Scheme. For the next three years, under this new initiative, every £2 donated to the University of Kent will be matched with a further £1 from the government.

The total matched amount will then be eligible for Gift Aid. Therefore if you are a UK tax payer, your matched gift could increase by a further 28p in every £1. Your initial gift can therefore be worth over 48% more, at no extra cost to you!

A gift of £520 can be worth an incredible £1000. This could fund a sports scholarship for one year at Kent.

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Your gift really can make a difference!

‘I’m working on the development of an exciting new therapy for treating acute myeloid leukaemia, a disease that affects all ages and the elderly in particular. The plan is to develop a targeted therapy which will deliver a short range radiation dose specifically to the leukaemia cells in the body, leaving all healthy cells unaffected and hopefully leading to far fewer side effects than are seen with current chemotherapy treatments.’

‘Without this scholarship I would be unable to pursue this extremely valuable and potentially life saving research project, and I thank every person who has donated to the Kent annual fund for making my leukaemia research project possible.’

Gifts to the University of Kent have already funded ground breaking projects. With your support we can do more. For example donations are currently funding a three year scholarship for gifted student Sam Godfrey (D02).
How your matched gift can help
(figures also include Gift Aid)

£50
will contribute a total gift of nearly £100, which could buy two course books for an exceptional student on a full maintenance scholarship.

£120
will give a total gift of nearly £230 which could support a months rent for a student otherwise unable to afford to study at Kent.

£1,250
will result in a gift of over £2,400 which could fund tuition fees on an undergraduate scholarship for two months.

£20,000
will be matched an incredible £38,000 which could pay for a three year postgraduate scholarship for a gifted student to undertake groundbreaking research.

Please support scholarships at the University of Kent. Thanks to the additional match from the government, your generous gifts can now go that much further.

Please make a gift today by completing the donation form on the address sheet and returning in the FREEPOST envelope enclosed

Benefactors’ Garden Party 2008
On 12 July 2008 over 120 alumni and friends of the University of Kent gathered in the garden of ‘Crossways’, the Vice-Chancellor’s residence in Canterbury, for the Benefactors’ Garden Party. The event aims to say thank you to all those who have supported the University over the past year and gives donors a chance to meet some of the scholars who have benefitted from their generosity.

Speaking at the event, Alumni Postgraduate Scholar Claire Tanner E98 said, ‘Returning to academia was certainly the best career decision I could have made and it is not an exaggeration to say that without the Alumni Postgraduate Scholarship, I would not have been able to return to Kent to do my PhD. Since returning to postgraduate study I have co-hosted the first South East Political Studies Association Graduate Conference here at Kent, bringing young scholars from around Europe to discuss a wide variety of political issues and topics. None of this would have been possible without the support of the Scholarship, and I am very grateful indeed to all of those whose donations have made my new academic career possible.’

Administration and fundraising costs are paid by the University so every single penny you donate will directly support scholarships.
September this year marked the tenth birthday of The Venue, Best Bar None National Winner in 2007 and described by the Sunday Times University Guide as ‘one of the best student clubs in the country’. To celebrate, a birthday party was held on 19 September, attended by staff, students and current and former Union Officers.

Many alumni will be familiar with The Oaks Day Nursery, but you may not know that it recently became part of Kent Union. The Nursery is located at the heart of campus and has been providing childcare for the students and staff at the University of Kent for over 40 years. We hope that this integration will enhance the services Kent Union provides to students.

Kent Union has also launched its Stand Out! programme. This is a schedule of training in various different areas such as child protection, fundraising and minibus driving. These skills can really benefit our students as not only do they look great on their CV but the sessions build ‘soft skills’ which can be used throughout their degree.

Last year, we held a referendum regarding a change in our trustee arrangements. Over 2000 votes were cast ending in an approval to increase the amount of Kent Union trustees to include two student trustees and two external trustees. The addition of the student trustees enables Kent Union to have a better student focus and the expertise of the external trustees is really useful in making important decisions. Following this great turnout of voters in the referendum, we also saw the highest ever turnout for our main elections with 3,600 students voting for who they want to represent them for the following year.

The University of Kent is currently under review by the Quality Assurance Agency which is looking at the quality of the student experience at Kent. Kent Union has spent many months putting together a student written submission, which focuses on the students’ experience at the University of Kent; their perceptions of their learning environment, the quality of the teaching, publications produced and the degree to which their voice is heard by the University. The submission is available online at www.kentstudentvoice.co.uk.

You may remember that in the last edition of KENT we mentioned that CSR (Canterbury Student Radio) were looking for directors. The search is still on! CSR are the first FM community radio station run by students in UK. It provides a unique and exciting opportunity for those who want to get started in media; whether it is building technical parts, providing voiceovers for jingles or marketing a community event. CSR is run by University of Kent and Canterbury Christ Church University and when launched in January 2006 replaced the long-standing UKCR and C4 radio stations. Alongside the students who run the station, we have a board of directors who help make decisions on the future of the radio station and advise student volunteers on how to get the most out of their experience. We are recruiting for five new directors to help push CSR forward and provide guidance to both directors and students within their field of expertise. We are looking for professionals from the following areas: marketing/events, technical (electronic and IT), business/charity, community and those with a Canterbury City Council background. We are interested in those from non-radio backgrounds as well as those who have made a career in radio. The most important qualities we are looking for is an interest in the radio project and the ability to dedicate some time to help CSR grow.

If you would like more information about CSR, visit www.csrfm.com. If you are interested in becoming a voluntary director of CSR please contact Sam Edgar at S.Edgar@kent.ac.uk, for more information about the role and how to apply. Applications will close on 12 December 2008.

Louise Shaw R02
Marketing Communications Co-ordinator
Kent Union
A Question of Sport

The Centre for Sports Studies on the Medway Campus offers high-quality teaching, advice for elite athletes training for London 2012 and services to the local community.

Professor Louis Passfield, Head of the Centre, talks to David Clark

The 2008 Beijing Olympics gave birth to a new collection of memorable British sporting moments, including Rebecca Adlington's remarkable swimming triumphs, Chris Hoy's domination of indoor cycling and the coxless four's dramatic rowing victory. For a country arguably more accustomed to Olympic disappointments than successes, it has come as a welcome national morale-booster. But increased success breeds increased expectation, and the British team's best medal haul since 1908 has raised the bar for London in 2012.

Among the organizations helping British athletes meet higher national expectations will be Kent University's own Centre for Sports Studies, headed by Professor Louis Passfield. He is a former 1st category racing cyclist who raced competitively for ten years and has coached Olympic, World and Commonwealth gold medal-winning cyclists.

He is clear about the reasons for the success in Beijing, and why some sports were more successful than others. 'I think the key elements for British success have been the professionalisation of sport and, in particular, the increased financial resources from Lottery funding,' he says.

'For instance, when Lottery funding of cycling began in 1996-7, it turned the sport from an essentially amateur one to a very slick and professional one, with excellent strategic leadership. The numbers of people involved grew rapidly. Before Lottery funding, the total number of employees working for British Cycling was less than the number of mechanics they now employ. Therefore, the British success in cycling and the other “priority one” sports of rowing and sailing represents money well spent.

'Athletes in these sports had the most professional, well organized and focused teams working around them, giving help and support. For instance, if you're an elite athlete in British cycling, you have access to a nutritionist, a physiologist, a psychologist, masseurs and medical support staff. It’s all available and very easy for athletes and their coaches to tap into.'

This awareness of the many scientific principles and techniques that determine sporting success has led to a growth in university Sports Science departments. Researchers use scientific methodology to improve performance – for instance in determining optimum training methods, the most effective nutrition for athletes and ways in which psychological factors can be used positively. In a climate where success is so highly prized and where fractions of a second separate winners from losers, it’s not surprising that sports scientists are in increasing demand.
A Question of Sport
Continued

Sports Studies at Kent
Sports Studies is a relatively new area of study in British universities. It grew out of the study of human physiology and began to develop as a distinct academic discipline in the early 1980s. It underwent a growth in popularity during the 1990s and the number of universities offering the subject expanded hugely in that period. Interest has remained steady during the past decade and Passfield reports that applications to sports courses at Kent have risen by 50% year on year, a rise he attributes to a growing awareness of the high-quality programmes offered by the University.

The Centre for Sports Studies at Medway has been running courses since 2002 and was originally located off-campus. The Centre for Sports Studies, with its purpose-built facilities, was officially opened by Dame Kelly Holmes in 2005. It offers three undergraduate degrees: Sport and Exercise Management, Sports, Exercise and Fitness Science and Sport Therapy, Health and Fitness. The University also offers an MSc in Sports Therapy and Rehabilitation. After completing their studies, students can potentially head into a number of sport-related jobs, whether in the fields of sports therapy, psychology or nutrition, sports coaching or sports management and promotion.

Areas of research include training, especially for cyclists; looking at ways in which the psychological health of athletes can be improved to enhance performance; and the physiological factors associated with efficient movement during cycling. There’s also ongoing work on cardiac rehabilitation in which staff member Steve Meadows is working with people who have suffered cardiac-related events to research the dramatically increased longevity that results from regular exercise.

Links with the local community
Academic and local community needs neatly dovetail in the student sports injuries clinic which is run at the Centre. ‘It’s important that students have clinical experience, so we operate a clinic from the University,’ says Passfield. ‘Anyone from the local community is welcome to come and get treated for sport-related injuries and it’s either free or heavily subsidized. We do a lot of work with athletes as well as locally-based policemen who have accumulated aches and pains while on the beat.’

Both students and the local community also stand to benefit from the University’s pledge to contribute £3 million towards the refurbishment and redevelopment of the nearby Black Lion Sports Centre at Gillingham, which will be re-named Medway Park. The centre, due to open in 2009, will offer state-of-the-art facilities including a new sports science and sports therapy suite and seminar rooms for the University. ‘This development will really help us to establish that sense of contributing to the community, which we’re passionate about,’ Passfield says.

Preparing for the London Olympics
The University is contributing to the preparations for 2012 in a number of ways. The most direct contribution is via the Elite Athlete Support Programme, in partnership with Medway Council and Kent County Council. ‘Both councils have identified a number of individuals within the area who have potential for Olympic success,’ says Passfield. ‘Through the programme, they can get financial support and access to our facilities for services such as sports injury rehabilitation, sports nutrition and sports psychology, plus discounted rates for services such as fitness testing and massage.’

The work being done at Medway also helps British athletes through its research programmes. ‘The central strand of our research is about looking at how we can contribute to making athletes perform better by examining different treatment modalities and by reaching a better understanding of ways to optimize training,’ says Passfield.

Beyond 2012
The Olympics will be a landmark national event and during the next four years British sport will take on a much higher profile. The pressure for British athletes to maintain and improve on the performances in Beijing will highlight the importance of sports science and potentially increase the likelihood of funding academic research.

However, Professor Passfield is looking beyond 2012 in his aims for the future of Sports Studies at Kent. ‘From a teaching point of view, our aim is to be recognised as a leading academic sport course provider, particularly in the area of sports therapy,’ he says. ‘Our priority is to produce excellent graduates and to help drive the whole profession forward.’
Captions:
1. Louis Passfield
2. Kelly Holmes and students
3. Tessa Jowell
4. Sports Therapy Clinic
5. Tour of Britain training
6. Steve Cram
The Questionnaire
Alumni and staff talk about their memories and experiences at Kent.

Simon Hall R87
Chemical Physics
Author and BBC News Correspondent
www.thetvdetective.com

Favourite book:
Place of residence:
Then: Rutherford College, and a dreadfully damp and freezing cold farmhouse near Whitstable. Now: Exeter, Devon.
Favourite bar/pub:
Then: The Chaucer. Now: The Hour Glass, quite similar to the Chaucer (formative habits die hard) and happily only 20 yards from my house.
Most embarrassing moment:
Then: Moaning loudly over breakfast in college about some crusty old professor coming in as external examiner on degree results day, then finding out later it was the man I was sitting next to at said breakfast. Perhaps unsurprisingly, I didn't get upgraded. Now: Being peed on (with remarkable power) by a cow during a live TV broadcast.
Enduring memory:
Then: DJing the biggest gigs, the UNA ball, UKC Radio ball etc. Now: Getting the first of my novels published (a crime thrillers series).

Bernhard Klein
Professor of English Literature
Head of School of English

Favourite book:
Depends on my mood, but Ulysses by James Joyce would always be in the top three.
Place of residence:
Canterbury and London.
Favourite bar/pub:
The Mampf in Bornheim, the best jazz bar in my home town. I'm currently looking for a local equivalent. Suggestions welcome.
Most embarrassing moment:
My short-lived acting career as an undergraduate. For one production I played a corpse falling out of a wardrobe. I must remember to burn the photographs.
Enduring memory:
Those two extra time goals in the final game of the season that got Eintracht Frankfurt promoted in 2003. Delirious stuff.

Judith Northwood (Stow) D77
English
Manager of Medway Dyslexia Association

Favourite book:
The Bell by Iris Murdoch, Birdsong by Sebastian Faulks and Enduring Love by Ian McEwan.
Place of residence:
First year: I lived in South Street off the Sturry Rood with Frieda, Eddie, their two kids and rabbit! Second year: Darwin, with the unforgettable room number of T-4-2. I was also fortunate enough to live in during my third year too.
Favourite bar/pub:
It would have to be the Darwin Bar, followed by the Miller’s Arms in Canterbury (is it still there?).
Most embarrassing moment:
Colliding with a pillar on my push bike in my first year. I was on my way down Tyler Hill and I ended up in someone’s gravel driveway. I think I was actually unconscious for a few moments. When I got back to my digs I was missing my keys and had to go back and scrubble about in the dark. The next morning I shocked my
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landlady as I didn’t realise I had a huge graze across my face!

Enduring memory:
Graduating in 1980 and making my parents very proud. I was the first person in our family to go to university.

Favourite song:
There are so many. ‘Baker Street’ by Gerry Rafferty, ‘The Chain’ by Fleetwood Mac and ‘Hi Ho Silver Lining’ which always ended the Junior Common Room discos.

Biggest influence:
My mum and dad.

First job:
Sort of working (unpaid!) for Silver Lodge Holidays in Fugen, Austria. It was a fantastic eight months which did indeed give me valuable work experience (including unblocking drains!) and the opportunity to learn to ski.

Societies:
Badminton. I was also features editor on InCant, where I took photos of gigs (Dexy’s Midnight Runners, Manhattan Transfer, Tom Robinson Band are ones that spring to mind) and writing copy. However, the lure of the ‘society’ in the Darwin bar was very great.

Favourite item of clothing:
I had a red jumper with toggles that I knitted myself. I was very proud of my one and only knitting achievement but unfortunately I left it at a party. If anyone out there has a red jumper matching that description, I would like it back please!

Vikki Roberts R98
English Literature and Computing
Project Coordinator, Siemens

Place of residence:
First year: Park Wood
Second Year: Wincheap
Third Year: Park Wood again, a perk of being on the Park Wood Committee!

Favourite bar/pub:
Woodys on campus or Ye Olde Bev.

Most embarrassing moment:
Trying to leave a lecture part way through via what I thought was a back entrance but accidentally ending up in the projector room, then having to walk all the way down the steps of the lecture room to leave by the front exit with everyone watching.

Enduring memory:
The carol services in December at the Cathedral. I'd wrap up warm, stomp down the hill, sing my heart out and get a warm glowy feeling when we all lit our candles. It was always magical. Afterwards it was back to someone’s kitchen for hot chocolate!

Favourite song:
‘Yellow’ by Coldplay because whenever I hear it I’m reminded of Keynesstock and late nights in Park Wood watching “Karaoke Fishtank” with my best friend. It just sums up that time of my life.

Biggest influence:
My father.

First job:
My first ever job was as a silver service waitress, something I continued during my studies to raise a bit of extra cash. I worked for the computing service for a time, writing and editing various user guides but my first job outside of university was on the Siemens graduate scheme from which I’ve now progressed.

Societies:
Almost joined the skydiving society but wasn’t quite brave enough!

Favourite item of clothing:
If I had to pick something it would be my long leather coat that made me look like something out of The Matrix

Sarah Spurgeon
Professor of Control Engineering
Head of Department of Electronics

Favourite book:
Jude the Obscure by Thomas Hardy

Place of residence:
Shepherdswell

Favourite bar/pub:
Café des Sports, Bomy

Most embarrassing moment:
I rarely get embarrassed but have inadvertently created some embarrassing moments when it has been assumed I was Dr/Professor Spurgeon’s secretary.

Enduring memory:
The doctors fighting to resuscitate my son, Ben, who was born prematurely.

Favourite song:
‘Non, Je Ne Regrette Rien’ by Edith Piaf.

Biggest influence:
My husband.

First job:
Working as general office help for a firm of actuaries in the school holidays.

Societies:
Mostly they relate to the activities of my three children, e.g. Dover Rugby Club.

Favourite item of clothing:
Slippers.

Favourite book:
The Green Mile by Stephen King.
Key:  
D Darwin  
E Eliot  
K Keynes  
R Rutherford  

Location: The location at the end of each entry is from the mailing addresses we have for each individual. Please let us know if any corrections are required. To submit a Who’s What Where entry, email alumni@kent.ac.uk.

1960s  
Ormrod, Janet (E67) Have been in France, mainly in Brittany, since 1974 teaching English for Special Purposes. Did a very belated (French) PhD in 2000. Also translating science books. The theatre is still one of my main interests, along with Breton language and culture. Would love to hear from any long-lost friends. Brest, France. (10/04/2008)

1970s  
Butcher, Ian (E70) Been living in Brussels since 1978 and working for an American Management Consultancy. Followed Kent by University of York. Worked in Switzerland, France and UK. Married to Marianne (Danish) and have a 19 year old son, Christian. Trying to hold back the ravages of time by jogging and cycling and learning to play golf. Belgium. (03/06/2008)

Neale, Steve (K70) I’m still living in Farnham Common, retired, but also ‘Man with Van’. One son Joel, who will be going to Kent this September, and one daughter, Holly, aged 16. Still in touch with fellow retros Glynn Griffiths, Pete Stubbing and Laurence Gatfield. Best regards to anyone who remembers me. Buckinghamshire. (19/08/2008)

Simpson, Ian (D72) Now semi-retired from a career in IT and property. Living in Henley-on-Thames and finding time to take up boating. Married to Audrey with three children (two of them also Kent graduates). Oxfordshire. (28/04/2008)

Gibson, Mike (K74) Currently at Durham School being a Housemaster. Feeling a touch old at nearly 53, but still coaching hockey and playing the odd game of Cricket. Durham. (16/06/2008)

Millington, Chris (K75) Senior Librarian with Islington Council. In partnership with the local college I recently opened a new library which I am in charge of. Moved to Harlow, Essex in 2000 and almost at once got myself elected to the District Council. A few years on the backbenches might be fun I thought. I have just completed my third as Leader of the Council! In what’s left of my spare time, still managing to do a bit of acting. Last year spent some time performing at the Minack Theatre in Cornwall and this year won the best actor at the Waltham Forest Theatre Festival. Essex. (12/05/2008)

Richardson, James (K75) After 25 years working in HR/Personnel I am about to start a new job as Director of Corporate Social responsibility at Macmillan, for whom I have worked for nearly 20 years. Ali (née Glen, K76) remains the current Mrs Richardson and our children are growing up; this autumn our daughter starts GCSE courses and our son moves into secondary school. We continue to spend most of our money on our crumbling ruin of a house in Winchester, and anything left over is donated to a couple of outposts of the British Marine Industry, in the vain hope that they will keep our boat afloat and functioning. Hampshire. (14/05/2008)

Hanlon, Maurice (K77) I moved to Australia on a permanent residence visa in 2004 with my wife Barbara and our two girls, Katie and Sophie. It was hard at first but within a year we all loved it. We’re Aussies citizens now. We have a lovely house on the Port Hacking estuary and live right on the edge of the city overlooking the National Park. Barbara is professor of Social Policy and Social Work at the University of Sydney and I am a lecturer in Social Work at ACU National here in Sydney. I’ve been back to see my friends and family in England and Ireland every six months since arriving here. I never miss Glastonbury. Kent was great. I loved it, and especially the folk from my year group, they were a lovely bunch. Sydney, Australia. (14/08/2008)

Marshall, Gary (R78) Since graduating in 1971 I have followed an interesting and active career path which has led me full circle: back to Kent. En-route I have been a partner in several City of London law firms. I have qualified in Hong Kong where I was based for just under 3 years, setting up a new office for a City of London firm. I have run my own specialist law firm, from scratch, in London. I also spent 15 years or so representing various major Japanese and other Asian companies and headed up an arbitration team in Turkey where the case involved major contractual disputes against a limb of the Turkish Government. Now I have joined a local firm of Canterbury solicitors, where I have been asked to set up an insurance law department. Kent. (27/03/2008)

1980s  
Bultosa Bery, Gadissa (D88) From Nov 1979-May 2001 I faced arbitrary detention. I stayed as a prisoner of conscience for sometime until I was put on trial for an invented crime against the law. Finally the High Court declared not guilty and I was freed on 9th May. Married with 3 children. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. (11/06/2008)

1990s  
Emery, Tara (R94) I have now been working in fundraising for eight years and I am currently working for St John Ambulance as Head of Corporate Partnerships and Events at their National Headquarters in London. I still do a lot of running and compete for my club, Blackheath and Bromley. I am not as fast as some but at least I give it a go (it is the liking of red wine that slows me down!). I currently live in Wimbledon and I am getting married to Jehan in September who is an ex-Darwin boy (sorry to let the side down all you Rutherford people!). I still see loads of Kent people most of whom were connected to the SU at one time or another. This year is 10 years since me, Alex, Tiiff, Smelly and Helen were sabbs at UKC and we intend to celebrate with a reunion on the SU roundabout in July. Surrey. (19/06/2008)
Captions:
1. Gulbenkian under construction
2. San Francisco reception
3. Guenther Zahn
4. City University of Hong Kong
5. Law Alumni reception
6. New York reception
Who’s What Where
Continued

Beck, Irene (R98) Worked for the Civil Service since leaving Kent after doing my MA. Now in the Highways Agency again, working in Network Operational Policy for a short spell. Currently studying for my City & Guilds Photography and in my spare time doing motorsport photography with some success. Bedfordshire.

(03/04/2008)

Kearsey-Lawson, Roan (D99) Started my new business in 2004 after taking my second Masters at Kings College London. My company, KLMusicGroup provides live music for the corporate market, weddings and functions. www.klmusicgroup.co.uk.

Kent. (19/05/2008)

Only connect
Lost touch with an old friend? The Kent alumni database may be able to help. If we have a current address for them, we would be happy to forward a message from you. If we too have lost touch, Only Connect, which is printed in Kent twice a year and broadcast on the web monthly, may get a response: And please, if you do connect, let us know.

William Gibson (D73) wltf Glyn Tonge (R73); Bhavin Desai (R81) wltf David Barrett (R81); Vijay Bajaj (K84) wltf Michelle Moraia (R86); Perminder Birk (Jaswal) (E84) wltf Mark Palethorpe (D84); Claudia Elvert (Kiessling) (K92) wltf Michael Rattigan (K92); Belen Sanchez-Rubio Garcia (E93) wltf David Morgan (E91); Julia Sokhi (D93) wltf Jashmin Patel (K93), Eleftheria Trimis (D93) and Rushpal Mann (R93)

City University of Hong Kong visits Kent
The University recently welcomed Dr Mary Pang, Assistant Dean Internationalization and Corporation Communication of the Faculty of Business at the City University of Hong Kong. Dr Pang met with Professor Alex Hughes, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, and members of the International Office. Dr Pang also observed English classes on the ‘English with Volunteering’ programme and visited City University students at their volunteering placements.

Gulbenkian memories
2009 will be the 40th anniversary of the Gulbenkian Theatre. If you would like to be kept updated on events planned for the year, or have memories you would like to contribute, please get in touch. Perhaps you performed there, or remember seeing a great show – or maybe you just liked the coffee in the café bar!

2008 marked the 40th anniversary of Kent Law School, and to celebrate an Alumni Reception was held at the Law Society on 26 June. Over 150 alumni attended along with Kent Law School staff past and present including John Wightman, Head of Kent Law School; Professor John Fitzpatrick, Director of Kent Law Clinic; Professor Wade Mansell, Ian Grigg-Spall, and Nick Jackson, amongst others.

We have also recently formed a Former Staff Club, to keep former members of both academic and administrative staff in touch with the University. An inaugural meeting was held in July and a committee formed to decide how to progress the idea. Any former staff members who would like to stay in touch with the University are welcome to be involved – email alumni@kent.ac.uk and we will ensure that you receive details of Former Staff Club activities.

At time of going to press we were also looking forward to events in Brussels and Hong Kong – a full update will be available in the next issue. If you would like to find out more about the events we have planned for 2009, see the back cover for our events calendar or visit the alumni website www.kent.ac.uk/alumni.

Letters
Dear Editors,
In May we had a stopover at Canterbury on our way to Oxford to meet our son. We enjoyed our stay very much because visiting the city and the campus roused a lot of sweet memories. We were visiting students at UKC in 1975/76.

We were deeply impressed by the degree of expansion the campus has gone through and by the current building activities. We feel that it has changed much for the better with the many trees having grown considerably and the students using the lawn for recreation and fun. We had a wonderful time at UKC!

Best regards from Bavaria!
Claudia Zahn (Zaenglein) K75 and Guenther Zahn R75

Dear Editors,
I would be interested to know when the new Woolf building is to be formally opened, the reason being that I studied English and American literature at Kent 1976-79, bravely bearing the dubious distinction of also being named Virginia Woolf. Some of my friends from those days think it only right and fitting that Kent is naming a building after me. I am more anonymous now that I am married and didn’t really appreciate just how tiresome my name was until I changed it. There may be people out there who remember me as there was always a certain amount of unwelcome whispering when I walked into lectures on the celebrated author!

Regards Ginny Burfield R76 (née Woolf)

Editors: Woolf College will be formally opened early next year. Keep an eye on the Kent website for details.
In memoriam

Alumni
Anna Driscoll E78
Alison Harrison R97
Peter Kelly R70
Douglas Smith E72
Roger Sutcliffe E65
Andrew Symes R96
Paul Wheeler D91

Staff and friends
Sir Sandy Bruce-Lockhart, honorary graduate 2006
Maurice Cohen, founder of Susan Cohen Fund
Adrian Hambrook, Rutherford
Steve Lutman, English
Stanley Rogers, Rutherford
Paul Schofield, honorary graduate 1973
Dr Keith Webb, Politics and International Relations

Obituaries
Stanley Rogers 1915-2008
Stanley Rogers was Rutherford College’s first domestic bursar (late renamed College Manager). Stanley joined the University of Kent after being head-hunted in 1966, and prior to this he had worked as a Domestic Bursar at Nuffield College in Oxford and later St Catherine College in Oxford. During the war years, Stanley served in the army and was stationed in South Africa. After the war Stanley went into private service and became a Butler. He worked in many prestigious households including those of the late Earl Spencer and Lord Blandford.

Stanley was the first member of Rutherford College staff to be appointed in 1966 and became a well respected member of staff. When his service as College Manager ended in 1980 and his transfer to the Colleges Central Office was announced at College Committee, the College archives record this tribute by the Master, Professor John Todd: “The success which Rutherford enjoyed was largely due to Stanley Rogers’ unceasing devotion to the interests of the community which he had started from nothing”.

A much loved father, grandfather and great grandfather, a hard working and fun loving man, Stanley will always be remembered.

Dr Keith Webb 1944 – 2008
Dr Keith Webb (above) was an inspirational teacher and a mainstay in the study of conflict both in this country and abroad. A ‘Man of Kent’, Keith left school at 15 and had an unlikely start for an academic. He worked in the security department of the GPO and was a trainee wine taster before going to the University of Keele where he met his wife, Vanda. At the same time, he developed his undoubted sporting skills in table tennis (ranked ninth in the country) and cricket to County standard. He later took up sailing.

In his early academic life, Keith was interested in politics, philosophy and sociology. He had a number of research and teaching positions in Iceland, Strathclyde and City universities before settling at Kent in 1982 where he concentrated on conflict research. His publications reflect his broad intellectual interests ranging from Scottish nationalism to the philosophical bases of the social sciences. But his great academic love was conflict research and teaching. He was justifiably proud of the design of the International Conflict Analysis MA degree at Kent in which he played a pre-eminent role. This format has become a template for similar degrees at other universities. While at Kent he continued to give courses for the Open University and the Workers Educational Association, the latter in the Kent coalfield villages.

Keith took early retirement and went to live and work in Cyprus. At Intercollege in Cyprus, he established a BA, MA and PhD programme in the international relations field with a major conflict component. He acted as host to the ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops in Nicosia in 2006.

Not one for dry scholarship, Keith became involved in second track diplomacy in internationalised conflicts. He was concerned not only to understand the causes, and outcomes of conflict but to help all parties to find a relationship that satisfied their needs and values. In particular, he was active in South Africa, Abkhazia, Moldova and Cyprus. Keith had the air of a mischievous little boy about him. He could barely resist cocking a snook at authority, but on the important questions he was solid as a rock. When it mattered, he always went the extra mile. He was a natural researcher but often, tantalisingly, he did not publish his work. He was an inspired teacher who has grateful students the world over through whom his influence will pass down the generations. No one went to him when in trouble without receiving a helping hand (and sometimes tough love). When Keith knew that his time was short, he and Vanda invited family and friends to a joyous farewell party – he was a human being held in the highest esteem by his peers, family, friends and students.

Professor A J R Groom
These are some of the events planned for the next few months. A full calendar of University and alumni events is available at www.kent.ac.uk/whatson

### 24 November 2008
Open Lecture: Sir John Tusa

### 5 December 2008
Open Lecture: Lord Watson of Richmond

### 12 December 2008
Open Lecture: Daniel Lawson

### 30 January 2009
Chancellor’s Lecture
Lord Adonis

### 4 February 2009
Kent Cancer Trust Open Lecture:
Emeritus Professor Michael Baum
University College London

### 13 February 2009
Pfizer Open Lecture:
Professor Sir Tom Blundell
University of Cambridge

### 25 February 2009
Lord Mayor’s Lecture

### 11 March 2009
KIASH Open Lecture

### 18 March 2009
Darwin Annual Lecture

### 27 March 2009
Tizard Open Lecture

### April 2009
Creative Industries Event
London
www.kent.ac.uk/alumni

### Summer 2009
University of Kent in America Alumni Receptions
Indiana and Chicago
www.kent.ac.uk/alumni

### June 2009
Former staff Summer party
Canterbury campus

### 13 June 2009
ArtsFest
www.kent.ac.uk/music

### 21 June 2009
Medway campus Open Day
www.kent.ac.uk/openday

### 5 July 2009
Canterbury campus Open Day
www.kent.ac.uk/openday

### 14, 15, 16 July 2009
Degree Congregations
Canterbury Cathedral

### September 2009
Athens Alumni Reception
www.kent.ac.uk/alumni

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