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## EDITORIAL

This is not going to become a regular feature, I am sure you will be relieved to learn! However, three recent events have prompted much debate on the 'name' of the Establishment.

The first was a series of emails surrounding the published obituaries to Prof John 'JP' Hudson (please see p136 for further descriptions of his scientific career). For those wishing to learn more, JP's son has created a website: <http://richardhudson.byethost2.com/family/jph/johnhudson.htm>

The second was the 80th anniversary of the final move to SB from Kingston in 1928 (see lively photos of the Agrics 'T' shirts specially commissioned in celebration) and the third was the 60th anniversary of the incorporation in 1948 of SB into the newly-formed 'University of Nottingham'.

Midland Agricultural College, as we were prior to joining the University, then became the School of Agriculture of the University incorporating the Faculty of Agriculture & Horticulture. This is where the confusion starts, with me about to take 'The Times' to task for printing in JP's obituary that he was of the Faculty of Agriculture and Horticulture 1965.

It seems however that we were simultaneously the School of Agriculture but also Faculty of Agriculture and Horticulture! Thus AGRIMAG 1965 uses the former on the front cover and the latter on the inside title page AS WELL AS, on the same page, mentioning D. Harrison as 'Secretary to the School of Agriculture'! The Dean's report (p5) also mentions 'School of Agriculture' (several times!) as well as 'Faculty'.

AGRIMAG 1966 (John Hudson was Dean for the first time) has the same labels on the front cover and inside page as in 1965. John's report only uses 'Faculty' but, intriguingly, refers to 'a new building to house the Departments [note plural] of Agriculture, Agricultural Economics and Horticulture' as well as a 'Biometry Section'. There may have been other Departments as two professors (Lamming - Animal Physiology, or something similar - and Lewis - Nutritional Biochemistry, or something similar) gave inaugural lectures, although I suspect Lamming and Lewis were at the time in 'Agriculture'.

AGRIMAG 1967 has 'School of Agriculture' on the front cover. Confusingly, the Editorial comments on the new phase in development of the School of Agriculture from an Agricultural College to a Faculty of Agricultural Science. In his Dean's report, John refers only to 'Faculty', although signs himself off as 'Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture and Horticulture'. There were however significant changes to the internal structure with the emergence of four Departments: Agriculture and Horticulture, Agricultural Economics, Applied Biochemistry and Nutrition, and Physiology and Environmental Studies.

Further confusion exists p9 (Agrimag 1967) in reporting John's departure to Long Ashton and referring to him as 'Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture' and mentions 'School of Agriculture'!

I suspect that this is the reason why everyone refers to us either as Sutton B or, more recently, SB. Much easier than trying to work out our proper name!

**Julian**

## **REPORT OF THE HEAD, SCHOOL OF BIOSCIENCES**

It only seems like 5 minutes since I was asked to 'pen' last year's Head of School's contribution to Agrimag and yet here I am again putting together another thumbnail account of events during 2007/8. The year has seen a period of consolidation in addition to further changes within the School. The academic year started well with buoyant recruitment into Biosciences courses in September and 170 international students registering for degree programmes from 39 different countries. In order to achieve our undergraduate target we were only in UCAS clearing for a single day which, in 'recent' years (at least twenty five from my memory alone!), is a record and testimony to the hard work undertaken by Julian Wiseman, Kathy Wilson, and all the Admissions Tutors who worked tirelessly throughout the year.

During the last 12 months the SB Graduate Centre was opened and the purpose-built Sports Centre completed. Both students and staff now have first class facilities to play squash, badminton, indoor tennis and basketball, in addition to being able to run whilst watching TV, and gyrate in front of a mirror in the dance studio. Only one facility is restricted to the student domain – the use of the main hall for exams purposes! The completion of the Sports Centre has enabled remodelling of the old squash courts to take place with one being imaginatively converted into a music studio whilst the other houses an excellent climbing wall.

As I write, work has also started on the refurbishment of the Junior Common Room (JCR) area and of Eviton House with the latter being upgraded to provide much needed accommodation for postgraduate students and visitors. At the planning stage is a new building projected to house Integrative Biologists and the Environmental Science community that is currently based at University Park, in addition to colleagues from School of Veterinary Medicine and Science. A further accommodation block for approximately 200 students is due to be built, adjacent to the arboretum, on a site which many years ago used to house the range for the SB rifle club.

On a sad note, Rory Watson was tragically killed on Easter Saturday in a car accident on his way to work. A service to his memory, attended by staff, students and his family, was held on the campus and was both a poignant reminder of our loss and an uplifting tribute to an extremely popular and talented student. The University has agreed to confer on Rory a posthumous degree which will be awarded in July 2009 when his peer group will graduate. Another loss that took place during the year was that of John (George) Bacon who completed his degree in Agriculture in 2006. John had suffered from poor health for many years.

The School was delighted to hear in June that Professor Keith Campbell had been awarded a Shaw prize for his pioneering work on reprogramming mammalian cells and animal cloning. The prize, established under the auspices of Mr. Run Run Shaw, is highly prestigious and has been christened the Nobel of the east. Keith was awarded the prize in Medicine and Life Science jointly with Ian Wilmut (an SB graduate) and Shinya Yamanaka. Congratulations (or commiserations!) also go to Professor Bob Webb for his appointment as Pro Vice Chancellor for research from 1 August 2008. Also taking up a challenging new position within the University is Professor Sayed Azam Ali who has been appointed as the first Chief Executive for Research on the University of Nottingham Malaysian Campus (UNMC). Sayed has been seconded to UNMC for three years from 1 September and we wish him well in his exciting role overseas. Other individuals from within the School who merit a mention are Sandra Hill who was awarded a Chair in

Biomaterials Processing and George Mann, Kevin Sinclair, Joanne Hort, Helen West, Debbie Sparkes, Martin Broadley and Rupert Fray who were also promoted.

Finally, this year has also seen a major restructuring of the Divisions within the School. For some time the Plant and Crop Scientists on campus have been operating as a community and it became timely to bring the Animal Physiology and Production groups together into a single Animal Sciences Division and formally generate a Plant and Crop Sciences Division. Environmental Scientists at University Park, Integrative Biologists, and colleagues in Agricultural Management have been brought together into a reformed Agricultural & Environmental Sciences Division. Food Sciences and Nutritional Sciences have emerged unscathed from this process. Hopefully this new structure will streamline our activities and provide an even more collegiate spirit within the School during 2008/9.

### **Professor Jerry Roberts**

## **SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AND SCIENCE REPORT 2007/8**

The Vet School came up trumps in this year's Lord Dearing Awards for Excellence and Learning – the scheme which recognises staff contributions to the excellence of the student learning experience. Lecturers Liz Mossop, Sarah Freeman and Mark Bowen all received awards for their work on our highly innovative veterinary degree course. Their contributions include developments in student-centred learning, educational partnerships with vet practices throughout the East Midlands and innovative uses of new visual learning practices.

In November 2007 the Vet School played host to the British Veterinary Zoological Society Autumn meeting. Over 150 delegates attended the weekend which had the overall theme "Recent Advances in Comparative Medicine". Attendees were able to attend both presentations and lab based sessions and take a visit to Twycross Zoo.

Since the School of Veterinary Medicine and Science opened its doors to students in 2006 it has attracted £7.7m in research funding. This is in addition to the £20m previously assigned to support the infrastructure building programme. The £7.7 has been gained from a number of sources: Research Councils £3.1m, Charities £400K, commercial organisations £3.6m and other sources £600K.

Prof Gary England, Foundation Dean of School, said "We are very pleased with these early initiatives to develop the research portfolio in the School. They will form the foundations of a world-leading veterinary research programme at Nottingham. We are establishing excellence in research within five research themes: Animal infection and immunity, Animal population health and welfare, Comparative medicine, Reproductive biology and Veterinary educational research. The relationships with our Clinical Associates, other associated Institutions and commercial organisations ensure that research is relevant not only to the wider veterinary, biomedical and bioscientific community but also to local consumers of biotechnology and veterinary services".

In addition to the academic prizes (see Award of Prizes section), the inaugural Sports Cup was presented to Prof Malcolm Cobb. The Staff – Student Sports Day

was held in June and the staff won overall (see photos), beating the students in Clay Pigeon Shooting, Football and Rounders and only losing Netball.

In February the School took occupancy of research laboratories at the Compton Site of the Institute for Animal Health (IAH). Prof James Leigh is leading a £2.2m BBSRC funded project and will use the facility to conduct research on bovine mastitis 'Exploitation of virulent/avirulent strain comparison to detect host and pathogen factors critical to the pathogenesis of bovine mastitis due to *Streptococcus uberis*'. Bovine mastitis due to bacterial infection of the udder is one of the most common diseases of farmed livestock. The disease is currently controlled by rigorous attention to hygiene of dairy cows and the large-scale use of antibiotics. Despite this, over 1 million cases of mastitis occur each year in the UK. *Streptococcus uberis* has been shown to be the most common cause. This research project aims to determine the phenotypic and genotypic differences between defined virulent and avirulent strains of *Streptococcus uberis*, and to determine the different responses of the host to challenge with virulent and avirulent strains. In so doing, this project will uncover bacterial antigens of potential use in vaccines aimed at preventing bovine mastitis and provide a detailed understanding of the molecular mechanisms underlying the host responses that lead to either mastitis or clearance of the infection. The project is being conducted in collaboration with Dr Tracey Coffey's Bovine Genomics Group based at IAH and has contributions from other research groups including those at RVC, USDA and the University of Oxford.

## **BONINGTON HALL ANNUAL REPORT**

Bonington Hall, along with the whole of the Sutton Bonington campus, has had another dynamic year of developments and events. While it is primarily the people not the buildings that make up the SB community, I'll begin with changes to the infrastructural aspects, as these do at least provide a 'concrete' context to campus life. In September (2007) the renovation and refurbishment of Normanton House was completed by Opal: like the rest of Bonington Hall, the accommodation in Normanton is arranged into a series of self-catering flats and there are now four entrances to the building (the two ends having acquired cedar-clad staircases, fortunately not involving the removal of the well known Mulberry tree, though it was a moderately close call!). As part of this renovation, Opal converted part of a corridor into an entrance lobby, disabled WC and kitchen for the Senior Common Room, which makes the facility completely self-contained and even more useful than ever. The renovation of the last of the older buildings of the Hall, alongside the building of the three large new blocks (Stanford, Barton and Zouch) a year before, means that Bonington Hall is now complete in its new incarnation of 525 rooms and a Resident Tutor team of 12. Having said that, ground has already been cleared at the north end of the campus, just south of the arboretum, for the building of another 200 student rooms (with 4 more Resident Tutors) to be ready for occupation by September 2009. Eviton House (which was retained by the University when the other accommodation was sold to Opal and has been mothballed for a while) is also about to be renovated and should be ready in September 2008. Eviton will no longer operate as part of Bonington Hall, but will serve as short term accommodation for academic visitors and the like, a much needed facility.



The next major infrastructural change occurred just after Christmas when the new Sports Centre opened, unfortunately just in time to close for use as a venue for exams! When it did open 'properly' for sports usage it was very much appreciated by one and all. It is a particular pleasure to note that alumni-donated funds made a very significant difference to the gym area and there was also extra investment in the Centre from the School of Biosciences and the Faculty of Science. The old sports pavilion was promptly demolished and replaced with a croquet lawn (I shall be purchasing a croquet set for SB use over the summer) and the old sports hall and squash courts decommissioned (there are two new squash courts in the new sports centre). The future usage of the old sports hall is still under discussion but there have been very significant developments in each of the two former squash courts. One of these has very successfully been converted into a 'Climbing & Bouldering' wall facility using funds donated by SB alumni, Bonington Hall's Term Bar Reserve, The Vet School and the Old Kingstonian Association, plus input into the overall quality of the building itself from the Estates Office. There is a large and active student climbing club which has quite literally clubbed together to raise the funds to purchase the safety mats to go with the climbing walls and the project has benefitted greatly by being overseen by the Sports Centre and assisted by the Students Union safety staff. This is, thus, a significant and popular new amenity on campus. It is complete in the sense that it is up, running, fully functional and – I am told – of superb quality in terms of the climbing challenges offered, but there is still space available for expansion of the 'knobbly surfaces' to cover more of the walls so I am hoping we can definitively complete the facility within the next few years. The other old squash court has become the new home of Music Soc, with a plethora of electrical sockets around the walls, a carpet, a lowered and sound absorbent ceiling and, of course, some new instruments and other equipment. It is with the enormous gratitude that I note that this very exciting and popular development was made possible due to donations to the SB alumni fund. There was also great assistance plus financial input from the Estates Office.

While all the above changes were taking place, there was also much discussion about the future of the JCR/Bar area. We had a number of meetings with architects, various versions of various plans were drawn up, disseminated, discussed, fed-back on and so on. After Easter it was decided that the University would spend £250,000 on a complete redecoration and refurbishment of the JCR/Bar to be completed in September 2008, but there would be no significant 'architectural' change. This is of course a very welcome investment. Equally welcome was the associated news that the forthcoming spend would not preclude serious consideration of more wide-reaching changes to the JCR in a few years time. This will be needed to match the increasing requirements of the growing campus community.

Alongside all the above infrastructural improvements we have, of course, had all the usual social events, such as Week One, the full gamut of Dining-Ins and Friday night parties, the International Students Society Ball (as good as ever and this year the heating was on!). Performances by 'Streetdance' have enhanced several of the above events and been well up to their usual standard. At the time of writing, we are in the final run up towards the Summer Ball, this year with a Medieval Banquet theme. It is also, or at least was briefly a week or so ago, BBQ weather and to assist this we have provided several more Hall BBQ sets and have had a permanent brick-built BBQ structure installed on the patio between Stanford and Barton houses. There was, of course, also OKA weekend in the Autumn, during which we held a memorial event for Harper (Ed Pybus)

who, you may recall from last year's Agrimag, was tragically killed in a farming accident a few weeks after graduating last summer. We now have an area of the JCR specifically designated as 'Harper's Bar' and an ongoing agreement that there will remain a Harper's Bar after any future refurbishments or rebuildings of the JCR/Bar area.

I am very sorry to have to report that there has been a more recent and equally tragic death among the student community. Rory Watson, a very able and popular second year Biosciences student, was killed in a road accident near his home during the Easter vacation. We had a memorial event and a memorial sports match early in the spring term which both celebrated Rory's contribution to the SB community. More details are to be found in later sections of this edition of Agrimag.

All these events, happy and sad, all the meetings about infrastructural development, plus quite a few others about matters that must remain confidential, continue to illustrate the special and integrated nature of the SB campus, which I am pleased to say most definitely does include the 'new' Vet School, both in terms of staff and students. During the year there was even a meeting to discuss such matters called by a member of the University's senior management and I am glad to say that it was very clear that the positive aspects of SB's community structure came very clearly to the fore. These were voiced by those based at other campuses within the University and not just by those based here. I am thus as confident as I can be that the best of SB is set to be retained during the doubling in size of the campus and community.

Finally, it cannot go without mention that SB rugby has once again continued to excel, with both the men's and the ladies' rugby teams winning their respective leagues, and very convincingly too! And on that happy note, I'll conclude for the year.

**Dr Ian C.W. Hardy**  
Warden of Bonington Hall

## **GUILD CHAIR REPORT**

My university life did not start well. I rocked up at SB on a sunny September afternoon, and for a variety of reasons, was extremely negative about starting uni. I had never even set foot on SB before and didn't realise we weren't in the city! I was so excited that I fell asleep in the car on the way down... My apathy wasn't helped by the fact I had just spent three days in hospital with concussion. My first memory is attempting to get into North Lab because of the sign on the door "North Lab Main Entrance" which I took to mean "North Lab" and "Main Entrance of SB". I don't think I had quite recovered from that head injury...

Then, I met my fellow Ratcliffians, you all know who you are, and their enthusiasm and excitement was infectious. For that, I owe them everything, because I could have all too easily sat around and felt sorry for myself. I'm not even sure how I ended up Guild Chair, and if I'd have been told that three years ago I'd have never believed it. But that's the great thing about SB; anyone can get involved with anything.

It was at my first Guild meeting when I suddenly realised the enormity of my role as Guild Chair. As I sat before the rabble of twenty overexcited students,

waiting for the meeting to start, I realised it was ME that had to take control! I've never been a natural leader and I began to really doubt myself in the position, after getting Duggan to get everyone to sit down and shut up.

I believe I grew (slightly!) more confident in my position as time went on, but I found it hard that I had no real hold over people and no real incentives to make people do their job, especially when everyone started losing motivation after Christmas. I tried to lead by example, and muck in as much as I could with menial tasks such as balloon blowing and tidying up (night of Rumble excepted... sorry!) I admit to not exactly being the most laid back person in the role, and the biggest push over! So to those that didn't take advantage of this, and continued to show up, work hard and bring enthusiasm to the Guild and JCR, I would like to thank you each and every one of you;

Hall President: Hannah Duggan  
Vice Guild Chair: Helen Gray  
Guild Treasurer: Sarah Caldwell  
JCR Chair: Sam Blacklock  
Vice JCR Chair: Josh Cameron  
JCR Treasurer: David Wilson  
General Secretary: Claire Simmons  
Biosciences Academic Rep: David Swann  
Veterinary Academic Rep: Jono Cooper  
Sports Secretary: Suzanne Mc Gilloway  
Societies Officer: Roz Brennan  
Asst. Sports and Societies Officer: Helen Coulson  
Female Welfare Officer: Hannah Griffiths  
Male Welfare Officer: John Lawday  
Transport Manager: Adam Marsh  
ISSB President: Khary Edwards  
TEC Chair: Sean Dean  
Postgraduate Rep: Cheryl Mak  
First Year Reps: Elly Martin and Emma Tildesley

The Guild has been working very hard on a number of different projects this year, and we have had many ups and downs. On the whole I feel the Guild has been very productive and learnt from any mistakes we have made (e.g. axing the sex change party in Freshers - sorry!). I have been very proud to represent SB and just want to outline some of the things I have been working on.

Living in Nottingham in my second year without a car really opened my eyes to the pitfalls of the shuttle bus timetable, especially when I took on the position of Guild Chair. It was not uncommon for me to spend up to four hours travelling and waiting for buses for a five minute meeting on SB; no exaggeration, as those who have to make the commute will understand. It was also impossible to get to SB at the weekend before 4.30pm, so my lovely housemate, David Swann, even lent me his car on a number of occasions. Of course, not everyone has this luxury, or such a trusting (!) housemate. A meeting was called to discuss the bus timetable with Barry Chadwick (Operations & Facilities) and David Skinner (Operations & Logistics) who really didn't understand why it was so bad that there were no buses at the weekends as there are no lectures surely?! With this to battle against, I went to the meeting full of ammunition and although I cannot take credit for the timetable changes, as there has been a lot of hard work from other students and staff, we DID make significant progress with the timetable. New services at weekends and evenings were introduced, and instead of the two evening buses at 7.15pm and 10pm, we now have a choice of SIX different

buses after 7pm! I also noticed that buses were running to U.P. and mysteriously not making the return journey on the timetable. I tried to trace the journeys of the buses simply by sitting on them, and found out (the hard way!) that these buses WERE making the return trip to SB but because it wasn't timetabled, wouldn't let passengers on. Cue four hours in the rain waiting for the next bus as the bus returning to SB that I had just got off wouldn't let me back on. I raised this point and they agreed it was "a bit silly" and the problem was rectified, but not without three weeks of confusion from the bus drivers and students! As you can probably gather, shuttle buses were the bane of my life, but credit must go to the previous Guild Chairs and to Sarah Johnson and Ian Hardy, who are continually fighting our case and dealing with shuttle bus problems.

The structure of the Guild, JCR, and where Vet Soc lies within this has been under scrutiny this year, basically to ensure all SB students are equally represented. I spent a day in the Guild office with huge sheets of paper and a marker pen working out how the structure lies and how I wanted it to lie and whether it could work! However, seeing people's faces while I was manically drawing enormous diagrams over five sheets of huge paper made me wonder if I maybe overcomplicating it slightly... The structure of the Guild and JCR was reviewed by Professor David Riley (Pro-Vice Chancellor) and the stringent SU Exec, who seemed very positive about the way things run here. However, after countless meetings with Darren regarding Vet Soc and many, many "banging head against brick wall" moments, we are still no further as to working out how Vet Soc fits in with the Guild and JCR... is it a society or a representational association or not affiliated to the Guild at all?! I'll shut up now, shall I? It is still unresolved, and I wish Ellie, Elly and Carolyn the best of luck sorting it out!

The School of Biosciences have altered the structure of the academic year and David Swann and I were heavily involved in providing student feedback on the changes and how to alter things to improve the situation in coming years. We have lost the revision week in January to make way for an extra revision week in summer, a university-wide decision that the School of Biosciences had no control over. I conducted a survey of student opinion on this and very strongly voiced our opinions against the loss of the week to the university. Some schools in the university have lost two days of Fresher's week to provide revision days at the end of term to compensate. However, after conducting a survey of student opinion, the School of Biosciences decided to keep the full Fresher's week under the Guild's recommendation. However, the issue is likely to come under review again next year.

This year has also seen the opening of the new sports centre and the new sports membership scheme. The Guild were consulted and brought forward ideas over the use of the old squash courts, which now house a climbing wall and a new music room. We have also (finally!) got ourselves a new minibus on a lease hire contract and got rid of one of the old ones. Another issue which sent me on many a wild goose chase was the provision of internet on College Road houses. Previously not many houses on College Road have had internet access, due to the expense of initially installing a BT phone line. However, Estates have now installed SNS (university internet) in all the College Road houses.

My biggest challenge of taking on the role of Guild Chair was definitely the leadership, though I muddled through with the help of Duggan, who probably got quite frustrated with my reluctance to tell people off! And for all the hours I spent on shuttle buses, at union council 'til the early hours and in meetings discussing the sensitivity of card readers around campus (yes, really!), though

stressing at the time, I thrived on dashing round campus, trying to pack as much as possible into the day - I get bored way too easily! It has made me realise I work most efficiently under pressure and leaving everything 'til the last minute, this report included!

I would like to say a huge thank you to Ian Hardy, Jerry Roberts, Martin Luck, Julian Wiseman and Sarah Johnson for their dedication to the SB community. I can assure you that many of the academics and staff here go above and beyond the call of duty to ensure the best interests of SB students and no decision affecting SB is ever taken lightly. Massive thanks also to Karen Wonnacott, Philbo and Chappy, who all have a wealth of knowledge and experience of SB which I could call upon at all hours of the day. SB will certainly miss them when they're gone.

The increasing size of SB has changed the dynamics of the campus since I arrived in 2005. Gone are the days of recognising every face, and although I personally look back with nostalgia, the most important thing, I believe, is to keep the clichéd "SB spirit" alive; friendships extending between years, a work hard, play hard ethos and a unity and pride between all members of the SB community.

**Carla Sprott**  
Guild Chair 2007-2008

### **HALL PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

About 13 months ago the idea of being Hall President had never entered my mind. I was a carefree Fresher, with naïve ideas about how events just appeared like magic. However, a few weeks later, after the persuasion of Higgins, Waggy and Chappy, I was running in the Guild Elections. At this point there was a bit of controversy, as I was the first Fresher to take the role in about 50 years – and the first girl since 1998! But apparently it's not such a bad idea as once again a female Fresher is preparing to take the reigns.

Throughout my year, I worked closely with the rest of the JCR; Chair – Sam Blacklock, Vice-chair – Josh Cameron and Treasurer – David Wilson.

The JCR's first task was the Summer Ball. This was 3 months of non-stop phone calls, meetings and stress. We decided on a James Bond theme and organised a lot of the entertainment around that. We had inflatable laser quest, a fun casino, Aston Martin raffle prizes and some great bands.

The 2008 ball was on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>, but I don't feel bad because there's not much more that could go wrong than in my year. The day before the dodgems cancelled on me due to a pikey war, we had torrential rain all day (Josh and the SU's Garry Leeson were unblocking drains as people were arriving) and to top it all we had a power cut at 2am in the morning. I think its crowning glory was our lovely ESJ rep, Amanda Bray, asking me if I felt guilty that the lights had gone out – 'No Amanda I do not feel guilty!'

Even though everything that could go wrong, did, I still enjoyed myself, and hope everyone else did too.

This was the first summer with the Vet School open, so unsurprisingly there were a few changes. The Vet School held their exams later than the School of Biosciences, finishing on the 15<sup>th</sup> June. This meant that the Biosciences had a

couple of weeks break before the ball could be held. Thankfully, most people stuck around, making the attendance almost 500!

Normal campus life didn't stop while the JCR organised the ball! SB stock, Week One rep elections and the return of Ska Amanga all went down fantastically. The University's radio station URN, broadcasted from outside the Octagon, with some interviews from the campus locals and there was a good SB presence at the Summer Party and Summer Break.

In the summer term, myself and Carla attended a meeting to discuss the use of money accrued from our very generous alumni. The original plan was to use the money to finance gym equipment for the new sports centre, a new Guild mini bus and an interior renovation of the bar. The gym equipment and the mini bus are now both in action and the students are making good use of them! On behalf of the Guild, I'd like to thank everyone who contributed to the alumni appeal – it really has improved student life at SB. The bar adjustments didn't take place due to advice from Estates that they would be doing a big renovation very soon. Fortunately, this money has been reallocated to help fund the climbing wall which has been built in one of the old squash courts. The wall is due to open for use at the start of the summer term. The other squash court is in the process of becoming a music room.

Summer passed in a muddle of meetings, Week One organisation and placement. Before I knew it, we were back on campus welcoming the new intake of Freshers. Opal's new system of admission worked very efficiently, ensuring that nobody had to wait too long to get into their digs. The Guild and the Week One reps worked together to try and settle everyone in and overall I think it was a great success – thanks to everyone for all their hard work. The Freshers enjoyed events such as Rumble in the Jungle, the wild west's version of a ceilidh and the Kegworth Garden Parties. The Week One reps ensured the Freshers had a good time while the Guild (when capable) set up and cleared away. A big thank-you goes to Jono and Ali, who put all the tables in the Rushcliffe back after Rumble at about 4am! In the week running up to Week One, we were given the opportunity for the Freshers to go to Hu Stu's toga party. However, this meant postponing the Sex Change party. A vote by the Guild and the Week One reps decided that it would be a good opportunity for the Freshers to meet other halls. I think most agree it probably wasn't the best of decisions but there's not much we can do about it now! But I am assured by the new Guild that Sex Change will be back in its rightful place next year!

Karni fortnight went well, with some of the usual events, including the 7-legged Keggy crawl, Miss SB and Doctors & Nurses. It was finished off with the Masquerade Ball, which saw the Rushcliffe filled to capacity. The Dining Ins were all pretty stressful to set up this year due to low numbers of staff. We finished the final touches as the first guests turned up, and so began my tradition of writing my speech at the table – I don't know if anyone noticed!?

As ever, OKA was to be held on the third Saturday of November (not October!). Sam was in charge for this event, so I put myself at his disposal for any help he needed. However, after hearing very little with 3 weeks to go, I thought I'd better say something. To his credit, Sam managed to put together a very good event in a very short space of time.

The winter term ended with some very successful events. The Mistletoe Ball and Comedy down the bar were well attended and Street Dance did a fantastic performance at the Christmas Dining In.

The spring term started a week earlier this year as we lost the revision week.

However, we got on with it, with the Biosciences sitting their exams and the Vets ploughing straight into lectures. The new term marked the opening of our brand new sports centre. We now have a massive sports hall, 2 new squash courts, a dance studio and a state of the art gym.

The JCR lads and I tried really hard in this term to try to get more people down the bar by putting on a greater number and variety of events, but that's for you to judge if it's been effective.

The Guild went out on a high with our final Dining In, Guild AGM and Handover Meal. I'd like to thank the Guild for all their hard work this year, especially Josh, Sarah, Helen and of course Carla, for putting so much of their time and energy into making this campus run smoothly; I think they will agree that you really do get out what you put in!

Many thanks go to Dr Ian Hardy and the Tutor team for all their work this year. Especially Karen and Emma who have helped the JCR throughout the year, with their consistent support and time. Thanks also go to the Sodexho team; Georgina, Sally, Claire, James, Chappy and all the lovely ladies. Also, to Janet, Christine, Caroline and the Opal team for running the accommodation so smoothly this year. Thank-you to everyone who has helped enhance the student life here on SB, especially Dr. Martin Luck as Honorary Guild President and Professor Wiseman for all his help with OKA.

I'd like to wish the incoming Guild and JCR good luck, especially my successor Ellie. I'm looking forward to sitting back and enjoying future events, rather than stressing about what could go wrong! This year has seen excellent integration between the students, with the majority enjoying their time at SB. I hope SB can continue to be such a close-knit community as it expands further.

**Hannah Duggan**

## **JCR CHAIR REPORT**

The new JCR for the 2007/2008 year consisted of Hannah Duggan (Hall President), Sam Blacklock (JCR Chair), Josh Cameron (JCR Chair) and David Wilson (JCR Treasurer). The first event we were in charge of was the legendary Summer Ball. Hannah was very calm and organised in arranging and delegating, so most of the work was done early on. We had a very eventful Ball in the end with dodgems ordeals, torrential rain and power cuts. Despite these minor setbacks the casino in the marquee kept most people busy till the early morn and the twelve hour extravaganza was an amazing event.

The New Academic Year started with Freshers' Week with six brand new Week-one Reps. In a Guild meeting about Week-One it was decided to send the first years to a hall on University Park to give them a sense of UP life, sacrificing the usual Sex Change Party on the Friday night. This turned out to be a bit of a disappointment to several returning students who clearly missed cross-dressing. Rumble in the Jungle was also eventful with a barn 'spontaneously combusting' in the middle of the night.

OKA was a large feature in the JCR calendar and due to the laid back approach to its organisation some members of staff and Guild seemed to have some concerns. As it turned out the whole weekend went without a hitch. Although OKA is usually a time for catching up with old friends this year's weekend included a memorial to Edward 'Harper' Pybus who tragically died over the

summer (2007). We took this opportunity to dedicate a bar to Edward as a fitting tribute to his memory.

The rest of the year was filled with the usual array of Friday night parties, of which the World Aids Day Super Hero themed party, Casino Night and Hawaiian night were particular favourites of mine. Sunday quizzes and Top Gear and the occasional mid-week comedy night also were well attended, plus the four 'Dining Ins', which saw nearly everybody scrubbed up and looking their best, always went down a treat.

Despite the JCR's best efforts to make each party better than the one before it there seemed to be a lack of interest amongst many of the first years. This matter wasn't helped by rising prices in the Bar. Due to the lack of people in the Bar during evenings and weekend the Bar was forced to close early and not even open some days. All of which made it increasingly difficult to attract people at times.

The year on the whole was very good fun and a great thing to be involved with and I can only hope the next intake of first years keep going to the bar and JCR events all throughout the next year making the social side of Uni as fun as it possible can be.

**Sam Blacklock, JCR Chair**

## **FARM REPORT**

The past year has seen many changes on the farm. Most striking has to be the change in fortune of the output prices – which I must say were most welcome and much needed. What a difference a year makes, and I can honestly say that I had never dreamt of prices such as we have experienced. However, the market is extremely volatile, and seemingly more than ever the slightest issue anywhere in the world can alter the price of agricultural commodities in this country! Like most jobs though, there is a sting in the tail, as input prices have escalated – and as many of our inputs are "oil based", particularly fertiliser, sprays and diesel, the escalation for them has been spectacular. Fertiliser has increased, depending on type, by between 100% and 400%, and at present diesel for tractors is 300% more than a year ago. Therefore our windfall from grain and milk prices last year has been mostly eroded by this year's inputs. However, that's the name of the game, and we need to tailor the job ever more sympathetically to world markets as much as we can. One problem to this is that some of our produce is planted between 12 and 24 months before it is delivered to the end user, and the magic crystal ball required to make the right decision on growing, conditioning and marketing in such volatile times, is often elusive!

Despite the healthy prices for harvest this year we still have the weather to contend with and the forecast is not very enthralling for the next month – so it looks like we are in for a rough ride through the harvest period.

Certainly more exciting overall has been the installation of four new Lely Astronaut A3 robotic milkers in the Dairy Centre, which have replaced the previous three robots. The move to four, with additional cubicles and a new straw barn has enabled us to increase cow numbers to 225 from 165. This has given us the economy of scale to help cope with increasing operating costs within the industry. Early indications are that the new system is proving a great success, and it is so good to see the unit performing much closer to its potential.



The increase in cow numbers was achieved by buying up an entire herd which was being disposed of and their full potential will not be realised until their next full lactation, so we are hopeful of even greater success next year.

A huge thank you must be recorded to the Dairy Centre team, and Nigel in particular, for their persistence and hard work in making the whole project work – and to long suffering Farm Administrator Maggie for her never-ending support throughout the year.

From a University perspective, the increased herd size improves our teaching and research potential, so hopefully we have a win-win situation.

**CW Donger**  
**Farm Manager July 2008**

## **SOCIETY AND CLUB REPORTS**

## **SB AGRICS**

SB Agrics started out this year with a poorly attended AGM in which I (Marcus Linsey) got "elected" president with 100% of the vote! (the AGM consisted of myself and Andrew Spinks) Eventually Andrew and I managed to find enough people to form a committee to continue the Society. The rest of the committee is as follows: Ben Taylor, Alec Smith, Helen Byttee and Kim Pickering.

Our first event on 14th November was a tour of Peak Buffalo, kindly hosted by Richard Gill. He gave us a tour of his organic farm including his 350 extensively reared buffalo. We learnt about Business Management and the health benefits of buffalo meat. Because buffalo has half the intramuscular marbling of beef, it has half the fat and twice the protein and calcium of beef! Also a buffalo crossed with a cow is called a beefalo! At the end of the tour Richard invited us into his house to taste some buffalo over a coffee. This was a successful event and enjoyed by all.

In a change to the usual farm tours I have attempted to get some speakers in, but to no avail. I did write to the NFU but had no response. I will keep trying until they respond! In the mean time I awaiting a reply from John Deere and hopefully we will be visiting Round Green Venison Farm in the near future.

Throughout the year the East Midlands Farm Management Association have invited us to their talks, which have proved to be very interesting. I would encourage more Agrics to come along.

It has been a fulfilling experience being president of SB Agrics, but there is still work to be done. I do hope the next AGM is better attended so there are some new members to take over the reigns for next year. After all agriculture is an integral part of Sutton Bonington Campus. Lets make sure it remains so.

**Marcus Linsey.**  
**SB Agrics President.**

## **ALTERNATIVE ARTS**

We started the year off with an amazing performance at Rumble In The Jungle, providing entertainment for the Freshers as they queued up to get in, and when they came outside to cool off from the packed ante-room and make-shift club in the Rushcliffe restaurant. Bex, Mike Angie, Carrie and I all performed some fire poi and glow poi spinning, while Dave, Rich and Joe showed off with some cool fire staff moves. Surprisingly no-one got burnt and I only singed my hair a little and maybe a burning man performance can be brought in next year! The new term started off well, with a good number of new arrivals which had been captured during Freshers' Fayre. New equipment arrived half way through the term in the form of a unicycle, which may not sound like much, but for a small club, it was a big occasion. Being able to ride the unicycle was a huge skill to master, especially as no-one had any prior knowledge on how to do it. Currently Matt and I can manage about 30m propped up against a wall, but we can only improve! Joe performed for the sensory science group at Christmas, and also for a night-club back home, helping to spread Alternative Arts further afield than the Charnwood Room!

Even more equipment arrived after Christmas, in the form of bounce juggling balls, fire poi, amazing atom glow poi, and another new art; fire juggling (no gloves needed!). The fire balls were difficult to use at first, but after a bit of getting used to they worked brilliantly. Our first social of the year saw the 'alternative art' of playing drinking poker, and Helen being a newcomer to the art, grasped the concept of drinking quite quickly!

After Easter there are plans to give a performance at SB Stock, and to further the collection of equipment so that the club can become more diverse and 'alternative'. All that's left to say is good luck to the new committee members next year! That's all from me folks,

**Alec McNulty(Alternative Arts President 07-08)**

## **SB EXTREME AMBLING**

The revamped Fell Walking Society, Extreme Ambling, has had a very successful year, organising a couple of walks in the peaks and around SB.

However, by far the most enjoyable event was the weekend away in the Lake District in February. A group of 10 of us went up in the mini bus and were put up for 2 nights by Tess's (our gen sec) parents. On Saturday we went horse riding and walking, and in the afternoon we went canoeing on Coniston water. On Saturday night we camped in a teepee with a wood burning stove, which was very warm until we fell asleep and the fire went out! On Sunday we went abseiling near Cathedral Quarry which was amazing. The weather was fantastic all weekend and we're planning on returning next year!

We are currently planning a weekend to Snowdonia after Easter, which everyone is looking forward to after the successful weekend away in the Lakes. A social at Go-Ape is also on the cards.

This term we've developed stronger ties with the walking society at UP, RamSoc. Although it's a struggle to get to UP for 9:30 on a Sunday morning, it's definitely worth it for the walks. It takes the pressure off the SB committee to organise such frequent walks, as there is a walk in the peaks with RamSoc every Sunday! The committee (seen around campus wearing 'EXTREME' hoodies!) is keen for this success to be maintained in 08/09!

## **SB Extreme Ambling Committee**

**Ali Benger, Sophie Prichard, Tessa Fordham, Claire Robinson and Dave Ridley**

## **BADMINTON**

The Badminton Club continues to grow, with around 100 members signing up this year! Club nights, on Wednesday and Friday, have been very popular and we are looking to organise a third club night. The committee has also expanded, now with its own competition, equipment and social secretaries.

We've held two competitions this year, one of which saw some of our best club members progress to the novice regional finals and possibly even onto the national finals. Five people went to the regional finals and all of them performed well with Kevin Spencelayh winning the men's singles and Elizabeth Smith winning the women's singles to progress to the national finals. Kunal Saini got player of the day award to wrap up a great day for SB Badminton Club. An up and coming social to bowling along with new club shirts promises to be a good night out (paid for by the club) and we are continuing to buy new equipment and improve our old equipment. The new sports hall gave the club a real boost and with new posts and nets the club is getting even better.

Thanks to a great committee this year and of course to our members.

## **Kevin Spencelayh**

### **CLIMBING REPORT**

'The vision of so few shall give pleasure to so many'. One of Sam Bowden's more infamous quotes, as we sat poring over plans for the old squash courts. Somehow we had found funding for a £10k climbing wall to be installed in the old squash court and we had to make it happen. After only a few months we now have 50 square meters of climbing area, including overhangs, beginners walls and an overhead cave. The squash court has been transformed and with the arrival of the crash mats SB is now home to one of the finest bouldering rooms owned by any university. All members of the club are delighted with the result and our great thanks must go out to Sam Bowden, Mark Waters and all of the funding bodies who made it possible. There will be events planned and hosted for the future, and any members of the climbing club can really improve their abilities with this fantastic facility.

We've also been active in the more practical aspects of mountaineering. We have led two successful expeditions to Snowdon, and a winter conquest of Ben Nevis. All have furthered our preparation, navigation, and mountaineering skills and we are planning more challenging expeditions for the future. The Aonach Eagach ridge will soon fall to SB's feet and hopefully the hidden valley of Glen Coe, but we're waiting for conditions harsh enough to make it a challenge! There have also been several climbing trips to the Mendips, to further our outdoor climbing, and socialising abilities, all providing superb photo opportunities on technical limestone ascents.

The summer was eventful with three members of the committee, Crazy Cheese, Sam Bowden and myself with my brother in tow summiting Mt. Blanc, see included report. We are planning bigger and better expeditions for the future and with our new facilities, we're set for an excellent second year in existence.

## **Mike Bellamy aka TinTin x**

### **CHRISTIAN UNION**

During the past year, the Christian Union has put on many events such as 'text-a-milkshake', where students on campus could text for a free milkshake, delivered to their door, a quiz in the bar, a magic show, which included a talk

about Christianity, a talk in the Mulberry Tree Café one lunch-time, and 'Grill-a-Christian', which was a chance for anyone to ask any question they wanted, anonymously, to a panel of christians. At Christmas, the CU put on a carol service in the Rushcliffe restaurant.

In addition, SBCU members meet regularly for bible study and prayer meetings and on Friday evenings go over to UP to meet all the other hall CUs at a meeting called 'Equip', which is a chance for the whole CU to get together to worship God and hear a talk about the good news of Jesus. The CU also encourages church attendance because it believes this is an important part of growing as a Christian. Finally, some members went on a weekend away to Wales, in November, which was a great chance to get to know each other better, from this campus and UP, and was full of teaching from the bible and times of praise and praying to God, as well as eating cake and playing a wide-game outside!

**Tim**

## **DANCE SOCIETY**

After a lot of planning, this Spring term saw the birth of a new society at SB: Dance Soc! We decided to hold professionally taught salsa and jive lessons, bringing in teachers from Nottingham. Before the lessons began we were a bit worried about how popular they would be, but the classes proved a huge hit and we soon had everyone dancing to "La Bamba", despite an unfortunate lack of boys taking part!

We are all looking forward to September when we will be expanding the society and introducing a wider range of classes, (hopefully recruiting some more boys to join in at the same time)!

**Katherine Costaras**

## **FOOD SOCIETY**

President	-	Eleanor Tidswell
General Secretary	-	Solomon Melides
Treasures	-	Adam Walters

This year has been tremendously successful. We have managed to retain many of the Fresher intake and now have a society of over 60 active members. So far we have had really good socials with our first one at "Thai Grand" in Loughborough, followed by a social in the "Cactus Café" around the corner and the Greek Restaurant in the coming term.

The institution of the "BBC Good Food Show" (where we saw demonstrations by Ainsley Harriott), was upheld this year with the highest turnout in the past 4 years. We have the "Cadburys World" trip this week, free chocolate here we come! and are currently awaiting tickets to Ready Steady Cook.

Our Friday night party for this year is a Mexican theme so get those sombreros at the ready. Lets hope the next year continues to be such a great success!!!

**Eleanor Tidswell**

## **SB LADIES FOOTBALL**

Ladies Football has really taken off this year, with a full team coming to almost every practice! Our skills have been improving by the week thanks to our lovely coaches, Matt Plumtree and Andy Nash. The team played our first match in early March, but it was sadly cut short by an injury leaving us with a draw. Inter-hall matches are now becoming a regular occurrence, and will continue next year with more halls competing, we hope to have a tournament day as well.

It is really good to see ladies football taking off like this after a disappointing collapse last academic year. Everyone's enthusiasm and hard work is really paying off and making it a great team to be part of. Kathy Hume and Becky Hartley are our star strikers but, to be honest, everyone is a star! We are all excited about introducing new players at the start of next year!

**Camilla Jamieson**

## **SBFC**

We have had many ups and downs this year in the world of football. Following the agonies of the last day of last season where we hit the post in the last minute of the final game, only needing a goal to win the league, we had an optimistic outlook for the new season. The first part of the season qualifying for the top league was quite a simple affair only losing one game and qualifying with ease. Although I think we had the most injury prone team I have ever seen, at times playing about 9 fit players with players that could barely walk. This also put us into the cup which was like a rollercoaster with much of the same.

The league did not go well after the Christmas break where we only won 2 games and got trounced a few times, although there were vast improvements towards the end of the season.

The cup was the real edge of your seat moment. We ploughed our way through the first game, knocking out last year's winners in a tense game. The next match, the quarter finals, was the match that made us think our destiny was the final. We played Broadgate Park only having 10 fit players, with a number of players having to play in different positions, and down to our 3rd choice keeper, 'The Northern Irish Cat'. We secured a 0-0 draw against the side that eventually came second in the league. We won on penalties 5-3. It was much of the same in the semi final although the performance was not great, again drawing and winning on penalties 4-2. By this point we had scored every penalty we had taken including 2 from our centre back Nashers who had put to bed the shame of last year's last minute miss.

So we were through to the final against Cripps, the side who beat us in the final match of last season to take the league from us, beat us in the qualifying for the league, and who beat us in the league only the week before the final. The final started off as a tense match with the record crowd of the season. We were underdogs after 3 losses and a draw in the past 4 games. We had a hatful of chances in the first half although Cripps had their fair share with a couple of great saves from our Mexican keeper Fran. The second half kicked off with much of the same; if only Jonnie had a left foot, the game would have been out of sight. It was noticeable that Cripps were getting irate at how well we were playing and from the constant heckling of their linesman from our section of the

crowd. It was getting late in the game only 6 minutes to go and Jonnie who had missed a plethora of chances had one last attempt through on goal. I think by looking at the picture you can see what happened next. He slotted it coolly in the bottom corner to give us a 1-0 lead. After some gallant late defending the final whistle blew and SBFC were cup winners for 07/08.

So what can be better than winning the cup? We had one match left in the season. SBFC vs. SBRFC. After the embarrassment of losing the last 2 annual matches we had to make this year count with this year's leavers having never beaten the rugby team. The match was held in memory of Rory Watson who tragically died over Easter vacation and was friends to many at SB. The football team did not play up to their best during the start of the match and found ourselves at 1-1 with 25 mins played. At this point we upped the tempo with some fluent passing and sumptuous through balls. We ended up winning the match 8-3, at times playing against 15 players (I think they got confused with what game they were playing), even allowing a goal at the end for me.

The committee has since been passed over on our AGM with Nashers being the new captain. Let's hope it does not stop him scoring, at least from penalties! Also your players of the season this year were Furlong for being an awesome all round forward (honestly!!). Congratulations Team Furlong and my player of the year was Plum for his outstanding performances in a number of positions this year. This has been a season to remember for SBFC with some paintballing, many nights out and tremendous memories of success. I would like to say thanks to everyone for the effort and hard work this season, SBFC's departing Captain Kris.

**Kristoffer Howell**

## **MIXED HOCKEY REPORT**

This year has brought mixed results on the pitch for SBMHC with some tough fixtures in our packed season of both 11-a-side and 7-a-side games. Record membership made it a tight squeeze to get everyone on the astro for training, and the loss of SB Squared from intramural, due to oversubscription introduced a slight competitiveness to team selection. Two hockey goals were added to the pitch in January, enabling us to practice short corners and shooting more effectively. The introduction of a fixtures secretary to the committee meant we had regular weekend fixtures against local mixed teams and universities. Tuesday night training was transformed into fitness training, a slightly short lived session once the cold, dark nights drew in. At the end of the season we managed to secure sponsorship for kit from Ocon, the construction company working on campus. Although not all the match results went in our favour, we put up a solid performance each week, with plenty of fines for any goal scorers and man of the match, during the now traditional post game Sunday lunch. We can all look forward to its debut at the start of next season.

SBMHC is renowned not only for its spectacular level of play on the pitch but also its member's commitment and team work off the pitch. This year's SBMHC's social calendar has been, arguably, the best the club has ever seen with record attendance at off-pitch activities and unrivalled themed socials. Martha Edwards and Alasdair Gallie, our '07-'08 social secretaries had a fantastic year of après-faire socials lined up for existing and new members. The year's social calendar kicked off with 'Smurf Night', initiating new members into the club. Young,



impressionable Freshers' were tied to current members of SBMHC (representing mothers and fathers), covered from head to toe in blue paint, made to don nappies on their heads before downing copious amounts of blue punch and heading off for their first taste of the Nottingham night life, SBMHC style!

A successful social left the fresh hockey intake wanting more which led us to board the Rainbow 5 and head into Loughborough for some 60s retro raving. Whilst the majority of Freshers' made it into the one and only Vice Versa nightclub to finish off the night, alas, the social secretaries did not due to high levels of intoxication. A dry social was in order for the next outing which saw us take to the ice at the Nottingham ice rink.

The arrival of our new social shirts was cause for celebration and saw SBMHC head out in force to an industrial estate in Nottingham to cut some funky shapes on the dance floor. The classic pub-golf was next on the agenda and saw members of SBMHC running riot around the bars of Nottingham. It was a night to remember with the useful 'hockey spankers' coming into great use at the end of the evening!

The year's social calendar ended on a colourful note with SBMHC's Friday Night 'Rubrics' themed social. Hockey players full of home-made 'special' jelly, dressed in spandex and hot pants and partied the night away in the JCR which had been transformed into an illuminous raver's dream. All in all, the social year for SBMHC was a fantastic success and will be a hard one to rival for the new social committee!

A successful year for the most part for SBMHC, we look forward to next year when hopefully the club will again grow in numbers, SB Squared will be reinstated and lots more social funtimes will be had by all. Best of luck to the new committee!

**Roz Brennan & Martha Edwards**

## **IRISH DANCE SOC**

After a successful ceilidh during Freshers' Week last year, I decided to set up the SB Irish Dancing Soc for all those who wanted to learn ceilidh and solo dancing. From beginners to more advanced dancers, students signed up at Freshers' Fair '07 to become part of this exciting new soc. Our first practice took place after a Friday night party with myself, Alasdair Gallie and Roselyn Brennan in attendance, and I must say it went down very well. There have not been a huge amount of practices this year but we hope to make use of the fantastic new dance studio in the sport's hall to improve our skills. I plan to organise trips to see some popular Irish dancing shows in the near future and have arranged for the leading star of Lord of the Dance to come to SB for tuition for members of SB Irish Dancing Soc! Hopefully Refresher's Fair will see a further increase in membership and activity of this society.

**Martha Edwards**

## **ISSB Report**

This year saw a lot happening for the ISSB. In the first semester, we had our first (and hopefully annual) International Food Fair alongside Food Soc. With a variety of international dishes all cooked by both SB home and international students, it was an experience enjoyed by all who attended. Hopefully this will be an event that will grow in future years. Working alongside the Christian Union, every other Sunday for the year, we held an international tea event - "The Teapot". This proved to be a good socializing ground for international and home students. With a different theme each time, it was a great chance to learn about different cultures, not to mention get free food!

The biggest event that we did for the year was of course the awesome ISSB Evening. With a Latin American theme this year, we featured food from that region, along with entertainment that not only represented Latin America, but also the talent of SB students and international cultures.

All in all, it was a good year, and hopefully the next ISSB committee will build on what we've started so that the ISSB becomes an even more active society!

**Khary Edwards**

## **MUSIC SOC REPORT**

The new Music Soc president is always thrown in at the deep end, faced with only a matter of months after election to organise one of the campus' biggest events - SBstock. In typical fashion the May Bank Holiday was washed out but that didn't stop students jiggling to Smokey B in the rain or swooning to Band C's funky grooves.

The committee felt that this year should be all about raising Music Soc's profile on campus. Last year ended on a pre-ball bar gig featuring a textbook Ian Hardy harmonica cameo that will be remembered by many. The New Year saw an intake of enthusiastic new members that only moves to broaden SB's musical horizons. Brenig Richards proved that Music Soc social sec requires more than just a pretty face, our first social took us from the quiet life of drinking punch from a bucket on 18 College Road to the dizzying bright lights of Nottingham city centre (or mooch if you're Cat and that's as far as you can make it... sorry).

We were lucky enough to be allocated one of the earlier Friday night slots in term and put on an Emo party. Out came the black eye liner and skinny jeans for some general gender distortion. 'Bristol's Some Guy and His Mates' and 'We Are The Party' provided the music. Tec's Sean and James on the bar were an incredible help that night as they have been before and continue to be. The winter term was ended with a surprisingly successful Open Mic Night in the bar which proved that SB is home to some amazing musical talent, their success has led to Open Mic Nights becoming a regular feature by demand.

With the help of Ian Hardy, Music Soc has secured funding for a move from the amenities block to the old squash courts. With any luck a newly furnished and equipped practise room will be in use by the next AgriMag.

**Matthew Audley**

## **NETBALL**

So far this year has been pretty successful with the Freshers winning all but 1 of their Saturday interhall matches. The team got a special mention at AU council before Christmas for their dedication and commitment to travel to Highfields for all their games. The Loughborough Town League is a bit more eventful! Especially as we have been promoted to division 1 this year but they do say playing up a level brings on your game which I can certainly say for some of the Freshers who have put in a lot of effort in this league and been thoroughly impressive! Saying that we aren't doing too badly in the league sitting halfway in the league tables so securing our place in the division for next year! In one match we drew 43-43 only because the umpire didn't allow a goal that was shot on the final whistle!! Let's just say we were not happy bunnies seeing as we had gone all out to the end but thankfully we beat the same team comfortably in the Cup and Plate tournament knocking them out!!

So that was the serious side but then there's the party socialising side!!!

Initiations involved a bug life's theme!! Pretty bees ladybugs and even a crawling spider hit the bar for shots of vodka jelly and games then off into Notts for some bar mingling, lion fun and finally hitting Gatecrasher for some hardcore dancing!

The next social involved a glamour evening where the girlies put on their pretty dresses and got 'sophisticated' for the night but after introducing BZR to the new ones all good intentions were gone!!

We also had a joint social with the football lads involving a day of gruesome paintballing in the cold and rain! Us girlies were clearly not hardcore enough and had had enough by lunchtime leaving the lads to it!

We hosted the annual Halloween netball party which was a messy night seeing as we netball girlies had a little bit of a drinking session before the party sorted!! The sumos provided much entertainment with only one concussed Sber!!

The auction proved yet another success with the lovely ladies bringing in the dosh!! All in all I think a pretty good night's work!!

Also we had the annual netball girls vs. rugby boys at netball which is a sore point seeing as we lost at our own game!! Contact is not the aim of the game though boys!!

So far so good and it can only get better!

**Suzy Mc**

## **SB RIDING CLUB**

This year riders of all levels have been attending weekly lessons at Hargate Equestrian Centre. Lessons are always interesting; some go very well, others not so good... usually depending on the mood of the horses. I think the regulars in the advanced lesson all remember the day when everyone fell off then got back on again only to involuntarily come off once more. Being the brave and

stubborn riders that we are, we still continue to attend every lesson after that, and we have had some wonderful rides since.

With Hargate's cooperation and advice from Johnny McLaurin, we managed to get together Christmas Mounted Games, which were a great success. Most of us had little experience in this area, and felt a bit intimidated by Johnny who swiftly mounted and dismounted the biggest horse at a fast canter at any opportunity to show off (when we tried it, it was not so smooth, with us pretty much ending up hanging over the saddle of a pony by one leg and arm). The games were a good laugh, with games including an egg and spoon race, sack race, flag race, stepping stones race and many more all performed as quickly as possible on cute little ponies. Although it was more of a fun competition and all teams did a great job, the winning prize went to the team with Louise Needham, Hannah Barfoot, Amy Hong, and Catherine Edwards. Overall, it's been a great year with great members and no serious injuries.

### **Catherine Edwards**

### **SB LADIES RUGBY**

The 2007-08 season began with Freshers' Fayre, where everyone did a fantastic job of recruiting new members of SBLRFC. Things were looking good at the first training session; the new girls showed lots of talent and everyone was excited about the games to come. After a few trainings, we had our squad of about 30 players who would go on to do wonders! I knew after the opening match against the first team that this season was going to be a good one for SB, when certain runaway backs were banned from scoring tries! The season had started and initiations proceeded smoothly, although notably more cops than robbers made it to Isis that night...

The league kicked off with a home win against UCE and carried on until Christmas with wins against Leicester, Lincoln and DeMontfort. The points were coming in thick and fast, and with the Freshers building in confidence, there was only one way our team was going to go this year! More social fun was had by all during this time, dressed as animals, Christmas decorations and whatnot. One event to mention was Baker (one of our social secs) being rather unwell in the sink and cleaning it with her hands... nice. I also recall a certain 'man of the match' in which both Em Read and Baker saw their pints again not long after downing them... OK! was a particular highlight of the year for me, as after an ominous build up and much banter in the bar on the Friday night, Mags had to admit defeat at half time and ask to borrow some SB players!

The fun continued when we returned after Christmas, with the Derby and Leicester matches in our sights. Derby were obviously too scared to play us at SB, so pulled out twice due to 'lack of players'... hmm. On the other hand, Leicester clearly loved getting beaten by us so much that they let us do it three times! After a decent SB win of 14-5 they pouted and demanded a rematch. At Leicester. Oooh. The scene was set... one cold Saturday afternoon a coach of nervous SBLRFC ladies and dedicated supporters arrived in the depths of Leicester, all focused on the same goal of defeating the sore losers. We dug deep, rallied together and SB got downright tough. We kept it disciplined and pulled out all the stops to batter them in an amazing 19-0 victory!!

The Leicester win paved our way to winning our league this season. After our last match against De Montefort, we celebrated by cracking open the champagne on the pitch! We also did 2 roly-polys and a cartwheel, oh yes. We then marked the occasion in true SBLRFC civilised fashion with an excellent cocktail party social.

I think the final league statistics deserve a mention at this point. Not only did we win the league, we were unbeaten with a massive 316 points for us and only 15 against. We topped the table for all Nottingham University sports teams and have been promoted up a league into the same league as the 'first team'. I think you'll agree this is some achievement.

Finally, many thank yous: I'd like to thank all the supporters who've cheered us on this season, including Toni with the half-time oranges! Also, a massive thank you to the other committee members. Firstly, to vice Captain Kathryn for helping me out with anything I ever needed! Thanks to Baker and Jess who must make the best social secretary combination ever – the socials have been so fun this year girls! Thanks to Brownie our treasurer for delegating subs collecting, and for organising the upcoming tour with Jen Hall. Big thank you to Dave, our coach, for helping us achieve higher than we'd ever imagined. Also, massive thanks to Kirsty, who although couldn't play much herself, has been a crucial part of the team. She's been 100% committed, turning up every cold, wet Thursday night! Finally and most importantly I want to thank the team as a whole, I'm so proud to have been your captain, you girls have stuck together and striven to make this season the most successful in many years of SB ladies rugby history.

I wish you the best of luck in the new league next season, girls. Good luck to the new captain and committee. Keep up the hard work and the commitment, but most of all keep up the spirit that makes us unique and makes ladies rugby here at SB more exciting than ever before.

**Holly Newman - Captain 2007-08**

## **SB MENS RFC**

The 2007/08 season proved to be highly successful for SBRFC. We came top of our league having played 9, won seven, drawn 1 and lost one. Once again we were able to maintain a 100% home record meaning we have gone undefeated at SB for two years on the bounce now; an achievement to be proud of. With a core of players remaining from last year making up the majority of the starting 15 we were able to benefit from the arrival of a number of quality players from the Freshers, no mean feat considering the overwhelming number of girls in this year's intake of fresh meat. This wealth of talent manifested itself in some considerable achievements on the pitch. Our starting back three amassed a points total of over 150 points and we only conceded 43 points all season, the lowest in the league. Add to this the fact that Twinks hit a ruck, Smalley passed a ball and the fact that we had a two forwards playing at inside centre at different times this season and I think you will agree it's been a successful year.

Some outstanding performances on the pitch have been easily matched by some equally outstanding achievements off the pitch. The first social of the year involved taking the Freshers paintballing and then out on a tour of the bright lights of Kegworth. Needless to say an awesome night was had by all and this

set the tone for the year. The initiations were a resounding success with virtually all the Freshers making it out, even if they did need holding up to get into Isis. Towards the middle of term a worrying trend appeared, that of removing peoples eyebrows and other bodily hair whilst they lay passed out of a night. Eventually though Max realised it was useless to keep retaliating when he kept passing out and losing increasing amounts of body hair and the trend died off. The climax of the social season has to be the quiet night of social drinking that was had after our last league game against Anglia Ruskin. Having not learnt that double vodka red bull socials were bad we decided to do another one, having already had a skinful at the fly. Needless to say things got slightly out of hand, resulting in a small mess, an empty fire extinguisher and the use of a lot of first aid. Having been found out by the powers that be our explanation was disregarded and the University hardship fund is £800 better off; thanks Ken.

As a final point I would like to thank the current committee for their fine efforts this year and wish the incoming committee the best of luck! Also congratulations are due to the whole team for a highly successful year; cheers chaps.

**Rob Purdew , Captain**

## **SQUASH SOCIETY**

This year sees the revival of Squash Soc as no one was prepared to take on the job last year. Being a fairly enthusiastic squash player myself, I decided to start it up again, albeit a little late for Freshers' Fayre etc!

We constitute a small group of players and we all play for fun rather than for competition as UP has that base covered fairly well. We all get together once a week for an hour and a half and play against each other, share experiences and generally help to improve our games. Every now and again I get people approaching me asking for advice or just a tip here and there to get a small advantage on a friendly game. Briefly, we have been a society for a little over 6 months now and I have plans for next year and Freshers' Fayre to hopefully open the Society up to more people and create a more well-known society that encompasses a wider range of skills.

We recently got to move over to the newer squash courts that have been built in with the new Sports Hall and gym as well. While having just as many courts, it has been slightly more convenient having everything over one roof rather than slightly more out of the way of the gym and sometimes a challenge to find! I think we all appreciate the newer facilities, if not only because they are definitely warmer!

In terms of socials we have so far kept it fairly low key. Our first social involved school-kid costume and role-reversal squash games as well as few beers and snacks on court to liven the games up a bit. Otherwise the society is a chance to break from routine and hang out with some friends, playing a sport we all enjoy and better our game in the meantime!

I hope this is adequate for Agrimag! I know it's not much but the society has only been up and running a short while and with the changing over of the courts it has been a little disjointed in terms of memberships and location!

**Dani Physick**

## **STREET DANCE**

Hey everyone! Well Street Dance have had an awesome year! We got loads of new members at the beginning of the year and Amy our social sec got straight onto organising a social to welcome all the new members and get to know them better. We all went to Gatecrasher dressed as sports instructors! Fun was had by all.

We got asked to perform in Nottingham!! It was the first time we had performed away from SB. It was in Faces for an Elmundo event and we went down really well, they have even asked us to perform at some other events that they have coming up!

We then started practising for the Christmas Dining In. The highlight had to be Rav in his stronger glasses busting some crazy robot moves!! We also had some break dancing and alternative arts. It went really well and everyone loved our finale number, Umbrella, when we all had the most random umbrellas we could find!

After Christmas Kara gave us all a good work out with her amazing warm ups and we started practising for ISSB. We got our t-shirts and hoodys with the logo "The answer to everything is a dance off!" on the back! Had another social, this time we went to see Matthew Bourne's version of the Nutcracker which was fantastic!

The ISSB show is starting to take shape thanks to the serious choreographical genius from Susanne, Lynsey, Amy and Ellie!

We have also got a show lined up for the week after ISSB in Co-Co Lounge in Nottingham and we then plan to have our AGM followed by a night out!! We will hopefully be performing at the Rugby Ball after Easter and the Summer Ball at the end of the year.

Just wanted to say thanks to all the dancers for all their hard work and thanks to all the people who come and support us when we're performing!

**Ellie and the rest of Street Dance! x x**

## **SB TEC**

The first important job of the new TEC committee was to sort out the Summer Ball. Thanks to Simon and Adam (last years TEC Chair) for helping out with this, as with their help we managed to get everything ready for the ball. And even then we were plagued by power cuts.

A shaky start to the new academic year, due to the low number of Freshers signing up, was stabilised as more Freshers requested to join SB TEC later on in the year. With the influx of new equipment this year the TEC room has become somewhat cramped so the news of a possible bar refurbishment and a new TEC room raised many hopes.

Many thanks to the old committee and welcome to the new one.

**Seán Dean - TEC Chair**

## **SHOOTING REPORT**

This year has seen the Shooting Club grow from strength to strength, with fortnightly private shoots at Kegworth and the occasional full round at Long Eaton. We have brought some promising young talent to the fore in the shape of our illustrious young female shots. Ms. E. Martin is distinctly notable having never been allowed to handle a weapon before cleaning up with a 32! Despite some legal issues at the start of the year we are now completely above board and so able to enter the BUSA competition at Harper Adams at the end of February, which promises to be an excellent event, and with our raw unadulterated talent, the other entrants should be in for a shock!

A memorial shoot was held in memory of Harper on the OKA weekend and we had an excellent turn out despite the pouring rain. The Harper memorial cup was won by myself and Mr. J. Vickery, shooting as a pair and smoking 26 out of a 30 bird flush despite incompetent loaders and dense foliage with rain trickling down our necks. However, just as Big Ed would have wanted, a good time was had by all, Watch out Harper Adams!

**Mike Bellamy aka TinTin x**

## **VETSOC**

The VetSoc is now running with a new committee, which took over at Easter 2008. They will run to Easter 2009, and will hopefully improve on the foundations that were made. They are all very keen and have lots of new ideas for the students. The main focus though is to continue to integrate the Vet School and its students into the SB way of life.

The Committee (2008-2009):

President: Carolyn Myers

Secretary: Lorna Roberts

Admissions Rep: Naomi Fitzgibbons

Secretary: Kirsty Ranson

Treasurer: Tom Iveson

First Year Academic Reps: Charlie Thompson  
Louise Barnett

Senior AVS Reps: Toby Trimble  
Maiyanne Ben-David

Junior AVS Reps: KT Fitzgerald

Clinical Club Secretary: Hannah Tate

Senior IVSA Rep: Alasdair Gallie

Junior IVSA Rep: Lucy Bright

Year0 Rep: Clair Wood

Year1 Rep: Emma Drinkall & Sarah Voss

Year2 Rep: James Bould

Social Sec: Tim Bacon

The main events that both committees have been involved in during the last academic year have been:

AVS & AVS Congress

2007-08 has been a very busy year for AVS Nottingham. To begin with in November fifty of us crossed the Irish Sea dressed as non-other than Teenaged



Mutant Ninja Turtles to the Annual AVS Sports Weekend, this year being held in Dublin. Knowing Dublin Vet School's wild reputation we were aware this was a weekend not to be missed. Green face paint and all, we piled on our coach and made the ten hour journey to the biggest vet student party of them all. Upon arrival we were warmly welcomed by Dublin Vet students and partied, Irish style, until the early hours. Saturday was spent shopping, watching and playing sports against other Vet Schools and of course more drinking...

After a full English breakfast on the Sunday we made our way back to Nottingham feeling extremely tired but having had an amazing time and knowing we took full advantage of the opportunity to meet and mix with vet students from across the UK.

A huge challenge was taken on by the Nottingham AVS reps who volunteered to host the annual AVS Congress in February. This was the first time an event such as this has been held at Nottingham Vet School, so it had to be special. There were one hundred and fifty students from vet schools across the UK and Ireland plus around two hundred of our own rabble attending the three day event. The academic theme for the congress was 'Working Animals Pushed to the Limits' with lectures, workshops and displays. On Saturday night there was a black-tie ball attended by all delegates, the British Veterinary Association president, Nick Blayney and the Vet School Dean Professor Gary England. The AGM was held on the Sunday morning over a full English in one of Kegworth's finest pubs - a great way to end a great weekend!

Congress received many positive reviews both from delegates and guests attending the event as well as within the national veterinary press. This being the first major student organised event at Nottingham Vet School, we are confident that its success can be built on to make future events even better.

#### Clinical Club

The Vet Soc clinical club has been quietly continuing throughout the year, with some really interesting talks from veterinary professionals in all areas of the field. Topics have included Equine Strangles, Care of the Neonatal Foal, Canine Vaccinations and the role of the organisation Wildlife Vets International. All talks have been well attended by both VetSoc members and non-members alike, particularly when pizza and refreshments have been provided by our sponsors.

#### Charity Work

VetSoc have supported two main charities this year. The soon-to-be-annual Vet Revue was held with roaring success in December, with the proceeds from this all singing-all dancing-all acting stroke of comic genius being donated to Guide Dogs for the Blind.

In February the 'Vet Valentines' event raised money for Wildlife Vets International by offering students the opportunity to send romantic gestures such as a rose, a cow-style lap dance or a silly string deluge to the ones they love, for a small fee.

#### Initiations

Determined to make this event an annual tradition, this year Vet Soc went all-out to initiate the new students into Vet School and SB life. This involved a 'team building' assault course with lots of old vegetables, canned goods and a fish. Many second years attended to 'encourage' the new students and maintain their enthusiasm for a somewhat gruelling couple of hours! Every team

completed the course and left fairly swiftly for much needed showers before watching the rugby in the SB Bar that evening.

#### **Staff vs Student Sports Days and BBQ**

The weekend after exams finished, VetSoc and the Vet School collaborated to organise various sporting events pitching the staff against the students. The students proudly beat the staff at Shooting, Rounders and Netball... however we weakened slightly and lost the football, 10K run and badminton. The games were finished by a slap-up BBQ involving a large quantity of Pimms. This event was undoubtedly a brilliant end to the year.

#### **Carolyn Harvey-Myers**

**VetSoc President 2008-2009**

#### **Darren Storey**

**VetSoc President 2006-2008**



## **STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS**

## **THE JD IVINS MEMORIAL TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP REPORT 2007**

### **OPERATION WALLACEA – BAY ISLANDS, HONDURAS, CENTRAL AMERICA**

My trip came about when I read through the Operation Wallacea brochure a friend had brought to our Ecology lecture. I realised I wanted to do something different for my final year dissertation project and that Opwall offered the opportunity to do this. Taking the plunge I rang them to book myself on to one of the dissertation projects. I decided to go to the country of Honduras in Central America, but not the mainland, the Bay islands of Utila, Roatan and Cayos Cochinos. I was to complete my data collection by scuba diving on dives sites around the Cayos Menor island base of the Honduran Coral Reef Foundation.

Seven months later the journey began. It started in the hotel lobby, the rendezvous point, for my 6 weeks adventure, very tired and stressed from flying, but wide eyed and sitting with people from all over the world.

We left behind the hotel air conditioning, swimming pool, good food and climbed onto a real American school bus, the yellow type so familiar from the Simpsons! Already on the bus was a group of people on their way from the jungle to the islands with us. It began to dawn on me as I looked at these people with their unkempt hair and dirty clothes that life might be very different from now on....

A 'short' 3 hour drive along the coast was spent glued to the windows taking in the Honduran scenery of palm trees and roadside shops till we arrived smelly, sweaty, and bleary-eyed in the village of Neuva Armenia. It was here we were to spend a night before sailing to the islands at dawn. As we piled off the bus curious natives soon surrounded us with their children pulling at our sleeves. The women stood in a surly group watching, and one by one took a pair of us and guided us through the gravel network of paths to their homes. The home I stayed in was a simple breezeblock affair, one of 6 in a 'street', with a crude 25 sellotaped to the door. When we entered we realised the couple we were staying with had literally moved their whole spare room and house into one room to make room for us to stay. Feeling very humbled I struggled to converse with the lady, knowing no Spanish whatsoever I could only stutter in English, but I think she understood.

The rest of the night was spent ambling around seeing how these people lived. I got the impression the Garifuna people are family orientated, concentrating on fishing or similar work for the men and home building for the women. Boys would run around with their short cropped hair acting all manly, flashing you their amazing smiles. The girls you would hear their beaded hair swish and rattle as they cock their head to listen to the 'funny' English you spoke.

Come dawn, after sleeping with the endless croaking of crickets, the boats were loaded and we set off for the islands. I may have been tired but that didn't stop the beauty of my surroundings overwhelming my senses. We sat on the boat for what seemed like hours edging closer to the island, with Louie our boat man entertaining by fishing for giant mackerel fish off the back of the boat. Eventually we touched the pier on the island that was to be home for the next 6 weeks - Cayo Menor.

It was idyllic, picture postcard white sandy beaches, crystal blue waters, palm trees mango trees and jungle esque noises....but we didn't take that in as we were whisked off to the restaurant for the introduction.

Although that sounds grand I should explain. The island was tiny, and the habitation bit even tinier. There was a lab building, 3 cabins in a row along the beach and then up 109 steps was a restaurant cabin, whose elevated position gave a spectacular view across the coral bays and tiny Crusoe islands. Barring lots of tents...that was it, however there was one exception, the Shack, the Matchbox, the Love Shack etc - there became many names - an abandoned TV equipment shed used by an Italian survivor series that year, now equipped with bunk beds which was to be my home.

So from then on things swung into motion. I could already dive but I had to do a 'reef Ecology' course, which taught you all the species of coral, algae, invertebrates and fish in the Caribbean. Then I started collecting data for my dissertation and settled into a routine of island life.

I was diving 3 times a day, 7am, 11am and 3pm every day of the week except Wednesday (which was de-gas day with no diving just a lot of games and laughs). In-between each dive was sunbathing, sleeping, taking photographs and snorkelling the amazing reefs around the island. During my stay I also managed to find the time to complete my PADI Rescue Diver course, which was a lot of fun, and ensured I wasn't bored.

My first week saw some amazing sights as we were diving in a part of the world you can't pay to dive in, the reefs were awash with sea life, with hundreds of fish species and some coral I had never seen. My first dive I saw a goliath grouper, which was at least 2m long and could have swallowed my arm!

In the weeks after the course I got on with my dissertation project data collection, diving to do 300m transects and counting the queen conch species. It was amazing to be planning where I wanted to dive each day and having my own boat and boat driver. During my data collection I saw some amazing sights, huge hawksbill turtles, crabs, stone fish. Once after collecting data my dive master Jo decided to carry on round a reef block and suddenly started having fits. We carried on to see what she was so excited about, and there, placidly sat in-between rocks was a 6ft shark. My heart pounding I tried to photograph it, the three of us were whooping and screaming all the way back to dock. The boat drivers thought we were crazy!

The second most exciting was seeing a huge rough ray creep up behind me when I was doing a transect on a slope, this thing was massive and scared me so much I had to hold my buddy's hand. Once I got over the shock we were able to swim alongside it which was amazing.

Mealtimes were the only set part of the day, and we all got used to the local dish of 'balleadas' - tortillas, refried beans and cheese. The tortillas were great when they were flour and terrible when they were corn!

The evenings were the times the island really came alive; dinner 'arriba' was followed by films, chilling out, volleyball and when the generator was working to power the pier lights, several spotted eagle rays would gather to eat the fish attracted by the pier lights. This is quite amazing as they are actually a rarely-seen species!

On Monday nights we would take a boat to the tiny crescent shaped island of Chachauate where the locals would put on a BBQ and a 'Punta' display (of dancing). It was nice to get off and view the island our home, and Chachauate was beautiful, the children were amazing and taught me lots of Spanish words.

A few beers there and then a tipsy boat driver would ferry us back to continue the party for those who were leaving that week.

In my last week we had to be evacuated due to the hurricane Dean that hit the Mexican coast, they were worried that we wouldn't be able to get home so we evacuated off to the mainland town of La Ceiba. Let loose on civilisation we went crazy eating burger king, smoothies and buying all sorts of crisps and chocolate that we had been deprived of for so long.

Sad to leaving would be an understatement and I still miss the island even now. The people were great and I will never forget my last night sleeping on the pier in the Caribbean breeze with the whole blanket of stars above, watching the red glow of a lunar eclipse that night making it special and unforgettable.

I would recommend the NGO trips to anyone. I have come back having made a fantastic start to my dissertation; I can't explain how good the trip was and how happy it made me.

To think I didn't want to go in the beginning!!

**Rachel Donaldson**

### **THE JD IVINS MEMORIAL TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP REPORT 2007 LOS CAYOS COCHINOS, HONDURAS, CENTRAL AMERICA**

After what seemed like an eternity of planning, preparation and fundraising, I finally embarked on my summer travels. I was lucky enough to spend six weeks on a remote tropical island, north of the Honduras coastline, with the charitable conservation organisation Operation Wallacea ([www.opwall.com](http://www.opwall.com)).

Anxious, yet excited, I made the long journey from London Heathrow, via Paris, Miami and San Salvador (after several delays and losing luggage in transit), to San Pedro Sula. I spent two days at a hotel in the centre of the city, where I met fellow travellers, and took in the local Honduran culture. My pocket guide informed me that San Pedro was not only a hotspot for AIDS, but also notorious for high levels of crime and gang violence. Needless to say, my keenness to explore the area soon dwindled! It was a shock to see so many armed guards patrolling the streets. I was definitely far from home.

We set off early on an uncomfortable three hour bus ride to the Garifuna village of Nueva Aremenia. The views as we headed out of the city were stunning. Mountainous terrain and lush forests surrounded us. We were warmly welcomed by the villagers who offered us food and shelter for the evening. My host family lived in a concrete home, consisting of three small rooms and no real material possessions. Despite such basic conditions, it overwhelmed me to see how content and happy they were to spend quality time with one another; a strong community feel. I tried to remember as much Spanish as possible, but communication was a barrier. It did however make me appreciate how far a smile will go.

The following morning we were taken by local fishing boats across to Cayo Menor, the uninhabited island which was to become home for the following weeks. As we approached, I was left speechless. It was so beautiful, true paradise that I could not have anticipated nor imagined. The atmosphere among

us was incredible and not something that can be easily described. Introductions by the marine scientists and Opwall staff were made, before settling into our wooden shack and exploring the island.

The island was very bare. It was comprised of the main pier, small jetty, research lab, dining area, camping areas, several wooden living huts, 'toilets' and 'showers'. It didn't take long to fall into a routine and the island way of life. Daily activities were broken up by meal times – rice and balleadas being the staples! Spare time was generally spent relaxing in the ocean (necessary in the 35 degree heat) or in hammocks, taking hikes into the forest, or playing beach games. Evenings were spent getting to know everyone – drinking home-made rum; singing along to the guitar; losing ourselves in the stars; and having endless philosophical conversations!

In my first week, I took a reef ecology course which taught me to identify Caribbean species of algae, invertebrates, coral and fish. This involved both presentations as well as practical sessions in the ocean. It was not only beneficial for the scientific work that was to come, but also very fascinating from a personal interest.

In the remaining five weeks I went about designing and implementing data collection for my final year dissertation. My project was based on sea urchins in the region. As well as characterizing habitat affinities of various urchin species, I also set out to ascertain if these key grazers have recovered from a population dieback which occurred in the 1980s. In practice, this involved snorkelling several times a day to complete quantitative and qualitative habitat assessments, and transect surveys. Some of my work included travelling to study the different cays surrounding Cayo Menor. Each location was different yet beautiful in its own way. I particularly liked one of my sites, Cayo Paloma, which was tiny yet covered in coconut trees and white butterflies, and edged with spectacular white sands. Towards the end of my stay, I began to spend time in the lab, working through some preliminary analyses of results with my supervisors.

Once a week, we were invited onto the neighbouring island of Chachauate that was inhabited by a small number of Honduran families. It was a brilliant opportunity to absorb yourself in their culture. We chatted, ate and danced in the traditional punta style with the locals.

Some of my underwater highlights include seeing turtles, spotted eagle rays, angel fish, butterfly fish, scorpion fish, blue tangs, trumpet fish, flounder, and barracuda, not to mention the unspoiled coral reefs. Some scientists on the island were studying aspects of terrestrial biology and ecology also. One of the projects was looking at pink boa constrictors, a species that is only found in the Cayos Cochinos archipelago. It was exciting to hear about their work, to see and hold the snakes that they had located in the forest. We even witnessed newborn boas, a first sighting for this species! It was remarkable to be part of such groundbreaking scientific research. We also saw scorpions, tarantulas, pelicans and hummingbirds.

My time on the island was so special. Although six weeks may sound like a long time, it went very quickly. We had to be evacuated off the island to La Ceiba on the mainland a day before I was meant to depart due to the threat from Hurricane Dean. This was slightly unnerving but turned out to be an adventure all in itself! Before I knew it, I began the journey back home with an abundance



of emotion. I was so sad to say goodbye to some great friends, from all over the world.

Since I have been back, I have certainly appreciated some western comforts – warm running water, clean clothes, comfortable beds, and electricity. Yet, I regret to say it doesn't compensate for having the Caribbean ocean at your doorstep! I have kept in touch with friends and have enjoyed reminiscing about our time together. It was a truly unforgettable experience!

**Sarah Love**

## **SB SUMMITS Mt. BLANC**

"I have a dream!" shouted Bowden as he stared un-focusedly at the fire-exit sign, apparently mocking him, as he fell off his bar stool. The morning after, suffering from a nasty hangover, he managed to elaborate as to what that dream was, and it turned out that he wanted a photo of myself, Crazy Cheese and himself on the summit of the highest peak in Europe, Mt Blanc.

So it began, and 4 months later I found myself, with my brother in tow, at 6am on a funicular railway heading up into the snow line, having left our guide behind at the station after cutting his finger off. Four hours of mixed climb later as the sun rose, and the sweat poured, we reached the glacier. It had been arranged that my brother and I would bump into Matt and Sam on the way up, but as per usual they didn't get up early enough!

Having picked up a new guide my brother and I stormed up the arrette, climbing 800m in 1 hour on snow and rock to reach the Gouter Hut, perched on the edge of the South East face of the glacier. We felt fit and thought that we could make a pitch for the summit that day as the weather was closing in so after an hour's rest we donned crampons again and started the ascent up the glacier, towards the summit. After 2 hours of blizzard however, we decided to turn back as the light was fading and we didn't want to end up in a crevasse with no other climbers around.

We sat in the Gouter Hut as the weather finally lifted and as the evening meal of boiled bacon and polenta was served I saw two dishevelled figures haul them selves up the final ascent to the hut and then head to the toilets rather than the warmth of the hut, before doubling back, icicles dripping off their helmets! Matt and Sam had arrived, 8 hours late! So merriment ensued and as they warmed up, Bowden's frozen brain managed to relay that they hadn't booked to stay the night, and that they planned to camp on the glacier!!! With 80mph winds and a wind-chill of -27 putting up a tent was interesting especially as the poles slithered off down the glacier! We finally dug a snow hole and then my brother and I returned to the warmth of the hut and a crowded bunkhouse, leaving the real men in their snow cave cooking stew with caustic chemicals!

Come 2am I battled the 500m through dark and the wind to the 'campsite' and unzipped the tent opening to the most sorry sight I've ever seen. Bowden and Crazy, curled up together, practically blue, brains in slow mode, shivering so hard they looked blurred. I told them that we'd be starting our ascent at 3am and to be ready if they wanted to join us. They looked horrified, but duly started to pack their bags with numb fingers, and I returned to the hut to pack and have breakfast. An hour later, roped together and with two head torches between

three, my brother and I returned to commence our ascent, and the crazy duo promised to follow.

The final ascent was horrendous, carving a path through knee deep powder in the pitch black in a minus twenty blizzard, then after 6 hours of torch lit ascent the sun began to rise in the distance, as we first glimpsed the summit, behind, a snake of head torches (including Matt and Sam's) ahead, a sunlit peak. The last hour's ascent was the hardest thing I have ever had to achieve and summiting as the sun rose over Italy was euphoric.

As my brother and I descended we met Matt and Sam and were able to tell them what was in store for their final ascent which they summited in due course and made Sam's dream come true!!!

**Mike Bellamy**

## **TOUGH GUY 2008**

A broken leg, a cut on the head and 11<sup>th</sup> place were the results of this year's Vet School attempt at The Annual Tough Guy Challenge. Year 2 student Matt Chesworth was taken to hospital by ambulance with a broken leg after falling in the mud during the SAS-style cross-country race. He twisted his ankle, toppled over and snapped his leg in three places. Dr David Gardner, Vet School Lecturer said: "I saw and heard it happen. Matt slipped at the top of a bank and tumbled down, as he slipped forward one leg got stuck, twisted and broke his lower bones. Then he tumbled into a lake and had to be lifted out. It was all a bit difficult really."

Despite being the oldest in the team David, set the pace. Out of 2,869 competitors who completed the course he came 22<sup>nd</sup> by finishing in one hour and 5 minutes – despite a blow to the head. "I was negotiating an obstacle and another competitor accidentally hit me on the head with his elbow – it split the skin but soon dried up. Hurt though."

The Nottingham Vet School team – David Gardner, Michael Bellamy, Anthony Emley, Adam Heeley, Matt Chesworth, Emily Hatton and Thomas Foster – finished 11<sup>th</sup> out of 68 and were one of only four teams in the top ten with ten or less members.

## **VET STUDENTS SELECTED FOR EAST MIDLANDS SENIOR RUGBY TEAM**

We are proud to say that two Vet students have been selected to play for the East Midlands Regional Senior Ladies and Leicestershire County Senior Ladies Rugby teams. Suzie McGilloway (year 2) and Katie Fitzgerald (Year 1) had trials and were selected in December. They both train every with the squads, although unfortunately Katie's first club match back after Easter saw her break her leg and out for the rest of the season. It is particularly a great achievement for Suzie, who only started to play competitive rugby in Sept last year.



## STAFF CONTRIBUTIONS

## NEWS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

This time last year I reported on Linda Eaves' long term absence from the team as a result of illness. I am very pleased to say that Linda returned to work in January 2008 and once more resumed her lynch pin position in the team. Our fund-raising activities last year raised a total of £1,080 which we chose to donate to the University's Nottingham Breast Institute at the City Hospital where a world-renowned team of specialists, led by Professor John Robertson, is leading the way in the early diagnosis of breast cancer - up to four years earlier than commonly expected. The £150,000 Appeal resulted in the purchase of a robot to speed up the number of tests, their accuracy and reliability - we were proud to be able to contribute to this.

Helen Wells (Postgraduate Manager) has been undertaking a year-long career break during 2007/08 to read for an MA in Counselling Studies and has very much enjoyed her time as a student. I would like to extend the Team's thanks to Dr Sue Grainger whose assistance in the role of Postgraduate Manager has been invaluable this year. We look forward to Helen's return to the team in September when she will be acting as School Manager, since I shall be on maternity leave next year. Returning from maternity leave in September will be Elena Staves who gave birth to a little girl, Maya, in October of last year. Elena's position has been very ably covered by Tibor Vanyo, who moved on to a permanent position at Nottingham Trent in July 2008. We wish him well in his new position.

The Team undertook a couple of service improvement/staff development activities this year. The first of these comprised circulation of a Customer Service questionnaire - thank you to all who responded. The feedback was, almost without exception, excellent, so we are pleased that we continue to provide you with the level of service you expect. In addition, we had a team away day when we attended a Staff Development event on Time Management. This was a useful and very practical event from which all of us gained some tips on how to do more in the time available to us! Occasionally this may include shutting ourselves away from student or former student enquiries for an hour or so, in order to get an urgent job completed. If this is the case, please give us your indulgence.

The School continues to develop its profile of courses with the introduction of an MSc in Environmental Science from 2008. This is a four-year undergraduate degree, which leads to the award of a Masters qualification. This allows students to apply for four-year's of funding from their LEA which is advantageous given that it is often difficult for students to get funding for stand-alone MSc courses.

The School Office is looking forward to a refurbishment of office space over the summer period. We hope that by the new session will have a new look counter (much extended, with a lowered section for access by wheelchair users) plus a PC for allowing access to student records to update details such as address/phone number. We hope that this will do away with having a queue of students out into the corridor, which currently happens at peak times.

I have just read through the end of course degree questionnaires. These are a valuable source of feedback to help us improve our courses for future cohorts of students, so if any of you come across your questionnaire lurking at the back of a cupboard at home, it is not too late to complete and return it. It is pleasing to see how many of you have gained highly valuable skills during your courses - you cite presentational/communication skills, researching information, IT

competency, scientific reading and writing skills, critical analysis, time/people-management, lab skills, language skills, working independently/group working skills and coping with pressure to mention but a few. I sincerely hope that these will stand you in good stead in your future careers. If you have not yet decided what to do after completing your first degree and are contemplating postgraduate study, please have a look at what opportunities there are within the School for Masters' degrees at:

[http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/biosciences/courses/pg\\_courses\\_introduction.php](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/biosciences/courses/pg_courses_introduction.php)  
and for PhDs at:

<http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/biosciences/research/vacancies.php>

**Sarah Johnson**

**School Manager (Academic Administration)**

## **DIVISION OF AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES.**

A lot of Divisional news appears in the report of the Head of School, so I felt that I would concentrate on a couple of areas, including some personal developments that I trust are 'newsworthy'.

A recent email from a student apologising for having disturbed me during the 'long vacation' did raise my hackles slightly. There still seems to be the impression that, come the end of term, we all disappear; an impression that I suppose is not helped by my usual deep tan, acquired I must add in only two weeks somewhere very much warmer than the foul UK summer of 2008!

August is a busy month for admissions. I'm still Senior Undergraduate Admissions tutor for the School; having had my two recently go through University, I can bring the experiences of both of them and that of a concerned parent to the role (parents are assuming an increasingly more important position in the decision-making process relating to University entrance!). Undergraduate intake is still buoyant (we are increasing numbers by around 5% per annum) and the reputation of SB as THE place to study continues. There was a slight hiccup in May when The Sunday Times ('Timesonline') league table did not even include us! To have gone from first to lost (yes, lost!) in 12 months was of course unthinkable... Fortunately, following frantic phone calls and representations from University Senior Management, it was discovered that there had been an oversight on behalf of the company that compiled the table. And, yes, we have been re-instated as number one in the UK.

Our reputation is also built on research excellence (we also came top in that in the last assessment in 2001). The School submitted our official documentation in November last year under the 'Agriculture, Food and Veterinary' sub-panel. I was one of the four co-ordinating the whole exercise that was admirably managed by Prof Neil Crout. It was a major activity that on occasion had to use threats and subterfuge to encourage a couple of somewhat unwilling colleagues to deliver their portfolios. Consequently, we were referred to as the 'Gang of Four'. We await the outcome that will be announced mid December. Of course we are hoping we do well (in which case everyone will take credit); if we don't quite do as well, then naturally the Gang of Four will be singled out for blame and invited to consider early retirement!

An unfortunate fire during the night of 25<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup> September; no, not the cigarette bin located just outside the Main Doors of the South Laboratory but the

straw barn on the site of the old piggery. Three fire appliances attended at the height of the blaze. Fortunately no further damage was caused to adjacent pig research buildings (so no hog roast for the fire-fighters...). Approximately 150 tonnes of hay and straw were lost, of course all of the highest quality.... On a cool damp night, one can only speculate as to the cause; there have been some quite outrageous reminders that it was Week One when many undergraduates are familiarising themselves with the Campus and the resources contained therein...

There have been some major changes to the Divisional structure at SB. We now have the Division of Plant and Crop Sciences that is a mix of former Plant Sciences + the Crop Science section from Agricultural and Environmental Sciences; the Animal Production section from that latter Division has merged with the former Division of Animal Physiology to become the Division of Animal Sciences; Agricultural and Environmental Sciences still of course exists as a strong and effective Division! These changes are predominantly for internal managerial efficiency (that we hope will emerge shortly!); anyone external to the School will probably not notice anything.... So, this is the last report I shall write for Agricultural and Environmental Sciences as I am the new Head of Division of Animal Sciences (so I'll write the report for AGRIMAG 2009, but see 'early retirement' above!).

**Julian Wiseman**

## **JCR LIGHTS ON**

We are delighted to announce that the JCR has been extensively renovated over the summer. Quite coincidentally, Phil Glover from Food Science has just dug up a photo of the JCR shortly after it was renovated in the 1950s. We thought that the two photos, separated by some 50 years, would be of interest. Apart from the fact that 2008 is in colour, there is one other major difference. The blank bit middle left from the 1950s had been replaced! (see photo section)

**Julian Wiseman**

## **ANIMAL PHYSIOLOGY**

2007-2008 has been a year of success and changes in Animal Physiology. At the beginning of the academic year we welcomed Dr Sara Kelly to the division as lecturer in Neuroscience. However, early in 2008 we said a fond farewell to John Corbett who retired after working at Sutton Bonington for 44 years (is this a record?). A reception was held in Plant Sciences which was well attended by John's present and former colleagues. Congratulations go to Inchul Choi, who was awarded best poster at the International Embryo Transfer Society annual meeting in Denver, Colorado. This was the first year of this prize which was awarded by the journal 'Reproduction Fertility and Development'. Representatives of this journal made their choice from all of the posters presented at the IETS based upon the types of study represented by the journal.

Sadly a number of students are leaving the Division having successfully completed their PhDs. So although a loss to the division, congratulations are in order for Yuhong Bian, Joanne Colman, Inchul Choi, Richard Kelly and Bryan

Woodward. Hopefully this will provide exciting new opportunities for future collaborations. Also with great regret to the department Professor Morag Hunter has decided to take early retirement and enjoy herself as of the 31st of August. However, all is not lost as she will remain associated with the School of Biosciences as an Emeritus Professor.

As the Division is heavily focussed on reproduction, congratulations also go to Amanda and Bob Robinson following the birth of their son, Torran in July of this year and to Alex Rathbone following her marriage to Steve in February. Congratulations also go to George Mann following his promotion from Associate Professor to Associate Professor and Reader.

Finally the Division of Animal Physiology is no more and has been merged with Animal Production to form a new Division of Animal Sciences as from 1st of August. As Head of Division I would like to thank all of the staff and students for their hard work and outstanding contributions to Animal Physiology over the past and all preceding years and wish the new Division all the best in future years.

**Keith Campbell**

## **JOHN CORBETT'S RETIREMENT**

John Corbett retired last month after more than 40 year's service. The 25th of January signalled the final day of full time work here at Sutton Bonington. A career that spans 5 decades, John's valuable contribution to countless projects over the years is truly staggering, and his farewell speech only increased his legendary status. Showing typical dedication John has agreed to continue working here at SB on an ad hoc basis, so it's not quite the end, which is great news for staff and students here. We wish him the very best of luck and an assurance that everyone here at SB wishes a long and happy retirement.

*Letter from John.....*

Dear Everyone

Any jobs going???.....

Just a few lines to firstly, thank you Monica and Emma for arranging my departure in such a memorable way – certainly an event I will never forget. It was very moving for me to see everybody there, including people from the 70s and 80s, like Andy Peters; Kev Stickney; Mike Varley and Janet Dawson. I could not get over just how far these good people had travelled - just for me! I felt I said a lot on Friday but, I could have said so much more about the place. The travels I've had, all the people I've met and worked with both at SB and the many outside organisations, but I'm sure you would have been bored with it.

The many cards I received are still proudly on display. The more I read them, the more I become convinced I have actually left SB and I'm not on holiday! However, reading them can be upsetting. It's like reading my own obituary, with lines like....

"You'll be sadly missed"; "You'll be difficult to replace"; "How will we manage?" "SB will never be the same".



In fact, I've been checking the "deaths" column in the local paper – so far not in, thank God! Obviously Julian, you read some of these comments too and was similarly affected and too overcome with grief at my departure as your simple message demonstrates: "What can I say?, Julian". However, should you think of anything in the future, please let me know.....(only joking!).

To everybody who sent their good wishes and, indeed, to those who didn't, many many thanks for over 40 years of happy memories. It was so much more than a simple fella like me could have wished for.

Should anyone be in the vicinity of Church Lane, Selston, at any time during the hours of 8 am to 9am on the first Wednesday in January, in any leap year, do please call in – you will be assured of a warm welcome. I'll rephrase that last line to read: "open all hours".....

Your friend and colleague  
John

PS: Just applied for a job as a train driver!!!

## **MORAG HUNTER'S RETIREMENT**

As from the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2008, Morag Hunter, Professor of Reproductive Physiology will be retiring after 25 years at Sutton Bonington.

Following her first degree in Biochemistry from the University of Strathclyde, Morag obtained her PhD from the University of Edinburgh in 1980 where she studied corpus luteum function in human and animal tissues in vitro under the guidance of Prof David Baird in the Dept of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Following 3 years as a Post-doctoral Research Fellow at the Royal Free Hospital, University of London, Morag moved to SB and joined the AFRC Farm Animal Reproduction group (1983-89) headed by Prof Lamming. Following a sabbatical in Ontario, Canada, as a Royal Society Exchange Scientist, Morag remained at SB until 2008, where she established herself as a leading international scientist in pig production.

Morag joined the faculty of the School of Biosciences in 1989 as a lecturer; she was promoted to a Readership in 1993 and became a Professor in 2002. During her time at SB Morag has contributed greatly to undergraduate teaching in both reproductive and general physiology, has successfully supervised numerous undergraduate projects and PhD students and contributed to numerous committees and working groups.

Morag will be sadly missed by students and staff alike; however, all is not lost as she has been awarded status of Emeritus Professor and will continue to pursue her research interests, which are currently focused on angiogenesis in the corpus luteum.

**Keith Campbell**

## **FOOD SCIENCE**

In the same vein as last year, firstly, I have to express my gratitude to all colleagues in Food Sciences for their efforts in what has been yet another extremely busy time.

This year has seen the retirement of Professor John Mitchell from the Chair in Food Structure. John has been here since starting his PhD in 1970 and has become as comfortable as most of the furniture (which means that he is as prickly as the rest of us!). In 2008 he was awarded the Food Hydrocolloids Trust Medal and more recently was also elected to the International Academy of Food Science and Technology. He has now become a member of this worldwide group of elected distinguished food scientists and technologists, which is a major achievement by any standards. To mark the occasion of his retirement we held a seminar series that covered John's time within the University. The day was a great success and included some interesting visual aids showing views of Sutton Bonington in the not too dim and distant past when a few members of the senior staff had notably more hair than they have now! I would like to thank all those that attended and contributed to the seminars which not only proved to be informative but also more than amusing on occasion. Thanks also to all current members of Food Sciences for supporting the event with a special mention for Val Street and Lynne Moseley who ably assisted Professors Taylor and Hill. My final thanks go to John himself for his many contributions throughout his tenure in Food Sciences, from postgraduate student to Head of Division. I am pleased to note that John will be staying with us, albeit on a part time basis, when the golf course is not beckoning. We hope that he and Margaret will be able to enjoy their retirement and golf together and that she will not find it too hard organising him all day too!

The retirement of John has been accompanied by the appointment of Dr Tim Foster to Reader in Food Structure who has joined us following a number of years working for Unilever Research. We welcome Tim and expect his industrial experience will be invaluable in future development of the Food Sciences Division. The Food Structure Group will now be led by Sandra Hill following her recent promotion from Associate Professor to Chair in Bioprocessing.

Dr Jon Hobman has joined the Food Safety and Microbiology Group within Food Sciences and has already begun his research into pathotypes and environmental survival of *E. coli*.

This year has also marked a great effort to bring Bioenergy Research to the University of Nottingham. We would like to commend Professor Katherine Smart for her diligence in coordinating a competitive bid from the University to the BBSRC for Bioenergy Research. We are pleased that this research will go ahead at Nottingham using many components within Food Sciences, Biosciences and the wider University.

Congratulations go to Jo Hort who will be leaving us shortly on maternity leave and we wish her and her family well.

**Ian Connerton**  
**Food Sciences August 2008**

## **WILL WAITES, FOOD MICROBIOLOGY AND SAFETY**

*Will 'retired' in August 2004. We would like to apologise for not publishing this in an earlier edition of Agrimag.*

### **Pre-Sutton Bonington: degrees**

As with many Microbiologists of his era, Will's first degree was in Botany (1957 – 1960) from King's College Newcastle, in the University of Durham. A couple of years later the two institutions separated; despite this he now gets funding requests as an alumni from both Universities! Having been predicted a third, his 2i was a surprise as a result, Will was conferred with the better degree but low confidence. Subsequently he always tells students with lower class degrees that no one will ask about their degree classification three years after graduating.

In 1960, Will moved to the Department of Microbiology at the University of Sheffield, to do an MSc degree which was changed to a PhD at the beginning of 1961. He managed to escape the anaerobic bacteriology/biochemistry which was a major part of the of department's research, and studied the temperate bacterial virus lambda and its host *Escherichia coli* by using virulent phage mutants. Will had his first taste of scientific controversy, when a well known American group published a study which found that the structure of the lambda capsid which found no difference between the mutants and the wild type, whereas Will's work showed completely the opposite.

### **Pre-Sutton Bonington: postdoctoral research**

After graduating in 1965, Will worked as a postdoctoral researcher in the National Institute for Medical Research at Mill Hill in London. Before starting, Will was interviewed by Sir Peter Medawar (the Noble Prize Winner!) and then joined a department where the permanent members of staff were all Fellows of the Royal Society. No pressure there then! The most important research requirement Will understood from this group was the requirement for an easily accessible phone and a big desk!

Will was actually recruited to use the fledgling molecular biology approach to understand biochemical pathways in *Pseudomonas*. However, between the interviews and starting work, it was whispered that the transduction system of transferring genes only worked on the third Sunday in the month and then only in a small part of Australia.

Will's work, using mutants blocked at different stages of spore formation, showed that there was a dependent sequence of events during sporulation. Such studies and the involvement with bacterial spores were to be a constant theme, throughout Will's research career at Mill Hill (1965-66) then at Oxford University (1966-69). In the shared laboratory was Ian Dawes an Australian Rhodes Scholar, who had a first degree in Food Science. This was Will's first brush with applied science, let alone Food Science. What is non-enzymic browning anyway?

Will's work showed that sporulation was generally a dependent sequence of events, giving a Eureka moment and suggesting a hypothesis that still has some validity today.

### **Pre-Sutton Bonington: a proper job at last at Norwich**

Subsequently, Will moved to a permanent post in Norwich (Institute of Food Research). The onerous interview for the job involved a chat over a pint of beer

in a local pub with the Head of Microbiology. This was followed by a tour of the partly completed building. Human Resources might consider this approach for some of the University's Chair appointments. Will decided to study the germination of spores of *Clostridium bifermentans*, reasoning that if it was possible to produce spores it should also be possible to germinate them. The approach was again to use mutants. This time they had altered germination rates, although it confused the Civil Service College who, in the notes for a management course, described Will as an expert on clostridial spores and obviously felt he should have a lot in common with an engineer on nuclear submarines. The 1979 work in Norwich examined heat, chemical and ultra-violet light resistance and it was found that the use of 1- 2% hydrogen peroxide, simultaneously with ultra-violet light, showed a synergistic kill which produced the 6 log kill required for sterilising cartons for filling with UHT treated liquids. As a novel method this was patented in 1981 and has been in commercial use for UHT milk and fruit juice cartons since then.

### **Sutton Bonington: finally!**

In 1985 Will applied for and was given the vacant Chair of Food Microbiology in Nottingham and began to build an active research and teaching group, although the then Head of Department (the late Ralston Lawrie) greeted Will on his first day by saying that one of the people that the University had sought to interest in the position had said that the Department would never find a real Microbiologist, who was prepared to accept the task in the laboratories available. Equally the University probably didn't realise that Will came from a regime where he had a group of eight researchers, none of whom he had been required to bid for and that the system didn't utilise research students at all. Will quickly realised that socially he would also have to compete with snappy dressers like John Mitchell and Steve Harding for the best undergraduate project students.

Luckily Will was successful in his first two grant applications; the first for a postdoctoral researcher, the second for a studentship. These positions were filled by Dr Christine Dodd (who has now succeeded to the chair of Food Microbiology at SB) and Brian Chaffey (now a farmer in Exmoor and perhaps the only research student in Sutton Bonington's history to catch on).

During this time (the late 1980s and 1990s) foodborne illness was a significant media concern, probably even bigger than today. Will found himself trying to explain the problems to the UK newspapers, radio and television, including amongst six or seven TV appearances on Breakfast Time TV. Despite training Will always struggled under the TV lights. He was also called the last of the dinosaurs on Breakfast TV by Tim Lang, and had to defend his position on BSE to the American Embassy in London, shortly before going on sabbatical as a Special Professor in the University of Connecticut. Just imagine the headlines, a British academic refused entry to USA! His phone-in with New Zealand radio was delayed by an interview with Imran Khan, when he was told cricket was quite big in New Zealand. A 'World in Action' documentary was also filmed in the Microbiology laboratories. Most of the filming was done at night from an adjacent fire escape. This was apparently because the camera crew's most recent assignment was a film on the Mafia. Other visitors included David Attenborough, Edwina Curry and Delia Smith, who was very rational in comparison with other visitors, since she took on board the new problem of *Salmonella* in eggs and started her new book with how to boil an egg. All this media activity made Will the ideal person to become Chair of the Food Safety Advisory Centre, when it was set up by the six major supermarkets. This resulted in a book on food safety which went into its second edition, together

with individual leaflets being given away free at supermarket checkouts. Some of these carried Will's photograph, but he has always claimed sales did not fall as a result.

Scientifically, Will was asked to edit a Lancet series on foodborne illness and suggested that Professor (now Sir) John Arbuthnott could help. At the time Sir John was Professor of Microbiology in the Medical School at Nottingham. Despite John's imminent move to become Vice-Chancellor of the University of Strathclyde, this project was completed on time, as was an update of the series which was published as a book. Despite this understanding of foodborne illness Will, not a good traveller at the best of times, succeeded in getting so ill in Mexico City that he didn't even notice the earthquake – something moved but for him it wasn't the earth. He did notice a tremor when the SB fault slid down a bit more – just as he was slagging off Richard Lacey, who clearly had friends in high places. As a result of all this Will became President of the Society for Applied Microbiology, a member of the Government's Food and Drink Foresight Panel and Chair of the Microbiology sub-group of its predecessor. He also chaired the Committee of Professors of Food Science and Technology for ten years, as well as being a member of CropGen and overseer of grant applications for the Safe Food (all Ireland), the Franco-British initiative and the EU, Finnish and German governments. However, his most difficult audience was when giving a talk on genetic engineering of food to a packed hall in Beeston Library, where he was interrupted every five minutes. It was noticeable that three eminent University Park Geneticists (two with chairs) didn't identify themselves or offer to take part in the debate.

Within the University at various times he was Head of Department, Vice-Dean, Admissions Tutor (for 19 years), chaired a number of teaching audits, brought in a Marie Curie training site (the first in the University) and developed a Thai link at postgraduate level, with an application put together with Babs Perkins (of course) which outshone the competition by being in full colour and having a large amount of information in the Thai language.

Will also had links either by giving seminars or by acting as external examiner at 31 universities. Amongst all this Will carried his share of teaching and administration, and the Microbiology group grew despite the agreement with one Dean that, after Christine Dodd's appointment, there would be no more academics appointed. However there were several new appointments! Many were also industrially funded, so the group can claim to have had the most external funding from industry for staff within the school. In addition to these developments a large number of students have been launched, some even into glittering careers.

Will is currently manager of the Foodborne Illness programme of the FSA and has been asked to join the new emergency committee of experts for DEFRA. He has also started to review grant applications and make site visits for a UK charity with a £4.5m spend. These activities, together with a three day course on Food Microbiology, for staff without any background in microbiology at the FSA (a 3 year degree in 3 days!), seems to form a gentle way to slide into retirement.

## **DIVISION OF NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES**

The first thing to report is that I have survived my first full year as Head of the Division of Nutritional Sciences. It has been a busy and challenging year but thanks to everyone's hard work and dedication it has also been a successful one.

This year has again seen a number of staff changes. Dr Matt Elmes will join the Division as Lecturer in Molecular Nutrition on 1 September. Matt is already a familiar face, as he is currently a Postdoctoral Fellow working with Simon Langley Evans on the effects of maternal diet on cardiovascular disease in the offspring. We also congratulate Matt on becoming a father (in the same week he accepted the lectureship job!). His research post with Simon will be taken up by Dr Kevin Ryan (another familiar face) who is returning to S.B. having spent some time working as a Research Fellow at the University of Birmingham. We have also welcomed two new members of our technical staff, Ms Cathy Wells and Dr Zoe Daniel. Having previously worked in the Medical School, Cathy joins us from the Waltham Centre for Pet Nutrition and is currently helping with the development of our new tissue culture facilities. Zoe is certainly no stranger to Sutton Bonington having done her BSc and PhD here and worked for several years within the Division. Zoe has considerable experience in a range of techniques including tissue culture, molecular biology and conducting large animal trials. These appointments further our expertise in modern molecular nutrition and represent another step forward in establishing us as a leading centre for research and teaching in the Nutritional Sciences. I would urge you to visit our recently revamped web-site at [www.nottingham.ac.uk/biosciences/nutribio](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/biosciences/nutribio) to view how our research interests are developing and to keep up to date with all our news.

Unfortunately we will be saying goodbye to Dr Michelle Holdsworth (Associate Professor in Public Health Nutrition) in September. Michelle is returning to the sunnier climes of the South of France where she will be taking up a research post at the University of Montpellier. We wish Michelle and her family all the best in their new life.

Our congratulations go to Dr Moira Taylor who this year was promoted to Associate Professor in Human Nutrition. While Moira is based in the School of Biomedical Sciences most of her teaching responsibilities are associated with our Master of Nutrition degree. Moira also plays the lead role in managing the Clinical Placements associated with this degree.

This year saw the re-validation of the Master of Nutrition degree by the Health Professions Council (HPC). We have made considerable changes to the structure of this degree, which leads to eligibility to apply for Registration in Dietetics, and now offers a specific direct-entry route into year three of the programme for applicants already holding a nutrition-related degree. I am delighted to report that, due to all of the hard work of Dr Fiona McCullough (Course Manager) and everyone involved in preparing and defending our submission, the programme was successfully re-approved by the HPC.

I would like to congratulate all of our graduating students (both undergraduate and postgraduate). On the undergraduate side I would particularly like to mention Louise Lloyd (BSc Nutrition) Clare Tilley, Elizabeth Brown Rebecca Tavernor, Katherine Howells and Sarah Saunders (Master of Nutrition) all of whom graduated with First Class Honours. This year also saw Tom Vallim, Gemma Holland and Raz Zulkifli awarded their PhDs. As reported last year Tom has taken up a postdoctoral position at the University of Los Angeles. I am delighted to report that Gemma is now working as a Nutrition Expert at Nestlé in

York and Raz has returned to his lecturing post at the Universiti Teknologi Malaysia. Well done to everyone.

**Andy Salter**

## **PLANT AND CROP SCIENCES DIVISION**

In a busy and successful year, the major event that happened in the Division was the merger with the group of crop scientists from the Division of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences. This merger was part of a school wide shuffle of divisions and brings six academics into Plant Sciences to make a complete cohort of 23 academics in the newly-titled Plant and Crop Sciences Division. Other staff changes are afoot in that Professor Sayed Azam-Ali will leave in August 2008 to take up a position in Malaysia at the University of Nottingham's campus there. He is to be replaced by a new appointment, Dr Rumiana Ray. Rumiana is a plant pathologist and will take up her post in August 2008. Another new academic appointment in the Division is Ranjan Swarup, who moved from being a long-serving post doc in Malcolm Bennett's group to being a University Research Fellow with his own group.

Alas, Brian Power, one of the long standing members of the Plant Sciences community in Nottingham retired in November 2007. Brian came to University Park in 1965 to read Botany. He graduated with his BSc in 1968 and stayed on for his PhD under the supervision of Professor Ted Cocking. Brian's higher degree programme involved investigations of the biology of isolated plant protoplasts and their exploitation in cell fusion to generate novel somatic hybrid and cybrid plants. In a unique article in New Scientist in 1971 concerning Ted Cocking's research group and the 'new' plant science of the time, Brian Power was described as being "bright, ambitious and lucky". That research team, which also included Mike Davey had an enormous impact on the field of tissue culture, micropropagation and protoplast-based technologies. Indeed, this pioneering research made Nottingham Plant Sciences a world famous institution in this field, which it maintains to this day. Brian continued his work at Nottingham as a Research Fellow until he was awarded a Lectureship 1980, with a Readership in 1990. During his career in the University of Nottingham, Brian made an outstanding contribution to research, teaching and administration. For example, he supervised more than 120 PhD students, many of whom now hold professorships and other senior positions in academia, institutes and agro-industry throughout the world. He published in excess of 250 peer reviewed research papers, together with numerous contributions to books, manuals and the popular press. Brian also made an extensive contribution to undergraduate teaching and initiated, with Mike Davey, the MSc Degree Course in Plant Genetic Manipulation in 1994. To date, this course has trained 138 students world-wide in plant tissue culture and genetic manipulation technologies. Many of these students have continued in plant science to read for their PhDs, with some returning to the Plant Sciences Division at Nottingham as post-doctoral fellows. Brian was a key person on many committees and, in particular, was chairman of the MSc Degree Courses. Brian's departure leaves a substantial gap in the knowledge base of the Plant Sciences Division. We will miss his expert organisation, his attention to detail and his unusual (?) sense of humour.

The research side of the Division continues to sparkle with several high profile papers appearing in publications during the year. Several groups had papers in The Plant Cell, the top plant journal and Malcolm Bennett's group had several

papers in the Nature journals. The Centre for Plant Bioinformatics (CPIB) has developed and now employs a range of scientists focused on understanding the basis of root growth at the molecular, biochemical and physical level, a project in involving biologists, mathematicians, computer scientists and engineers. Find out more about CPIB at [www.cpib.info/](http://www.cpib.info/).

NASC have moved their bioinformatics and transcriptomics operations into the Limes (previously Avian Physiology). With a lick of orange paint and some benches, this has been transformed into a much needed and pleasant expansion zone. The NASC Seed operation has stayed behind but has been able to stretch its legs a little. The extra space was happily coincident with a doubling in seed distribution (now approaching 100,000 tubes per year) and a dramatic expansion of the array service to include horses, sheep, grasshoppers, elephants, banana and other exotic organisms. NASC now has species transcriptomic collaborations with every Division on campus including the Vet School and on four out of the five continents (although penguins would be completely feasible).

Teaching of undergraduate and postgraduate students continues to flourish. Plant and Crop Sciences staff teach around 2000 students during the course of the academic year in a multitude of modules plant and crop related. In addition, Division staff run several Masters courses, including the MSc in Plant Genetic Manipulation, now run by Tim Robbins and Mike Davey, and the MSc in Crop Improvement, run by Debbie Sparkes. The Division also has around 80 students studying for PhDs, who come from a wide variety of countries world-wide, once more establishing Nottingham Plant and Crop Sciences as a key international institution.

**Kevin Pyke**

## **RURAL BUSINESS RESEARCH UNIT (RBRU)**

What a difference a year makes! For readers who are actively involved in farming, you, like us, will be aware of the changing fortunes that are currently affecting agriculture at the “grass roots” – some have experienced considerable improvements in their fortunes due to the increased prices for agricultural commodities; others have seen feed cost increases lead to very severe financial pressures; all have witnessed increased costs – the three Fs – feed, fertiliser and fuel, are dominating discussions around the tables of agricultural households at the time of writing. All of these developments in the industry highlight the importance to Government of monitoring and analysing the changes that are occurring in the agricultural industry. Food security, food prices and food “footprints” are all becoming hot topics. The RBRU continues to be at the forefront of informing Government and policy makers of the economic reality of farming in England.

The work of the RBRU continues to change and develop. With our work on the Farm Business Survey (FBS), we are now collecting detailed information about energy usage on farms – the aim being to provide a rigorous evidence base about how much energy it takes to produce our agricultural and food products. There is also considerable growing interest in understanding the impact that farmers and farm managers’ business skills have on their ability to efficiently use resources and run their businesses in a profitable manner. Within the FBS we are collecting data on many aspects of farmers’ business skills and business practices. These new developments in the FBS add considerably to the research



potential of the FBS data set, with both Defra and other agencies wanting to explore how the data can be best used to understand the complexities of farming in the 21st Century.

Our work on the FBS, together with our partners from other leading agricultural Universities and Colleges, goes from strength to strength. Over the course of the last year we have developed a new web-site for the FBS Consortium, under our newly identified Consortium title of Rural Business Research (RBR). The new web-site hosts a wealth of data from the FBS, reports on farm types and enterprises, a regular intelligence report that informs readers of the challenges and opportunities facing farmers, plus many other useful links and coverage about the work of RBR. The web-site has been designed to be of interest to a wide range of readers, so please take a look at [www.ruralbusinessresearch.co.uk](http://www.ruralbusinessresearch.co.uk) – if you would like to be kept informed of new reports and outputs from our work, please email me at [paul.wilson@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:paul.wilson@nottingham.ac.uk) and we will arrange for you to receive email alerts that inform readers of developments as they happen.

Last year I wrote that we were nearing completion of the FBS season and that the RBRU had had another successful year. Never being prone to resting on our laurels, I am pleased to report that this year is progressing even better. This is of course due to the professionalism and hard work of my colleagues in the RBRU, matched by the fantastic co-operation we receive from the many farmers and farm managers who give freely of their time to contribute to the FBS. I thank both colleagues and farmers in producing another successful year for the RBRU.

The last year has shown that 12 months can make a very big difference in farming. Whilst the industry will continue to undergo considerable change, the demand for the data and research of the RBRU continues to grow - we look forward to continuing to lead the way in undertaking this vital research.

**Paul Wilson, Director**

August 2008

## **REPORT FROM PROFESSOR MIKE LOMAX, NUTRITIONAL BIOSCIENCES**

Having spent "time" at Reading, Aberdeen and Wye College, I decided to have a look at Sutton Bonington and was fortunate to be appointed to a post in the Division of Nutritional Sciences. My previous research has included the nutritional biochemistry of milk and meat production but a research interest in the role of brown adipose tissue during thermoregulation in newborn lambs has led to my current research into the control of adipose tissue development during the transition from fetal to neonatal life. We are particularly focussed on the molecular factors that control gene expression during the differentiation of preadipocytes to either the white or brown adipocyte forms. This area of research is a current "hot topic" because of the increase in obesity in the human populations and associated risk of developing metabolic syndrome complications such as type 2 diabetes. Our aim is to define the key regulator steps that control the development of progenitor cells to the different types of adipose tissue (including why some people develop the high risk abdominal rather than subcutaneous depots) and then establish if these can be manipulated by nutritional signalling molecules as well as pharmaceutical strategies. A transition from animal to human science reflects similar developments in the Division of Nutritional Sciences and the overall research funding environment, but there is

still a core interest in the science of farm animal muscle and adipose tissue development in relation to meat quality which will continue. The increasing availability of information on the bovine and pig genomes will hopefully lead to major leap forwards in the predictability of meat production.

I have been coming to Sutton Bonington for 25 years for conferences or external examining, and it is now a great pleasure to work here. The growth in the campus over that period has been phenomenal and is well worth visiting if you have not been back for a few years. The shuttle bus to the main campus brings Sutton Bonington close to other areas of the University and facilitates collaborations (e.g. with the Medical School). Sutton Bonington is also well equipped with state of the art equipment and in a good position to capitalise on genomic-based research in animal science. Even more important, its a lovely part of England to live and work in with the beer good and the quality of a curry in Kegworth astonishing.

**Michael Lomax**

### **REPORT FROM DR SARAH KELLY, ANIMAL PHYSIOLOGY**

I joined the Division of Animal Physiology (now Animal Sciences) towards the end of October 2007. This is not a new area to me as I carried out my PhD studies with Dr Victoria Chapman in the School of Biomedical Sciences, QMC, investigating the effects of cannabinoids on spinal pain processing. After completing my PhD in June 2003 I moved to Bristol to the Department of Physiology (now Physiology and Pharmacology) and carried out post-doctoral research in the laboratories of Dr Lucy Donaldson and Prof Sally Lawson. My post-doc work was focused on the role of primary sensory neurones in chronic pain states, including rheumatoid and osteoarthritis.

Here at SB I am working towards establishing a research group focused on the physiology and pharmacology of chronic pain, retaining my particular interest in primary sensory neurones. My research group will principally make use of electrophysiological and behavioural techniques to this end. I also hope to maintain my links with Bristol, as well as fostering new ones with colleagues at SB.

**Sarah Kelly**

### **REPORT FROM JOHN HUXLEY, VET SCHOOL**

My first visit to SB in July 2005 for interview seems an awfully long time ago now but then a lot has happened since I accepted my appointment a couple of days later. By profession I am a clinical and research academic specialising in dairy production medicine. Having been born and bred in dairy farming, I graduated from the Royal Veterinary College, London and worked in private farm animal practice and at Bristol University before becoming one of the foundation staff at the Veterinary School in January 2006. When I arrived, we had no buildings, no equipment, no course, no students and a staff complement which had just reached double figures. After two and a half exciting and successful years our first cohort of students have reached the end of their second year; just

three years to go before we unleash them on the veterinary profession in the summer of 2011!

Global warming, rising fuel costs, a rapidly expanding world population and increasing wealth in the huge markets of India and China provide challenges and opportunity to UK agriculture. For the first time in over a decade I am genuinely optimistic about our future as an industry. I have no doubt that we will face many challenges but time and again our industry has demonstrated its resilience and innovation in the face of a rapidly changing world.

On a positive note I have been resoundingly impressed by the University of Nottingham as an institution. It has a drive, focus and dynamism I was not used to in my previous post. Opportunities such as this (we are the first new veterinary school in over 50 years) do not come along very often; it's been a roller coaster ride but one I would not have missed for the world.

**Jon Huxley**

**Associate Professor of Farm Animal Production Medicine  
School of Veterinary Medicine and Science**

## **VETS GO WILD**

This summer Michelle Dickson, Student Placement Manager visited a project in South Africa for veterinary students, offering hands-on veterinary experience in Wildlife Management and Conservation, based at the Amakhala and Shamwari Game Reserves in the Eastern Cape. Michelle said "The company behind the project, World Wide Experience, has sent an invite to all the EMS Coordinators of the UK Vet Schools. I was only too happy to go on behalf of Nottingham!

We got to experience a typical day for students:

Game drive and river cruise on the Bushman's River

Lectures: Veterinary pharmacology and case study examples

Basic capture techniques

Immobilisation practical

Technology in conservation

Practical diurnal telemetry tracking on AGR

## **VET SCHOOL LINKS WITH SUTTON BONINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

In January, one of our staff (Dr Sara Freeman) and a teaching dog (AJ the Golden Retriever) spent a day at the local primary school as part of the Vet School's links with the local community.

The local primary school has around 200 children, and is just down the road in our village of Sutton Bonington. Sara talked to the school about the Vet School – where and who we are and what we do. Sara and AJ took morning assembly (which was a riot but good fun!) and then spent the day going round all the classes to give the children an idea of what Vet School is about and how interesting science can be.

The children got to dress up in theatre scrub suits and rectal gowns and gloves, shake hands with a model human skeleton, and match the dog bones to AJ's body (plus of course there was a lot of stroking of AJ).

This visit was the start of a continuing project to link with the local community, and it will be continued by a group of our students who will be going out on a regular volunteer basis to run further session with the children. This is a great opportunity for the students to pick up many skills including project management, consolidating their learning, communicating to different audiences/age groups, teaching, as well as all the mutual benefits of working with the local community.

## **SPORTS CENTRE REPORT**

Since I started at Sutton Bonington, in January 1997, sport has really developed on the Campus and in January we opened a new 2.4 million pound sports centre. The new sports centre includes: sports hall, squash courts, dance studio and fitness suite. The majority of the equipment in the new fitness suite was paid for by Alumni for which we are very grateful.

In addition to the new sports centre we also converted one of the old squash courts into a climbing wall, again some of the money which paid for this wonderful facility came from past students – the climbing society are once again very grateful.

With these wonderful new facilities our student teams have not failed to deliver:

Men's Rugby – the men won their play-off match against Staffordshire University securing promotion for next season.

Ladies' Rugby – the women also won their league scoring an enormous 300 points throughout the season and only conceding 15 points. Next season they will be playing in League One.

Men's Football – the team won the inter hall league despite having to play most of their games away at University Park.

Unfortunately this year Neil Renault, a PhD student at Sutton Bonington, was injured and unable to defend his BUSA Marathon title – last year Neil finished 17<sup>th</sup> in the London Marathon (the first student in the country to finish)

Other individual performances include Kevin Spencelayh and Elizabeth Smith qualifying to represent Sutton Bonington Sports Centre in the Carlton National Leisure Centre Championships.

Thanks again for the continued financial support from Alumni and look forward to showing you round the new sports centre when you return for O.K.A. in November or for any other OKA Reunions.

**Mark Waters**

## JOHN MITCHELL

As many of you know, John officially retired on January 31 2008 after a long academic career (over 30 years) at Sutton Bonington. He will be returning on a part time basis (probably one day a week) to finish off current research projects and provide us with his wisdom on matters from the RAE to rheology. He insists that his new role will be admin and teaching free!!

John initially studied Physics at Newcastle University but became interested in food science during his first job with Unilever. He then studied for his PhD in Food Science at Sutton Bonington, after which he joined Pedigree Petfoods. After a short spell making Pedigree Chum in Melton Mowbray, he was appointed Lecturer in Food Physics in the old Department of Applied Biochemistry and Food Science. These were exciting times with Ralston Lawrie, Malcolm Woodbine and Dyfed Lewis leading the development of food, microbiological and nutritional sciences at SB, ably supported by junior staff like Pete Buttery, John Blanshard, Dave Ledward, Gren Norton, Neil Boorman and John Mitchell. The result of their efforts can be seen in the current, successful groups at SB.

In those times, teaching was a very different activity due to huge flexibility in the curriculum and timetable and no-one had heard of peer review or student assessment of teaching. John was regarded as a skilled and highly entertaining lecturer, although not all the entertainment was premeditated. I well remember giving lectures at Loughborough University with John, when he inadvertently stepped backwards into the metal waste paper bin but was so determined to keep the flow of information going, that he was trying to disentangle himself while still holding forth on the fundamentals of rheology. The students were highly amused although I am not sure they retained all the information delivered that day! John was also at his best on the annual Food Science factory tours which involved travelling around the country on a Lesters coach and visiting 5-6 food factories in 3 days with 2 overnight stops. Enduring abattoirs and poultry processing factories was one thing, but coping with the accommodation was another. We inadvertently stayed at a DHSS hostel with a largely female group of students where we mixed with down-and-outs and winos; on another memorable occasion, John was convinced that he could sweet-talk the battle axe of a landlady into providing us with cocoa after we rolled into the B&B after a session down the pub.

During his time at the University, John Mitchell has progressed from Lecturer to Professor via the Reader stage. He has been Head of Food Sciences and has always been at the forefront of research and technical developments. His enthusiasm is infectious and his intellect is second to none as those who have witnessed him playing up to 10 simultaneous games of chess with the students at the old "Staff-student winter games" can testify and yes, he was drinking a pint of beer at the same time! Many of us have gained significantly from working with him in terms of career development and in terms of creating new ideas, articulating them, getting the funding and seeing the idea (and the PhD students) through to the end of the project. He has been instrumental in our links with the food industry and has an amazing breadth of knowledge ranging from microbiology to nutrition which makes him very effective in problem solving exercises or in setting research directions and strategies. When we turn our attention to the current vogue in evaluation, the use of metrics, John can point to more than 150 papers, reviews and patents, over 40 PhD students supervised and the editorship of Carbohydrate Polymers since 1981. His contribution to the field of hydrocolloids will be marked in June this year when he is awarded the Hydrocolloids medal at the 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference to be held in Singapore.

To celebrate John's retirement Food Sciences held a Reunion/John Mitchell retirement event at SB on February 2 2008. Former students were invited to visit the campus and see the new developments and hear of the future plans for the site as we enter a new era of research focused on sustainability and bioenergy.

**Andy Taylor**

## **WOMEN'S LAND ARMY**

There have been many recent acknowledgements of the invaluable role played by the Women's Land Army during World War Two. Many were trained at Sutton Bonington and the following two articles were contributed by:

### ***WW2 People's War***

***An archive of World War Two Memories – written by the public, gathered by the BBC.***

We have been informed by the BBC that they themselves do not hold copyright, that rests with the contributor. We have been advised that acknowledging the contributor and source is sufficient for our non-profit-making purposes. We are delighted to be able to print two that mentioned Sutton Bonington.

We have included some photos of the era from our photographic archive.

Swanley Horticultural Training College (based at Hextable, Kent) was evacuated to SB (as mentioned in the first article) in June 1940. The current Heritage Centre and Gardens are based on the site of the first house built in Hextable which was later utilised as the Swanley Horticultural College in 1889, the first horticultural college in the world for women. The Heritage Centre was the former College laboratory and its display tell the story of the College from its inception until it was bombed in 1944. We have also included the certificate of 'thanks' from the students / staff from Swanley accompanied by our crest and theirs; for them, the Latin inscription "Tandem fit suculus arbour" is translated as "Together we nurture the tree". Of course everyone knows our English translation of "Aras, seris, metis" don't they.....Strictly speaking, it should be longer: "Tibi aras, tibi occas, tibi seris, tibi eidem metis" but it wouldn't fit!

**Julian**

(Aided by Phil Glover from Food Science and Sue Golds)

**This story was contributed by Helen Laurance.**

The Women's Land Army has been, in the past, dubbed 'The Forgotten Army'. Fortunately, this has been partially remedied. However, there is a part of this army which had, at the time, to be definitely 'forgotten' by the outside world because of the highly secret nature of its work.

### **BEFORE THE WAR**

First though, I must set the scene for my part in this work. At the time of the outbreak of the Second World War I was working with another girl in Kent. We were in charge of a large vegetable garden with a greenhouse and cold frames etc. We were both experienced in market gardening. I had trained at the

**Midland Agricultural College at Sutton Bonington** and Leonora had trained at Usk Agricultural College.

Our work in Kent was to provide all the vegetables and fruit (also a few flowers) for a large household which was well staffed with butler, housekeeper, cook and other domestics, all living in. It was a hard job, but we enjoyed it.

When war was declared we felt extremely nervous, positioned as we were in a direct line between the enemy and London and its possible heavy bombardment. So it was with tremendous relief that I received a telegram from Professor Robinson, head of the college where I had previously trained and worked. I was ordered to return immediately to the college to train recruits for the Women's Land Army.

Leonora had already been recalled to her previous college at Usk so I was only too glad to pack up hastily and to travel across London on my way back to the Midlands. I might add that everyone felt very nervous since we expected bombing of the capital to start immediately.

#### TRAINING AT THE MIDLAND AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

The trainee Land Army girls who had been sent to the College were all from London, or near to it. They were some of the first WLA recruits. They were a very mixed bunch and none of them was used to any sort of work on the land. One was a beautician, another was the German wife of a British soldier, now overseas. (The poor girl had to walk to Kegworth and back once a week to register where she was domiciled.) Another dear little lady was old enough to be my grandmother, full of enthusiasm to help the war effort but not at all suitable for the demanding work on the land which she was being trained to do.

After a few had been trained as best as we could in the short time allowed for this training, it became obvious that extra help was not needed yet on farms nor on market gardens. Agricultural workers still all fell into the 'reserved occupation' category and the drive to increase food production in the UK had not yet taken off.

Sadly, many of these early WLA girls had to return to their previous jobs, at least for the time being. I often wonder what happened to them after their enthusiastic initiation, then rejection, as it must have seemed to them. The Land Army then withdrew from sending girls to train at Sutton Bonington.

In their place, Swanley Horticultural Training College for Women was evacuated from its site in Kent and took over the Horticulture Department of the Midland Agricultural College.

The Swanley staff, all women, were extremely knowledgeable and hard-working under their frighteningly super-efficient head, Dame Kate Barrat, who reorganised the department and missed nothing! I was then seconded to this Swanley outfit. I was also put in charge of the marketing of garden produce not required by the College kitchens. I learned a lot from my work with the Swanley staff and made some good friends but we were all working under great pressure and I was not sorry to move on to another challenge when it presented itself.

When the shortage of jobs suitable for WLA girls became obvious, the War Office unexpectedly utilized some WLA recruits by employing them to camouflage the site of an ordnance factory being built at Ruddington near Nottingham.

Although it was not agricultural or horticultural work, these girls were employed by Mowlems, sub-contractors to Sir Alexander Gibb and Partners, who were in overall charge of the building of the factory and of the layout of the site. The WLA girls were to be paid more than the statutory wage for WLA girls and would also receive a canteen midday meal. Because of my previous work with the Land Army, I was offered the job of being in charge of the girls and of supervising their work.

There were about 18 girls already there when I first arrived. Their number rose to 98 at the peak of the work, then slowly diminished as the job neared completion.

The girls' work consisted of sowing grass seed on the steeply sloping sides of the banks of soil thrown up by heavy earth-moving machinery to hide factory buildings where munitions were being made. These banks were known as 'the mounds'. It was hoped that these mounds would not only camouflage the ammunition factories but would protect others to some extent in the event of a fire or explosion.

The work necessitated the girls working on the slopes of around 45 degrees on the mounds, and also on the level stretches between the mounds. They had to obtain a tilth suitable for growing grass seed, even though much of the soil thrown up was rough subsoil. It was physically hard, boring work with long hours. If I remember rightly, we worked from 7.30 am (or later, according to the hours of daylight) until 5.30 pm, with a shorter day on Saturdays.

I had to report daily to the company's Welfare Officer if any girls were absent, but though the work was completely different from any of the work they had done previously, there was very little absenteeism. Many had worked previously in Players' cigarette factory and were used to tedious regimented work — but in good conditions indoors and for shorter hours. A railway line had been installed from Nottingham on to the site. I was always so impressed by the way the girls turned up looking so clean and smart in their uniforms. They always chose to wear their WLA hats at a jaunty angle when they arrived!

They had not had any training or experience of land work when they started work at Ruddington and found the change from high-heeled shoes to the very heavy WLA boots rather daunting, so when they first came we always had a hilarious practice run (or stumbling walk, rather!) of getting around comfortably in gumboots. I divided the girls into patrols with a patrol leader in charge of each. This seemed to work well and helped me to arrange the work more efficiently as often the mounds were long distances away from our Nissen hut headquarters and it was imperative that the seed was sown as quickly as possible after I had been informed that a mound had been finished by the earth movers.

We all had passes to the site and were forbidden to talk about the work when outside. The girls were also forbidden to communicate in any way with the other outdoor workers (all male, many Irish) and their canteen meals were taken away from them. These edicts were laid down by the Welfare Officer, but I had to see that the rules were kept.

I cannot remember hearing any girl complaining about the hard, demanding, boring work which had to be carried out in all weathers because of the urgency of the camouflage work. Because of security, I could not take any photos to remind me in the future of those splendid girls and their part in the war effort. I



wonder how many of them are still around now? I shall certainly never forget them. Incidentally, the factory buildings were done away with years ago and our 'mounds' flattened.

When that job was over I reverted to a straightforward market gardening job working with two men, one a refugee German Jew and the other a young man who had been brought up in an orphanage. They were both excellent hard workers and interesting, pleasant people as well. We had the task of converting a former mixed market garden into one devoted entirely to food production. In wartime it was forbidden to grow flowers or ornamental plants commercially — only a few stock plants were permitted to be kept.

### **This was contributed by Susan Barsby**

My grandmother, Patricia (Pat) Strange signed up for the Land Army during the crisis of 1938 but appeasement meant that her training was not until August/September of the following year. Her story of training and her first postings come from letters to her sister and parents, back at home in Harringay.

Her mother's response to her joining the Land Army was, "Why not join the WRNS and get a decent uniform?" But Pat felt that she was better suited to outdoor work and liked the idea of a less disciplined contribution to war work. Her Land Army training was at the **Midland Agricultural College at Sutton Bonington**.

"My dears, I arrived quite safely... had to walk from the station but it is only 10 minutes walk. The college is a marvellous place and I've got a dear little room to myself. One single bed which looks quite comfortable, 1 table, 1 chair, 1 washstand, 1 chest of drawers, 1 curtained off area with lots of hooks in. I said little room but it's really quite big. Tea is at 4. There are 4 very long tables in the dining room. The bread was very new, white and brown cut thick. You butter it yourself with as much butter as you want. Jam is in huge dishes and home made buns with sugar on are jolly nice. Supper is at 7.30. I sat next to a "girl" at tea who was a land girl in the last war. Her room is next to mine and she's awfully sweet. We've got a lecture at 6, till 7. Apparently you have a choice of about 5 courses. I'm going to do dairy farming I think. Will write again soon, best love Pat."

"My dears, such a lot has happened since I posted your letter this afternoon that I felt I must write again. I went for a stroll with one of the girls, incidentally they seem quite a nice lot, and we returned at 6 for a lecture by one of the most charming men you can imagine. That lasted until about 7.15. I was then interviewed by the principal, who happened to be the charming man who lectured us. He has placed me in class B which is Dairy Farming and the Care of Livestock. We then adjourned to supper, which consisted of meat patties, like Ma makes, piles more new bread and our own dairy butter. Great hunks of cheese, lovely crisp apples just off the trees and jugs and jugs of milk. After that I had a glorious wash (H and C indoor Sanit). The lights in our rooms are pretty foul, they are a horrible purple colour, and don't throw out a single ray, so we congregate either in the reading room or common room where the lights are only pale blue. Goodnight, Pat xx"

To help with the training, about 12 male students were kept on while the girls got into the swing of things. It seems that the rougher tougher girls were placed into forestry whereas other girls from better classes went into horticulture. Pat was in livestock and there was a rotation system - cows for 5 days, pigs for 5

days, sheep and horses for 5 days. The shifts were early and late by turns for milking, feeding etc and the girls took it in turn to have the weekend off. Also there were lectures for the theory side but most of the training seems to have been hands-on.

"Saturday 9th Sept, 1939.

Dear All,

It's a very tired little Patricia that's writing to you now. I spent the morning sweeping and washing down the cowsheds and piling up the "mook" as they call it. I fed and cleaned out 3 cows sheds. One of them is a dear old thing, he's George, but Jack and Bill are miserable old things.... I was so good at my second lot of milking today that the cowman asked me if I'd done it before, and my two cows yielded more milk."

"It's quite an afternoon's work to prepare the cows for milking here. We have to brush and comb their rears and wash their udders in some solution. Then each cow has just a tiny drop drained from it. After all that, we proceed to milk. It's been on machines today, it's not half as nice as hand milking."

Pat's letters home were quite frequent and it is apparent from them that her work was clearly quite varied and that she got stuck in.

"I drove a hay cart several miles on my own this morning, filled it with hay, and brought it back and unloaded it all on my own.

I've heard of some funny jobs on farms but I reckon I did the funniest of all yesterday. I had to clean all the windows in the pig sheds. they sparkle so much now that all the pigs' tails have got an extra curl in.

I started on sheep this morning and had a glorious job before lunch. We discovered a sheep with maggots. All its shoulder and half its back was eaten away, and two of us had to scrape the maggots off. They had eaten right under its fleece, and all wriggled about in bunches of hundreds. It was the worst case of maggots they've ever had here. There wasn't anything to do this afternoon so I've been painting gateposts white for the blackout."

Pat's letters are full of descriptions of the food as well as her work.

"We had a very nice lunch, boiled mutton, beans, potatoes and onion sauce. Plums and custard. Everything except the meat is put on the table for you to help yourself and you can have as many helpings as you like. After lunch 4 of us went with Frank the head cowman, and I washed and sterilized all the electric milking gadgets. We milk by electricity and hand. After all that, we walked to a place called Kegworth and it took 4 of us and the cowman about half an hour to drive 8 heifers out of a field. We walked them miles to another field, then I fed 4 bulls and 11 little tiny calves. We had bread and jam and very nice fruit cake, and quarts of tea at 4 o'clock. After tea I went for a short walk with another girl and returned to a glorious hot bath. We can have one whenever we want it. At 5.30, we had another lecture until 6.45, then we had supper at 7.30. Macaroni cheese, bread and butter, and 2 or 3 kinds of cheese, oranges and more quarts of milk. By the way I forgot breakfast. We had porridge and sausages."

And that was just one day! A funny subplot through the letters is that after a while Pat becomes worried about the amount of weight she is putting on -

although she would be burning up a lot in the work, her muscles would be toning up too. One letter finishes

"10 st 10 lbs,(still going up) What does one do about it?"

Pat's letters often mention the social side of life at MAC - it sounds fun although you do get the sense that it was probably like an Enid Blyton style boarding school.

"I've made 2 very nice pals here. one is Joan, she's nearly 20, with ginger hair, and the other is Helen, she's married and she's got leave to go home this weekend to see her old man. He's got to go to India next week. The poor girl is awfully upset about it.

We've got a piano and jazz band in the common room and we kick up Hell's own delight in the evening.

I'm sitting in a haystack writing this. It's such a glorious morning that 6 of us, armed with knitting and books tramped across the farm and parked ourselves in a stack.

Ginger and I spent a nice afternoon in Loughborough yesterday with 2 students. We didn't get home till 10.30 and consequently got locked out. We knocked up the caretaker and he let us in without a word.

It was my pal's birthday yesterday and we had a party in my room. We bought "booze" and some biscuits and potato crisps and had a glorious sing-song until about 11.30. Two of the students got to hear of it and dressed up in a cow skin and head. They knocked at the door and when the damn great thing walked in I jumped so much I dropped my glass and it broke in thousands of pieces."

Pat only mentions the country's situation briefly in her letters - the rest of the time she's quite wrapped up in work at the farm.

"It's very funny, but although I have a paper every day, I still can't realise there's a war on. We have hundreds of aeroplanes over here, and troop trains are going backwards and forwards all night.

I'm just waiting for the air raid signal, so I thought I would start your letter. we're having air raid drill tonight and the bell is about to ring any minute. The shelters are in the cheese cellars under the dairy. I've got my mask and coat already, so I can dive out of the door. I've got about 3 minutes walk before I get there. I've had a tiring day and shall be glad to get to bed early. Today is the first bad day we've had, it's been raining all day. The siren conveniently waited until I reached the bottom of the page. Masks will be needed even if there's no gas, the smell of cheese is terrific."

The only occasional gripes in Pat's letters were about the Land Army uniforms.

"We were all dished out with marvellous top boots today. That's the first instalments of our uniforms. I was going to ask you to send some things, but I'll make do with what I've got because I shall never get them all home. We should have our dungarees and smocks any day now... We had part 2 of our uniforms today, cow gowns. They're awfully good. Going on at this rate, of 1 thing per week, my uniform will be complete about 3 weeks after my training has finished...

Well our dungarees arrived yesterday and now our working uniform is complete. We've been told we've got to give them back when we leave so we're all going to protest and hang on. There is no sign of our dress uniforms yet and everybody's mad about it. We look very smart all dressed alike. The silly moo of a warden gave me a pair of WX dungarees and wouldn't change them and said I wasn't to alter them but I bored some holes with my penknife and moved the buttons. They look quite good."

Pat's training ended after a month in Sutton Bonington. She was asked to work a temporary job at Bourne, Lincs, on the recommendation of her teachers at the college. She spent several months there, with just one weekend home on leave in October. When she arrived home at the station carrying a sack of apples, a brace of pheasants and a huge bunch of chrysanthemums, her father and brother there to meet her didn't recognise her as she had put on so much weight - about 1 stone in 3 months!

## **SPORT AT THE SUTTON BONINGTON CAMPUS (KNOWN COLLOQUIALLY AS SUTTON B OR, MORE RECENTLY, SB)**

### **All information from past published AGRIMAGs**

We were recently contacted by a colleague from University Park asking about sports on Campus, specifically when clubs were first established and if there were any major sporting successes. Sue Golds had an interesting time ferreting through AGRIMAGs in response and we thought that it would also make a neat item for AGRIMAG 2008

### **Julian**

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Although Nottingham has a history of an Agricultural Department from **1892**, the first records we have of Sport at Sutton Bonington are recorded in the first edition of Agrimag **1911** (Agrimag is the Alumnus Magazine of former students from the Sutton Bonington Campus, it has in the past been called the 'Old Kingstonian') where sports teams already seem to be well established.

#### **Cricket**

*8 matches were played, three put off on account of wet weather and one foregone on account of the death of the King.*

#### **Football**

*3 matches won, 3 drawn and six lost.*

#### **Hockey**

*7 matches played*

**1912** Cricket Football and Hockey played and reported on in Agrimag. Tennis also played but just for pleasure it seems. An extract from a piece about the importance of the Social Side of Life at SB

*Then the Sports that are gone in for at College, they bring out competitive and sporting instincts in those who take part. What splendid footballers the College often produced, and although a like praise cannot be given to*

*the votaries of hockey, they had some very fine times, and although they hardly ever won a match, they learnt how to take a beating and to keep smiling. And in the summer, cricket and tennis proved delightful recreations when work got stale.*

The tradition of an OKA Annual Sports and Reunion, which still takes place today during the third weekend in November (strictly speaking the weekend containing the third SATURDAY in November), is mentioned in Agrimag **1914**.

*Last year the Annual Sports and Reunion were held on the same day, May 31<sup>st</sup>. This interesting and enjoyable event was favoured with delightful weather and a large number of those connected with the College, gathered on the cricket pitch in the picturesque surroundings of Kingston Hall Park. Those present included a number of former students, and the students in residence under the direction of Mr Murray had arranged an excellent programme of entertainment.*

At this time sports were on the light hearted side and included: The Wheelbarrow Race, Ladies' Traveller's Race, Obstacle Race, Hurdle Race and Tugs Of War.

The Football team in **1914** were most successful, only losing 2 games out of 13.

War impacted on sport in the **1914/15** academic year.

*Football – all fixtures were cancelled almost immediately the session commenced. This favourite sport gave way to Military Drill.*

Cricket, Hockey and Tennis went ahead, sometimes with a reduced programme but on the plus side a new venture – the Rifle Club got off the ground.

**1915** Agrimag reports

*This year the notes are unavoidably brief. Cricket and Football are quickly disposed of, since owing to the War and the insistent demand for recruits, there were no men students to take part.*

Only the Hockey and Rifle Club managed to hold on. Things got even worse during the following two years but the Hockey Club managed to carry on, playing with mixed teams. The Rifle Club was kept running by lady members who became the mainstay of the club.

Agrimag **1919** reports

*It was decided to abandon "Soccer" in favour of a mixed Hockey Team. Mixed Football was out of the question, despite the unusual manly appearance of the Land Army Ladies, and perhaps of their innermost sporting desire.*

By **1920** Football, Hockey, Cricket and Tennis Clubs were all up and running again. The only one missing is the Rifle Club!

In Agrimag **1923** two permanent trophies, Championship Trophy and a Ladies Championship Cup were obtained to encourage and raise the standard of achievement aimed at in the Sports and to create and perpetuate a College Tradition. This was paid for by students past and present. Dr Goodwin provided "The Goodwin Cup" for the quarter mile and the staff provided "The Staff Cup"

for one of the long distance events. Additionally in **1923** the first College Cross Country Run took place and this ran as an annual event. The other annual event during the 1920s was the OKA Sports Day which, apart from Tug of War, had taken on a more serious note with 110yards, High Jump, Hurdles to name but a few.

By **1935** several more cups are in evidence: The Milburn Cup, Hunter Memorial Cup, Summers Cup and the Potter Cup.

In **1938/9** a Rugger team was formed, but the outbreak of war once again disrupted the Sports Clubs and the Rugger report disappeared from Agrimag. In **1941** Swanley Horticultural College is evacuated from the South East to Sutton Bonington (please see p59 describing the Land Army Girls from WW2) and Netball appears in the Sports reports due to the influx of new blood. The well-established clubs (Hockey, Tennis, Cricket and Football) continue to run as does the annual OKA Sports Day.

#### Agrimag **1943** reports

*After three years of war-time conditions at the College, it was once again possible to put a rugger team on the field, this mainly due to the increased numbers of students this year.*

Team photographs, which had not been in Agrimag since **1942**, once again appeared in **1945**. A Red Cross Football Match was staged on the College Sports field on 25<sup>th</sup> April, when teams consisting of RAF and College players past and present appeared. The star performers were Carter of Sunderland and England, Doherty of Manchester City and Ireland, and McMillan of Hearts and Scotland, together with other professional players now in the RAF. The match aroused considerable interest locally and a crowd of 1500 people saw a fine exhibition of football. £103/10/- (for younger readers, 10s = 50p!) was raised.

During the late 40s and early 50s more clubs appeared on the scene: Fencing, Table Tennis, Athletics, Badminton, Rowing, Billiards and Snooker. Hockey fielded both a men's and a women's team and the Rifle Club was reformed in **1952**.

For years OKA Reunion Sports Days had been held in the late summer and autumn but, by the early 60s, only the autumn one remained, as students started to disappear straight after exams. This too had its ups and downs, but survived and is still going strong to this day.

#### Agrimag **1970**

*Late one dark and dirty winter night in 1967 a gang of desperate men led by Messrs G...rge F.cr.ft, D.v.d Wh...tcr.ft and Mr H.gg,nson (St.w.rd) rescued the lifeless body of the autumn re-union from the Butter dustbins, where it had been dumped by some unthinking students. They applied the "kiss of life" and heart massage and breathlessly we awaited the results.*

Now read on

*The autumn sports re-union is back in business with a bang. Far from being the dodo which we wrote off as dead after 1967, it has sprung to life again in a form as vigorous as it has ever been. This year the Sports*

*Fixtures and dance were combined with the OKA Dinner and everyone enjoyed the event very much.*

During the 70s and 80s the clubs continued to thrive with the addition of many non-sporting clubs such as Agricultural Society, Drama Society and even a Streaking Society!!!

In September **1984**, thanks to a successful OKA appeal, raising £50,000 (of the £120,000 needed) towards the venture, the new sports hall was opened by John Ivens (1949-52). This was followed in the summer of **1985** with a Sports Hall Appeal Open Day and Celebration Dinner.

In **1989** a cup and rose-bowl were donated to the Hockey Club for annual presentation. The awards, known as the Presidents Cup and Bowl, were donated by R O Wood, Dr Bas Haynes, Tony Whitting and Prof Dick Whittington to mark their years of association with the club.

By the mid 1990s clubs for Archery, Caving Skiing and Fell Walking had been formed and Clay Pigeon Shooting replaced the Rifle Club.

Agrimag **2002** reports that, thanks to a substantial donation from a former student, the laying of an all weather pitch on the sports field was well under way. Floodlighting the Sports ground was also planned.

*Regrettably, it was no longer feasible to maintain a cricket pitch at SB.*

Around this time the former cricket pavilion was turned into a fitness suite, ably run by Mark Waters and Lyndon Kennedy (both of whom joined us to manage Campus sport in **1997**).

With the building of the new Vet School at SB and the dramatic increase in student numbers, **2007** saw the £2.4M sports block rapidly taking shape (see photo p ). This state-of-the-art facility opened in spring **2008** and has proved a huge success. It includes in its facilities a large sports hall, fitness suite, squash courts (one of the former squash courts now houses our new climbing wall; the other a music room), dance floor and changing rooms.

## **Successes**

Although we emphasise the 'sports for all' concept (whilst at the same time ensuring that we do not give the impression that participation in sports is compulsory – a couple of recent undergraduate applicants declined to accept our offer because of this misconception....), there have been some notable recent successes (with apologies for any omissions!):

2001 - Rugby Club won the Interhall Cup.

2002 - Netball Club were promoted to the top Division

2004 - Hockey Club won the league

- Rowing Club secured a win in the coxed fours at Nottingham City Regatta and a win in the Junior coxed fours at the BUSA regatta.

2005 - Netball Club continued to succeed in winning the Intramural League.



*Midland Agricultural College Football Team 1936-37*

- 2006 - Women's Senior Squad from the Rowing Club had two wins at the Head of the Trent, a silver at the British Indoor Rowing Championships and bronze at BUSA Head of the River.
- Netball Team won the Nottingham University Inter-Mural League.
- 2007: a number of individual sporting achievements:
- Neil Renault became BUSA Marathon Champion and was picked for Team Great Britain in Scotiabank (Canada).
  - Andreas Perrakis received a bursary from the University towards his training as an elite cyclist. He came 6<sup>th</sup> in an International cycle race and hopes to represent his country, Greece, in the 2008 Olympics.
  - Dean Amarasinghe also received a University Sports Bursary after becoming Brazilian Kiu-Jitsu Heavy Weight White Belt World Champion in Brazil.
  - Shuna Braithwaite is an International canoeist
  - Esther Skelly achieved All Irish Level in Equestrian/Dressage.
- 2008 - Teams: Both the Men's and Women's Rugby won their league, securing promotion for next year and the Men's Football won the Inter-Hall League.

### **Sue Golds**

June 2008





## **PHOTOGRAPHS**



## PHOTOGRAPHS

- 1 **New Sports Centre** – opened January 2008
- 2 a) **Refurbished Bar** (opened Sept 2008)  
b) **Refurbished Bar** (1950's) – Spot the difference!
- 3 a) **SB Student Guild 2007-2008**  
*Back L-R:* Eleanor Martin, Sean Dean, Sam Blacklock, David Wilson, Suzanne McGilloway, Emma Tildesley  
*Front L-R:* Joshua Cameron, Khary Edwards, Adam Marsh, Helen Gray, Carla Sprott, Sarah Caldwell, John Lawday, Hannah Griffiths  
b) Football Club – celebrating becoming the winners of the 2007-2008 League Cup.
- 4 a) **Agric Society**  
*L-R:* Andrew Spinks, Jessica Dawson, Tim Payne, Victoria Brooks, Anthony Stevens, Rachel Griffiths (visiting student from Bristol Vet School) and Helen Battye  
b) **Regional Badminton Finals:**  
*L-R* Elizabeth Smith - Winner of Women's Final  
Kevin Spencelayh – Winner of the Men's Final  
Kunal Sunai – Player of the Tournament Award
- 5 a) **SB Riding Club 2007-2008**  
*L-R:* Katie O'Briekathn, Cathrina Edwards, Louise Needham, Skye (the horse!), Kathryn Stewart and Katherine Round

- b) **Sutton Bonington Ladies Rugby Football Club 2007-2008**  
*Back L-R:* Emily Hatton, Sarah Brown, Jenn Clarkson, Carrie Tooley, Hannah Griffiths, Julie Ling, Ciara O'Malley, Alanagh Chipperfield, Sarah Voss.  
*Middle L-R:* Linn Langeland, Hannah Tate, Harriet Lea, Suzanne McGilloway, Maiyanne Ben-David, Dave Manders, Emily Read, Alana McGlade, Cathy Fooks, Naomi Fitzgibbons.  
*Front L-R:* Jess Lovenbury, Kirsty Ranson, Kim Pickering, Kathryn Adams, Holly Newman (Captain), Clare Baker, Helen McWilliam, Claire Wood, Jen Hall.

### **BUSA Womens Midlands Conference 2B Champions (2007-2008)** **Played:12 Won:11 Lost:1**

- 6 a) **Sutton Bonnington Rugby Football Club 2007-2008**  
*Back Row L-R:* Max Wood, Kurran Parti, Mark Hall, Tim Rogers, Sam Blacklock, David Wilson, Sam Bowden, Dave Gabbott, Tim Bacon.  
*Middle Row L-R:* Josh Cameron, Chris Gilbertson, Nick Canning, Adam Marsh, Jon Vickery, Charles Winkworth-Smith, Peter Worn, Chris Moran, Mike Williams.  
*Bottom Row L-R:* Chris Jenkins, Stuart Nicholls, Carlie Thompson, Michael Bellamy, Rob Purdew (captain), James Belgum (vice-captain), Sam Smalley, Ben Ward, Adam Green.

### **BUSA Midlands 3B Winners 2007-2008**

- b) **SB Rugby Team v SB Staff**
- 7 a) **Sutton Bonington Shooting Club 2007-2008**  
*Back L-R:* Elly Martin, Derrick Fall, George Giles, Dan King, Tim Rogers, David Wilson  
*Front L-R:* Emma Drinkall, Stuart Nicholls, Jon Vickery, Michael Bellamy, Kat Adams, Josh Cameron, Bob Clarke  
b) **Vet Soc**  
*Back L-R:* Lucy Bright, Maiyanne Ben-David, K T Fitzgerald, Toby Trimble, Sarah Voss, Naomi Fitzgibbons, Hannah Tate  
*Front L-R:* Tim Bacon, Lorna Roberts, L J Castell, Carolyn Harvey-Myers, Ali Gallie & Hannah Rowland

- 8 a) **Retirement of John Corbett**  
 b) **Retirement of John Mitchell** – receiving a gift from Prof Ian Connerton on behalf of his friends and colleagues.
- 9 a) **Retirement of John Mitchell** – talking to Prof John Blanchard (with Mrs Mitchell in the background).  
 b) **OKA Visit** to SB by Len Cooke (1949) and the children of former OKA member, Bud Payne (1949) - Brett, Hallam and Angela. Hosted by Julian Wiseman.
- 10 a) **1993 Reunion**  
*L-R:* Julie Cooke, Sion Richards, Martin Gerelli, Jackie Tolson, Neil McCollum, Andy Cowburn, Matt Kane, Jonathan Moody, Jane Thistleton, James Sweatman, Sam Jones, Debs Goodchild, Mark Dryden, Lindsey Johnson, Lisa Dunnewood, Julian Wiseman  
*Children:* Isabella Gerelli, Matthew & brother Richards, Imogen & Seb Cowburn, Sam & Katie Sweatman
- 10 b) **1961 Reunion**  
*Back L-R:* Hugh Nott, Gerry Lane, John Slater, David Sumpter, Jonathan Aspinwall, Norman Overfield, Peter Longden, Alison Seddon, Michael Kirkman, John Seddon  
*Seated:* Susan Slater, Chris Sumpter, Jenny Aspinwall, Penny Nott, Nita Lane.
- 11 a) **1966 Reunion Oct 2007**  
 a) After the Harvest Festival at St John the Baptist, Snape. *L-R:* Paul Biscoe, David Walker, Sheila Biscoe, Susan Slatter, Pat Lockett, Rev Barrie Slatter, John Burton, Alvar Lockett, Ray Rich, Eileen Dixon, Susan Hainsworth, Liz Nunn, Jenny Burton and Terry Dixon  
 b) After dinner at the Aldeburgh White Lion. *L-R seated:* Liz Nunn, Sue Hainsworth, Ray Rich, Roger Ward, Hane Lenton. *Standing L-R:* Shiela Biscoe, Barrie Slatter, Paul Biscoe, Eileen Dixon, Hugh Nunn, Terry Dixon, Jennie Ward, John Lenton, Jenny Burton, Pat Lockett, Alvar Lockett, John Burton, Susan Slatter and David Walker.
- 12 **Pictures of the Land Army Girls from our Archives**
- 13 a) **Bench in memory of David Allen (1959)**  
*L-R Back row:* (Sir) Brian Heap, John Davidson, Paul Freeman, Jean Broome (Harris), Arthur Broome.  
*Seated L-R:* Catherine Davison, Mary Freeman, Helen Allen, Ruth Cort (David's youngest daughter).  
 b) **Rory Watson and friends**
- 14 **Professor John Hudson**
- 15 **Vet School**  
 a) Professor Malcolm Cobb receives the Sports Cup from Prof Gary England on behalf of the Staff.  
 b) Animal Examination
- 16 **Vet School**  
 a) AVS Congress Ball  
 b) Purchasing Chickens for the SB Small Holding















































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	BARFOOT	Hannah		BASTONE	Chloe
	BARRY	Dean		BELLAMY	Michael
	BECK	Elizabeth		BEN-DAVID	Maiyanne
	BESTWICK	Jason		BENNISON	Victoria
	BOLTON	Rhiannon		BJERKREIM	Henriette
	BOTTEN	Anne		BOULD	James
	BOWES	Alexandra		BRIDGES	Emily
	BRAND	Kara		BUCKBERRY	Laura
	BRAY	Catherine		BUSH	Beverley
	BRIGGS	Anna		CARR	Jennifer
	BRIGHT	Lucy		CARTELET	Clio
	BRIGHTMORE	Hannah		CHESWORTH	Matthew
	BROOM	Holly		CLAYTON	Samantha
	CARMAN	Gemma		COLEMAN	Rebecca
	CHAN	Denise		COOPER	Jonathan
	CLANCY	Sinead		COPLEY	Daisy
	CLARKE	Emily		COSTARAS	Katherine
	CLARKSON	Jennifer		CROSSLAND	Ruth
	COLLETT	Helen		EASTICK	Faye
	CROSBY	Jessica		EMLEY	Anthony
	CROUCHER	Rachel		FORDHAM	Tessa
	DALE	Jessica		GALE	Charlotte
	DAVIES	Elizabeth		GALLAGHER	Ciara
	DAVIES	Thomas		GALLIE	Alasdair
	DRINKALL	Emma		GLYNN	Caitriona
	EDWARDS	Amy		GOULD	Lindsey
	EMERY	Claire		GRANT	Emer
	EMMERSON	Katie		GRATWICK	Lucy
	EVANS	Hannah		GRIFFITHS	Hannah
	FALL	Derrick		HALL	Jennifer
	FEATHER	Lucy		HAMMOND	Janine
	FIDDY	Sarah		HARTLEY	Rebecca
	FITZGERALD	Katherine		HARVEY-	
	FITZGIBBONS	Naomi		MYERS	Carolyn
	FOSTER	Thomas		HATTON	Emily
	FOX-PITT	Alicia		HEELEY	Adam
	FREEMAN	Emily		HENKEN	Julia
	GILES	George		HENSTOCK	Joanne
	GREEN	Charlotte		HEREWARD	Joy
	GRIFFITHS	Carly		HUME	Kathy
	HARRISON	Melanie		INMAN	Wendy
	HEYGATE	Rachel		IVESON	Thomas
	HINSLEY	Joanne		JAMIESON	Camilla
	HITT	Lynsey		JEFFRIES	Olivia
	HODGSON	Joe		LAWLESS	Verity
	HOLMES	Sarah		LAWSON	Jake
	HOPKINS	Eleanor		LEWIS	Ceri
				LING	Julie

	KING	Daniel		LLOYD	Elizabeth
	KOOBALL	Seema		LORD	Samuel
	KURSEY	Leighanne		MADDEN	Megan
	LARGE	Johanna		MAGUIRE	Jessica
	LOWES	Jane		MASSEY	Stephanie
				MC	
<b>2006/7</b>	MACDOUGALL	Alexandra	<b>2007/8</b>	GILLOWAY	Suzanne
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	MAHENDRAN	Sophie		MEAGOR	Jaimie
	MARCHANT	Christian		MITCHELL	Gemma
	MCLAURIN	John		MULLIGAN	Helena
	MCNICHOLAS	Hana		NASH	Andrew
	MITCHELL	Emma		NEAL	Alice
	MOLD	Joanne		NEVE	Frances
	MORGAN	Rachel		PENROSE	Lucy
	MOSELEY	Raquel		PHILLIPS	Joanne
	NAPPER	Samuel		PHYSICK	Danielle
	NEEDHAM	Louise		PLUMTREE	Matthew
	PATEL	Jaanvi		PRICHARD	Sophie
	PEALING	Bethany		RAGSDELL	Naomi
	POWELL	Clare		RANSON	Kirsty
	PREEDY	Rachel		READ	Emily
	PUTNAM	Jessica		ROBERTS	Lorna
	READ	Fay		ROSS	Kathryn
	RICHARDSON	Louise		ROWLAND	Hannah
	ROUND	Katherine		SHEARCROFT	Harriet
	SANDS	Katherine		SMALLCOMBE	Victoria
	SKELLY	Esther		SMALLEY	Samuel
	STEWART	Kathryn		SMITH	Carly
	TAMBLYN	Claire		SMITH	Stephanie
	TATE	Hannah		SPENCELAYH	Kevin
	THOMAS	Rachel		STEPHENSON	Helen
	THORN	Tamsin		STOREY	Darren
	TILDESLEY	Emma		THOMPSON	Charles
	TIMMIS	Victoria		TRIMBLE	Toby
	TROTMAN	Laura		TUCKER	Chloe
	TURNBULL	Emma		WALLACE	Rachael
	USHERWOOD	Natasha		WATERS	Jennifer
	VINTEN	Claire		WATTS	Katie
	VOSS	Sarah		WELSH	Catherine
	WARNER	Camilla		WESTWOOD	Mark
	WARREN	Christopher		WILKINSON	Philip
	WELBURN	Jessica		WILLIAMS	Shereene
	WENSLEY	Joanne		WINESTONE	Joanna
	WEST	Hannah			
	WILSON	Beverley			
	WILSON	Hannah			
	WOOD	Maximilian			
	WOODHALL	Louise			
	WOODWARD	Camilla			
	WRIGHT	Emma			
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	BURTON	Christopher			
	BUTLER	Tracy			

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	GIRLING	Jessica
	GITTINS	Henrietta
	GREENWOOD	Charlene
	HIGHFIELD	Victoria
	HUNT	Christina
	JAYE	Isabel
	KING	Moir
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	PALFREMAN	Suzy
	PLAU	Natalie
	SIDDORN	Nicholas
	SOMMERVILLE	William
	WING	Helen
	WOOD	Claire
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LAIRD	Mhairi
SHINWELL	Jonathan
POTTERTON	Sarah
HUGHES	Jaime
TARABEES	Reda
ALTAEB	Abdul Nasser
GRAY	Clint
MCKENZIE	Graeme
MOSSOP	Liz
SETTA	Ahmed
EVERITT	Sally
MUTAMBA	Shilla
VLOUMIDI	Eleni
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ANDROUTSOU Stellina  
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ARCHER Nathan  
ARMSTRONG Lucy Gemma  
ASHLEY Alexandra Victoria  
AUSTIN David  
BAINS Kuljeet  
BALKHAM Jack Bernard  
BARKER Elizabeth Catherine Alice  
BARNETT Emily Claire  
BARRINGTON Sarah Louise  
BASTOS Jessie Rowena  
BAXTER Ashley Charles Ellis  
BEAL Emma Lauren  
BEAUMONT Anna Georgina  
BEGUM Nilma  
BEKNIYAZOV Ildar  
BELL Eleanor Victoria  
BELL Stephnie Fiona Elizabeth  
BELL Julia Caroline  
BERRYMAN Matthew  
BIRKETT Amy  
BLAXLAND Laura Marie  
BOLD Rachael Margaret  
BORDOLI Claire  
BRADLEY Alexander  
BRAIDWOOD Alexander  
BROWN Sarah  
BROWN Kelly Ann  
BURLESON Joe  
BURMAN Harry  
CALLANDER Naomi Louise  
CHAN Jeffrey Che Yin  
CHAN Wai Yen Vivian  
CHAU Lam Si Selena  
CHEESMAN Glenn Philip  
CHIU Sin Ting  
CHOI Edith Sin Ting  
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COOMBES Annika  
COOMBS Benjamin John Francis

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CRIBB Emma  
CROFTS Andrew  
DAVIES Elizabeth  
DEIGHTON Lydia  
DERBYSHIRE Harriette  
DEVEREUX Rachel  
DILKS Jade  
DISNEY Jessica Frances  
DOWSON Sophie Elizabeth  
DUNCAN Clare Anne  
EAGLE Heather  
EARLE Helen Maria  
EL-REDY Lucy  
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 LIDDLE Yvette Maria  
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 SUNDIN William Hans  
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Mr	Patrick Nduki	Mathendu	FPM	KENYA
Miss	Sofia	Mavromati	FPM	NOTS CITY
Miss	Sonal	Modi	FPM	HOUNSLOW
Mr	Gangsheng	Pan	FPM	CHINA
Mr	Ronak	Patel	FPM	INDIA
Miss	Palita	Rerkjirattikal	FPM	THAILAND
Ms	Shruthi	Shankar	FPM	INDIA
Miss	Rajini	Tadakamalla	FPM	INDIA
	Kalyani			
Miss	Shrikrishna	Tengshe	FPM	INDIA
Mr	Kwaku Ako	Tete	FPM	GHANA
Miss	Ying	Wang	FPM	CHINA
	Ting Chih			
Miss	Stephanie	Wong	FPM	HERTS
Ms	Ka Wai	Yeung	FPM	BELFAST
Mr	Muhamad Fairus	Bin Noor Hassim	IB	MALAYSIA
Miss	Yingwen	Chen	IB	CHINA
Mr	Shao Chih	Kuo	IB	NOTS CITY
Miss	Si Yu	Long	IB	CHINA
Mr	Nathan	Mellor	IB	NOTTS
Miss	Olubunmi Joyce	Ajiboye	PGM	NIGERIA
Ms	Ester	Cancho Sánchez	PGM	SPAIN

Mr	Daniel Kwadjo	Dzidzienyo	PGM	GHANA
Miss	Rui	Han	PGM	CHINA
Miss	Chia Nee	Lim	PGM	MALAYSIA
Mr	Rajkamal Singh	Mann	PGM	INDIA
Mr	Lloyd	Mbulwe	PGM	ZAMBIA
		Núñez de Caceres		
Mr	Francisco Federico	Gonzalez	PGM	MEXICO

# **KEY**

Applied Biomolecular Technology - ABT  
Crop Biotechnology and Entrepreneurship - CBE  
Crop Improvement - Crop Imp  
Environmental Science - ES  
Food Production Management n - FPM  
Integrative Biology - IB  
Plant Genetic Manipulation - PGM

## RESEARCH POSTGRADUATES BIOSCIENCES

NAME	PREVIOUS UNIVERSITY	DIVISION
Abdelhameed, Ali	Minia University, Egypt	Food Sc
Abdul Abd Aziz, Aziah	University of Pertanian, Malaysia	Nutritional Sc
Abdul Rahman, Rokhyiah	University Putra, Malaysia	Food Sc
Abilgos-Ramos, Riza	University of the Philippines	Plant Sc
Abson, Rachael Elizabeth	University of Lincoln	Food Sc
Aguirre Alvarez, Gabriel	Universidad autonoma Del Estado Di Hidalgo, Mexico	Food Sc
Ahmad, Sausan	Tishreen University, Syria	Animal Phys
Aisawi, Khaled	Al-Fateh University, Libya	AES
Akyol, Asli	Hacettepe University, Turkey	Nutritional Sc
Al-Abry, Ghaitha	Sultan Qaboos University, Oman	Animal Phys
Alamer, Khalid Hasan	King Abdul Aziz University, Saudi Arabia	Plant Sc
Alghamdi, Etab Saleh	Indiana State University, USA	Nutritional Sc
Al Hilal, Maryam	University of Glasgow, Scotland	Nutritional Sc
Al-Kandari, Sharifa	McGill University, Canada	Food Sc
Al Mahaini, Talal	Heriot Watt University, Scotland	AES
Almond, Kayleigh	Imperial College, London	Nutritional Sc
Alshareef, Ibraheem	Sebha University, Libya	AES
Al-Traboulsi, Manal	McGill University, Canada	AES
Al-Zenbarakji, Nada	Damascus University, Syria	AES
Ang, Shirley	University of Nottingham	Food Sc
Anukul, Nampeung	Chiang Mai University, Thailand	Plant Sc
Asad, Saeed Ahmad	Quaid Azam University, Pakistan	AES
Ashraf, Nadim	University of Nottingham	Food Sc
Atkinson, Brian Stuart	University of Leicester	AES
Austin, Ruth	University of Sheffield	Nutritional Sc
Bamford, Andrew James	University of Sheffield	AES
Barker, Richard	University of Nottingham	Plant Sc
Batstone, Thomas Eric	University of Bath	Food Sc
Bhattacharya, Anjanabha	Gujarat Agricultural University, India	Plant Sc
Boonyaputthipong, Wachirapan	Kasetsart University	Food Sc
Botsaris, George	Manchester Metropolitan University	Food Sc
Brookes, Oliver	University of Wales	Animal Phys
Button, James	University of Nottingham	Plant Sc
Cabannes, Emmanuelle	University Montpellier II, France	Plant Sc
Carvalho Da Silva, Ana Margarida	University of Nottingham	Food Sc
Cesar De Carvalho, Pedro Miguel	Universidade De Evora, Portugal	AES
Chaosap, Chanporn	Kasetsart University, Thailand	AES
Chatwell, Nicola	University of Leicester	Food Sc
Chen, Wen Chao	East China Normal University, China	Animal Phys
Cherry, Katherine Anne	University of Nottingham	AES
Chew, Bee Lynn	University of Kebangsaan, Malaysia	Plant Sc
Chiralertpong, Ariya	Cornell University, USA	Food Sc
Chong, Khim Phin	Imperial College, Kent	Plant Sc
Clark, Rebecca Amy	Manchester Metropolitan University	Food Sc
Clonan, Angie	Nottingham Trent University	AES
Condliffe, Paul Charles	Nottingham Trent University	Plant Sc
Contreras Caro Del Castillo, David Alejandro	Universidad Nacional Autonoma De Mexico	AES
Cornock, Ruth Hazel Marie	University of Nottingham	Nutritional Sc
Cotte, Virginie Madeleine Elisabeth	Kingston University	Food Sc
Cowley, Trevor	University of Nottingham	Food Sc

Craggs, Lucinda Julianne Lynnette	University of Nottingham	Nutritional Sc
Czyzyk, Rafal	Nicolaus Copernicus University, Poland	Plant Sc
Davies, Helen	University of Nottingham	Food Sc
Deery, Sarah Jane	University of Nottingham	Plant Sc
Desse, Melinda	University of Le Havre, France	Food Sc
Devisetty, Upendra Kumar	University of Agriculture and Technology, India	AES
Do, Tram-Anh Line	Ecole Nationale Superieure Des Industries Agricoles, France	Food Sc
Docherty, Adam	University of Nottingham	AES
Dong, Yuanyuan	Huazhong University, China	Food Sc
Donnelly, Sophie Jane	University of Nottingham	Plant Sc
Edwards-Stuart, Rachel	University of Cambridge	Food Sc
Egbowon, Biola Funmilola	University of Agriculture, Nigeria	AES
El Emam, Mohamed	Glasgow Caledonian University, Scotland	Food Sc
Ellis, Ruth Elizabeth	University of Nottingham	Food Sc
Elraghig, Mahmud	Al Fateh University, Libya	AES
Engeham, Sarah Frances	University of Nottingham	Nutritional Sc
Ferguson, Alison	University of Nottingham	Plant Sc
Fernandez, Jose	University of Granada, Granada	Plant Sc
Forster, Ian Derrick	Nottingham Trent University	Food Sc
Franklin, Phoebe Ruth	University of Birmingham	AES
Gady, Anne Laure	Institute Des Sciences Et Industries, France	Food Sc
George, Sarah	?	Nutritional Sc
Gibson, Spencer James	De Montfort University	Nutritional Sc
Giles, Thomas Charles	Nottingham Trent University	IB
Gkatzionis, Konstantinos	Hellenic Republic Technological Educational Institution, Greece	Food Sc
Gollapudi, Sirisha	University of Nottingham	IB
Gonzalez-Jorge, Sabrina	University of Nottingham	Plant Sc
Gould, Oliver James Peter	Loughborough University	AES
Gregson, Emma	University of Leeds	AES
Hallam, Henry Edward David	University of Nottingham	Plant Sc
Halliday, Vanessa	Leeds Metropolitan University	Nutritional Sc
Hamid, Nor Afandy	National University of Malaysia	AES
Hamzah, Yusnita	Universiti Kebangsaan, Malaysia	Food Sc
Harrison, Matthew	Northumbria University	Nutritional Sc
Hassan, Mahmood Ul	University of Agriculture, Pakistan	AES
Hassan Shetaya, Waleed Hares	Ain Sahms University, Egypt	AES
Hayes, Steven Paul	University of Plymouth	AES
Hemmings, Krystal Marie	University of Nottingham	Nutritional Sc
Hernandez Medrano, Juan	Universidad Nacional Autonoma De Mexico, Mexico	AES
Hesse, Leohardt Andreas	Florida State University, USA	IB
Hindle, Matthew Morritt	Cranfield University	IB
Hodgetts, Jennifer	Staffordshire University	Plant Sc
Hood, John	University of Northumbria	Plant Sc
Howden, Richard	Nottingham Trent University	Food Sc
Hughes, Christopher John	University of Nottingham	Food Sc
Itthisoponkul, Teerarat	Burapha University, Thailand	Food Sc
Itumoh, Martin Oledibenma	University of Nottingham	AES
Jasionwicz, Piotr	Nicolaus Copernicus University, Poland	Plant Sc
Jenkins, David Martyn	Cardiff University	Food Sc
John, Amy	Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, India	Food Sc
Jones, Peter Dafydd	University of Plymouth	AES
Joseph, Chitra	Kerala University, India	Animal Phys
Kahaka, Gladys Karirirue	University of Namibia, Namibia	Plant Sc

Kalamaras, Konstantionos	Agricultural University of Greece, Athens	AES
Karunaratne, Patabandi Maddumage Asha Sajeewani	University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka	AES
Katafigiotis, Sokratis	University of Nottingham	Food Sc
Koliandris, Andreas	Aristotle University of Thessalonica, Greece	Food Sc
Kourmpetli, Sofia	Aristotle University of Thessalonica, Greece	Plant Sc
Laboh, Rozeita	University of Putra, Malaysia	Plant Sc
Landais, Edwige	University De Montpellier, France	Nutritional Sc
Larrieu, Antoine Paul	University Pierre, France	Plant Sc
Lazar, Sebastian	University of Nottingham	Animal Phys
Lewis, Melissa	University of Bristol	Plant Sc
Li, Ning	Dalian University of National Minorities, China	Food Sc
Li, Tong En	Huazhong University, China	Food Sc
Lu, Yan	Guangxi University, China	Food Sc
Luo, Ping	China University of Mining and Technology, China	AES
Lynch, Kate Angela	University College Cork, Ireland	IB
Lyons, Rebecca	University of Melbourne, Australia	Plant Sc
Lysenko, Artem	University of York	IB
Major, Catherine Ann	University of Nottingham	Nutritional Sc
Mak, Sze Pui Cheryl	University of California, USA	Food Sc
Makkhun, Sakunkhun	Kasetsart University, Thailand	Food Sc
Malumpong, Chanate	Chiangmai University, Thailand	AES
Mamat, Hasmadi	University of Kebangsaan, Malaysia	Food Sc
Marshall, Alexandra	University of West of England	IB
Marson, Hayley Johanne	Manchester Metropolitan University	Nutritional Sc
Martin, Sarah Louise	University of East Anglia	AES
Marzani, Qasim	University of Salahaddin, Iraq	Plant Sc
Marzouk, Ezzat	Suez Canal University, Egypt	AES
Masanta, Wycliffe	London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, London	IB
Masey O'Neill, Helen Victoria	University of Nottingham	AES
Mason, Christopher James	University of Glasgow, Scotland	Food Sc
Mat, Siti Rubaini	National University of Malaysia, Malaysia	Food Sc
Mazzoldi, Alberto	Universita Degli Studi Roma Tre, Roma	AES
McKay, Louise	University of Wales	Food Sc
Mehra, Surbhi	University of Nottingham	Plant Sc
Mekky, Hattem Mohamed	University of Alexandria, Egypt	Plant Sc
Meriaux, Thomas	Nottingham Trent University	IB
Miller, Katherine	University of Sheffield	Food Sc
Mills, Victoria	University of Birmingham	Plant Sc
Mirotti, Luciana	University of Sao Paulo, Brazil	Nutritional Sc
Moawad, Adel Reda	Cairo University, Egypt	AES
Mohd Abd Majid, Hayati	National University, Malaysia	Nutritional Sc
Mohd Zainol, Mohamad Khairi	University Putra, Malaysia	Food Sc
Mohd Zin, Zamzahaila	University Putra, Malaysia	Nutritional Sc
Molosiwa, Odireleng	University of Botswana	AES
Moore, Emma	University of Nottingham	Food Sc
Moreau, Ludie Marie Claude	Universite De Dijon, France	Food Sc
Mozolowski, Guy Andrew	Imperial College, London	Food Sc
Munoz-Concha, Diego Alonso	Universidad De Talca, Chile	Plant Sc
Murage, Hunja	University of Nairobi	Plant Sc
Murphy, Michelle	University of Aberdeen, Scotland	Nutritional Sc

Nabulo, Grace	Makerere University, Uganda	Plant Sc
Naiken, Karmeswaree	University of Nottingham	Plant Sc
Nantiyakul, Nantaprapa	Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand	Food Sc
Naomab, Erol	University of Namibia	Plant Sc
Narang, Bhuvandeep	University of Rajasthan, India	IB
Narraidoo, Nathalie Uma	University of Nottingham	Plant Sc
Nazif, Wajahat	NWFP Agricultural University, Pakistan	AES
Nicholson, Sonja Kim	Manchester Metropolitan University	Nutritional Sc
Noah, Stanley Godfrey	Sokoine University of Agriculture, Tanzania	AES
Nova Chavez, Rodrigo Javier	Universidad De Concepcion, Chile	Food Sc
Nwaiwu, Ogueri	University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria	Food Sc
Oladoye, Clement Olajide	Federal University of Technology, Nigeria	Food Sc
Olaoye, Olusegun Ayodele	University of Ibadan, Nigeria	Food Sc
O'Lochlainn, Seosamh	University of Nottingham	Plant Sc
Onasanya, Babafemi Adetayo	University of Ibadan, Nigeria	Nutritional Sc
Osundeko, Olumayowa	University of Nottingham	AES
Paes, Sabrina Silva	Universidade Federal De Santa Catarina, Brazil	Food Sc
Parker, Helen Louise	Lancaster University	Plant Sc
Pask, Alistair James Douglas	Oxford University	AES
Patel, Deval	Sardar Patel University, India	Plant Sc
Patel, Dhaval	Sardar Patel University, India	Plant Sc
Payne, Gareth	University of Nottingham	Food Sc
Perehinec, Tania	University of Nottingham	Food Sc
Perry, Paula Jay	University of Nottingham	Plant Sc
Pijacka, Wioletta	University of Poznan, Poland	Animal Phys
Pornpukdeewattana, Soisuda	Kasetsart University, Thailand	Food Sc
Portman, Katherine	University of Birmingham	Food Sc
Ramli, Zubaidah	University of Malaya, Malaysia	Plant Sc
Renault, Neil	University of Kent	Nutritional Sc
Revell, Joseph	University of Nottingham	Food Sc
Richards, Philip	University of Aberdeen	Food Sc
Roderick, Hugh	University of Leeds	Plant Sc
Russell, Daniel John	University of Nottingham	Food Sc
Saffache, Fabiola	University of Rennes, France	Plant Sc
Sedighi, Leila	Shahid Beheshti University, Iran	Plant Sc
Sipen, Philip	Universiti Putra, Malaysia	Plant Sc
Siringan, Patcharin	Suranaree University, Thailand	Food Sc
Smillie, Ian	University of Nottingham	AES
Song, Jie	Shanghai Jiaotong University, China	Plant Sc
Stenhouse, Laura	University of Edinburgh	Nutritional Sc
Stonard, Jenna Frances	University of Nottingham	Plant Sc
Subramanian, Nithya	Bharathiar University, India	Plant Sc
Supapvanich, Suriyan	Kasetsart University, Thailand	Nutritional Sc
Taah, Kingsley Joseph	University of Science & Technology Kumasi, Ghana	AES
Tague, Sheila Matilda Ayorkor	University of Ghana	Plant Sc
Tasker, Adam	University of Nottingham	Nutritional Sc
Thansa, Kwanta	Mahidol University, Thailand	Animal Phys
Tonge, Daniel Paul	Liverpool John Moores University	Nutritional Sc
Tuffen, Melanie Geraldine	University of Nottingham	Plant Sc
Tyler, Adam	University of Nottingham	Plant Sc
Vanichpun, Apinya	University of Putra, Malaysia	Food Sc
Vargas Bello Perez, Einar	McGill University, Canada	AES
Wang, Hanyuan	Fudan University, China	Plant Sc



Wang, Qingqi	University of Science, China	Food Sc
Wan Yahaya, Asrina	University of Putra, Malaysia	AES
Ware, Samantha	Oxford Brookes University	Nutritional Sc
Wei, Shao-Hung	National Taiwan University	Food Sc
Wen, Bo	Shanxi Agricultural University, China	Nutritional Sc
Whelan, Victoria	University of Nottingham	Food Sc
White, Charlotte	University of Manchester	Plant Sc
White, Nicola	University of Leicester	AES
Whitehead, Kirsten	University of Nottingham	Nutritional Sc
Wiesel, Lea	University of Tuebingen, Germany	Plant Sc
Williams, Laura Michelle	Liverpool John Moores University	Nutritional Sc
Wonnacott, Karen Elizabeth	University of Nottingham	AES
Wright, Emma Louise	University of Nottingham	AES
Wu, Siyu	Dalian Fisheries University, China	Food Science
Xavier, Daryl	University of Nottingham	Food Sc
Yahya, Hafiza	University Putra, Malaysia	Food Sc
Yankey, Egya Ndede	Kwame Nkrumah University, Ghana	Plant Sc
Yates, Tully	University of Leicester	IB
Yu, Miao	Northeast Agricultural University, China	Plant Sc
Zadik, Daniel	University of Bath	IB
Zawawi, Norhasnida	University Putra, Malaysia	Nutritional Sc
Zhang, Chi	Northeast Normal University, China	Food Sc
Zhang, Li	Shanxi Agricultural University, China	Plant Sc
Zhang, Xuebin	Shanxi Agricultural University, China	Plant Sc

**SCHOOL OF BIOSCIENCES  
AWARD OF PRIZES - 2007/2008 SESSION**

**ALPRO PRIZE**

Awarded annually to the final BSc Nutrition or Master of Nutrition student from the School of Biosciences achieving the highest overall percentage mark in the project. The value of the prize is £50.

**Louise Jane Lloyd/David Johns (Joint)**

**ASHGATE PRIZE**

The Ashgate Prize is awarded annually to the candidate who, by recommendation of the Head of Division of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and on the results of the final examinations or honours project, is adjudged to be the best student in Horticulture. The value of the prize is £50.

**Timothy Michael Payne**

**BELPER PRIZE**

The Belper Prize is awarded annually to the candidate who, on the results of the examinations, is adjudged to be the best student in the final year of the course leading to a degree in the School of Biosciences. The successful student is awarded books to the value of £50.

**Clare Elizabeth Tilley**

**BOOTS DRUMMOND MEMORIAL PRIZE IN PLANT SCIENCE**

The Boots Drummond Memorial Prize in Plant Science is awarded annually to the student whose work during the final year of the course leading to the Honours degree in Plant Science has been distinguished. The value of the Prize is £50.

**Oliver James Kent**

**BRAKES FOOD COMPOSITION PRIZE**

The Brakes Food Composition Prize is awarded to the undergraduate in the 3rd year of the Master of Nutrition Course who obtains the highest mark in the food composition class test in the Dietetic Practice module. The value of the Prize is £50. The prizewinner will also have the opportunity to visit Brakes and spend time with the Company Dietitian.

**Victoria Abigail Rodgers/Lyndsay Rawbone (Joint)**

**BRAKES FOOD AND CATERING PRIZE**

The Brakes Food and Catering Prize is awarded to the undergraduate in the First Year of the Master of Nutrition Prize who obtains the higher overall module mark. The value of the Prize is £150. The prizewinner will also have the opportunity to visit Brakes and spend time with the Company Dietitian.

**Julia Caroline Bell  
Shelley Anne Humphrey**

## CAMPBELL SCIENTIFIC PRIZE

The Campbell Scientific Prize is awarded annually on the recommendation of the Board of the School of Biosciences to the student registered for BSc Environmental Biology or Environmental Science degree who submits the best dissertation containing elements of environmental instrumentation, measurement or mathematical modelling. The value of the prize is £100.

### **Lingchen Mao**

## DULLFORCE PRIZE

The Dullforce Prize is awarded annually to the student achieving the highest marks in a final year honours project in the area of Crop Science. The value of the prize is £50.

### **Timothy Michael Payne**

## THE EDWARD COCKING PRIZE

The prize is awarded annually for the best Plant Sciences PhD thesis.

### **Silin Zhong**

## FARM MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION PRIZE

The prize is awarded annually to the candidate who, by recommendation of the Head of Division of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and on the results of the final examination or honours project, is adjudged to be the best student in Management. The prize is an inscribed cup, retained permanently by the recipient.

### **Andrew James Spinks**

## HAROLD GORE-BROWN MEMORIAL PRIZE

The prize is awarded annually to the most meritorious student of the year at the School of Biosciences. The value of the prize is £50 and is expended on the purchase of books or in some other manner approved by the Head of the School. For the purpose of this award, account is taken of activities in connection with the life at the School in general in addition to academic attainments.

### **Hannah Ruth Duggan Carla Sprott**

## INSTITUTE OF BIOLOGY TOP BIOSCIENCE STUDENT AWARD

Awarded annually to the final year BSc (Honours) student from the School of Biosciences achieving the highest overall percentage mark in a degree that comprises at least 50% Biology in Part I and Part II. The prize consists of one year's free graduate membership of the Institute of Biology and a Certificate of Achievement issued by the Institute.

### **Clare Elizabeth Tilley**

## INSTITUTE OF FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PRIZE FOR PROFESSIONAL COMMITMENT

On the basis of professional commitment, a Part II student will be nominated annually by the Head of Division of Food Sciences to be awarded the prize by the

Institute of Food Science and Technology. The value of the prize is £200, and one year's free membership of the Institute of Food Science and Technology.

**Laura Jane Deakin**

## INSTITUTE OF HORTICULTURE

The Institute of Horticulture Prize is awarded annually to the student achieving the highest marks in a final year honours project in the area of Horticulture. The prize consists of a certificate and free membership of the Institute for 18 months.

**Timothy Michael Payne**

## J D IVINS MEMORIAL TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP

Awards to be made annually to assist registered students of the School of Biosciences and the School of Veterinary Medicine and Science to travel abroad to further both their general education and specialist area of training. The value of the awards in any one year is determined in relation to i) the estimated expenses of the successful candidate(s), ii) the extent to which applicants have sought financial support from other sources, and iii) the finances available from the Scholarship Fund.

**Hannah Ruth Duggan**  
**Danielle Claire Mayhew**

## THE KERRY PRIZE FOR PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

Awarded annually for the best project undertaken by MSc and final year Food Science undergraduates on the Sutton Bonington Campus taking the Food Factory Operations module. The prize consists of the Kerry Cup and £150 for the best group and £50 for the runner-up group.

Undergraduate:

**Anne Marie Anseaume**  
**Paloma Deborah Bataller-Spatt**  
**Solomon Stavros Melides**  
**Rachel Willcocks**  
**Peter James Worn**

MSc:

**Betty Chan**  
**Thanaporn Khanjanavisittaphol**  
**Lai Yee Lee**

## LAMMING PRIZE

The prize shall be awarded annually on the recommendation of the Professor of Animal Physiology to the undergraduate student who has submitted the best

dissertation on a research project in Animal Physiology. The value of the prize is £100.

**Lisa Anne Choma**

**NORMA M LAUDER PRIZE**

Awarded annually to the final year Master of Nutrition student from the School of Biosciences achieving the highest mark in the module Advanced Dietetic Practice 2. The value of the prize is £100.

**Clare Elizabeth Tilley**

**LONGWILL PRIZE**

The Longwill Prize is awarded annually to the candidate who, on the results of the final examinations, is adjudged to be the best student in Agriculture. The value of the prize is £150. The Board has resolved that this prize should be awarded to the student gaining the highest marks in the subject combination containing a majority of modules in the areas of: Animal Production/Crop Science/Management.

**Timothy Michael Payne**

**JOHN MADOCKS PRIZE**

The prize of £100 is awarded annually on the recommendation of the Head of Division to a final year student on any one of the courses in the Division of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences who is adjudged to have contributed most to the work, well being and standing of the Division.

**Philip Brian Manley**

**THE NATWEST PRIZE**

The Natwest Prize is awarded annually on the recommendation of the Module Convenor and staff from Natwest Bank to the team of students achieving the highest marks in the case study component of the module Rural Business Management. The prize consists of an engraved trophy.

**Helen Battye**

**Victoria Caroline Brooks**

**Timothy Michael Payne**

**Robert Comrie**

**NORTHERN FOODS FOOD SAFETY PRIZE**

Awarded to the student producing the best poster in the first year Food Safety module. The value of the prize is £50.

**Steffi Lundy**

## THE NUTRICIA TOP MASTER OF NUTRITION STUDENT AWARD

Awarded annually to the final year Master of Nutrition student from the School of Biosciences achieving the highest overall percentage mark. The value of the prize is £200.

**Clare Elizabeth Tilley**

## THE PERKINS/FOWLER/WAITES PRIZE

The Perkins/Fowler/Waites Prize is awarded to the undergraduate student who obtains the highest mark in a research project in Microbiology or Food Microbiology. The value of the prize is £100.

**Laura Jane Deakin  
Wai Yin Annie Cheung**

## THE PHYSIOLOGICAL SOCIETY PRIZE

Awarded to the final year undergraduate student achieving the highest cumulative score after addition of their marks in all animal physiology-based modules (but excluding the final year project). The value of the prize is £100.

Louisa Joanna Gates

## GARY PORTER MEMORIAL PRIZE

The prize is awarded annually to the student making the best contribution to student productions at the Sutton Bonington Campus (variety show or similar). The value of the prize is £50.

**Eleanor Sowerby**

## RASE AGRICULTURE STUDENT AWARD

The Royal Agricultural Society of England prize is awarded to the candidate who, on the results of the final examinations, is adjudged to be the best student of Agriculture. The Board has resolved that this prize should be awarded to the student gaining the highest marks in the subject combination containing a majority of modules in the areas of: Animal Production/Crop Science/Management. The prize is free membership of the Society for five years.

**Timothy Michael Payne**

## KEITH SCOTT MEMORIAL PRIZE

Awarded annually on the recommendation of the Board of the School of Biosciences to the student who is adjudged to have made the greatest sporting contribution to the School. The value of the prize is £200.

**Holly Jennifer Catherine Newman  
Rob Purdew**

## SHIELDS PRIZE

The Shields Prize is awarded annually to the candidate who is adjudged to be the best student in the final year of the course leading to a degree in Food Science. The successful candidate is awarded books to the value of £50.

### **Lingyan Weng**

## SOCIETY FOR GENERAL MICROBIOLOGY PRIZE

Awarded to the best second year student in a Microbiological subject or one containing a high proportion of Microbiology. The value of the prize is £100 and one year's undergraduate membership of the Society.

### **Khary Joel Dominic Edwards**

## SYNGENTA PLANT SCIENCE PRIZES

Two prizes are awarded to:

i) the Part II student with the highest aggregate mark in the Plant Sciences. The recipient must have taken a minimum of 50% of their BSc Part II credits in Plant Science modules. The value of the prize shall be £100.

### **Adam Littlehales**

ii) the student with the highest aggregate Part I mark in the Plant Science area. The value of the prize is £50.

### **Benjamin Taylor**

## THE COLIN TILSTON PRIZE

The prize was established in 1998 in memory of Colin Tilston, Lecturer in Management, and is awarded to the student(s) achieving the highest marks in a marketing case study in the area of agricultural management in the School. The prize is an engraved trophy, retained permanently by the recipient.

### **Andrew James Spinks**

## UNILEVER PLANT BIOTECHNOLOGY PRIZE

The prize shall be awarded to the student with the highest overall dissertation mark for a molecular biology based project in the Plant Sciences area. The value of the prize is £150.

### **Matthew Jonathan Mallia**

## UNILEVER PLANT SCIENCE PRIZE

The prize shall be awarded to the student with the highest overall dissertation mark for a non-molecular biology project in the Plant Sciences area. The value of the prize is £150.

### **Elizabeth Sarah Pilliere**



## **T K WARLEY PRIZE**

The prize is awarded annually for the best essay written by either an undergraduate or a graduate within 12 months of graduation from the University or a postgraduate currently registered for a Higher Degree at the University on one of the following subjects: Rural Business Management, Agricultural Marketing, Agricultural Policy in Western Europe or International Trade in Agricultural Products. The value of the prize is £200.

### **Rachel Helen Griffiths**

## **KENNETH WHYNES MEMORIAL PRIZE**

Two prizes are awarded annually i) to the most outstanding undergraduate in the first year Plant Sciences module,

### **Elizabeth Anne Carnegie Polack**

and ii) to the undergraduate whose work during the second year modules in the Plant Sciences has achieved particular distinction. The value of the prizes is £50 each, to be expended on books of relevance to Plant Science, to be chosen by the prizewinners.

### **Daniel Robert Chapman/Linda Jane Cholerton**

## **SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AND SCIENCE AWARD OF PRIZES 2007- 2008**

### **YEAR 1 EXAMS**

#### **BARBER OF SHEFFIELD YEAR 1 PRIZE FOR OVERALL ACHIEVEMENT**

### **Ruth Crossland and Julia Henken**

COGENT BREEDING PRIZE FOR HIGHEST OVERALL MARK IN VETERINARY MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM

### **Julia Henken**

PETPROTECT PRIZE FOR HIGHERS OVERALL MARK IN VETERINARY CARDIORESPIRATORY SYSTEM

### **Julia Henken**

BLACKWELLS PRIZE FOR HIGHEST OVERALL MARK IN VETERINARY NEUROSCIENCE SYSTEM

### **Jennifer Waters**

BECKMAN COULTER PRIZE FOR HIGHEST OVERALL MARK IN VETERINARY  
HAEMATOLOGY AND IMMUNOLOGY

**Ruth Crossland**

BECKMAN COULTER PRIZE FOR HIGHEST OVERALL MARK IN MOLECULAR BASIS  
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## **OKA COMMITTEE MEETING AND 81st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

### **COMMITTEE ROOM 11.00 AM, SATURDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2007**

Present: Neil Boorman (Chair), Martin Luck, Sue Golds, Julian Wiseman, Brian Pocknee, Ian Hardy, Julia Kydd, David Wheatcroft, Karen Wonnacott, Anne Nowill, Carla Sprott, Hannah Duggan, Sarah Caldwell, Helen Gray.

1. Apologies for absence

Received from Stan Cramer, Peter Bradfield, Gary England, Gerald Banks, Ian Gardner, Ron Bardsley

2. Minutes of the last meeting, 18 November 2006

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted and signed.

3. Matters arising - None

4. Secretary's report

a) 1977 Reunion (held September 2007). Brian Pocknee expressed his thanks to Sue Golds and Sheila Northover for tracking and contacting 1977 graduates. The Reunion had been very successful with some 25% of students from the year attending. Bob Webb had kindly given a report on campus developments. As a result of the event, some 90 graduates from the year were now on an email contact list.

b) Use of Alumni funds (See also Agenda Item 8)

As a result for appeals to alumni, several projects were underway, administered by the SB Development Group.

- A sum of £20K had enabled kit to be purchased for the new Sports Centre Fitness Suite, and the suite would now be known as the Alumni Fitness Suite.

- A sum of about £5K was being provided for the refurbishment of the JCR Bar area.

- A sum would also be available for the provision of a minibus and the Guild was currently considering its requirements.

- The old Squash Courts are to be reused as a music room and Alumni funds will be provided to support the provision of instruments.

Further decisions on the distribution of donated monies would be made shortly.

c) There had been no decision yet on the re-use of the Kingstonian Sports Hall, however OKA are watching this carefully and will ensure a proper transfer of use in recognition of the original funding.

d) Thanks were expressed to Sue Golds for her excellent running of the OKA office over the past year and for managing Agrimag.

5. Treasurer's report

Julian Wiseman presented the OKA Accounts to the meeting, in advance of their appearance in Agrimag. The accounts had a small surplus, allowing OKA to continue to fund small projects such as the purchase of sports shirts by the Guild and the hanging of framed OKA blazers and Guild shirts in the bar area.

Whilst OKA was in a sound financial position, the rate of new membership uptake was poor and the Guild were asked to assist in encouraging graduates to join. The costs of running OKA had also risen, due largely to the increase in the number of student on campus (the growth of the Vet School students and a

continuing rise in intake to Biosciences) and the need to supply larger numbers of Agrimag.

Julian thanked Anne Nowill for once again auditing the accounts.

#### 6. Agrimag Co-ordinators report

Ron Bardsley had written to express his thanks to Julian and Sue for the production and editing of Agrimag.

Sue reported that Agrimag was currently with the printers. She had experienced great difficulty this year in getting students and staff to submit their contributions, leading to a delay in publication. The Guild agreed to try to improve matters and to make sure that identified student editors understood their role.

#### 7. Campus and Hall Developments

Ian Hardy (Warden, Bonington Hall) reported that the Hall had grown to 525 rooms and was now a hybrid of self-catered and part-catered accommodation. All the older parts of the Hall had been refurbished this year. There were 12 resident tutors and a Deputy Warden, reflecting the fact that Bonington is now the largest Hall in the University apart from Broadgate Park flats. The building of some 200-250 more rooms is likely to take place next year on the northern part of the site, and a major restructuring of the JCR, Bar and Dining Hall areas, possibly including new build, is being considered. The Hall community is very active, with, for example, a now flourishing Music Society.

This afternoon, at 6.30, the extension of the bar area would be named as Harper's Bar in memory of Ed Pybus ("Harper"; BSc Agriculture, 2006) who had died in a farm accident during the summer.

#### 8. Appeals to Alumni

The following report had been received from Ian Gardner (Deputy Development Director, Development Office)

##### Philanthropy: 2007

During the 2006 – 2007 academic year, the Development Office supported colleagues at Sutton Bonington and the OKA in completing two distinct fundraising activities.

##### Professor G E Lamming Postgraduate Travel Scholarship Appeal

A total of £9,100 has now been generously donated by some 65 SB alumni donors to establish this scholarship from both the UK and Internationally. It is proposed that we now look to complete active fundraising for this appeal and make awards going forward from the funds received, although further contributions from existing and new supporters will, of course, always most welcome. Thank you to everyone who has donated to this appeal. Our particular thanks go to Dr Peter Bradfield for all his work in establishing and taking forward this work.

##### Music, Drama and Dance Equipment

In the summer term of 2007 alumni of SB were specifically asked to provide funding for the purchase of new equipment for music, drama and dance. In total this work has secured over £8,000 received from some 100 donors, with a few gifts being directed to alternative activities and programmes on Campus.

##### Future Approaches to SB Alumni



Nottingham's telemarketing capacity has recently been both extended and overhauled and now places a greater emphasis on relationship and affinity fundraising, focusing on building up the relationship between the University and its alumni, in addition to asking for financial support.

The Development Office looks forward to working with both colleagues at SB and the OKA later in the current academic year on new projects and we would be pleased to discuss any ideas and suggestions on how SB alumni can continue their tradition on supporting the ongoing development of the Campus and provisions for its students.

I wish everyone an enjoyable day and my apologies for being unable to attend.

Ian D Gardner  
Deputy Development Director  
13 November 2007

9. Scholarships and awards

The J D Ivins Memorial Travel Scholarship had been awarded to Rachel Donaldson (BSc Env Biol) and to Sarah Love (BSc Env Biol), both for marine survey work in Honduras with Operation Wallacea. Each receives £150 from the Fund and £150 from OKA.

The Kesteven WVS Travelling Scholarship had been awarded to Alistair Pask (PhD AgSci) for a research visit to a wheat research centre in Mexico, and to Sonja Nicholson (PhD, NutrSci) to attend British Nutrition Society meeting in Coleraine NI. Each receives £400.

The DR Crawford Memorial Fund had been awarded to Basu Manojit, Chiang Tsz, Dewi Prita, Luci Besiana, Marty Laralyn and Oladoye Clement. Each received £160. Due to the nature of the fund, it would not be appropriate to make public any details of the reasons for individual awards.

10. Election of Officers

All the current officers were willing to stand for re-appointment and there were no other nominations. All current officers were therefore re-elected.

The meeting agreed unanimously that Bob Webb should be invited to become a Vice President of OKA in recognition of his contribution to OKA and to the School of Biosciences.

11. AOB

12. Date of next meeting

Saturday, 16 November 2008 at 11.00

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.00

**Martin Luck**  
**Hon.Sec.**

## OLD KINGSTONIAN ASSOCIATION

### *Statement of Account for the year ending 31 December 2007*

<b>EXPENDITURE (£)</b>		<b>INCOME (£)</b>	
Sports shirts	750.00	Interest on investments	
OKA November Reunion	177.03	Lazard	496.70
JDI Scholarship	300.00	Bank (net)	398.35
Suit and Frame	264.35		
Bank Charges	35.00	Subscriptions	4041.00
Postage	4555.10	Donations	2943.78
Agrimag Printing	8926.40	Bank Charge refund	70.00
Deduct deficit	-7058.05		
	<u>7949.83</u>		<u>7949.83</u>

### *Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2007*

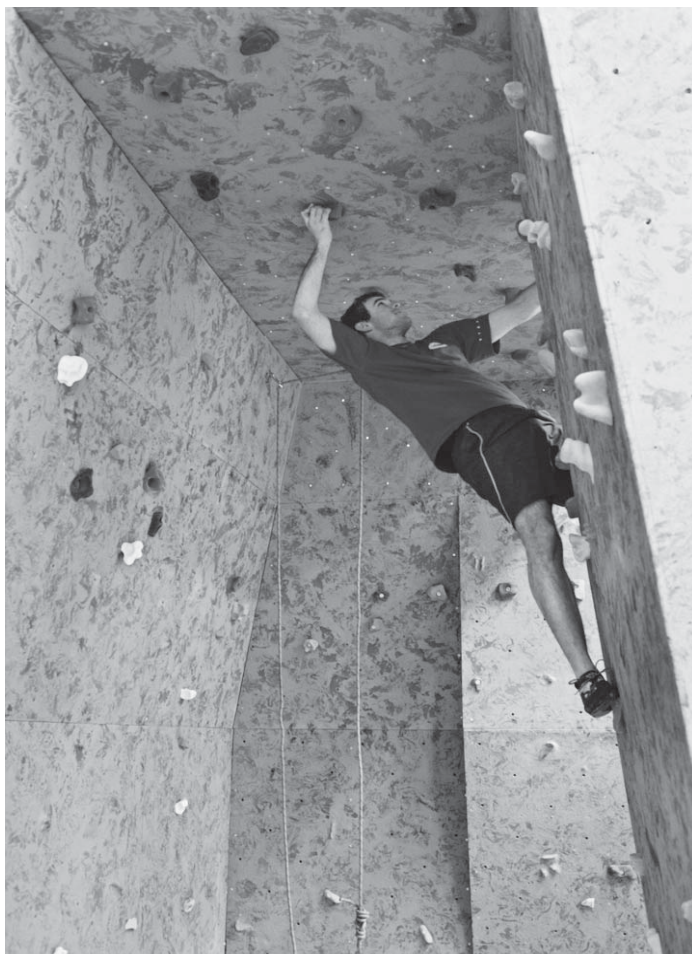
<b>Liabilities (£)</b>		<b>Assets (£)</b>	
Life Membership Capital	505.00	Investment at cost	1287.88
Accumulated Fund	19145.63	Cash at Bank	
Add surplus	-7058.05	Deposit	2539.36
		Current	8765.34
	<u>12087.58</u>		
	<b>12592.58</b>		<b>12592.58</b>

**Julian Wiseman**  
**August 2008**

## **SB ALUMNI ARE MAKING GREAT THINGS HAPPEN...**

For more than 10 years we have always received very encouraging support from the SB alumni community for our fundraising projects. We are certain that one of the main reasons for this is due to the strong affinity that you all hold for the campus.

Your generous contributions over the past few years have helped transform SB campus with improvements and provisions towards the gym area of the new sports centre, part-funded the new "Climbing and Bouldering" wall facility (pictured below) and more recently funded the new music room facilities and musical instruments. These crucial additions to campus are making a tangible difference to the student experience at SB and will continue to do so in future years.



In addition to all these new amenities, many of you are supporting the Professor G.E. Lamming memorial fund. This fund enables postgraduate students from SB to cover the costs of travelling to key international conferences and research institutes where they are able to exchange research ideas with other scientists.

We don't want to stop here though!

In the Spring of 2009 we will be contacting you all again and hope that you all feel able to endorse our new SB funding priorities. Of course, if you prefer, you can donate now!

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Thank you for your continuing and lasting support.

**Ashley Flint**  
**Annual Giving Officer**

## **REUNION NEWS**

## **REPORT ON THE 1945/48 OKA GROUP**

Around 25 members met for lunch on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> October '07 and enjoyed themselves. It was quite a busy year for us, following the reunion in Guernsey in May. Sadly, we have lost two of the group since that, **Jan Hurt** (November) and **John Pepper** (June). Jan did the NDD, as did his wife Muriel, and first went to Bengers, N Ireland to organise the new dried-milk plant. They retired to Dorchester, Dorset and hosted a reunion the late 1990's. John was still farming at Barrow on Soar, which began on leaving College. His collection of old farm machinery served both his historical and investment interests; his wife is open to bids! She continues to run the farm as John wished.

Another Reunion Lunch is being organised for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October at the Yew Lodge Hotel, Kegworth, thanks to Elaine Ellis and Anne Pass. The programme will include an optional visit beforehand to the New Veterinary School opened in 2006, with a guided tour arranged by the OKA Secretary, Professor Julian Wiseman. It is the first Vet School to be built since WWII.

### **Programme:**

10.45 Coffee at School of Biosciences (formerly 'MAC')

11.10 – 12.40 Tour of Vet School

1.00 Lunch at Yew Lodge, Kegworth

The usual invitation will be sent out, but others from 1946-48 would be very welcome. Please contact Ray Carter 01491 873630

**Ray Carter**

## **1961 REUNION AT SUTTON BONINGTON – 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008**

Fifty years and a day after we all started our degree course at Sutton Bonington, nine of us, some with our wives, met up at the Station Hotel, Kegworth. We all seemed to recognise each other, despite loss of hair, increased girth and even a grey beard & moustache! In 1958, the department of Agriculture & Horticulture had no bar, so the 'Station' and its Worthington E were high on our priorities.

We met Julian who kindly showed us round the Campus (see photos). The front with the Main Building & Hostels 1,2,3, & 4 was still the same; on the outside at least. Behind this familiar facade, things were very different, with a host of new accommodation, laboratories and research facilities, alongside a new hall, new bar etc. We spent a lot of time working out where the old layout had been, mixing this with stories from the past, some of which I am sure were factual! We also talked of others from our year and of the staff members we remembered, especially when we paused by the tree planted in memory of Keith Scott, a very popular student & friend in our year.

We were extremely jealous of the many sporting facilities now available at SB and reminisced about the very wet football & hockey pitches we had enjoyed. The day was unusual for 2008 as the sun shone all day, so our memories are even brighter. Thanks Julian for giving us your time & answering so many questions. What an eager bunch of 'not so young' students you had !

**David Sumpter.**

## 1966 REUNION IN ALDEBURGH – NOVEMBER 2007

From **Harry Calow** on October 1. David; Many thanks for keeping us on your mailing list. The news is very much appreciated. We will be in Marseilles next w/e - with low expectation of success (just grateful that England managed to get there after shelling out for tickets, flights and accommodation). Hope the reunion goes well, you have chosen a beautiful part of the country again. Our retirement is in full swing, lots of exercise, time spent on north Norfolk coast, mediocre golf, and travelling. Regards to all. Harry and Wendy Calow

From **Mike Carr** on October 1. Dear Beet, Trust that you all have a great time on 5 and 6 October. Sorry that we cannot join you this time. Please pass on our good wishes to everyone. Reeves and son Paul stayed with us for three nights, at start of World Cup three weeks ago. They were complete with golden wigs and face paint, etc! No sign of maturity in Tim, yet. Swing low sweet chariot Mike

Too bad Tim returned home. Meeting up with Tim after the game in Marseilles would have been the icing on the cake for Harry.

From the **Surmans** on October 2. Have a great weekend. Best wishes to everyone there. We'll think of you while we're watching the Australia/England match, but we'll probably be more interested in the final than you! Cheers, Liz & Chris

I wonder what the last bit was all about. And for those not at Aldeburgh, I should mention that the impromptu after dinner entertainment was phoning Tim, Chris, Al Strickland, et al, after the unexpected exit of the All Blacks and Wallabies from the World Cup that day. And it was totally legal, as mobile phones rather than hounds were used.

From the **Nunns** on October 12. Dear Bee, Just wanted to say how much we appreciated your effort expended in organising the SB Weekend. It was a huge success as far as we were concerned and we were so taken with Orford that we've booked a cottage there for a couple of weeks later in November! We stayed on for an extra night at the White Lion and then spent a night in Stamford where our two daughters live, so were able to enjoy some time with 5 plus of the 8 plus grandchildren! It was great that you were calling in to see Bill Little, he would undoubtedly be pleased to see you. Hope you had a smooth journey home and found Ben in good shape on your return!!!!Luv Liz and Hugh

From **Suzy Hainsworth** on October 17 Hi Beet, Here are my photos from the weekend, somehow I do not have the last group shot at the church, so if you did get that, I would love to have a copy. Hope the rest of your trip went well and that you are now safely home and organising Ben's schooling! Thanks for all you do, this was one of the great weekends. Cheers Sue

From **Brian Hardy** on October 24 Hi Beet, Glad the reunion went well. I now live in Adelaide. Moved from Illinois last July finally....Cheers, Brian

And finally from **David Walker**: Dear All, After the weekend in Aldeburgh I was hosted by the Biscoe's at Silsoe and the Carr's at Ilmington in south Warwickshire. Great times. Mike and Sue did not seem to have suffered too much from the wedding which had kept them away from the reunion. Mike was able to carry on an animated conversation as he scaled the Cotswolds while I, in his wake, limited myself to grunting, hopefully intelligently, and only when I had

enough breath to spare. Hugh Rowse, who is otherwise busy looking after one of his granddaughters, joined us for supper one evening. And I dropped into see Bill Little at Chieveley. Bill remembers more than most of us, but I thought he must have confused me with someone (anyone) else in some of the improbable tales he had to tell.

**Beet**

## **CALLING ALL 1972 GROUP**

Stephen English, who lives in Australia was asking if anyone is considering organising a reunion in 2012 to celebrate 40 years on. If you are from that year, and an OKA member and would like to take this on, with support and help of course from SB, then please get in touch with either Julian or myself. [susan.golds@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:susan.golds@nottingham.ac.uk)

## **1993 REUNION - GRADUATES FROM 15 YEAR AGO COME BACK TO SB**

A huge thanks to Neil McCollum for his contact at the Hilton Hotel and to those ex-students from 1993 that met up at SB on August 23rd 2008. The pool was warm, the sun shone, the grass outside Hostel's 1 & 2, I mean Kingston and Normanton Houses had been freshly mown and the campus rang to the sounds of .... well the occasional aeroplane in truth as the lack of students gave SB campus a tranquil serene feel, for once. The tour of the Campus by Prof. Julian Wiseman was a treat. The new Food Science, Veterinary Science and Sports buildings were stunning and uplifting to see considerable growth to the campus since our time. The biggest shock was seeing the fantastic new accommodation....en suite bathrooms...en suite!?? In the early 90s you'd be lucky to have a sink to avoid padding down dark corridors in search of a bathroom. Many aspects were reassuringly familiar, the sturdy pipes on the outsides of the old halls, the dogged determination of the old snooker room to remain unchanged for as long as possible and the location of the SB flagpole (No Andy it hadn't moved!) It was a nostalgic trip down memory lane seeing the old JCR and refectory and good to see the place getting a well deserved makeover. There was a tear in the eye seeing the pond outside Hostel 5 had been filled in but many of those present could attest to understanding exactly why it had been as it was a health and safety nightmare!

It leaves me to say what a pleasure it was to see the students of 93 strolling through old and familiar surroundings but especially seeing the SB offspring waving carefree at the low flying planes and throwing handfuls of SB grass at each other...future fodder for the SB brain expansion programs perhaps...See you all at SB again in 2043 for the big 50!

**Matthew ,2tease' Kane**



## OTHER OKA CONTRIBUTIONS

### LETTER TO DR WINIFRED DULFORCE ON HER 92<sup>ND</sup> BIRTHDAY

*(Winifred was a lecturer at SB in the 1950s)*

April 15, 2008

Dear Winifred,

Anita and I join your students, your family members and all your many friends in congratulating you on your 92nd birthday. I regret that I can't join you and fellow students for lunch, but Anita and I will raise a glass in your honour.

You and I have known each other now for a very long time. I entered Sutton Bonington in 1950 so we're looking at a 58 year relationship. In addition to taking courses from you, I was fortunate enough to be assigned to you as a tutee so I felt closer to you than to other faculty members.

You lectured on subjects that were my principal interest and in which I'd had a fair amount of work experience before arriving at Sutton B., so I appreciated your systematizing my knowledge and your adding greatly to it. You made me into a genuine horticulturalist.

But just as important was your influence on me as my tutor. Your measured advice, high expectations and constant encouragement inspired me to succeed, and your gentle grace had a greater influence on the behavior of a young fellow from a roughish early background and fresh from the Army than you could ever know.

What a golden time that was. We were all in our salad days, eager to learn, taught by that dedicated and happy "Fab-Four" team of "J.P.", Elizabeth, Walter and your good self, caught up in the concept of "precision growing", and full of energy and hope. I treasure their memory and the friendships we forged.

Alas, I "went wrong" and was lost to professional horticulture by a growing interest in economics and business. But, as you know, I've remained a life-long gardener, and am still involved in the governance and operation of a therapeutic garden for folks with physical and cognitive disabilities. (Anita says there are days when I qualify on both scores! Get someone to give you a tour of [www.enablinggarden.org](http://www.enablinggarden.org)). And, when I was still active in our own garden, I never dug a piece of ground without holding my spade in the ergonomically-efficient manner you taught us on those immaculate vegetable plots!

Happily, our friendship survived my professional transformation into an economist and our move to Canada.

Winifred, Anita and I join in congratulating you on completing the first 92 years of a life lived well, and on the professional respect and abiding affection from generations of students, colleagues and Kegworth neighbours that you've earned along the way.

With much love and all good wishes,

**Sandy & Anita Warley**

## **AN INTERVIEW WITH NANCY SPEED (OCTOBER 2001)**

*Sadly Nancy died in December 2005 and her obituary was printed in Agrimag 2007. However the following article is so interesting that we would like to share it with you. **Our thanks to Brian and Veronika Smith, local historians, who interviewed Nancy for material for their book "Perspectives of Kingston-on-Soar (published in 2002), and who have kindly given us permission to print the extracts from the interview.***

"I was born on 4 May 1908 at Legburn, a little village near Louth (Lincs), 4 miles from where I live now. My father had a smallholding. He was a butcher and he also sheared sheep and killed pigs and had a butchers round, pony and cart in those days.

I think I was about 17 when I came to Kingston in 1924. It was nearly a days journey to get there. You'd to go from Carlton to Lincoln by train, sometimes you had to change at Bardney to get to Lincoln, then you'd to go from Lincoln to Nottingham and then from Nottingham to Kegworth. I don't remember whether I had to walk from Kegworth Station to the College. There were no telephones and my mother was so anxious because I was an only child. I've still got the telegram I sent her to say I'd got there safely.

Coming from a little village in Lincolnshire I was nearly overwhelmed. In those days they ran dairy course which were called 'squeaker' courses – it was only for 6 weeks. I went on a 6 week course to see if I liked it, and I liked it so I decided to go on a longer course. I'd been at boarding school, but I'd never been away from home a long way. And I can remember so well that I went with my hair in a plait. I soon altered that! And we made cheese, we did all lectures and things, not terribly technical, and a lot of practical work. I decided I liked it and so I would go back.

Well we'd no money, my parents were ever so poor. At the end of the First World War, the Ministry of Agriculture gave grants for people who grew wheat. Well then they dropped that subsidy and the farmers protested so instead of giving another subsidy they gave so many scholarships, and if you were bright you got a better scholarship. I wasn't as good as that, but I got a scholarship for the first year I was there (at MADC). I didn't have to pay anything, my parents didn't have to pay anything, and I got pocket money. I could go to the office and get pocket money. I was ahead of all my colleagues because they had no money.

And then I did this 6 months practical, making cheese – I went to this place at Seagrave, Leicestershire and got my keep. Worked all hours God sent and I earned 10/- (50p) a week in those days. And I saved up enough to buy myself a new winter coat to go back to College with."

*(Nancy stayed in a hostel on West Leake Lane, New Kingston, a short distance from the Dairy College. When the College closed and was transferred to SB in 1928 the hostel was converted to housing. I was born in what became No 7 West Leake Lane. Brian Smith)*

"The hostel was very primitive. We did have a room of our own, but they were very small. I think we'd about one bathroom between 11 of us and a flush toilet. There were some rooms downstairs including a Common Room, but we didn't use it an awful lot. We had newspapers and magazines and things.

Miss Annie Pritchard was in charge, she was under Mr Stafford, but she'd been the dairymaid for the Duke of Portland at Welbeck before she got the job at Kingston. I remember we went up the stairs – I can't remember whether we'd any hot water, but there was a tap at the top – and we used to fetch water in a jug. I think we had a basin in our bedroom. It was very primitive. We didn't have a bath very often!

Miss Pritchard used to have her own room at the hostel and she used to have her meals with us in the main building where we had all our meals. We had to go across the field – there was a footpath across the field – to have our meals. The food was a bit primitive – we didn't have many luxuries. There were two or three staff lived there including a very young Assistant Dairy instructress called Miss Pirry.

For our uniform we wore cotton dresses with pink and white stripes, a white apron and a white cap with a big starched front. We wore this when we worked in the dairy, not when we went to lectures. Mr Stafford used to give us lectures at Kingston, but for the rest of the lectures we used to go to Sutton Bonington and nearly all the social events and dances. They used to take we girls in a bus to Sutton Bonington to dances and I was in the Dramatic Society. We did a play called "The Man from Toronto". I can remember that ever so well. I can't remember what part I played but I was in it.

One thing I remember about Kingston was they had a Agricultural Show every year. And we used to participate, we students, make butter, and we'd to be on our best behaviour and get the butter right because we were on show. My greatest friend, to her disgrace, she was busy turning her churn and the lid came off and the butter – with all this crowd of people – the butter went all over!

Student pranks? We didn't do anything **wrong**. I remember once, lads, they all lived at Sutton Bonington, they came and invaded the hostel one night. Poor Miss Pritchard she locked herself in her bedroom because she couldn't cope. And they ransacked that hostel. We tried to keep them away, we girls, and I tell you there was a tap on the top of the landing and we kept throwing water on these lads to deter them (laughs).

Mr Stafford he was a character. "Now girls, now girls" he used to come in, "Now girls, now girls." He was a wonderful man. He was very knowledgeable on dairying, but he wasn't the best of lecturers. He lived just nearby, there were some houses next to the College. Mr Robinson lived in one. Eventually he became Principal of Sutton Bonington, but he was the Agricultural Lecturer. And then there was another man called Mr Duncan who lived in. Mr Stafford, he'd two or three children, little children. His wife called him "Daddy". She always referred to him as "Daddy" and that's why he became "Daddy" Stafford. He'd a daughter Doris and she is still alive in Australia. I went to Australia and stayed with her. I've been twice, and she writes to me every Christmas and she never forgets my birthday. It's wonderful isn't it? Mr Stafford died in Australia about 1961.

In one of those cottages near the hostel was a pig man they called Crocker, a funny old man. Then there was an engineer called Mr Gosling, I think he looked after all the equipment on the college. His wife, Mrs Gosling, did all our washing for us you know, because we couldn't. Yes, we had to pay her.

We'd so much milk in the vats. It came in from various farms, some of it. There was a farm there (at college) and we'd get our own milk. Some of it was

separated for cream to make butter and some went into the cheese making. We used to make cheese in different rooms in the College you know. One was the butter room, one was the cheese room. We made all sorts of cheese, all varieties, and one of the things I remember, Mr Stafford was an ex-Army man and at Armistice we always had the two minutes silence on one of the lecture rooms. He was very keen on that.

At Kingston we had dairy lectures...then the rest we used to bike to Sutton Bonington for them. If we went to Sutton Bonington, we had our lunch then went back to Kingston at night. We had to bike everywhere...I'll tell you one thing we used to do. Because we weren't supposed to fraternise with the men within 3 miles of Kingston, so we lasses, we were very good; instead of going to Kingston Church we used to go to Sutton, either bike or walk to Sutton Church, and then the chaps used to meet us there. Toss Milburn was the principal then, and he couldn't say anything if we were on the way back from church."

## **Nancy Speed**

### **THE OTHER MIKE NICHOLS EPISODE.....**

We still talk of our reunion last year and sincerely hope we may meet up again in 2009. We frequently mention the day and that we met one or two friends who had made their home and careers in Australia. Remembering this I wondered if the following may be of interest. In February Jill and I arrived back from a fabulous stay in Australia, and this relates to meeting and an attempt to meet past students of SB.

Following our reunion **Ron Leng's** email address was available so we contacted him and found that our paths would cross during his visit to Tasmania. We arranged to meet Ron and Rita for a meal in Burnie but somehow wires got crossed and it was a great disappointment that the reunion fell through. **John and Diana Prescott** (1959) had visited him not too long ago and said that Ron had not changed at all! Heaven forbid!

Now I may have mentioned in a previous letter that when in Hobart a few years ago I met a man who was Tower Captain at St David's Cathedral. He told me his name was Dough Nichols and asked where I was from and I was surprised that he knew the village and the farm where I was a manager until 1989. It then dawned on me that his father owned a neighbouring farm, part of which my employers had purchased when this fellow had emigrated. His name of course was **Mike Nichols** (1955). Doug said his Dad would love to see us but we were on a fixed schedule so it was not possible.

However this trip we contacted him and he suggested that we called in for coffee. This we did only two days after missing Ron and Rita. We arrived for coffee at 11.00 am, met Mary his wife, and did not leave them until 7.30 pm! The first thing was to look at his framed picture taken in 1955 prior to the 55 intake, there were many familiar faces of students that we knew that were in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year when we were Freshers, too many to mention here but very many that I recognised.

What a fabulous day he and Mary gave us; we were shown around his enterprise before lunch and he really has built up a fascinating business there in Tasmania. A large poultry unit comprised part of his business in the UK producing hatching

eggs. He now produces table chicken on a pretty large scale, the day olds come in from a hatchery run by another family member and he has, if I remember correctly, five pairs of rearing sheds each one holding 18,000 birds. He has his own processing plant and storage and has captured 30% of the Tasmanian market. The finished birds are very attractively presented. His son Robert had just been to the UK buying, dismantling and shipping redundant processing plant. A wind generator had just arrive from Finland and was due to be erected shortly after we left which will supply the power required for the processing plant. Wheat was purchased from any local farms and he produced his own feed in a mill and mix unit on the farm. Crops were wheat, poppies and pyrethrum, the latter two were being harvested whilst we were there. Being specialist crops the harvesting was done by contract organised by the purchasers of the crop. All in all a very impressive set up, the first impression on arrival says this is a well run business.

Mike himself is very fit, (he played football at SB); he had a heart attack I think in 2000 followed by a coronary by-pass operation. He cycles 26km every morning and says he has little to do with the farm now but his influence, we felt, was still very strong. He has met again the **54-57 Mike Nichols** who we knew and I played rugby with in 1956-7 who was doing his horticulture and now lives in New Zealand. When the latter visited Australia on one occasion he was taken very ill and Mike was involved with helping him in some considerable way. I am sorry my memory fails me as to the details.

Mike reads the Agrimag from cover to cover every year and has fond memories of his time at SB. He wishes to be remembered to any that remember him.

He insisted we went to look at a small place called Sheffield, a rejuvenated town, and then to visit his retirement house nearby over looking Mount Roland, a fabulous spot. The garage had been converted into a party room complete with a small dance floor. On went a record or two for a spin around the floor. Shades of the JCR. Later we went to Devonport and had a farewell meal with them and we hope very much to see them again; it really was a highlight of our holiday with two very nice people. The day passed all too quickly.

Another part of our trip took us to Cairns to stay with another Ex SB student, **Derek Sparkes**, (1981). Derek came to us in Lincolnshire as a seasonal worker on more than one occasion from July to October before he left to do VSO in Papua, New Guinea. Whilst there he met Lesley from the USA, also on VSO, a lovely lass who was to become Mrs Sparkes. He later worked for the New Zealand Govt. for 5 years still in New Guinea. He then joined the Queensland Govt. DPI as an advisor on Dry Land Grains. His current work is with the environmental and economic sustainability of Sugar Cane. They live in a gorgeous timber house on a hillside at White Rock outside Cairns with tropical rainforest vegetation surrounding their garden. Derek is very settled there, loves the country and also sends greetings to anyone he knew and remembers the good times he had at SB and he wishes to inform everyone that he still supports the England Rugby Team!

**Alan & Jill Morris** (1959)

## **VISIT BY LEN COOK (1949) AND THE CHILDREN OF BUD PAYNE (1949)**

*Letter to Julian*

I would like to send my sincere thanks to you for making the visit by Brett, Hallam and Angela Payne and of course myself, so valuable and enjoyable. Their father **Bud Payne** died in Zimbabwe in 2006. He was a good friend and contemporary of me in 1947-49. This was the first visit by 3 of his 4 children, born in Africa, to see where their father spent his most valuable student years. Brett now lives in New Zealand and Hallam in South Africa. Such geographical separation from the historical past of one's parents, especially when one has recently died, makes such an occasion more than usually important.

To give up so much of your time with such enthusiasm on a Saturday morning to such a small group was much appreciated.

I departed with a feeling there is something very special about SB and the people it "produces". I suspect it is connected with the benefit of being slightly isolated – even at times inward looking, but having separation from urban sprawl, with tarmac, traffic and congestion found in cities. Your close proximity to the basic eartheness of soil and its products of plants, animals and food are part of the equation. The other part is the kind of people, both student and academic that such circumstances attract. In the end, it is people, not premises that brings results.

It is exactly 60 years since my arrival at SB, being one of a group of 8 students. This was the last group to take the London degree – Nottingham not receiving its Charter until Spring of 1949. How pleasing it is to see that in those 60 years, Nottingham has grown from a University College to become University of the year 06-07, with SB clearly making its full contribution to the unique result. Those 60 years started early post war, with food ration books, petrol rationing, with few "coupons" available except on the "black market". Petrol at around 2/6 per gallon (or 3p/litre) was little used since very few staff or students had cars. No TV or computers and only single sex hostel accommodation! However we did have Kegworth Railway Station with trains to Nottingham and Worthington E sold by Tom Lord at the Station Hotel! How things have changed – and why not?

Many thanks for all your good work in the alumni Dept. Best wishes.

**Len Cooke** (1949)

## **BENCH IN MEMORY OF DAVE ALLEN (1959)**

David's wife, youngest daughter and a group of friends gathered together in June. Hosted by Julian a bench was dedicated to the memory of David (see photos). The missing person from the group was Robin Shorthose (he lives in Australia), and was very close to David, but for obvious reasons, couldn't be there (he was a contributor to the bench fund).

**Paul Freeman** (1961)

## NEWS OF FORMER STUDENTS

### 1930-39

**Green, Joseph Vincent** (1937) Joseph's son-in-law, Clive Edwards recently contacted us to say his father was a student at SB. "He is still going strong and living in Loughborough and would be pleased to know of any other fellow students from his year."

**Topper, Joanne (nee Coxon)** (1937) has moved to Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire.

### 1940-49

**Beever, J Stuart** (1947) writes: "Very much retired looking after my wife who is not very well. Our son is farming and has diversified with his son into hog roasting and a restaurant in Peterborough."

**Clark, Jack** (1942) wrote to Julian: "Just recovering from a hip operation; I am driving again. It was a nightmare, but the medics and nurses excellent. I am still involved in forestry building and buying and selling all things rural including old tractors. We sold a 1963 David Brown this week complete with original log book! I was instrumental in selling a field recently, the seller having bought a property in Austria. We are invited this autumn, but must learn to yodel first!

What an odd year weatherwise with cold winds, especially in our windy neck o' the woods. Combines are beginning to roll, hay still being made. How I recall sharpening the scythe ready to open out the field read for the binder. I remember too the mover/reaper going in for the sheaves to be tied by hand.

We are so fortunate, trying to retire in our cottage with lovely views of the Cotswolds from the conservatory as I write. Only **Margaret Vincent (nee Bacon)** to visit in Lincs now, **Betty Larder (nee Chapman)** died this year. She was a lovely friendly person, we were so pleased that we entertained her and Hugh, at Molly's. Still have phone conversations with **Mick Cowlshaw** and **Ken Dearden**. I am still in contact with my farming friends in Canada from 48/50, in Ontario and British Columbia. Why can't we live for ever! Door always open for old SB colleagues – small charge for tea – retired farmers holiday fund! Kindest regards.

**Fewster, Noreen M (nee Nutt)** (1948) writes: "Having celebrated my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Christmas Eve 2007 I realise it is time for an update. I have kept in contact with **Jean (nee Fisher) Lamming**, **Rona (nee Trask) Pawson**, **Betty (nee Whitworth) Livsey** and **Eileen (nee Knights) Jones** – all Horticulturists. I was so sorry to learn of the passing of Prof J P Hudson, George Shepherd, David Crawford and Marjorie Brindley. Nowadays I keep busy arranging church flowers, attending WI meetings and helping husband John with the garden. I always enjoy reading Agrimag. Best wishes to everyone in the School of Veterinary Medicine and Science and the School of Biosciences. As ever the name Sutton Bonington conjures up happy memories."

**Griffiths, Margaret (nee Hickson)** (1947) who is retired from NAAS and pedigree turkey farming writes: After College joined NAAS – CPAO's in Lindsey, Gleadthorpe EHF, Oxford, Staffordshire. Married 1960 and developed a pedigree turkey enterprise with husband Hilary. Supplied 65 butchers, local hospitals and

1,000 private customers, as well as Birmingham market. Finished in 1973 and moved to present address. Now have several dogs (GSD and Sheepdogs) 2 hens and 17 pigeons – Birmingham Rollers and sheep graze the fields. Needless to say the hens lay 2 eggs per day! They are from the breeding of the late Clement Shaw (Moreville Heath) whose farm is now run by Graham Smith, NDP who incidentally I examined for his NDP when I was on the NDP Board and an examiner. Apart from that, I'm Church Warden at Ditton Prior and Secretary at the local WI and a member of the Bridgnorth and District Willing Neighbours (self explanatory). Have a large family so life is quite busy but very pleasant. Regards to **Elaine Ellis (Barlow)**. We were at the same school.

**Thompson, Keith** (1946) has retired from directorship of Delitzsch UK (Seed company), but is still active in consultancy and translation service.

**Topham, John** (1941) *Martin Crawford sent us this piece about John*. "John celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2008. John was a student at the Midland Agricultural College from 1938 – 1941. He returned to the School of Agriculture to work as a technician in 1964 until he retired in 1983. He taught me a great deal. A lot of ex students reading this will remember him, he also taught them a lot. His family came from various parts of the world, including New Zealand to help him celebrate his birthday. I arranged with the Head of School, Jerry Roberts to give us all a conducted tour of the campus which we all enjoyed. They all agreed it has changed a lot since John met his wife **Katy**, a student here, all those years ago. We enjoyed a celebratory meal at Yew Lodge Hotel, Kegworth and John was so pleased to receive a birthday card signed by Prof Don Grierson and so many friends who can remember him. My favourite memory of him is, he asked me to go and hoe some knotgrass, so off I went and started to hoe. He came and said "that's knotgrass" I said, "I know its not" and then, about a week later, I suddenly realised, that is what is called, KNOTGRASS!!!! I won't repeat what he said.

**Williams, Stephen M** (1949) who kindly donated a cheque towards the Eric Lamming Prize fund, writes: "Retired (almost) from farming to gardening. Thanks, I believe, to Principal H G Robinson, in 1952 I was awarded the Kesteven Travelling Scholarship and was thus able to go to the University of Illinois that year. My own career in Animal Physiology was soon ended when duty recalled me to the family farm. These days, faced with the complexities of horticulture on my one-acre patch, I wish I had paid much more attention to the horticulture lectures we received from Prof J P Hudson and the staff!

## 1950-59

**Barker, Harold** (1951) is retired. "Lived in Appleby Magna for 17 years and previously lived and farmed at Beanfields Farm, Snarestone."

**Bathhurst, Ernie V J** (1957) has moved but still stayed in Sidmouth, South Devon and writes: "Thank you for Agrimag, with lots of news about my old contemporaries of '54-'57 and of the younger Rugger team members I led in 2<sup>nd</sup> XV who graduated in '58 & '59, I guess. **Dave and Jean Newell** (1957) popped in to see Dorothy and I back in the summer. (Dave and I were room mates in 54/55 in Hostel 1.) **Stan and Hilary Cramer** came to our Golden Wedding in August 07. We are 73/74 years old now and at last beginning to slow down by choice from re-tyre-ment to retirement, except that church made me an elder (as well as treasurer) this year, so I can spend time caring for folk and still



preach the Christian gospel and run a few local functions like Men's Club. I retired early as Principal of Derbyshire College of Agriculture in 1991 – said college now absorbed into a Derby conglomerate like most County Colleges, and my old staff doing the job locally and probably at a profit – much more different too! Glad to hear from any old Sutton B folk circ '54-'57. Just email or ring then pop in (email: [erndo@eclipse.co.uk](mailto:erndo@eclipse.co.uk))."

**Dewing, Richard** (1951) wrote to Julian: "I was very interested to read the item on **Dick Bowers** on p115 of Agrimag '07. I actually started at Hammonds Grammar School, Swaffham on the same day as Dick and we both caught the train on about 28<sup>th</sup> April 1947 at Holme Hale Station. He was a bit older than me so always a year ahead and this was the case at Sutton Bonington. In fact I inherited his room in the small hostel. The reason I write is that I had a totally opposite experience – he loved Nottingham and moved with regret to Sutton B – I didn't enjoy Nottingham at all but felt completely at home back in the countryside. Dick has held some high profile jobs in different parts of the world whereas I've been content to muddle along on a small Norfolk farm – good job we're all different!"

**Fort, Michael** (1954) has moved from near Grimsby to Nettleton in Lincolnshire and says: "Retired but still farming!"

**Herbert, Audrey (nee Watkins)** (1958) is retired and writes: "Since my husband, Ian Herbert's (1957) death in 1989 I kept the pedigree Suffolks going for a few years then our son took over with outdoor pigs. We now let the land but keep a few Norfolk Bronze Turkeys for Christmas and some Guinea Fowl. Our daughter is a partner in a large firm of solicitors in Hull, E Yorks. I seem to spend my time travelling and visited our many friends in the Vet School in Valdiva, Chile this year. We had spent two years there in 1971-73 for ODA and then many of the students came to do postgrad with Ian here in Bangor. I've also been to Berlin, Bruges, Italy and Krakow. This year I am off to the Galapagos in April. I see **John Davison** (Hort 1954-57) often and he and his wife were staying here recently. His garden in Oxfordshire is splendid and he sees **David Watling** occasionally."

**Hinkley, John C** (1956) has just moved, but is still living in Arbroath in Angus.

**Kelso, Joseph** (1957) wrote: "Thank you so much for the Agrimag. I found it most interesting and glad to learn of the terrific progress which has taken place at SB. I was particularly thrilled to peruse through the 50<sup>th</sup> year Reunion newsletter and to discover so much about many of the folks I was with at SB. Three lively Irishmen namely **John B Getty**, **Ros Workman** and myself all left SB in 1957. We are so disappointed that we were not contacted re the above reunion as we certainly would have made every effort to attend. We did attend the 40<sup>th</sup> reunion weekend and perhaps we'll be around for the 60<sup>th</sup> – who knows. *Editor – the 50 year Reunion, reported in Agrimag 07, was perhaps slightly misnamed. The group, who mostly graduated in 1959 decided to have a 50 year reunion of the year they started at SB and not, as is the custom, the year of graduation. Which explains why Joseph and his friends were not invited.*

**Laptain, Muriel (nee Parsonage)** (1956) has moved from Exeter to Salisbury and writes: "I now live in Harnham on the SW edge of Salisbury. Michael died in November 2003 aged 74 after a long illness, but had enjoyed over 10 years of active retirement. We lived at Homefield for 42 years where Michael did most of the repairs etc. He enjoyed being a Consultant with the MMB. After 2 years I moved to Salisbury where two of our four children live – together with our 4

grandchildren. My parents had (in 1923) started farming at Enford, 14 miles N of here and had moved to Shropshire in 1942. Mother was a Dairy Dip in 1914 when she met **Jack Parsonage** (also a student) and eventually married his brother. So the College has played a large part in my life. I thought of mother at Kingston when we used to skate on the lake. Also in my first week at Sutton Bonington I was invited to meet Prof Robinson's wife as she had taught my mother. I would welcome anyone I know if they are travelling near Salisbury. **David (1953) and Daphne Rastall** were my first visitors.

**Warley, T K Sandy** (1953) emailed Julian: Agrimag arrived last Friday and a quick browse tells me I'm going to have some absorbing holiday reading. I can't exaggerate how important your dedication and hard work in chronicling SB's progress are to me personally, to other alumni, and ultimately to the institution.

**Sept 08 Congratulations to Sandy!** *Extract from the University of Guelph Newsletter:* At the (degree) ceremony, retired OAC professor T K (Sandy) Warley received the Lincoln Alexander Medal of Distinguished Service, a tribute to an individual who has played a pivotal role in the functioning of the institution and influenced the quality of academic life. Warley came to Guelph in 1970 as a chair of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension Education and remains a strong advocate for his discipline, OAC and the University.

## 1960-69

**Dadd, C Mark** (1967) Still in New Jersey but moved to Oldwick.

**Freeman, Paul** (1961) is living in Felmersham near Bedford.

**Harding, Janet** (1960) contacted us in January as she was trying to organise a 50yr Dairy Dip Reunion and wondered if we had contact details for **Jill Jackson (Lount) and Di Eastwood**.

**Kerry, Brian** (1969) New Years Honours congratulations – MBE, Head of the Entomology and Nematology Department at Rothamsted Research.

**Wilmut, Ian** (1967) New Years Honours congratulations - OBE, Director of the Centre for Regenerative Medicine at Edinburgh University, and the man who created Dolly the Sheep through genetic cloning, was knighted for his services to Science.

## 1970-79

**Badley, Catherine (nee Tarrant)** (1970) has moved but only next door from the look of the address! So still in Portishead.

**Bunting, Nigel** (1972) Has moved but is still living in Maldon, works as a landscape contractor and writes: "Left farming finally in 2002. Now run a landscaping business, mostly commercial and environmental work. Have four daughters!"

**Day, Bernard R** (Staff 1976-9) is now living in Ashton, Northants.

**Plant, Christopher** (1972) has moved to Oakwood, Derby.

**Roberts, Jennie (nee Elliot)** (1972) has moved house but is still living in Hathern, Loughborough.

**Wainwright, Henry** (1975) writes: "Agrimag dropped into the postbox for another year. What a good read. What interesting lives people live (and have lived). With my wife Louise I now have a small "farm in Africa" near Thika in Kenya raising biological control agents for the horticultural industry. Staff, students and members of OKA are always welcome to visit and stay over with us in Kenya so they can also enjoy the "Flame trees of Thika". Email [wainwright@realipm.com](mailto:wainwright@realipm.com)

## **1980-89**

**Allen, Diana** (1983) has just joined OKA and writes: "After 20 years of working for MMB/Genus/Promar International I left and set up my own company QNM Ltd (Quality Nutrition Management [www.qnm.ltd.uk](http://www.qnm.ltd.uk)) in January 2006. This was prompted by getting a Nuffield Scholarship looking at dairy cow welfare around the world. QNM delivers farm management and technical advice to dairy farmers in the UK and abroad. Still married to Steve D'Arcy who has also turned entrepreneur and left safe employment to run his own company. We have three girls aged 15, 13 and 7."

**Boothroyd, Jane** (1985) emailed Julian: "We (Brian, 5 horses and a dog) have finally moved into a barn that we have been building for nearly 10 years. I have retired from teaching science and am now running a bed and breakfast business, near Ashbourne, on the edge of the Peak District, which fits in well with the horses. There are a small group of us who keep in touch from 1982 to 1985; **Sue Beaumont, Helen Armstrong, Bethan Griffith (Jones), Anne Marie Geory (Marrow)**. We meet up every year for a weekend. This time we had a great time in Amsterdam and visited Helen and her family. It is good to keep hearing about the progress at SB and catching up on what fellow students are doing. I look forward to this year's Agrimag. [www.hungrybentleybarn.co.uk](http://www.hungrybentleybarn.co.uk) email: [bandb@hungrybentleybarn.co.uk](mailto:bandb@hungrybentleybarn.co.uk)

**Dann, Kim** (1983) wrote to Julian and is keen to re-establish contact with: **Chris Done, Chris Cheetham, Adam Ellery, Graham Meller, Russel Butcher, Graham Boland, Alun Tarr, Simon Allen, Peter Prenton-Jones**. "In fact there are quite a lot if I think about it so rather than bore you with a list of probably now greying, slightly creaky ex boat race drinking mates, I'll leave it there!"

**Harrison, Geoffrey** (PhD 1980) has moved from Wakefield to North Walsham in Norfolk.

**Laurie, Brenda (nee Batten)** (1980) is a Dairy farmer – overworked and underpaid and writes: "I re-married 3 years ago – name is now Brenda Lampard. Married a dairy farmer in N W Leics – milking 300 Holsteins. Four grown up children with more sense!"

**More, Ian** (1983) who is married and a dairy farmer near Lockerbie wrote thanking us for Agrimag: "I quite enjoy reading it, though I feel as though I have less and less in common with the students pictured every year, not only because

I am getting older. As an "ex-Agric", I am quite sad to see the decline of Agricultural importance at SB – which was once the School of Agriculture, then UNFAS, now the School of Biosciences etc, an indication perhaps of the indifference in society to the producers of food. AgSoc, too seems to have degenerated into a group of students whose ambition seems to be to organise a pub crawl in Kegworth. Congratulations on being made Professor of Agriculture. When I was at SB Prof Ivins was in charge. He must be a hard act to follow. Your picture was in Farmer's Weekly recently – I must say you look much more significant now than when you lectured us about poultry, with long hair, beard and baggy jumpers. Much more 'Professor like'."

**Rees, Christine** (1980) is living in Dronfield, North Derbyshire, where she is the local vicar.

**Spence, Jayne (nee Haynes)** (1986) writes: "After nearly 20 years at Stoneleigh I finally left the RASE – just in time judging by their plans now for the Royal Show which seems to forget about farming. In May 2007 I joined the Rural Payments Agency as its new Head of External Communications and now commute daily from rural Northamptonshire to Reading. **Allan** (graduated 1985) also had a momentous job change. Having cut his Health and Safety Executive (HSE) teeth in agriculture straight from SB he did a stint in their construction and policy section before moving into the railway sector inspectorate. When this sector moved to the Office of Rail Regulation (ORR) he went too, to Birmingham and London. A successful promotion in mid 2007 now sees him as the Deputy Chief Inspector (of ORR's inspectorate). Amazingly there are a few SB Agrics who also work there with him!

**Summerton, Tim** (1989) has moved from Wales to Rickmansworth in Hertfordshire and writes: "After working in nutrition for a few years I moved into software development and am now a Software Development Manager. Got married and had two children. I can be contacted at [tsummerton@talk21.com](mailto:tsummerton@talk21.com).

**Wallbridge, Tamara (nee Taylor)** (1985) has moved from West Peckham in Kent to Rotherfield in East Sussex. "I now work for Natural England, mainly involved with Environmental Stewardship. Spend the rest of my time running around after 2 kids and various horses and ponies!"

**Weightman, Richard and Hayley** (1988) are living in Cambridge and contacted us about the possibility of a reunion.

**Wright, Celia** (1983) wrote to Julian: "As you may know Charles and I have moved to Sturminster Newton, Dorset and I have taken on a new job as technical development manager with a company called Oscar Mayer who makes many of the ready meals for Sainsbury's and Waitrose." Email from Charles who was an academic at SB for many years: "We are well in Dorset, can recommend the move, living in a great village, 1620's thatched farmhouse, large garden. This weekend (June) is the village's 'open gardens' so have had to try and get ours in shape."

## 1990-99

**Chaplin, Hannah** (1996) now living in Kent writes: I had a great time in Ireland and still miss it at times. It was lovely to have the mountains and the sea so close. The project I was working on at Trinity in Dublin finished and I

ended up back in the UK working as an economist in the civil service. Initially I was at the Welsh Assembly and I'm now at what was once the DTI but is now BERR. I was lucky to be taken on as a European Fast Streamer which means that I receive French and Spanish language tuition. Until recently I was working on Europe, providing economic advice to the policy teams work on Europe. I'm now working on globalisation. I jumped into **Suzy Fog** (1996) earlier this year at a seminar: it's a small world. I hope all is well at SB and the new vet school is going well."

**Childs, Samantha Jane (nee Hall)** (1997) wrote: After leaving SB I went to Nottingham Trent University to complete a PGCE in secondary science (Biology) before going to live in France with **Thomas Childs** (also from SB). During our two years there I taught English in a number of secondary and evening schools and Thomas worked on different farms. Once back in the UK Thomas did a masters degree in computer studies at Sheffield Hallam University and I taught science near Rotherham. Thomas now works for Welwyn Hatfield Council as an IT systems manager and I work as a development editor on the schools science list for a UK publishing company.

Thomas and I got married in April 2004. As is the case for most people we have had good and bad years since leaving SB, but the saddest was 2006 when our son Adam was stillborn. I spent the maternity leave after his birth raising money for Sands, a stillbirth charity. Last year we moved from Hertfordshire to Northamptonshire and I am now taking a second maternity leave, this time to look after Natalie Isabelle who was born on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2008. She is so very precious to us.

There is a small group of friends from SB that we keep in touch with and we meet up at least once a year. It is hard to believe that it is now 11 years since we left SB but we have very fond memories of our time there.

**Craig, Matthew** (1994) has moved, but is still living near Lewes and writes: "Well after SB I worked at home on the family farm for the summer before going to Seale Hayne to do their Post Grad Diploma in Agricultural Business Management. This was a really good course (sadly no more since the demise of Seal-Hayne), which opened the door into a career in arable and business management consultancy. After seven years as an agricultural consultant for ADAS based in Somerset, I jacked it all in and disappeared off around the world for 8 months to have a rummage around Africa, Australia, New Zealand and America. (Caught up with **Niamh and Chris Tye** in Tanzania and "**Little Debs**" in Zambia, whilst I was away).

Having arrived back home penniless, I returned to the family farm and found myself in the combine seat helping out with harvest whilst my brother was on "Paternity leave" after the birth of his first born. (Thoroughly modern we are down in Sussex!) Without realising it, I ended up working full time at home for nearly two years whilst looking around for other jobs or ventures I could get involved in. In May 2006 I was offered a part time position (2 days a week) as a consultant Agronomist to Phytopharm, in Cambridgeshire working alongside **Mac (Simon McWilliam)**. Phytopharm is a pharmaceutical development company specialising in the research and development of drugs and functional foods from plant based extracts. Current programmes include treatments for Alzheimers, Motor Neurone Disease, Parkinsons and Obesity. The role is predominantly office based, though I have been fortunate enough to have regular visits to South Africa over the last 18 months to monitor and inspect a growing number of farms where we are scaling up production of a crop which will form the primary

ingredient of an exciting new appetite suppressing product. Two days a week grew to three days a week and three days a week has now grown to four days a week. The remaining day is still spent helping my brother at the farm, but I'm predominantly involved in the direct marketing of our beef and lamb to local restaurants and consumers via a box scheme. It's an interesting mix, logistically challenging sometimes (Cambridgeshire to Sussex = 2.5 hours on a good day), but great to have the balance of hands on farming and "Pharming research".

I'm still in touch with **Mac** (obviously!), **Simon Garner**, **Caroline Heard**, **Amanda Carlile**, **Sarah Davis** and **Nic Pearce**, and **Richard Webber** though **Paul Edwards** seems to have disappeared off the face of the earth. I see "**Stokesy**" (**Dave**) from time to time at Plumpton. Last I heard of "**Plukey**" (**Richard**) was that he was in the US Virgin islands and happily married with a baby. I've lost touch with **Chris and Niamh Tye** since they moved back to England so it would be good to hear from them to find out what they're up to and say thanks again for great hospitality in Tanzania. I can be contacted at [matt@gotefarmlamb.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:matt@gotefarmlamb.wanadoo.co.uk).

**Gardiner, Harriet (nee Banks)** (1999) writes: "I am a National Account Manager for a citrus company. After moving back to Cambridgeshire in 2006 to work for a citrus company as Tesco Account Manager I decided that it was time to start a family. Rob and I had a baby boy on 6 Nov 2007 called Austin."

**Gratton, Elizabeth** (1998) is living in Taunton, Somerset.

**Hawkins, Hannah** (nee Black) (1998) is now living in Leominster.

**Langen-Pieters, Petra (nee Langen)** (1996) has moved back to the UK and is living in Byfleet, Surrey. She practices as a Chiropractor, for people and animals.

**Lock, Adam & Jayne** (1997 & 2001) Jayne emailed from South Burlington, USA with the news that they were now proud parents of baby Jack.

**Middleton, Sarah (nee Carter)** (1997) who is a Marketing Manager, for RAGT Seeds, has moved to Longstanton, Cambridge and writes: "We are now the proud parents of a beautiful daughter, born November 2007. Our lives will never be the same again!"

**Orlandi, Janet** (1998) emailed Julian: "After nine years working my way up at Harrods to the Confectionery & Grocery Buyer, we decided to move to Vancouver, Canada. I am not working at the moment as we settle in but am looking forward to learning how to ski properly!"

**Perrett, Paula (nee Burton)** (1993) has moved to Ide near Exeter.

**Philpott, Alistair** (1991) has moved from York to Malton, North Yorkshire and writes: "Caryn (Douglas, Nutrition, 1991) and I separated in 2006 and divorced last year. Our 2 daughters Rose (6) and Elanor (4) spend their time living with both of us. Caryn is now working at the University of York, something to do with stem cell research. I'm still working in the IT industry, for the largest UK based IT services firm. As you see from my signature (Registers Co-ordinator and V4 Registrar, Saab Owners Club (GB) Ltd) I'm still heavily into old Saab cars. Would love to hear from others who were at SB from 88-91; I've not found many of you on Facebook, yet...! Best regards to all at SB."

**Shepherdson, Sally (nee Marley)** (1992) is now living near Scarborough and writes: "Got married in 2002 so now Sheperdson. We have two children aged 3 and 4. I worked for Daylay as a Management Trainee for 5 years, finishing up as a production manager. Now work for NFUM – took job as a poultry specialist giving advice on insurance matters and claims – now general surveyor although still specialising in poultry issues."

**Taylor, Lee** (1995) emailed Julian: "I am International Technical Director for Sunny Delight, that wonderful soft drink sold in the UK and around the world. I have been here for almost 3 years, here is Barcelona by the way. Before this I worked for Coca Cola and a juice company called Gerber Emig. On the personal front, I married a nice French girl and we have 3 children, all girls. I hope I can instill in them a passion for learning and communication from an early age like wot I never 'ad, anyway enough self deprecation."

## **2000-**

**Bank, Jade** (2001) has moved from New Malden in Surrey to London.

**Bowes, Liz (nee Richards)** (2003) is a farmer and married **David Bowes** (2001 Agric) on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2008 in sunny Pembrokeshire.

**Coggrave, Louise** (2002) has moved from Doncaster to Northallerton, North Yorkshire and is working as an NPD at Wensleydale Creamery.

**Hough, Rupert** (2000) has moved from London and is now working as a Soil Science Coordinator at the Macaulay Institute in Aberdeen.

**Prideaux, Steve** (2006) Steve responded to a request from Julian about his time at SB. "I thoroughly enjoyed studying Microbiology at SB; this is not only to do with enjoyment of the course but of the campus and its people too. I found the course so enjoyable due to a range of reasons, most noticeably the way the first year allows you to get a broad understanding of your subject and then in most cases, as with myself, highlight specific areas of interest. Once these areas of interest are highlighted, the flexibility in the course allows you to choose modules based around these areas and learn more of what interests you. Specifically with myself I found the medical side of microbiology the most interesting, and therefore chose many modules based in the QMC which I not only enjoyed but am finding have stood me in good stead for my current job. As well as the theoretical knowledge aiding my performance within full time employment, many practical skills I learnt during my degree have also been priceless. Overall my degree from SB has massively influenced not only my choice of employment, but also my ability to have confidence and perform well within my current role. I could not have asked for more from my time at University!"

**Simpson, Paul** (2001) has been living in Taranaki, New Zealand since the beginning of 2006 and is working in Food Production.

**Truslove, Ben** (2000) is now living near Redditch and working as a Management Surveyor.

**Waite, Rebecca** (2007) writes: "I have been living in Bristol with **Phil Matthews** (a fellow SB graduate) since I graduated from Sutton Bonington in 2007. After leaving University I immediately took up a graduate education placement at the Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE). CSE is a Bristol based charity, which tackles energy issues ranging from fuel poverty through to the implementation of renewable technologies, on both a local and national scale. My role in the education department is to provide workshops and support to schools, with the aim of introducing young people to the issues surrounding sustainable energy. Following my successful graduate placement I have recently been promoted to the full time position of Education Project Worker and I am currently considering applying for a Primary PGCE which I aim to start in September 2009.

## DEATHS

### **Robert Anderson** (1946)

Mrs Anderson wrote to let us know that Robert had died on 1 October 2007. He worked in Central Africa for 20 years. He and his wife returned to Britain in 1969 and Robert worked for the Scottish Agricultural College in Aberdeen and Inverness until he retired in 1989.

### **Evelyn Kennedy (nee Kelsey)** (1933)

Evelyn's son phoned to say that his mother had died on 22 July 2007. A keen hockey player, Evelyn spent her time at SB studying for a Dairy Diploma. She left in 1933 and initially worked in Derbyshire. During the war she worked for War Ag at the Retford Office. In 1947 Evelyn married Alan Dunn who farmed in Wales. They divorced in 1950 and she went to live at the family farm with her parents - Highfields Farm, Beltof in between Scunthorpe and Doncaster. In November 1957 she remarried J Kennedy and they lived in Laughterton, North Lincs where she stayed until her death.

**McArdle, Hilary (nee Wildish)** (1972) "Looking through the recently received copy of Agrimag I noticed that there was no reference to the sad death of Hilary. She died last September after a long battle with cancer. Her funeral was attended by a number of OKA bods - Gary Greenwood, Dr Steve Wilcockson, Michael Hodgson-Hess, Andy Pearce and me (all 1972).

**Betty Larder** (1942) Julian had a letter from **Edith Shucksmith** (1942): "In case you have not already been informed I am writing to tell you that Betty Larder died in June. Her husband, **Hugh Larder** died a few years previously (2005). They were students at the same time in the forties. I enjoy reading Agrimag."

### **Michael Payne** (1948)

Died peacefully at his home near Truro, Cornwall on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2008 aged 85. He was born at Little London, near Andover and went to school in Winchester. On leaving school Michael was in the Northamptonshire Regiment in Burma where he was demobbed as captain. After the war he came to Sutton Bonington as an Agricultural student. Michael managed a dairy farm in Sussex from 1956-1965 and also showed pedigree Jerseys. He met Brydie in 1952 when they were both showing Jersey cows and they married in 1956 at Modbury in Devon. They had four children. In 1971 they moved to a 55 acre farm in Cornwall building up a small pedigree herd of Friesians which they kept until 1989 when they sold the cattle. Staying on the farm they grew vegetable for home and sale and Michael



took up painting again. (*Thanks to **Margaret Morrel (nee Camm)** 1951 for providing this information.*)

**Robin (George) Sibbick (1958)**

This email came from John Hopkinson:

I am writing to confirm and enlarge on a rather brief uncertain report on the death of Robin Sibbick that appeared in Agrimag 07. Robin (or George as he was universally known by his fellow students) died of cancer in 2003 somewhere in SE Queensland, either Brisbane or Ipswich. He was already retired at the time, and had had rather sad later life, with amongst other misfortunes, one of his four daughters and his first wife pre-deceasing him.

I never met him after he left SB, but understood that he went to do National Service and took a three year commission in the army. Someone, I cannot now recollect who, once told me they came across him in Lancaster recovering from a bullet wound in the leg after being shot by an Arab in the Trucial Desert. Many years later Dave Robinson (another contemporary of ours) was travelling a lonely road in either the NT or the north of WA when he came across a broken-down truck with a pair of legs sticking out from under it. He stopped to ask if help was needed, and the head that emerged from underneath in response was Sibbick's. I never knew what job he was doing there.

He later joined the Queensland Dept of Primary Industries and was farm manager of Ayr Research Station on the Burdekin. Although I worked for the same Dept and was only about 5 hours drive north of him, our paths never crossed. However, the DPI farm managers were a close fraternity, and the manager of the station where I worked kept me informed of his movements, including his later life. He moved south late in his career to be a farm manager of another research station somewhere near Ipswich. Throughout his time in Australia he masqueraded under his real name Robin.

George was a colourful figure who will still be clearly remembered by those who were students at the college between about 1956 and 1959, so there will be a sizeable number of OKA members who would welcome news, albeit sad, of him.

**John Hopkinson (1962)**

**Charles Stanger (1933)**

We received the following letter from his son, Jim in December 2007.

Sadly I have to inform you that my father passed away on the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2007, he was knocked off his scooter, returning home from a shopping trip in Loughborough. He spent 5 days in intensive care at the QMC Nottingham. He was making such a good recovery that he moved to Loughborough Hospital on the 6<sup>th</sup> day, but he passed away on the 10<sup>th</sup> day after the accident. Remarkably at 94 he had a church full of mourners and he is buried with his wife at Stanford-on-Soar. He leaves behind 5 children, 13 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

He came to Stanford within 9 months of leaving college and married the boss's daughter. He became tenant in 1953 after the death of his father-in-law. Charles was an Ayreshire Cattle breeder and served on the Ayreshire Council as

well as being Chair of the Notts Club. His other interests were NFU and local Parish Council. He was Chairman for over 30 years.

His sporting interests were cricket, hockey and shooting. He did his Telegraph Crossword every day, right up until the accident and was independent right until the end, doing his own cooking etc.

A sporting phrase to sum him up – “He had a good innings”

### **Jim Stanger**

*and from **Harold Barker (1951)***

Charlie Stanger was a student of the Midland Agricultural College in 1933 and retained his membership of OKA until he died. He kept up his association with the College and lived and farmed in nearby Stanford-on-Soar, visited the College frequently and sent contributions to Agrimag from time to time.

### **Malcolm Woodbine**

Following the obituary to Malcolm in Agrimag 2007 we had the following from Alan Seaman who asked if we could add the following: “I owed so much to Malcolm over so many years that I wouldn’t like it to pass unrecorded due to my dilatoriness. Malcolm and I worked together for 36 years. It started when he was a graduate at the Wellcome Foundation Beckenham and I joined as a junior technician, continued when he left to join the Civil Service and we published our first joint paper and remained at Sutton Bonington when he became lecturer and I was demonstrator. There were aspects of his character which never changed. He never lost his temper, even when in my first few weeks I accidentally drenched him with an ill-aimed hose. He came back from one acrimonious meeting saying “I was so cross I almost said something”. If he thought there was ability, he gave the younger generation autonomy. I was the first of many to benefit from this. He also took a great personal concern in students and kept in touch with them for many years. His interests were wide ranging and this was reflected in his discursive lecture style – not always appreciated by those students who would have preferred to take concise notes. There was his northern thrift which was invaluable as Microbiology formed a small section with an antagonistic Head of Department. We acquired a large fridge from a bankrupt butcher, a research microscope from a retired Anglo-Indian civil servant and followed the trail of coloured cotton wool from lab supplier to distributor to wholesaler to manufacturer with corresponding decrease in price. Lastly there was a sense of humour which united, and was shared by, our small team of Prof, Lecturer, Demonstrator and Technician. After one series of exchanges a sober minded colleague walked away shaking his head saying “Honestly I give up with you lot”. Many of us will remember his hearty laugh.”

### **Alan Seaman**

#### **Stuart Young (1945)**

*We received the fololwing letter from Stuart’s wife Ellen.* “Last December I received the 2007 Agrimag addressed to my late husband Charles Stuart Young (1943-45). Sadly Stuart as he was known to his family and friends passed away on the 30<sup>th</sup> December 2006 after a short illness. Stuart often spoke of his days

at Sutton Bonington, valuing friendships made, knowledge and experience gained before returning to the family farm. Ever mindful of the vast changes in the agricultural industry over the years and always interested in new developments, his last project was growing willow for renewable energy. Stuart never retired and the farm is now being farmed by our son Ian. Stuart is remembered by all who knew him for his integrity and good husbandry.

## **OBITUARIES**

### **PROFESSOR JP HUDSON**

Professor John Pilkington Hudson CBE, MBE, GM and Bar, VMH, BSc, MSc, PhD, NDH,

Professor John Hudson died at his home on 6 December 2007, aged 97.

John Hudson was born in Chapel-en-le-Frith in Derbyshire in 1910 and, after leaving school at 16, he enrolled on a one year horticultural course at the Midland Agricultural College, Sutton Bonington, near Nottingham. He passed with distinction, being awarded the Ashgate Challenge Cup for the best horticultural student. Later, he took a BSc in horticulture (taught at Nottingham but accredited by London University).

In 1935 he was briefly a lecturer at Plumpton School of Agriculture before becoming a horticultural adviser for Sussex County Council in the following year. While a student at Sutton Bonington he had met Gretta, a sister of a college lecturer. They married in 1936 and lived in Plumpton for three years while he was an adviser.

Shortly before war began John Hudson joined the Territorial Army with the Royal Engineers. He was with the British Expeditionary Force in Normandy and was subsequently evacuated from Dunkirk. Later, due to his scientific background, keen observation and his own ad hoc report on his experiences with bomb disposal, he was summoned to London. He was to lead a team working on neutralizing mechanisms for unexploded bombs, with a promotion which led to the rank of major. He also liaised with his opposite numbers in the Navy and Air Force and, after America came into the war in 1941, he spent several months in the United States interacting with bomb experts. He was awarded a military MBE in 1943. In the following year he received the George Medal and then, in 1945, a Bar for his personal work on defusing bombs, including the first unexploded V1. These activities are well documented in the obituaries in The Daily Telegraph and The Times (available on-line), exemplifying his life of duty and commitment in all that he did.

After the war John Hudson and his family went to New Zealand. He worked in the Department of Agriculture at Wellington and in this period initiated experiments on the transportation of a new fruit to the UK, the Chinese gooseberry, later known as the kiwi fruit. He helped to establish the Experimental Station at Levin.

In 1948 he returned to the School of Agriculture, then a faculty of the new University of Nottingham, as a lecturer in the Horticulture Department. He became Head in 1950, Professor of Horticulture in 1958 and, finally, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture and Horticulture in 1965. He undertook research on the

propagation of raspberries by root cuttings and introduced from New Zealand a virus-free clone of the raspberry Lloyd George to the industry. He carried out pioneering studies with his research students on environmental factors affecting plant growth, particularly that of water supply, especially working with tomatoes. He had some rewarding collaborative research with Professor Fred Milthorpe and Dr Ian Cowan. Partly as a result of this work and his interest in tropical horticulture, he was seconded, part time, to found the Department of Horticulture at Khartoum University and was visiting Professor of Horticulture from 1961-1963. His dedication and application to his work were such that he was able to share his time successfully between the two universities.

John Hudson became Chairman of the Sutton Bonington Old Students Association, from 1956 to 60, and he continued to take a genuine and lively interest in his former students throughout his life.

In 1967 he left Nottingham to become Director of Long Ashton Research Station with a Chair of Horticultural Science at the University of Bristol. Initially, he undertook some vigorous reorganisation which he felt was desirable for the research staff and the horticultural industry. In the early 1970s a programme to investigate the value of fast growing easily propagated trees, like willows and poplars, was carried out to meet specific requirements for shelter in fruit as part of work on fruit pollination. This was then extended to shelter for vegetables, glasshouse crops and, finally, amenity plantings. Although he had been required by ARC to restrict earlier work on the willow collection, he readily gave his support for this new development, with the use of clonal material from the National Willow Collection. He initiated the annual national meeting, known as the Under 40s Conference, for younger research workers, advisers and growers to interact.

In 1972, John Craven, then a young reporter on BBC Points West programme, asked John Hudson, as Director of Long Ashton: "Do you think this messing about with nature could be harmful?" "Oh, no, not at all", he answered, "We're not messing about with nature, we're improving on nature". John Hudson edited *Control of the Plant Environment*, 1957, the journal *Experimental Agriculture*, between 1965 and 1982, and served on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Horticultural Science* and *SPAN*. He chaired the Government's Joint Advisory Committee on Agricultural Education until 1973 and served on the RHS Examinations Board.

When he retired from Long Ashton in 1975 he was appointed CBE, for services to horticulture, and in the following year received the prestigious Victoria Medal of Horticulture from the Royal Horticultural Society. Among his many awards was an Associateship of Honour by the Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture. He was a former President of the Horticultural Educational Association, a founder member and Honorary Fellow of the Institute of Horticulture.

He retired in 1975 and lived in the village of Wrington, near Bristol. He and Gretta enjoyed touring in a caravan and tending their large garden. John worked actively for the Samaritans, took gliding lessons and joined his local choral society and church choir, reckoning on practising his singing for an hour a day. His 90th birthday in 2000 provided an occasion for a weekend celebration by his family, many friends and former students ending with a rousing rendition by the Wrington Choral Society of the Hallelujah Chorus rearranged to the words of "Happy Birthday"! A committed Christian throughout his life he continued taking part in his church choir where, by his 95th birthday, he formed 50% of the bass section!

Sadly, John Hudson's wife, Greta, died in 1988 and his son, Colin, an accomplished tropical agronomist (who received an award from Her Majesty on the same day as his father) died in 2004. He was survived by his younger son, Richard, Emeritus Professor of Linguistics at University College, London.

**Sylvia Parrett**  
**Brian Self**

### **Reflections by Brian Self about J P Hudson**

It is not often that a church is packed at a funeral for someone in their nineties. All Saints' Church in the village of Wrington, Somerset, was full for John Hudson's Celebration Service on a very cold morning on 17 December. John had made many good friends in his local community as he had around the world during his long life.

In the 1998 edition of Who's Who, under the heading "Recreations", John listed "Talking with my friends". He was an extraordinarily modest man; he always seemed genuinely interested in the person with whom he was talking. Even on his 97th birthday, when he was not feeling too well, he spoke little about himself but was keen to enquire about his guests' health, activities and family.

Surprising to us today, John left school at 16 with no qualifications and no clear ambitions! He admitted to an interest in physics, though his teacher dissuaded him from pursuing avenues in this direction. (It was his ready grasp of physics that subsequently saved his life and many others). It must have been sheer determination that drove him to apply himself and study to gain the necessary academic qualifications to secure entrance to a degree course in the dark days of the 1920s.

This dynamic man was so unassuming that he never mentioned his war exploits to his students! Some only learnt from the comparatively recent Channel 4 TV series on UXB (exploded bombs). In the 1950s John always wore his Royal Engineers tie.

John recalled "It was an interesting time building up the Department" and he was justly proud to have occupied the first Chair of Horticulture at Nottingham where he formerly graduated. He was also the first horticulturist in the country to have occupied such a post.

He certainly had that rare gift to see the obvious and to cut through unnecessary detail. Did he bring a military approach to the direction of scientific endeavour? He had a flair for organisation; things had to go to plan - and they did. Perhaps the only time he looked defeated was when a Barton bus of students on one of the unique study tours came to a stop facing a "No Through Road" sign outside Richmond Park!

John had a crystal clear mind which he obviously applied with great effect in removing bomb fuses and to the management of staff and students as well as teaching and research programmes. Directorship of Long Ashton in the late 1960s was a testing time since there were shadows of research budget reductions on the horizon; he introduced essential changes while retaining the confidence of staff. And he thoroughly enjoyed the job and the friendship of his

colleagues. "Prof", as he was known by staff, always made himself available to any who that wished to see him.

John was a good communicator and could present scientific information clearly. He spoke with apparent ease, though, like Churchill, he would be thoroughly prepared. His lectures were ordered and delivered with precise timing. He tried to instil the latter attribute into his students; he had the unfortunate habit of bringing an alarm clock to student seminars which rang noisily when the forecast time of the presentation was exceeded!

John's career embraced research, teaching and advisory spheres. Dr Peter Waister, a former postgraduate, who spoke at his funeral, said he excelled in all aspects. "I was impressed by his ability to balance the three areas and to be inspirational in them all, a rare achievement".

He applied his horticultural craftsmanship in developing two splendid gardens; at West Leake near Sutton Bonington and at Wrington. The latter had trees (some lovely birches), shrubs, herbaceous plants, bulbs, vegetables and fruit. With the exception of the lawns and hedges, he managed all himself well into his nineties.

Sadly, no more birthday gatherings on the lawn at Wrington, but pleasant memories of one who had a remarkable influence on people's careers, lifestyle and behaviour. So many are grateful for his fellowship.

John Hudson was one of horticulture's gentlemen

### **Professor John Hudson**

John had an eventful life. In recent years his wartime exploits have received well-deserved publicity, first in a television programme a couple of years ago and more recently in the national press.

As a result of these activities, which included exposure to bomb chemicals, his health suffered and after the war he and his young family moved to the better climate of New Zealand, to a post as a horticulturist in the Department of Agriculture. In his three years there he made an impact such that he was made an Associate of Honour of the Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture. Among other things he initiated experiments on transporting a new fruit to the UK. This was originally called the Chinese gooseberry, but was rebranded and became a major success for NZ growers as the kiwi fruit.

In 1948 he returned to Britain to the University of Nottingham School of Agriculture, first as a horticultural lecturer, then Head of Department, and in 1958 the first Professor of Horticulture. He went on to serve as Dean of the School of Agriculture. Between 1961 and 1963 he spent six months each year in the Sudan setting up a new Department of Horticulture in Khartoum University. In 1967 he was invited to serve as Director of the Long Ashton Research Station, and was appointed Professor of Horticultural Science in the University of Bristol.

I first met him in 1960 when he accepted me as a PhD student in his Department. He excelled in teaching, in research, and in communicating the results of his Department's work to the horticultural industry. I was impressed,

and remained so, by his ability to balance the three areas and to be inspirational in them all, a rare achievement.

It would clearly be impossible to do justice to John's professional career in a few minutes. What I should like to do is spend the time available talking about John's personality. He was a warm caring person, and a happy family man. He and Gretta raised two sons, Colin and Dick, who went on to distinguish themselves in different fields and to embody the values of their parents. John relished his role as father, grandfather and great grandfather. After he retired in 1975 he and Gretta lived a happy and contented life in Wrington, in Somerset, enjoying their house and garden and their many friends in the village. Sadly, Gretta suffered a stroke in 1986 which left her paralysed down one side and unable to speak. John, with his customary positive attitude, cared for her for the next three and a half years, and said later that these were golden days.

When Gretta died in 1989, his life entered a new phase where he followed a variety of interests. He became a volunteer with Weston super Mare Samaritans, a task for which I suspect he was ideally qualified. It requires an individual who is non-judgemental, another of John's admirable qualities. He joined the village choral society and the church choir, and became a member of a gliding club. He told me that he had once aspired to do a parachute jump but was required to be agile enough to stand the impact of jumping to the ground from about 4 feet. When he went to a ledge of this height he found he could not climb up, let alone jump down, so he abandoned the idea. It was typical of him to tell such stories against himself. Given all his achievements he was a remarkably modest man.

In September 1991 he started what was to become regular visits to Scotland, where he and Gretta had enjoyed caravanning holidays. My wife (**Stella Pickworth** PhD Animal Physiology SB 1960-63) had had multiple sclerosis for a number of years and John offered very welcome support to us, both at home and when he joined us on holiday when we rented cottages in sometimes remote parts of the countryside. Colin Hudson was also able to join us on three of these holidays. I shall always be grateful that John was with us when my wife died while we were on holiday in 1994 in an isolated farmhouse on a Highland estate.

In the next three years he continued to visit Scotland and enjoyed hillwalking and coastal walks, and it was at this time that we had a little incident that amused him, at least in retrospect. We had gone over to a wide expanse of sand at the mouth of the Tay. The tide was out and we walked a long way out to where we could see seals on a sandbank. John was particularly impressed by their singing. We had the place to ourselves apart from two people some distance away. I was suddenly aware that they were running along the sand behind us in obvious alarm. The tide had come in through a deep channel behind us and had linked in an arc with the sea again, at which point small waves were breaking on a sand bar. We headed for that point and John asked if we needed to run. I did not know whether that was a greater risk than getting a soaking, so we compromised and hurried, and all was well after a little wading. He said later that he dined out on the story telling people that he had survived Dunkirk but had nearly been drowned by a friend on a Scottish beach.

On each of his trips in these three years John visited his sister Mollie, who lived alone in Perth, about 15 miles from where I live. However as she became more frail John spent a week with her about every six weeks, for a further six years. In an established pattern he spent the first night of his visit at my home and came back for the last night, bearing a bottle of champagne. These champagne suppers were something to look forward to. Over the years until his sister's

death in 2003 he made the long journey from Wrington to Perth by train many times, occupying his hours on the way by reading issues of the New Scientist.

In addition to all this care for his sister he was at the same time actively helping friends here in Wrington.

I find that whenever people who have known John get together it is not long before they are exchanging anecdotes, invariably happy ones. The most recent one came from a student (**Bob Exley** - Horticulture 1952-54) who attended his lectures in Sutton Bonington 55 years ago. The lecture room was a prefabricated building with a concrete floor. John would have a tin drum on a table alongside him and, if he noted students dozing off, he would drop the drum on the floor with a crash, and carry on as though nothing had happened.

One of the first things that struck me was his optimistic outlook and readiness for new experiences, typified by a comment he made in 1961 when we were in Sudan and drove through the desert to visit the huge irrigation scheme of the Gezira. On the return trip he spotted a group of tribesman with their camels on the banks of the Nile. We diverted so that John could fulfil his ambition to ride a camel, which he did, though its owners held firmly to its head. This was apparently a fast riding camel, not the usual slow beast of burden. That was the first occasion when I heard his phrase, to be often repeated over the years, in many places and situations, "that made my day".

Someone said that a philosopher is one who has preserved a child's sense of wonder. John undoubtedly possessed this, allied to an urge to understand things that many of us take for granted. It was stimulating to see and experience things in his company.

In more recent times, when his mobility decreased, he enjoyed sitting in his garden looking across to the church in Wrington. Typically, he said more than once that he sat there wondering about the men who built it, and how they went about it. One more example of his sense of wonder .

John will remain in the memories of all who knew him, and will continue to influence all of us. I have often found myself, when faced with a difficulty, asking how he might have responded. I am very grateful to have had his friendship.

### **A tribute from Peter Waister (PhD Horticulture SB 1960-64)**

#### **Professor John P Hudson**

My first contact with John Hudson was when he taught Agricultural Systems (superseded in more modern times by Applications in Biology) to all year 1 students at SB in 1966. I recall thoroughly enjoying his lectures because he had travelled and worked in several countries and brought those experiences to life in his lectures. At that time he had a particular interest in the effect of climate and weather on crops and worked on soil-plant water having worked in Sudan (later developed into Environmental Physics by John Monteith and colleagues).

I met him from time to time after he moved to Long Ashton Research Station – mainly while attending conferences based there or through activities of the then Horticultural Education Association (superseded by the Institute of Horticulture).



After retirement he started a forum for young horticultural scientists which held a conference annually – unfortunately, by then, I had passed the upper age limit for this forum! I also had the good fortune to visit him at his home in the village of Wrington – just a few miles from my mother’s house. I recall his enthusiasm and knowledge of garden plants and his pride that his garden in Wrington was the ninth he had designed.

I feel honoured to have known John Hudson. He was an amazing person. He was a dedicated horticulturalist, overflowing with ideas, easy to talk to and friendly – a role model in many ways. He always had time to see people and could recall all about you even after long periods without contact. He was also humble and very calm – perhaps qualities that helped him through his incredible experiences in bomb disposal in WW2.

### **Peter Alderson, Alumni '69**

*"All who came into contact with him, including family, friends, colleagues and students, counted themselves privileged that he had been part of their lives."*

### **Julian Wiseman**

#### **Mr David Rowles**

**17 January 1952 - 7 April 2008**

Born on the 17th January 1952, son of Aubrey and Doris, David was brought up in Gloucestershire, SW England. His family were farmers and farming was everything to him. He had a real sense of humour and loved to tease anyone within reach and his sister Jeannette was often on the receiving end.

At 18 he went to University at Nottingham to study agriculture and this is where he met his wife, Ann.

After university he went back to the family farm to work with his parents and was lucky enough to have the chance to have a house built in the most beautiful Cotswold countryside where, after a year or two, their two lovely children John and Helen were born.

Several years later with the growing crisis in farming in England he and his family took the decision to move to France where he thought farming would be a much better option. They chose to move to Gaujan, near to Toulouse in the south-west and despite certain difficulties, not to mention his difficulties of learning a completely new language, they settled down and were warmly welcomed by this extraordinary community that he grew to love. He had many friends of all nationalities and his wit and humour were legendary. But here too farming was becoming difficult and gradually he built up a garden maintenance business which became so successful that it took up virtually all his time.

Outside farming David was passionate about engineering, especially trains and bridge construction, and on many an occasion a day out was sure to include a look at a famous bridge. Since its recent construction David was desperate to go and see the beautiful new bridge at Millau but unfortunately that was not to be.

His other great passion was ornithology and many a time his tractor would be stopped in the field for a while as David watched a bird that had caught his eye. Most people just thought he was having an afternoon siesta.

Then in the last year bad health stopped everything. A dreadful disease took him and all around him completely by surprise, but he put up a strong fight and said to his family that he had to get better as his family and friends had given him so much encouragement and support that he just couldn't let them down.

Now his wife Ann is continuing with the farming as well as the Bed & Breakfast business they had set up together.( <http://perso.orange.fr/chambre.hote> )

Their daughter, Helen, after gaining a degree in Agronomy is now an advisory technician at one of the largest local co-operatives in the area and is looking after 160 farms and running a staff of 5. She is even more invaluable to her mother now since the death of David.

Their son, John, works in the aircraft industry near Toulouse but is also an active part of the farming company.

(Received from **Ann Rowles (nee Grundy) (1976)**)

*David Rowles. Memorial Service – Thursday 24th April 2008. Dr Paul Ely, a contemporary of David and Ann at SB, was asked to share a few thought from a 'Mafia' perspective.*

The Mafia was a curious eclectic collection of intellectual and fun people who formed a solid group very early on at SB and are still firm friends today – 34.5 years later. Outsiders named them the Mafia.

David was two years above us at SB and only joined the group in the second half of our first year when he was doing his finals. He often went to University Park in Nottingham as part of the Officer Training Corps. We all remember his green army jumpers and smart haircut, which was a thin disguise for a man who was obviously a farmer!

He was always jovial, fun and cheeky, and took a shine to Ann; well, who wouldn't. She is intelligent, yet fun and very cheeky with it. A bit like Dave I suppose. **Claire Nicholson (née Raybould)** summed things up perfectly in a recent email: "After SB David got a job with ICI I think but the girls at ICI can't have been a patch on Ann because he put in regular weekend appearances at SB for the next 2 years, and took her off to various posh corporate events. She was obviously the only one for him." I received an email from **Glenn Humphries** in Ethiopia that reads: "I am sorry that I won't be able to be with you for David's memorial service. He was an all round nice guy and his loss will leave a big gap in his family and in the Mafia."

David and Ann built a house at the top of Birdlip Hill that I visited on several occasions. The first time they were living in a caravan. The house had no proper floor downstairs and no staircase. David and Ann were always up for a challenge. As the story goes Ruth visited on one occasion and asked David where the loo was. "Past the second bush on the left!" he replied!

In 2000 the Mafia had a reunion at David and Ann's chateau in France. There they opened their home to us – a risky thing to do – and gave the Mafia and kids a memorable time together. In 2003 I married Katie and we spent 3 days of our honeymoon at their lovely chateau. On both occasions they were very hospitable, generous and kind.

Throughout David's fight against cancer he demonstrated immense courage and determination. I visited in September, he spent most of the day lying down but that never dampened his humour and I never once heard him complain.

David will be remembered by us all in the 'Mafia' as a very hospitable, hard-working, fun, cheeky, adventurous man who was a faithful husband to Ann. I trust that his legacy will live on in all of us who knew him.

**Dr Paul Ely**

**RORY WATSON 25 June 1988 – 23 March 2008**

*This poem was read out at the memorial service held in the Charnwood Room on the 1<sup>st</sup> May for Rory.*

You can shed tears that he is gone,  
Or you can smile that he has lived.

You can close your eyes and pray he will come back,  
Or you can open your eyes and see all he's left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see him,  
Or you can be full of the love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember him and only that he's gone,  
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back,  
Or you can do what he'd want:  
Smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

**Anon.**

Rory was one of my academic tutees. I remember meeting him on the first day of his first year at Sutton Bonington when, along with a clutch of other newly arrived tutees, he squeezed into my office for our first chat. After that, he would come along by himself from time to time and I would see him around both during the day and in the evenings at Bonington Hall social events.

One of the things about Rory was that there never were any problems. When he came to get his exam marks he had always done well, very well in fact. Come to think of it, he was probably pretty much the only one of my tutees who managed to turn up at the appointed time too! Once we had discussed academic matters, I would ask him about other things, such as how he liked his accommodation and whether he was enjoying himself, and he was always very content.

So, things were going very well for Rory, which makes the tragic news from last month all the more hard to bear.

We are here today to honour Rory's memory and to celebrate his time at the Sutton Bonington campus and his contribution to our community. Mostly, these are things we can do inside ourselves, but there are a number of ways in which we can, and will, give substance to these thoughts.

There has already been a collection, for the charity of Rory's family's choice, at the memorial football match last week and this collection will be continued today as we leave the room. Furthermore, Dez Wilson will be running a half-marathon in Rory's memory and in aid of this same charity later on in the year.

Rory was a keen member of the SB clay pigeon shooting society and we have therefore decided to purchase an additional shotgun for the club, with the stock engraved in his memory.

I am indebted to Jon Vickery and Michael Bellamy, two of Rory's clubmates, for their advice in choosing a 20-bore side-by-side shotgun. I am told that this will be primarily a ladies and beginners shotgun, which is what the clay pigeon society most needs.

Moreover, I understand that Rory taught many beginners to shoot, so this seems to be an especially fitting memorial to Rory that will be with us for many, many years to come.

I extend my condolences to Rory's family and friends.

**Dr Ian C.W. Hardy**

#### **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS (from Nov 2007 to Sept 2008)**

Diana Allen (1983)	Anthony Stevens (2008)
Clare Baker (2008)	Carrie Tooley (2008)
Helen Battye (2008)	Hannah Walker (2006)
Rachael Bennett (2008)	Lingyan Weng (2008)
Emma Bonham (2008)	
Vicki Brooks (2008)	
Sarah Caldwell (2008)	
Gillian Cawood (2008)	
Kim Dann (1983)	
Rachel Donaldson (2008)	
Jonathan English (2003)	
Kathryn Farquharson (2007)	
Rachel Griffiths (2008)	
Laura Hare (2007)	
Rebecca Humfrey (2008)	
Philip Lhermette (1977)	
Toni-Marie Locke (2008)	
Emma J Longford (2008)	
Phil Manley (2008)	
Sherriden Masters (2008)	
Holly Newman (2008)	
Tim Payne (2008)	
Deborah Reeve (2008)	
Timothy Rogers (2008)	
Andrew Spinks (2008)	

## LATE NEWS

### OKA 1945-48 REUNION – 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2008

On behalf of our OKA Group (1946-48) I send our warmest thanks for the excellent arrangements you made for our visit on Sunday last. There was nothing but praise heaped upon your head. May I add too, the marvellous guidance from Julia Kydd, Senior Tutor at the School of Veterinary Medicine and Science as she piloted our way round numerous corridors and rooms. The insight you both gave us threw completely fresh light on "Vet Science Today". Perhaps I can say I met many Vets and BVA Members during my 5 years at the Nat. Agric Centre where our task was to involve all sides of agriculture in communicating technology (1960s style!). We cannot thank both of you enough for giving up your Sunday morning, but I hope you felt greatly rewarded by the obvious keen interest of our OKA Group.

Could you add to my piece two further deaths – **Arthur Bass** 1945-48 and **Alan Ingram** 1945-47.

And finally the date for 2009 **OKA Reunion was fixed for 4<sup>th</sup> October**. Members seemed highly motivated by the "new" Dairy Cow Complex! I will contact you before that of course.

**Ray Carter** (1947)

*and from Elaine Ellis:*

I just wanted to say a very big thank you to you both for giving up your time on Sunday to entertain and educate so many of the past OKA Students – mostly from the old Midland Agricultural College!!!

Everyone was so thrilled with the visit and all through our lunch I could hear so many talking about all the things that you had shown us and talked about to us all. It certainly made this Reunion one of the Very Best that we have had.

All things being equal – we hope to have another Reunion next year on the 4<sup>th</sup> October. So once again a Very Big Thank You to you both and we send you all good wishes for the year to come.

**Elaine Ellis** (1947)

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**Freeman, Paul** (1961) emailed Julian: "Retired from Unilever in 1992, for several years afterwards did various bits of consultancy work, mainly in the animal nutrition area. Have now fully retired to tend my roses (a cliché – but true!), fire off the occasional polemic to the DT from the safety

of my trench (none of which they ever publish incidentally, but it helps feel better!), and enjoy my grandchildren." Paul was a friend of David Allen and came to SB in June for the dedication of the bench in David's memory.

**Scott, Emma** (1997) emailed Julian: "I got married in August and no there's no kids on the way, but it was all good fun anyway, a sprinkling of SB lot were there to witness the occasion and no doubt **Mark Collins** will tell you he's since got engaged to his lady Amelia. **Juliette Taylor (nee Whillmer)** has a little boy called Luke. **Rob Scott** has 'found' me on face-book, so its just as well that's my maiden name. Now I'm Rodrigues Dos Santos but just don't ask me to explain where it all comes from it'll just sound ridiculous, especially as my husband is a Irish Scouser.

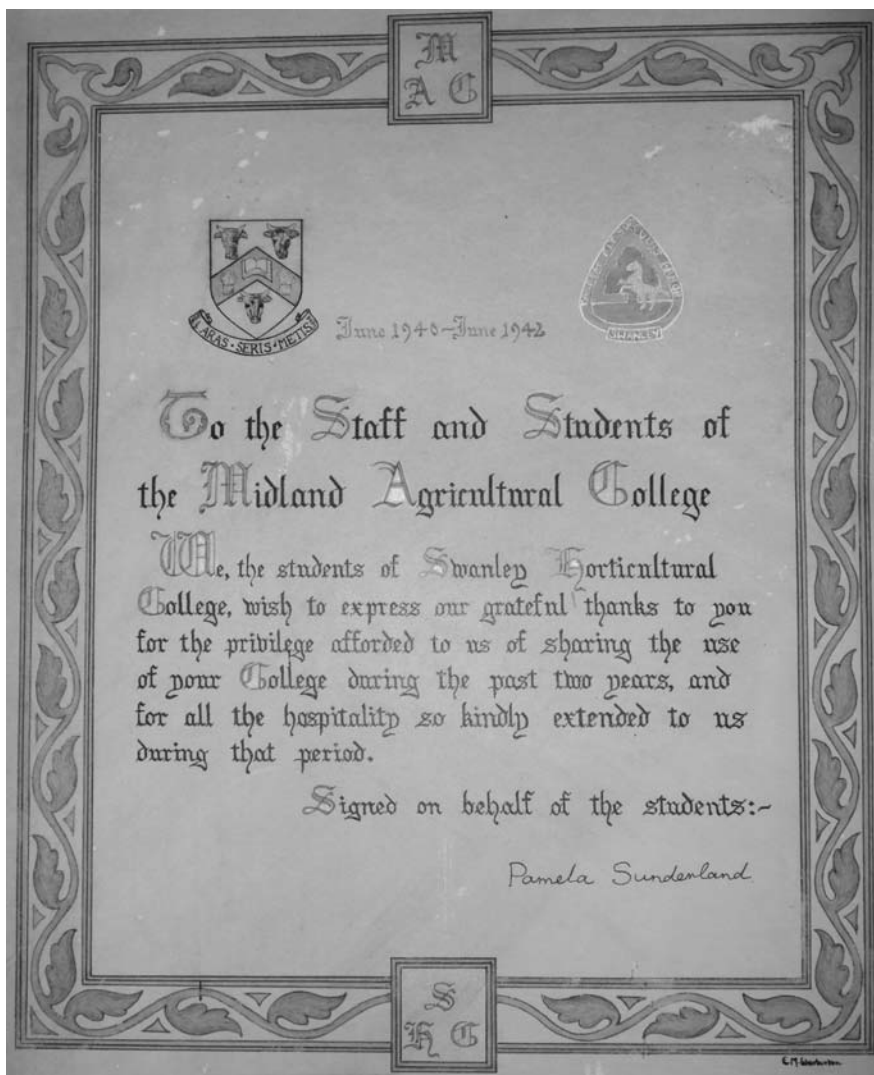
Found this below on an old floppy disc I was chucking away, I mean recycling...it would appear I was invited along to join a dedicated bunch of liver-punishers and I do recall Jess saying in wonder how on earth I had managed to pull on the official Keggie crawl.....I wondered how I'd got there in the first place as clearly from the reply below I was a real spiff!

*To S.B.K.C - I would be delighted to attend an evening of cordial drinking in Kegworth tomorrow evening 28<sup>th</sup> May 1996. Shall I bring my own bottle of 'Quosh'?*

Oh and lastly but amazingly **Toby Swallow** got married – to lovely Linda (a girl from home not SB)! She must have been under the influence of something...."

## **FOUND STUDENTS**

Mark and Manjit Pollock (Rana) (1988) living in Southwell, Notts and wondered if anyone was organising a Reunion.



"Swanley Certificate - see Women's Land Army page 61"

