Including a special College Life supplement
Development News Projects funded by you
University Radio York 40 years on

Catch up with friends, University news and have a day out at York Races on 13 October
On 26 May this year, the University was granted planning permission to double the physical size of the campus, allowing student numbers to grow from around the 10,000 we have currently to about 15,400 over the next ten years. It has taken five years to develop the plans and gain the necessary permissions, but the decision secures the future of the University for the long term. Some people see the open parkland on the current campus and cannot believe that the University is full, but it is. This is because in order to preserve the wonderful landscaped setting that characterises York, we may only develop 23 per cent of the site, and cannot build above the tree canopy. At the same time, demand for places in well-established departments at York remains very strong. We have also established two new departments – The York Law School and the Department of Theatre, Film and Television – which we hope will grow quickly.

Those of us who have been planning the expansion have been mindful of the ideas and principles that have made York a special place: the college system, the landscape, the human-scale buildings, the lake, the quirky twists and turns, the odd shaped gardens and courtyards, how easily one can bump into people and – what most people remark on – the University’s informality and friendliness. It has been quite a challenge to think through how we can continue to express these ideas in developing a new, 21st century campus. I would like to draw your attention to the enclosed College Life supplement which will give you an update on your college and its plans for the future.

The expansion will be on land to the east of Heslington village, known as Heslington East. The college system will continue and the first college and first academic buildings as well as a lake are planned for 2009. The Departments of Computer Science, Electronics, and Theatre, Film and Television will be the first occupants of the site; they will also be associated with the first college. By developing a transit system and good cycle and pedestrian links, we will have one longer, but still integrated, campus and do not intend to duplicate facilities such as the Library. Later, the Law School, York Management School and the Departments of Economics, Politics and Philosophy will move to new buildings on Heslington East. By 2017, there could be as many as six new colleges, a new sports complex with a swimming pool, a performing arts centre and a student venue, all in a maturing landscape. Only 20 per cent of the site will be developed so that the setting echoes the current campus, parts of which will also be reconsidered for development.

We have a strong commitment to sustainable development. All buildings will be south-facing and naturally ventilated; rain water will be harvested and grey water recycled. Where we can source materials locally we will, and spoil from the new lake will be used to enhance the landscape.

I came to York in 1996 as the Joseph Rowntree Professor of Housing Policy. So it came as quite a surprise when, in 2003, I was asked to help plan a campus expansion. I now know something about planning law, planning conditions, sustainable drainage, and archaeological remains plans, and I can convert acres to hectares without thinking. Most of all, I have worked with great staff and students, all committed to helping York expand but keeping the best of what York is. Over the next ten years there is a lot for you to watch as it happens, and we will let you know when the web cam is up and running!

For more about the campus expansion programme visit www.york.ac.uk/heslingtoneast
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One of most extensive collections of ecclesiastical papers in Europe, which occupies more than 540 metres of shelf space in the Borthwick Institute for Archives, will be compiled into an online database thanks to a US $744,000 grant by the Andrew W Mellon Foundation.

The papers, dating from 1300 to 1858 from courts in the York Diocese, contain a wealth of information valuable to social, economic and legal historians and include marriage and defamation cases.

A basic index for the collection, which numbers over two million, was created in the 1940s by the former head of the Borthwick Institute, Canon John Purvis. Much of the work was done while he was on fire watch duty in the Second World War.

The new database, which will be compiled jointly by the Borthwick Institute and the Department of History, will make information more accessible across the full chronological range of papers.
At the 43rd annual Roses competition between the Universities of York and Lancaster, thousands of spectators, alumni and competitors saw York win the Carter-James trophy by 143 to 103 points to bring the overall score back to 21 victories each. The tournament took place over three days with more than 100 sporting fixtures from rugby and football to water polo and ultimate frisbee.

A substantial donation by the York Annual Fund from alumni allowed the Roses to become even more of a community event. Huge screens were set up around the campus to which the student TV station YSTV broadcast live footage of the sporting events. There was also a spectators’ marquee, which helped to increase publicity, text messaging services and coverage from the student radio station, URY.

Professor Ottoline Leyser of the Department of Biology has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society, the premier honour for scientists in Britain and the Commonwealth.

One of her most significant breakthroughs concerns the discovery of the Auxin receptor, the major hormone receptor in plants. Plant hormones integrate environmental, developmental, and genetic factors to regulate development. Understanding how they do this helps us to grasp the agricultural and environmental possibilities of plants.

Professor Leyser recently received a Rosalind Franklin Award from the Royal Society.

The opening of York’s new Nanocentre in April sees the University stepping up research into nanotechnology, the science of making, manipulating and measuring the incredibly small.

Working at scales of one-billionth of a metre, nanotechnology is set to revolutionise advances in science in areas such as medicine, computing and manufacturing.

The York JEOL Nanocentre includes one of the world’s most powerful electron microscopes which should eventually allow scientists to carry out single atom analysis. One of just four similar instruments worldwide, it is the only one set up for fully remote operation in its own purpose-built pod. The other unique feature of the York equipment is a special chamber which allows scientists to observe materials during natural reactions.

The new centre, a £5.5 million investment, is already forging close links with industry and is expected to result in significant developments of new materials for everything from medical science to electronics.

York joins the nanotechnology revolution

Top award for York biologist

Harriet Harman wins Labour Deputy leadership contest

York Champions of the Roses

Photo by Georgi Mabee

Harriet Harman (Politics, 1972) was elected Deputy Leader of the Labour Party. She beat Cabinet members Alan Johnson, Hilary Benn, Hazel Blears and Peter Hain as well as left-wing backbencher Jon Cruddas. She was also appointed Party Chairman, Leader of the Commons and Minister for Women. Previously, Harriet Harman was a Minister of State at the Ministry of Justice. She has also been Secretary of State for Social Security (1997 to 1998) and the first female Solicitor General (2001 to 2005).
York’s new Law School

The York Law School has been launched, headed by Professor Stuart Bell, formerly Professor of Environmental Law at Nottingham Law School, Nottingham Trent University.

The York Law School takes its first postgraduate students this October, while undergraduate courses will start in 2008. The programme will be an integrated one, in which students will be taught by academics from other related disciplines such as Politics, Management and Criminal Justice as well the Law School’s own staff. Visit www.york.ac.uk/law for more details.

Student television wins awards

Ghostly goings on in the city of York were featured in a York Student Television programme, Dead York, which won the 2007 National Association of Student Television Awards for Best Documentary.

YSTV also won the Open category for Welcome to Venus, a fortnightly talkshow produced, hosted by and about women. YSTV triumphed over 14 other student TV companies to win the prizes which come as the station celebrates 40 years of broadcasting in 2007.

High tech help for dog and bone

Special phone boxes to help in the training of dogs for the national charity Hearing Dogs for Deaf People have been designed and donated by experts in the Department of Electronics. These boxes can be connected to household phones and used during the dogs’ advanced sound work training. Hearing dogs are trained to alert their deaf owners to the everyday sounds that hearing people take for granted such as the telephone.

The University of York Christmas Card for 2007

This year’s official Christmas Card is a photograph of the ruins of St Mary’s Abbey in York. The Abbot’s lodging is now the King’s Manor, where a number of University departments and centres are based. The photograph was taken by University staff member Paul Kelly. Each pack contains 10 cards and envelopes. The card dimensions are approximately 12.5cm by 17.5cm and the message inside reads ‘Season’s greetings’.

When placing your order for Christmas Cards we hope you’ll consider making a donation to the York Annual Fund. Your support will help us to meet the needs of students who find it difficult to cope financially. Thank you.

Name

Address

Postcode

Please send me packs @ £3.99 (add 70p per order for second class postage)

Total for cards

Your donation to the York Annual Fund

Total

Please make sterling cheques payable to the University of York and send with this form to the Communications Office, University of York, Heslington, York YO10 5DD. Cards will be dispatched in October.
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From tractors to caravans

Marina Lewycka (English Literature, 1979), author of the international bestseller A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian, has just published her second comic novel, entitled England of Two Caravans.

In her new book, Marina, who describes herself as ‘a German-born Ukrainian Yorkshire woman, married to a New Zealander with a daughter in Malawi’, swaps the colourful landscapes of Ukraine for the romance, satire and farce endured by a migrant family in the socialist paradise of Sheffield.

Before she became a full-time writer, Marina studied at York and Keele, lectured in PR at Sheffield Hallam, and wrote carers’ manuals for Age Concern.

Dr Averil Macdonald (née Frost, Physics, 1981) was honoured at the ‘Women of Outstanding Achievement in Science, Engineering and Technology’ awards in March for her work in communicating science to the masses, making it accessible to everyone from young schoolchildren to grandparents. The names of all six award winners were announced by Malcolm Wicks MP, Minister for Science and Innovation.

Her talk, ‘Fantastic Plastic’, is the most successful lecture ever for GCSE students – 45,000 students have seen it and that number is still growing – and she is also responsible for arguably one of the most novel ways to get people talking about science: ‘Science with Coffee and Hobnobs’, where mums and grandmothers talk about science over coffee and biscuits.

Science communicator wins top award

To dye for

The world’s oldest and most fascinating dye is the subject of a major exhibition launched by Jenny Balfour-Paul (English, 1973).

‘Indigo: A Blue To Dye For’ touches on trade and empire, botany and chemistry, medicine and folklore, and the history of textiles over more than two thousand years. The exhibition has toured Manchester and Plymouth and will be at the Brighton Museum and Art Gallery and Hove Museum and Art Gallery from 29 September to 6 January 2008.

Rosemary Smith (English Literature and French, 1979) is the new chair of the Direct Marketing Association where one of the most significant challenges is to put together an industry code of conduct for marketing searches.

Easterners’ latest star is flirty man-eater Preeti Choraria, aka York alumna Babita Pohoomull (Education, Vanbrugh, 2003). The actress has been a hit with millions of soap fans since landing the part, which follows roles in Casualty and a children’s documentary, Black Britain.

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Alison Cripps
née Lloyd
(Chemistry and Technology, Vanbrugh, 1982)

Alison Cripps died on 26 September 2006 aged 46 after fighting cancer for over eight years. We first met in 1979 during her fresher’s week. I was a second year chemist and part of Vanbrugh’s Christian Union and it was my task to meet and welcome her. Ali had a strong faith in God, and went on to be a popular member of Vanbrugh CU. While at York, she worshipped regularly at St Saviourgate Church. After graduation, she returned to her home town of Stafford, but, soon after, moved to Derby to take up a part-time job in the laboratories at both the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary and the City Hospital. In Derby she met and married her husband Pete and had three children, Anna, Heather and Andrew. At this year’s 25th anniversary reunion weekend I met with a number of Alison’s close friends from her time at York. It was great to renew friendships and share memories, but also very poignant. That joy of re-establishing friendships was tinged with sadness that for one friendship this was no longer possible. She is greatly missed.

Steven Daws
(Chemistry, Vanbrugh, 1981)

The Development and Alumni Relations Office endeavours to print obituaries we receive in full. If this is not possible they are published in their entirety on the web at www.york.ac.uk/alumni

Tim Berry
(Politics and Sociology, Deraent, 1966)

I was fortunate enough to meet and stay with Tim and Linda on a cold dark night last November in Aldeburgh, Suffolk. It was the first time we had met for over 40 years. Soon we were back to York in the mid 1960s. Tim had been a keen sportsman and played both rugby and cricket for the first University teams. However, it was being picked regularly for the Heslington village cricket team that he was so very proud of. Tim always appeared more self-confident and grown up than many of us, a year of VSO service in Malawi having made all the difference. I later learnt that Tim had played a part in various social initiatives in the city of York. Sadly Tim lost his long struggle against cancer and died peacefully on 1 May. He was a kind gentleman, with strong Christian convictions, who is sadly missed by his wife Linda, his daughter and stepdaughter.

Bill King
(Economics and Politics, Deraent, 1966)

From right to left: Tim Berry, Pip Nayek (York’s first Student Union President), Bill Wicksteed and Bill King. This was taken during one of Pip’s very rare visits to the UK from India.

Kate Petty
née Chapman
(English Language, Vanbrugh, 1972)

Kate died in St Austell, Cornwall on 22 May 2007. An author of non-fiction books for children, she had around a hundred titles to her name, including The Great Grammar Book and its sequel The Perfect (Pop-Up) Punctuation Book.

Anthony Mitchell
(Philosophy and Politics, Langwith, 1993)

Anthony Mitchell was among 114 people who died in the Kenya Airlines crash in Cameroon on 5 May. After leaving the Richmond and Twickenham Times in 1995, Anthony joined the Daily Express and from there worked as a foreign correspondent at Associated Press, covering East Africa. He uncovered some of the most controversial issues in the region, often to the discomfort of Ethiopian authorities. At the time of the crash, he was investigating the criminal trade in endangered species for food. He leaves his wife Catherine Fitzgibbon, son Tom and daughter Rose.

Stefek Zaba
(Computer Science, 1981)

Stefek Zaba died suddenly at the age of 47 from heart failure. He was a unique individual, widely admired for his ability to combine brilliant technical work, an acute awareness of social and political issues, and a vibrant personal life. He enrolled for Biochemistry in 1977, but changed course to Computer Science and Maths and then to pure Computer Science. He had a natural flair for all things computing, and graduated with the highest First awarded in that subject. He worked for over 20 years for Hewlett Packard at their labs in Bristol, and became one of their most valued employees, working latterly on the technical, political and social aspects of Internet security, privacy and encryption. Stefek was a ‘big’ character – solid as a bear, larger than life, brimming with ideas and enthusiasm. He will be deeply missed by all his friends and most especially by his wife Christina, daughter Helena and son Paul.

John Murdoch
(Biochemistry, 1976)
The far away Falklands still a very small world

When TV producer Frazer Sheppard went to the Falkland Islands earlier this year to make a documentary for ITV, one of the first things he found out is that it really is a small world.

After stepping off an aircraft eight thousand miles from home, Frazer was greeted by a fellow York politics graduate, Pippa Lang, who works for the Falkland Islands government, and is looking after press coverage of the anniversary of the conflict – a big responsibility at the age of only 24.

Frazer graduated in 1981 from Vanbrugh College and has since worked as a journalist in radio and television. Pippa was awarded her degree in PPE in 2004 – she was also in Vanbrugh – and took up a graduate traineeship with the Falklands government.

Frazer and his team were making Falklands 25 – A Soldier’s Story which was shown recently on ITV, portraying a veteran’s emotional return to the islands after a quarter of a century.

He said, “I read Pippa’s CV on the journey down and knew she was a fellow Yorkie, but I didn’t realise she had been assigned to look after us for the week. We were a long way from base, and Pippa did a great job of making us feel at home and laying on everything we needed. She even gave us a mobile phone because our own wouldn’t work down there!”

Frazer first went to the Falklands in 1985 as his first foreign assignment, to see how the islands had recovered after the conflict. He was working on the 25th anniversary programme when he received his invitation to the York Alumni 25th anniversary celebrations – which took place on the same day as his 20th wedding anniversary.

He said, “The scary bit was when I worked out that Pippa was only a year old when I last visited the Falklands – I started feeling my age then!”

Pippa is enjoying life in the South Atlantic – she says the downside for a twenty-something is that there are only four pubs and two restaurants in Stanley, where she lives. The upside? “I can go to the beach during my lunch hour!”
The Sixties in Britain were a time of great change, and UK radio was no exception. Commercial operators across Britain queued up to get their hands on new local broadcasting licences as the BBC’s monopoly, established by Royal Charter in the 1920s, was finally dismantled. In the midst of fierce competition, a Philosophy and English student at the fledgling University of York, Ranjan Karunaratne, set out on an almost impossible challenge: to create a campus radio station run entirely by students. Undeterred by the fact that 1960s Britain had virtually no concept even of independent radio – much less its student-run equivalent – Ranjan nevertheless managed to convince

In 1967, Britain’s first independent radio broadcast came from a tiny room in the University of York’s Physics block. Forty years on, the station is gearing up for the biggest celebration in its history

Forty years young

University Radio York has been broadcasting news, music and gossip for York students across four decades. Originally launched by John Peel, the station was recently named Best Student Station of the Year by BBC Radio One.

In 1998, new technology allowed a switch from 999kHz to 1350kHz, allowing programmes to be broadcast far more widely than before

Famous faces

Rollo Armstrong (Philosophy and English, Langwith, 1988) was URY’s social secretary in 1985. He’s now producer for Faithless, an electronica group with a string of top-ten hits including a number one album in 2004.
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the UK’s broadcasting authority to grant Britain’s first-ever commercial licence to his home-built project, called simply ‘Radio York’.

The experiment was an instant success. Two years later the station relaunched under a new name, ‘University Radio York’, when the first voice to be heard on its airwaves was that of a certain young DJ by the name of John Peel, fresh from another brand-new station called BBC Radio One.

In the 40 years since its inception, URY has continued to push the boundaries of student radio, adding occasional FM broadcasts, streaming web audio and a major national award to its portfolio. Yet for all its success, it has never lost touch with its modest origins. The station’s base of operations remains a charmingly claustrophobic ex-laundry room outside Vanbrugh college.

DID YOU KNOW?

Since its creation, URY has been licensed to broadcast its programmes across the University campus and occasionally to the rest of the city of York. But while new equipment was being installed in 1968, there were reports of reception from as far afield as Scotland, Sweden and even Poland!

Mark Russell (Music, Derwent, 1982) was thrown out of URY in 1982 for laughing while reading the news. He now composes music for film and TV as well as co-presenting an avant-garde night show on BBC Radio 3.

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Music to Our Ears

The history of University Radio York

1967 Radio York’s new test licence makes it the first commercial radio station (and the first student-run station) in Britain

1969 Relaunched as ‘University Radio York’, the station broadcasts a welcome message from John Peel

1998 URY receives its first temporary licence to broadcast using FM, temporarily reaching the entire city of York for Freshers’ Week

1999 URY’s first live music event, Spark, is a big hit on campus

2004 URY and YSTV jointly organise the first inter-college URY Vision Song Contest

2005 URY wins BBC Radio One’s Best Student Station award

2008 Alumni dinner (Saturday 14 June) and special broadcasts for 40th birthday celebrations

The station’s 40th birthday celebrations will culminate on 14 June 2008 with a grand dinner for all alumni. The special guest will be station founder Ranjan Karunaratne.

If you were a member of URY, we’d love you to take part. Drop us an email at alumni@york.ac.uk or visit the alumni web pages at http://ury.york.ac.uk/alumni/. Then tune into URY’s 24-hour webcast and keep listening...
Win a weekend for two in York and help us improve our records

You can help us in assuring that the data we hold for you is correct and any gaps that we have are filled by taking the time to check your home, business and University of York education details that we have overprinted on the 'update your details form' which came with this issue of Grapevine. Return the form using the pre-paid envelope by Monday 8 October and you could win a weekend for two in York.

This prize could give you a chance to recharge your batteries before the Christmas party season starts. Or the opportunity to immerse yourself once again in the sights and sounds of York and the region. We have joined forces with the Lady Anne Middleton Hotel to bring you this prize (some booking restrictions will apply). The lucky winner will be notified on 9 October 2007.

The information that you supply is held under the provisions of the Data Protection Act. It will be used exclusively for promoting close links between you and the University. The data will primarily be used by the Development and Alumni Relations office, although it may be made available to other departments within the University.

Nominations for Honorary Degrees

Alumni are invited to nominate candidates for the award of an Honorary Degree for 2009 and beyond. Each year up to 12 honorary degrees are awarded as part of our March and July degree ceremonies. Recent honorary degrees have been awarded to York Politics graduate Denise O’Donoghue (Vanbrugh, 1979), the co-founder of Hat Trick Productions and Sir Trevor Phillips, currently Chair of the Commission for Equality and Human Rights.

The nominations committee considers one or more of the following:

- Academic or professional distinction in a field of specified interest to a department or to the University
- A significant contribution to University affairs
- Distinction achieved by people associated with York and the wider region
- Distinction achieved by our own alumni
- Distinction in a field consistent with the general ethos of universities as places of education, learning, achievement and free enquiry.

Each nomination should be accompanied by a short CV of the person(s) proposed, a brief supporting statement and a ‘Who’s Who’ entry if one is available. Please forward any nominations by 18 January 2008 to Sue Hardman, Academic Registrar, University of York, Heslington, York YO10 5DD or by email (sjh15@york.ac.uk). The nominations will then be put to the Nominations Committee for consideration at its meeting in February 2008.

Enjoy a stay with a fine lady

Lady Anne Middleton’s is a truly unique hotel, which has been created from a collection of six historical buildings, lovingly restored, located in the centre of York. Lady Anne Middleton’s will delight you with its tranquillity as it nestles in a secluded courtyard garden. Our restaurant offers a tempting variety of dishes including fish, poultry and vegetarian. Special diets can be catered for. Contact us now to book for your special occasion or Christmas party! Lady Anne Middleton’s Hotel is just a short walk away from the city’s main attractions such as York Minster, Castle Museum, York Viking Centre & The Yorkshire Wheel, not to mention a variety of shops to meet every shopping need, including little boutiques in the Shambles, a popular tourist attraction.

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Skeldergate, York, YO1 6DS

New web search facilities for the Grad Hunt web pages

Following your feedback we have made several changes to the web Grad Hunt pages. They include a more sophisticated search screen, how graduates details are listed and the response form.

Please continue to help us re-connect with graduates we are no longer in touch with. Visit www.york.ac.uk/alumni
A campaign to re-connect with alumni

To co-ordinate with the planned college anniversary celebrations next year in Alcuin, Vanbrugh and Halifax, we have listed below a selection of graduates names whose contact details are out of date and whose college we do not know. Even if you cannot help with current addresses we would appreciate your help in linking alumni to colleges, especially as our early records do not have this information. With your assistance we will be able to invite graduates back to their college celebrations.

Thank you to all who have taken the time to look at the Grad Hunt lists we publish in Grapevine and on the web. To find the full list on the web please visit www.york.ac.uk/alumni/ and following the links to ‘Keep in touch’ and then the ‘Grad hunt’ page.

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Christine Abbott M/Edu 1976
Kevin Adams Bio 1987
Catherine Adamson Edu 1971
Denis Aitken Eco 1972
Judith Albiston His 1976
Ellenor Alcorn MS 1979
Helen Andrew (née Turner) HealStd 2005
Sally Andrews Bio 1970
Nooshin Ansari MS 1981
Victoria Aspinall SW 1977
1974
Bernice Astling 1976
M/CompSci 1976
Frederick Astbury 1976
1968
Christine Astbury Bio/Edu 1970
Kathryn Atkins (née Davies) His/Soc 1975
Peter Atkinson Edu 1976
Robert Atkinson Bio 1971
Timothy Atkinson Edu 1977

Yvonne Atkinson Eng 1977
Susan Atkinson Edu 1967
Geoffrey Attree M/Edu 1972
Lyn Attwooll Eng 1977
Linda Audsley Edu 1979
Roger Aukett Phy 1969
Barry Aulton Phy 1969
Randhir Auluck SPSW 1986
Elizabeth Austin His 1977
Felicity Austin (née Stewart) Mus 1985
Janina Austin Che 1990
Mark Austin Eco 1982
Nicholas Austin His 1978
Paul Austin CS 1989/1992
John Avery His 1975
Pamela Aveyard (née Warner) Edu 1975
Peter Avis M/Edu 1978
Wafa Awa Ling 1990
Patricia Axsom Edu 1978
Elisabeth Axtell M 1971
Randall Ayling Bioche 1972
Gerard Aylward Phil 1986
Christopher Ayres SocSci 1967
Patricia Ayton Edu 1981
Girma Azebe Chere HealEco 1990

Obino Haambote SAS 1981
Claire Haase (née Pitfield) Pol/Soc 1983
Kathryn Hackett Eco 1967
Sydney Hadden SA 1972
Patricia Haddock Phy 1969
John Hadden Che/Cheedu 1977
Clive Hasfield Edu 1970
Miss Hadi Soc/Edu 1979
Julia Hadingham Edu 1968
Saou Hady-Amar Eco 1975
Eric Hadley Edu 1968
David Haffey Bio 1978
Rachid Hamadouche Soc 1987
Ann Hamblen Eng 1970
Christine Hamblin Edu 1969
Alison Hamer His Josephine Hamer Bio 1975
Michael Hamer (né Denis) Eng 1970
James Hamill SAS 1984
John Hamill SAS 1985
Ian Hamilton Edu 1978, Eng/Pol 1977
Marjorie Hamilton M 1970
Marion Hamilton-Russell M/Eco 1973
Gaynor Hamley Che 1971
Alan Hamlin Eco 1982
Julia Hamlin WS 1988
James Hammersley BioComp 1986
John Hammond Bio/Edu 1982
Juliet Hammond Edu 1972
Hamalambo Hamoonga Lan 1983
Per Hampton Edu 1989
Yang Han Lan 1988
David Hancock Pol Anthony Hand Pol/Soc 1968
Malcolm Hand CompSci 1986
Catherine HANDLEY M/PHY 1974
Barbara Hands His 1969
Susan Hans Eco 1972
John Hannahford Edu 1978
Alison Hannah Pol 1971
Lee Hannah MS 1980
Nigel Hannah Edu 1970
Siobhan Hannah Lan 1986
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Miss A S Holt Eng 1979
Anthony Holt Che/CheEdu 1978
Jennifer Holt (née Uren) M/Eng 1975
Mack Holt His 1975
Margaret Holt (née Old) Edu 1976
Neil Holt His 1976
Thomas Holt-Williams 1974
Anthony Homer SASW 1979
Frances Homewood Pol/Soc 1976
Rober Honey Psy 1978
Jeremy Hood Phy 1974
Suzanne Hood Eng/His 1979
Ean Hooker Mus 1987
Miss Hooper M/CompSci 1978
John Hooper SAS 1985
Stephen Hope Eud
Joanna Hopkinson SA 1977
Steffen Hopple Elec
David Hopwood Edu 1979
Christine Horan Edu 1980
Gail Hordley SW 1982
Kips Horn Mus 1984
Angela Hornagold Che 1970
Mr Hornby CompSci/M 1979
Mrs Horne Phil 1979
Kay Horne Edu 1975
David Horner Edu 1970
Kenard Horner Phy 1981
Malcolm Hornsby His 1989
Janet Horriben Edu 1969
John Horsfall Bio 1976
Monique Horsfall Eng/Edu 1974, Edu 1975
Debra Horsley SASW 1982
Gail Horsley Eng 1977
Mr J W Horwood Bio
Judith Hosegood Pol 1973
Sadao Hoshina Eco
Anne Hosie Bio/CompSci 1979
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Brian Howard Edu 1978
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1966
ANDREW CAPEs (Economics and Economic History, Derwent)
I am now Travel Plans Officer for the Highlands and Islands Regional Transport Partnership in Scotland. It’s certainly a challenge, since we cover an area 25 times the size of Greater London but with only about one 20th of the population – and where London has buses and taxis, we have planes and ferries!

1968
SIMON MADDISON (Social Science, Derwent)
Spring 2007 Grapevine recalled the Hendrix gig back in 1967 – though we think that John Beresford (History, Langwith, 1967; Alcuin, 1969) must have missed Hendrix if he was in Derwent because the gig was actually in Langwith! We were lucky enough to book Hendrix for the bargain price of £600. It was just before Hey Joe became a hit, so we were impressed that he still turned up! There was an amazingly diverse music scene on campus then, which was very accessible in intimate venues. Between 1965 and 1968 it included Rod Stewart, Manfred Mann, The Who, The Graham Bond Association, Sonny Terry and Brownie McGee, Roland Kirk, and The Don Rendall and Ian Carr Quintet (with Michael Garrick on piano) performing the Dusk Fire in Heslington. The Amadeus Quartet was also in residence and gave many concerts. Then it was standing room only in Derwent and Langwith JCR TV rooms to watch the latest Stones release on Top of the Pops!

1969
GERALDINE FRADGLEY (née Bray) (Biology, Derwent)
Jimi Hendrix played in Langwith. Very few gigs were in Derwent dining room: it is the wrong shape with the stage at one end. Phil Harding was the college Social Secretary in 1967 and 1968. He always seemed to have his finger on the pulse, managing to book bands before they got too famous and expensive. I have many happy memories of concerts, gigs and balls from that era.

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1972
LAURA BARKER (née Davies) (Physics and Education, Langwith)
I’ve always been fascinated by how things work – my parents tell me that I used to take my toys apart! – so it’s not really surprising that I’ve spent most of my working life in physics! After 30 years of teaching, juggling family life and a career, I was getting a bit jaded. So I went part-time to dedicate more of my efforts to my work with GirlguidingUK. Eventually, I decided that I’d had enough of teaching altogether. Thirty-one years at the chalk face was more than a life sentence! My long-term plan is now to go bird watching in South America, but in the meantime I haven’t quite escaped physics yet. I’ve got myself a fabulous little part-time job as an Office Administrator for a company that makes keyless locks. It’s great: no preparation and no marking!

ROSY D’SOUZA (English and Language, Langwith)

1973
MARTIN BROOKES (Economics, Derwent)
After leaving York, I went to Birmingham Polytechnic for an MSc in Town Planning. I worked in local authority planning departments for a while, and I’m now a self-employed Planning Consultant. I married Gwen, a French teacher, in 1981 and we have two children, Nicola and Christopher who work in PR and tax accountancy. We all live near Oxford.

1974
ALAN POOL (Politics, Langwith)
Grapevine magazine seems to be biased towards news about graduates who have achieved in the Harriet Harman (Politics, 1972), Harry Enfield (Politics, Derwent, 1982) or Greg Dyke (Politics, Derwent, 1974) sense. This is not to decry what these people have accomplished – but making significant sums of money seems to be an important criterion for inclusion! I am a sales assistant on the Meat and Fish counter at a Waitrose food store in Cambridge. Whilst I don’t split atoms or work as a Cabinet Minister, I’m proud of the skills I use. And like Harry Enfield, I have been known to make people laugh – although not professionally!

1978
SEBASTIAN CODY (Mathematics and Music, Derwent)
Last October, the Boyle family threw a party in honour of my 50th birthday at their artists’ studio in Spitalfields. All parts of my life were represented, including of course York. Cathy Courtney (English, Derwent, 1977) was among the guests.

Education for the Diocese of London. For the past five years, I’ve been heavily involved in creating new secondary schools. I was awarded OBE in 2007. I have three children, and in 2004 the eldest, like me, graduated from York in History.

THOMAS PERYER (English and History, Alcuin)
Having spent my working life in various London school and church education roles, I’m now living in Bath and working as Director of
The Grapevine

1980

NEIL CUTLAND
(Computer Science and Physics, Langwith)
I’ve been banging on about ‘zero carbon housing’ for 20 years now, and all of a sudden the Government declares it to be a major agenda. It’s nice to think of oneself as a visionary, but I’m not sure a 20-year time frame qualifies!

AVERIL MACDONALD (née Frost) (Physics, Alcuin and PGCE, 1981)
I took a career break from school teaching, during which time I discovered an expertise in science communication. One PhD and research programme later, I have contributed to 17 school textbooks and I now develop free teaching resources for schools, including websites, CDs, posters and a talk entitled ‘Fantastic Plastic – or How to Make Your First Million!’ It’s not quite what I envisaged when I left York – but then the best careers seem to be unplanned! (Don’t tell the students that...)

1981

TORI ADAMS
(Politics, Alcuin)
In my dreams I frequently return to York. I am walking down to the lake through Vanbrugh on a summer evening. The windows are open and I hear someone playing a trumpet. I was very happy that day. Now a life and a continent away, I live a completely different life (and a different gender) but I always remember my days at York.

ANN GRAYBURN
(Music, Wentworth)
I’m working as a piano teacher privately at Wells Cathedrals School and at Marlborough College. I give solo piano recitals and accompany singers and instrumentalists. I’m involved with the local Incorporated Society of Musicians, and I’m trying to find time to get back into composing!

1984

PAUL LUXTON
(Mathematics, Wentworth)
I worked for 14 years for British Gas/Transco/National Grid. I was made redundant in 2004 and went to work for the Supplies Department of Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust. I managed two teams of ten people in total, maintaining a database of 200,000 items and creating 50,000 orders a year. My work on software won a Government Opportunities award in 2005 and a Laureate in the Computerworld Honors on 2006. I’m now working as Programme Support Manager for the Trust as we try to make savings of over £100 million in three years. My area of expertise in Microsoft Project is being used to help with the performance management of the multiple projects.

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25th Anniversary reunion weekend

York’s first 25th anniversary of graduation reunion weekend was in early May, coinciding with the Roses weekend. Our party of alumni and their guests took part in campus tours, had lunch with college provosts and enjoyed an evening out in York. Even the early spring weather couldn’t dampen our graduates’ mood!

We plan to host an alumni reunion weekend on 1st May 2009 – the first bank holiday weekend.

CHARLES PARRY
(Physics, Vanbrugh, 1981)
‘The University’s growth over 25 years has been impressive, but it’s good to see some things never change – like the Physics Building, Central Hall and Vanbrugh X block. The ducks looked pretty similar too...’

JOHN SINCLAIR (Economics and Politics, Vanbrugh, 1982)
‘In those days we really believed that “education is a right, not a privilege”. As I walked up the steps of Heslington Hall, I could honestly hear the ghostly echoes of those sit-in protests: “Organise, occupy, smash the education cuts!”. Was it our failure to appreciate what we had that led to the today’s debt-based, fee-paying regime?’

‘I had a fantastic time seeing friends, some for the first time since graduation – as well as re-acquainting myself with York!’

Nikki Hicks (née Caparn) (English, Derwent, 1982) and Jonathan Culling (Chemistry, Derwent, 1982)
1990

MUSTAPHA AKCHICH
(Linguistics, Wentworth)
It’s always nice to hear about York University. My eldest son was born there. It’s marked our lives forever. Thanks Grapevine. Now my eldest son would love to study at York. I wonder if any institution could grant him a scholarship and make his dream come true.

1995

MARK O’BRIEN (History, Langwith) and JACQUI WILLIAMS (History, James, 2000)
We met over a glass of Merrydown cider in Vanbrugh, 1998. Mark’s nickname was ‘the bin man’ and he was known for his impressions of gibbons and kookaburras! I wasn’t deterred and we got married on 12 August 2006 at the church of St Mary Magdalen in Knighton, Leicester. A large number of friends from York attended the wedding. The best man was Andrew Roberts (PPE, Wentworth, 1996 and Political Philosophy, 1997). The ushers were John Purle (Philosophy and Economics, Goodricke, 1996), Martyn Fisher (Politics and English, Derwent, 1996) and Martin Bush (Computer Science, Wentworth, 1996). One of the readers was Paul Marks (Political Philosophy).

1992

STEPHEN LEAH
(Chemistry, Wentworth)
I work as a Computer Programmer at the British Library in Yorkshire, where I’ve been for seven years. Meanwhile, I’m also Methodist local preacher, leading worship in many churches in York. As if that weren’t enough, I’m also actively involved in the ‘Palestine Solidarity Campaign’. I went on a tour of Israel and the West Bank in April 2007 and met a wide variety of people who have suffered injustice or are working for a solution. Being beckoned through a military check point in Hebron by a soldier waving a machine gun at me was one of my most memorable, if unnerving, experiences.

1996

HANNAH JARVIS
(Social Policy, James)
I have been working as a Nurse Advisor for Innovex (UK) Limited since October 2005. Currently I’m on a programme which provides education and clinical sessions to GP surgeries in Essex. In March 2007, after a number of interviews and an assessment centre, I was named Nurse Advisor of the Year 2007 at the PharmaField Awards at the Royal Lancaster Hotel, London. This was the first time that my employer, Innovex, had won the Nurse Advisor category in the seven year history of the awards. In 2006 and again this year, the Nurse Manager category was also won by Innovex, so we swept the floor! I’m still living in Colchester, Essex. I’d love to hear from anyone from the 1996 Social Policy graduates or staff. My email is hannah.jarvis34@btinternet.com.

1993

NAOMI SLADE
(Biology, Vanbrugh)
Chris Wlaznik and I would like to announce (albeit belatedly) the arrival of a brother for Holly and Isabella. Zachary Christopher Lucien was born on 11 June 2006. He is a lovely, smiley little boy and we are all absolutely delighted.

1997

MARK SALMON (History, Vanbrugh) and HELEN SALMON (née Bazeley) (History, Alcuin, 1997)
We had a baby boy, Benjamin Roy Thomas, 9lb 8.5oz, on 24 December 2006. He is a welcome brother for Lucy (born in 2000) and Jessica (born in 2003).

HANNAH SCHEILLING
(née Reeve) (Mathematics, James)
Will and I are pleased to announce the arrival of our beautiful daughter, Rose Susan, born on 27 February 2007.
‘Wild turkeys and deer congregate in the garden’

1999

KHALID SHAHJAHAN (Biology and Education, Langwith) and GEMMA SHAHJAHAN (née Priestley) (English Language and Linguistics, Goodricke, 2001)

We met in 1998 and married on 19 August 2006 at the Merchant Adventurer’s Hall, York. The wedding was in true Oscars fashion with a theme of bow ties, tuaxes, posh frocks and glamour! We had a brilliant day in the perfect city. Our family also gave us an Asian-style post-wedding party at the Marriott Hotel, Waltham Abbey in November 2006, and we’re now making plans to have a further wedding reception in Bangladesh around 2008, where Khalid’s family originate. We’re currently living in Hove Edge, Brighouse. Khalid is a solicitor at a large Leeds law firm whilst Gemma is a marketing and business development executive for a national construction company in Wakefield.

I married Jia Li in Shanghai in 2004. I’m now an engineer and a group leader in an Investment Company in Pudong, Shanghai. My family has a close relationship with the University of York. My father, Professor Ya-Qiu Jin, was a visiting Professor in the Department of Electronics in 1993 and my sister, Chen Jin (Langwith, 1997), graduated from the Department of Economics.

2000

ANTHONY HOLLINGWORTH (PPE, Wentworth)

On 7 October 2006, I married Megan Parrington at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, USA. We first met at York where we lived in Wentworth College and Megan was completing a semester abroad programme in the English Department. Other York alumni attending the wedding were the best man, Tim Cooper (English, Goodricke, 2000), along with Jeannette Elsworth (English, Langwith, 2000), Julia Lambo (English, 2000) and Ade Lambo (Environmental Science, Langwith, 2000). We now live and work in Philadelphia but often reflect fondly on how our time at York brought us together.

LI JIN (Computer Science, Vanbrugh)

2001

PAUL JOBLING (Chemistry, Langwith)

My time at York was so special and was a formative era of my life. I made little to no impact on campus life and have no photos to share, but the people I met and friends I made were very special. When I recommence my OU modules, I’ll pick courses that have summer schools at York!

2002

ANDREW BROOKHEAD (Economics, Goodricke) and CHRISTINA LOVELOCK (Physics, Wentworth, 2003)

We were married in September 2006 at the Clumber Park Hotel, Nottinghamshire. We had a wonderful day with our families and close friends.

SARAH BURNAGE (née Lomas) (History of Art, Vanbrugh) and TIM BURNAGE (Music, James, 2002)

We were married on 12 August 2006 at St Michael-le-Belfrey, York. Sarah is in the final year of her PhD at York in the History of Art Department and Tim is currently working for York Schools and Youth Trust as a secondary schools worker.

2003

LIZZY DIJEH (English, Goodricke)

My play, *High Life*, was performed as part of the Tiata Delights Festival of new African Writing at Soho Theatre in West London in April this year. It was directed by Olusola Oyeleye, Associate Director of *Porgy and Bess*. I graduated from the Royal Court Theatre Young Writer’s Programme (Critical Mass) in 2006. I am currently an assistant tutor to playwright Leo Butler at the Royal Court Theatre. I have recently been selected by the Royal Court to represent the UK at the 2007 World Interplay Young Writer’s Festival in North Queensland, Australia in July.
LOTTI SALTER (née Wallace)  
(History, Vanbrugh)  
David and I got married on 11 November 2006. I am now a qualified midwife working in Guildford.

DEBBIE (née Gooch) (Psychology, Derwent) and ROBERT EDWARDS  
(Mathematics and Physics, Derwent, 2005)

We met in our first year in Derwent D Block and married on 2 September 2006 in Cambridge, with Simon Thomas (Biology, Vanbrugh, 2005) as best man and Bridgit Campbell (Psychology, Langwith, 2004) as one of the bridesmaids. We’re both long standing members of York University Basketball Club, and are proud to have joined the team in holy matrimony! Former York students were reunited on our wedding day, as Rob’s parents, Steve and Sheila Edwards (Sociology, Langwith, 1973) met at York and married in 1973.

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events and reunions

Autumn 2007

BA Festival 9 to 15 September
One of the UK’s biggest celebrations of science, the annual BA Festival of Science, is to be hosted by the University of York. Visit www.york.ac.uk/admin/presspr/ba for details of events taking place on campus and in the City.

Pub crawl for 1997 intake 6 October
Bronya Norton (Biology, Goodricke, 2001) is organising an informal reunion/pub crawl for alumni who met at York in 1997. The event begins at 12 noon in the Deramore Arms, Heslington and winds up in the evening at ‘the Lowther/The Gallery/Toffs/Wherever!’ Contact Bronya through the Development and Alumni Relations Office on alumni@york.ac.uk.

Annual Alumni Race Day and Morning Reception 13 October
On the morning of Race Day you are invited to a reception from 10.30am to midday with light refreshments in Heslington Hall. Come along and find out about York’s plans for the future. Mingle with friends and meet staff from the Development and Alumni Relations team, then enjoy an exciting afternoon with friends and family at York’s award winning racecourse.

We are delighted to offer graduates tickets at a special price of £20 for the County Stand. Try your luck and enjoy the last race meeting of the season!

To book the reception and/or your County Stand race tickets contact Jing Wood (01904 434467 or email jww2@york.ac.uk) or complete the booking form on the previous page.

Calling all new graduates 14 November
This year’s 2007 graduates who are living and working in the London area are invited to a graduate evening reception. Contact Jing Wood (01904 434467 or email jww2@york.ac.uk) to find out more about this event and to book your place!

Spring 2008

Asia Pacific Graduation Ceremony 29 March
The University’s first graduation ceremony in the Asia Pacific region will take place in Beijing on 29 March 2008. As well as conferring degrees on new graduates, the ceremony will be a celebration for alumni in the region and the families of both groups. If you would like to attend, please register by Friday 30 November 2007 at alumni@york.ac.uk and your details will be forwarded to the Graduation Office. They are organising the event in Beijing and will send you all the information you need in order to take part.

Vanbrugh 40th Anniversary 14 – 15 June
Vanbrugh College’s celebrations begin after lunch on Saturday 14 June and go through to midday on Sunday 15 June 2008. Do let us know how you would like to celebrate and what you would like to see in the programme by emailing college@york.ac.uk. It would be wonderful to hear from JCR chairs and members.

Alcuin 40th anniversary
The Alcuin College anniversary will take place over Easter 2008 – keep an eye on our website and the next issue of Grapevine for further details. Your copy of the College Life, enclosed with this magazine, will give you a flavour of what’s going on within your college and its plans for the future.

URY 40th anniversary 14 June
Hannah Green and the team at University Radio York are organising a special event with Ranjan Karunaratne, the first ever URY station manager, as speaker. Email alumni@york.ac.uk if you would like to join the celebrations.

Get together for Guys and Dolls 1999! 6 October
Katherine Manuel, Lucy Parker, Isla Wilson née Newman and Beth Jones are organising a reunion in York for all Guys and Dolls cast and crew from the 1999 production in Central Hall.
For more details email ganddreunion@hotmail.co.uk
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Annual Alumni Race Day 2007 and Morning Reception on campus

Saturday 13 October

The Development and Alumni Relations Office cordially invites graduates and friends to a morning reception at Heslington Hall from 10.30am to 11.30am.

This reception will give you an opportunity to find out what is happening on campus and York’s plans for the future over coffee. Bring your family and friends along and enjoy the thrill and excitement of the final race day meeting of the season at York racecourse.

We are delighted to offer graduates, family and friends a special ticket price for the County Stand of £20 per person.*

To purchase your ticket, please either complete and return the booking form on page 25 inside or ring Jing Wood on 01904 434467.

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We look forward to receiving your booking.