

Class notes

1950s

Marianne Dain (BA General Arts, 1952)

Retired for 25 years after working in the BBC for 10 years, and then a career in teaching.

Donald Grundy (BA Combined Arts, 1952; PGCE, 1953)

Chairman of the Selston Annual Competitive Music Festival, Chairman of the Wesley Historical Society, East Midlands Branch and Chairman of the Nottinghamshire Retired Teachers Association.

David Bradley (BSc Chemistry, 1956)

Lobbyist for preventing the disposal of nuclear waste to a deep earth repository.

1960s

Elizabeth Woodman (BA French, 1960)

Commissioned by theatre company Heritage Productions to write a play about Madame de Pompadour, which has toured Australia and appeared at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Is now working on a new play about the Empress of Russia, mother of Tsar Nicholas II.

Patricia Groom (BSc Geography, 1962)

Spent the 1970s in Zambia working for IBM before purchasing a garden centre in 1976 which she managed for 25 years. Now retired, has spent the last 25 winters in Florida, USA.

Parvis Amouzegar (MA English Literature, 1963)

Member of the Board of Trustees and Honorary Dean of the Faculty of Law and Economics at FACO Paris. Received the highest academic distinction, the Chevalier des Palmes Académique, from the French government.

Roy Bailey MBE (BA Sociology, 1963)

Winner of the Best Live Act at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Music Awards 2003 for his show with Tony Benn, 'The Writing on the Wall', Roy has travelled all over the world performing his folk music. His stand out gig was at London's Royal Albert Hall in 1998. The emergence of the British folk revival when Roy was a student sparked his passion for the genre, and he founded the Leicester Folk Song Club during his years at university. Roy has balanced his passion for music alongside an academic career, lecturing in Sociology.



George Dobson (BSc Physics, 1964; PhD Physics, 1968)

Former county athletics champion and later karate instructor, George now runs a watercolour landscape class.

Robert Hull (BA History, 1968)

Retired as Deputy Secretary General for the European Economic and Social Committee in Brussels, having previously been Head of Division for Environment Policy for the European Commission. Completed an MA in Theatre Text and Performance at RADA and Kings College London in 2007 and was a Member of Council for Newcastle University between 2006 and 2015. Is a Director/Trustee for various environmental and theatre bodies and Chair of Hexham Development Trust.

Ann McKenzie (BA French Studies, 1967; PGCE, 1968)

After a career in secondary and tertiary teaching and examining, followed by ordained ministry, Ann is now retired and enjoying the chance to pursue her interest in local history, where Professor W G Hoskins continues to be an inspiration and point of reference.

1970s

Barry Humphreys CBE (BA Economics and Economic History, 1970)

Awarded a CBE for services to aviation and charity in the New Year's Honours list 2016.

Geoffrey Snape (BSc Combined Science, 1972)

Has been engaged in TV and film as an extra and appeared on BBC's *Mastermind* three times. Member of the UK Hang Gliding Squad 1978-1979 and British record holder 1978.

Philip Keeble (BEng Mechanical Engineering, 1976)

Happily retired: cycle touring, hill walking, travelling and enjoying life!

Heather Stewart (née Shelton) (BA History, 1976; PGCE, 1977)

Married with two sons, and current Head of History at Ashville College, Harrogate.

Andrew England (BSc Combined Studies, 1978)

Currently undertaking a number of research projects on the Great War.

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In 2017 he had his paper titled 'Harold Page: a Norfolk Man' published in the 100th anniversary special edition of the journal *Stand to!*

Paul Nettleton (BA Combined Studies, 1978)

A freelance journalist, mainly for the *Guardian* and the *Observer*, where he was formerly on staff, and living in a village along Hadrian's Wall in Cumbria.

Eileen Thelwell (BA History, 1977; PGCE, 1978)

Recently retired from role as an Assistant Headteacher, but still teaching on a temporary basis. Eileen has four daughters and four grandchildren (one boy and three girls). Her eldest daughter, Janine also studied History at Leicester where she met her husband Will who studied Law. Eileen remains in touch with Ann Shaw (née Brewer) who studied Chemistry and has fond memories of her four years in Leicester, returning often to visit her daughter who lives in Barrow upon Soar.

David Riley (BA Social Sciences, 1979)

Started, built and sold Mandeville Recruitment Group to a Fortune 500 group. Subsequently involved in the start-up/building of three further businesses. David holds an Honorary Professorship at the University of West London and an

Honorary Doctorate from Brunel University. He was awarded Entrepreneur of the Year at the 2016 Slough Business Awards.

1980s

Madeline Baker (BA French, 1980)

Retired in 2007 after working for Nationwide Building Society for 28 years. Madeline got married in 2002 and now has two step-daughters and three granddaughters. In 2014, Madeline and her family raised their first Guide Dog puppy who is now a working Guide Dog. They now have puppy number two.

Dominic Carrington (BSc Chemistry with Geochemistry, 1981)

Currently based in Singapore working for National Oilwell Varco (NOV) as the Drilling Solutions Manager for the Asia Pacific Region.

Timothy Clackett (BA Economics and Economic History, 1982)

Timothy is an audit partner with BDO, the same firm he joined in 1982 when he graduated from the University (although he spent 11 years elsewhere, before rejoining in 2005). He now lives in LA but recently enjoyed a trip to Leicester as his daughter was looking at universities. He enjoyed

taking a tour of the campus and riding the pasternoster again!

Jenny King (BSc Sociology, 1983)

After many years as a social worker, Jenny has set up her own business as a yoga teacher in North Wales and has had three successful years self-employed.

William Read (BA Social Sciences, 1983)

Made a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society in November 2015 and won the Bill Gunston Technology Writer of the Year Award at the Aerospace Media Awards held in July 2016.

Elizabeth Weston MBE (BSc Combined Sciences, 1983)

Awarded an MBE for services to heritage and the community in the Queen's Birthday Honours list 2013.

Paul Taylor (PhD Mass Communications, 1985)

Published *Inspector Morse – A Literary Companion* in 2016.

Paul Abell (BSc Combined Sciences, 1987; PGCE, 1988)

Leads a charity and a very active church of 150 people. He is currently awaiting the arrival of his third grandchild.

Professor Sir Godfrey (Geoff) Palmer (BSc Botany, 1964; Honorary Doctor of Science, 2016) and Lady Maggie Palmer (née Woods) (BSc Psychology with subsidiary English, 1964)

Sir Geoff and Lady Maggie are happily married with two daughters and two grandchildren. They met at the University more than 50 years ago at an International Society party, after Geoff created the society with a friend during his time at the University. Geoff and Maggie's friendship blossomed, including a trip to watch Ella Fitzgerald at De Montfort Hall, and they have been together since.

After graduating, Maggie trained as an educational psychologist, while Geoff took up a PhD position at Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh. He went on to

continue his research at the Brewing Research Foundation in Redhill. Geoff discovered that when barley grains are subjected to mechanical abrasion, the malting process is far more efficient. This discovery is called the Barley Abrasion Process, which was patented in 1969 and immediately used by the British Brewing Industry, improving the quality of the beer we taste today.

Geoff and Maggie now live in Edinburgh where Geoff is Emeritus Professor in the School of Life Sciences at Heriot-Watt.



Leigh Bramall (BSc Communications and Society, 1998)

Leigh describes his time at the University of Leicester as 'probably the best' of his life. Certainly it influenced his life since then. He met his wife at Leicester and still counts some of his best friends as those he made at the University. He and his wife now have two kids, aged 9 and 11, and live in Sheffield.

After starting out in PR in London, Leigh moved back to his home town of Sheffield and into politics, becoming

the Deputy Leader of Sheffield City Council – a position involving communications and media work. He recently left politics, moving back into PR in April this year as Director of a communications and public affairs agency, Counter Context.

Things have come full circle as Leigh recently started a project working with the University of Leicester, which he says brought back some great memories.



Katherine Bennett OBE (BA Combined Arts, 1989)

Recently promoted to Senior Vice President and heads up public affairs across the Airbus business in the UK. Was awarded an OBE for services to industry and charity in the Queen's Birthday Honours list 2004.

1990s

Gavin Dods (BEng Electrical and Electronic Engineering, 1992)

Back in the UK after five years in Australia working on a number of railway re-signalling projects.

Siddiku Yelwa (MSc GIS and Human Geography, 1994)

Became a Professor in 2013 and is in charge of the GIS Laboratory at Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto, Nigeria.

Nicola Bullock (BSc Psychology, 1995)

After 10 years working in training and development in financial services, Nicola moved to work in the charity sector as Conservation Training Adviser and Conservation Performance Indicator Project Manager for the National Trust. She realised her preference for the practical side of this type of work and is currently farming and working as a self-employed gardener, with a bias towards conservation work.

Azlan Abdullah (MBA, 1996)

Currently Vice President for manufacturing at Mattel, based in Guangzhou, China.

In 2015, Azlan completed his Doctor of Business Administration with the University of South Australia. Over the years he has taken on various roles in different countries and has travelled to many countries as part of his job.

Saurabh Johri (MBChB Medicine, 1996)

Senior Partner at Ibstock House Surgery. Clinical lead for the NHS in and out of hours service in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

Suzie Kitchin (BA Geography, 1996)

Living and working in North East England as a Skills Development Librarian at Northumbria University.

Sean Chee (BEng Mechanical Engineering, 1999)

Working in the same company since his return to Malaysia 18 years ago, where he has participated in many major building designs such as hospitals, schools, universities, malls, and housing developments. Now venturing into engineering management and evaluations.

2000s

Louise Sagar (BA French and Italian, 2001)

For the last seven years has been working as a translator and editor at the European Central Bank and European Parliament. Is now on sabbatical writing a memoir about her Erasmus year.

Jean Attard (MBA, 2006)

A husband and father of two beautiful girls and a passionate marketer focusing on creating digital marketing solutions for his customers. Jean also lectures on marketing and on critical thinking and innovation and change. He is interested in travelling, volunteering and sustainability.

Alexander Hasenstab (MSc Security and Risk Management, 2007)

After working for several years within the United Nations Security Management System, Alexander joined the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) as its Security Coordinator for the Africa Region, based in Nairobi, Kenya. Alexander provides security risk management advice and services to the IFRC, and also supports 49 African national Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in security risk management matters.

Kate McGown (BA Combined Studies, 2007)

Enjoyed a nine year PR career in London working in the public, private and charity sectors. Has now returned to Leicester to start an exciting career change, studying midwifery at DMU.

2010s

Astha Bahuguna (MSc Business Analysis and Finance, 2011)

Currently working with Grant Thornton India as an Assistant Manager with the global shared services. A core team

member to set up the shared service centre at Grant Thornton India, serving the global network with their surveys, analytical and research needs. Currently leading the Client Satisfaction Programme. Recently seconded to Grand Thornton International (UK) for three months to lead and manage the global proposal resource centre.

Ruth Farrall-Hyder (MSc Criminology and Criminal Justice, 2011)

Moved from the Criminal Justice sector after more than 14 years as a probation officer into social work. Ruth is training to be an approved mental health professional, completing further postgraduate study with Middlesex University.

Louis Buckley (FdA Security and Risk Management, 2012)

Recently promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force. Grateful for the sound academic footing provided by the foundation degree, which has enabled Louis to be more competitive in his Law enforcement career.

Garumuni De Zoysa (MBA, 2014)

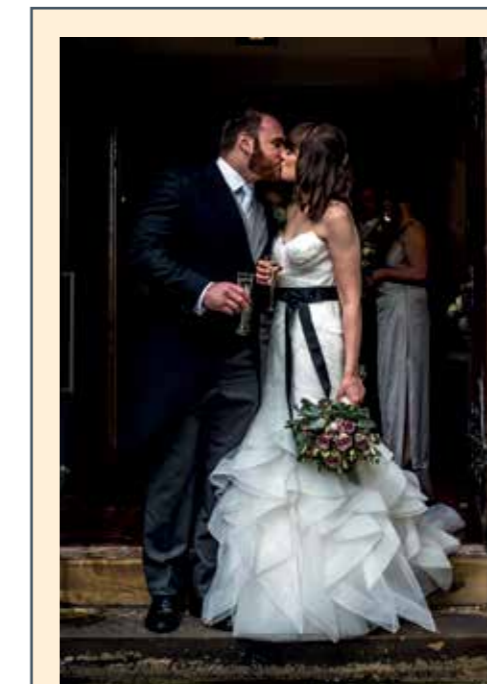
Currently heading the Customer Experience Unit at Currency Exchange Corporation in London. Previously worked for Emirates Islamic Bank in Dubai as Business Planning Manager.

Nasra Farooq (PhD Politics and International Relations, 2014)

Recently published a book, *Pakistan's Strategic Choices*, and completed tenure as visiting lecturer in the Political Science and International Relations Department, for Meliksah University, Turkey. Is now Assistant Professor at the National Defence University in Islamabad, and an Honorary Research Fellow of the University of Birmingham.

Ayodele Roseman (MA Museum Studies, 2015)

A certified tour guide since 2011, Ayodele has been showing cruise ship passengers the highlights of her country's city, as well as natural heritage tours. She is on her way to forming her own tour guiding services after receiving her national certification approval to conduct sightseeing tours by the Tourism Development Corporation (TDC) of Trinidad and Tobago. She is also a regular participant in the annual Women in Art exhibition.



Martin Miller (BA Geography, 2009) and Caroline Miller (née Taylor) (BA English, 2010)

Ten years ago Martin was rowing in the University Boat Club and Caroline was the cox. Now they both work at the University with Martin powering our accommodation services as Head of Residential Services while Caroline steers our online presence as Web Communications Officer. They were married in Manchester on 21 May 2016 in front of friends, family and colleagues.

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