



1950s

Robert Fairbrother (BSc Combined Science, 1953)

It seems only last week that the then captain of the Rugby Club wrote down my name at the freshers' trial for the team. We played matches on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and would travel to away games on a coach, stopping for a while on the way back at a convenient pub. I had a great time at Leicester, much of it remembered through my association with the Rugby Club.

Betty (Elisabeth) Coster (BSc Biological Sciences, 1953)

Following my first degree at Leicester, I worked as a research scientist at Tate and Life Laboratories and after my PhD, I travelled to Australia as a research scientist for the Victorian Government in Melbourne. Locally, I worked as a Quality Control Chemist for two firms and then at the Library of Selhurst Tertiary College; definitely a varied career. I have really enjoyed my retirement and attending the University's Homecoming events, linking me back to my university days.

1960s

Judith Wardner (née Plumridge) (BA General, 1961) and Adrian Wardner (BSc Mathematics, 1961)

We got married in 1963 and have three children and five grandchildren. We have both been enjoying retirement since 1999 in Ilkley, West Yorkshire.

John Wilsher (BA History, 1968)

I am a freelance screen and radio writer and created the award-winning BBC series *Between the Lines*. My recent screen credits include *Torchwood* and *New Tricks*.

1970s

Mark Haysom CBE (LLD Doctor of Laws, 2005; BA English, 1974)

After graduating from Leicester, I had a 30-year career in newspapers, rising from trainee journalist on a local weekly, to Managing Director of the Mirror Group. In 2003, I moved into education as head of a large Government agency and have served on the boards of a number of charities. Now an author, my first novel *Love, Love Me Do* was published last summer, and I live in Brighton with my wife Ann.

Jane McKee (LLB Law, 1977)

Since graduation, I qualified as a solicitor and am continuing to practise in London. I have remained close friends across the years with the girls from Clare Hall. We had such fun at Leicester and when we meet up now, it is as though it was yesterday and we kid ourselves that we are just the same. Actually we are not that different – still trying to avoid cooking and like enjoying ourselves, and we are all really good talkers.



L-R: Jane McKee, Jane Illingworth, Lindsay Farmer, Janet Thompson and Jill Allen.

1980s

Nina Senior (MBChB Medicine, 1980)

Married to **Brendan Kinsella (MBChB Medicine, 1980)** for almost 34 years, we both retired from General Practice in Leicester in 2010. We are busy working on a major renovation project, travelling the world and visiting scattered offspring.

Martin Bodenham (BA Economics, 1981)

After graduation, I trained as a chartered accountant in Leicester. I became a corporate finance partner with both KPMG and Ernst & Young, putting together M&A deals and raising private equity for clients. Eventually I became CEO of my own private equity firm and since retiring last year, I write thriller novels based around finance and crime.

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Kate Phillips (née North) (MBChB Medicine, 1988)

In the early days after qualifying as doctors, most of the 'Chip Shop Girls' – our nickname after living above the chip shop on Queens Road – worked in hospitals around Leicester. Then one by one we moved away, got married and journeyed along our separate career and family paths. We also travelled, working in hospitals abroad. One of us settling overseas for 20 years.

We eventually ended up as a Consultant Haematologist, Consultant Anaesthetist, a Hospice Physician, and five GPs. The yearly summer returns of our overseas Chip Shop Girl prompted an annual get together. Now all settled back in the UK our gatherings are more frequent and we are often joined by husbands and various combinations of our 24 offspring.

L-R: Kate, Helen, Sue, Claire and Cathy



L-R: Kate Phillips, Tracy Tobin (née Rogers), Sally Connellan (née Jerrett), Cathy Higgins, Claire Nightingale, Helen Raphael (née Cassidy), Sue Pavord (née Harris) and Victoria Jameson (née Leather)

1990s

Zomma Mohiuddin (BEng Electrical and Electronic Engineering with Computing, 1991)

I was recently elected as a Fellow Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET), the world's largest multidisciplinary professional engineering institution, as well as a Fellow Chartered Management Institute (CMI) and the Institute of Leadership and Management (InstLM); two of the UK's largest professional management institutions. I engineered the world's first dual band mobile network and am currently the CEO and Founder of Olivelit Group, specialising in technology management consultancy. www.olivelit.com

Shaun Waterman (MSc Electro-Mechanical Design, 1993)

I currently run my own business working at the intersection of art, media and technology.

2000s

Laura Mchugh (BA Criminology, 2008)

Since graduating I have had various jobs including with the Police. I am now working for the Probation Service, having qualified as a Probation Officer, specialising in working with women offenders, after completing a Graduate Diploma in Community Justice.

John Clark (PhD History of Art Research, 2011; MA Faculty of Arts ISS, 2006; BA History of Art, 2003)

I commission art in the cathedrals of Hereford and Guildford and my complete collection of church drawings has been accepted for the archives of Guildford Cathedral, Surrey.

Gareth Rees (MGeol Geology, 2005)

I met my now wife, **Ceri Tolley (BSc Geology, 2004)** in our first year at Leicester and we actually got married six years ago in the Charles Wilson building where we met. I am the Contaminated Land and Air Quality Officer for Harborough District Council, providing consultancy work in the contaminated land sector and Ceri is currently a full-time mum for our three-year-old daughter and we are expecting our second.

2010s

Khalid Al-Jaber (PhD Mass Communications, 2013)

I have recently been appointed the new Editor-in-Chief of *The Peninsula*, Qatar's leading daily English newspaper. I am also Assistant Professor of Political Communication at Qatar University and a Visiting Fellow at the Northwestern University in Qatar.