



Alumni news



Pride of Britain Award for alumnus and his wife

In October, James Woodall (BSc Geology, 1997) and his wife Vicki were awarded the ITV Pride of Britain 'Fundraiser of the Year - London' Award for their campaign 'George and the Giant Pledge'. Inspired by their son George's battle with a rare cancer known as a

Ewing's PNET Sarcoma, they set about raising £1 million for the Royal Marsden Cancer Charity. George has since been declared disease free, and their fundraising total currently stands at over £870,000.

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Out-of-this-world achievement

Robert Garner (MPhys, 2014) is helping students to realise their dreams of working in the space sector. A Mission Analyst at the UK Space Agency, Robert recently won a Sir Arthur Clarke Award for his development of SpaceCareers.uk.

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BepiColombo

Read all about the team of alumni scientists behind the MIXS space instrument used in the European Space Agency's BepiColombo mission to Mercury. BepiColombo was launched on 20 October and will take 7 years to reach Mercury!

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Royalty comes to Leicester

Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge visited the University on Wednesday 28 November to celebrate the University's work in the local community and with Leicester City Football Club. They met with staff and students working on projects to support and enrich the local community, and spoke to students about their experiences of university life and living in Leicester.

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Centenary Square dedication

Members of the public, staff and students were joined by Sir David Attenborough OM and Michael Attenborough CBE for the naming of Centenary Square on Sunday



University of Sanctuary

The University of Leicester has been recognised as a University of Sanctuary, one of only eight in the country and the only one in the region. The announcement was made on Armistice

11 November. Watch the official naming ceremony by clicking above.

Day by President and Vice-Chancellor Professor Paul Boyle CBE.

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Opportunities



Buy your discounted Alumni Dinner tickets now!

There's no time to waste – tickets for the Alumni Awards Dinner 2019 are on sale at a discounted price until Friday 4 January 2019. Early-bird savings range from £5 for a ticket, or £45 for a table. Don't forget you are eligible for loyalty prices if you've attended a black-tie dinner in either 2017 or 2016. So why not get your suits and dresses out of the wardrobe and ready for March. There might even be a silent surprise...

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What's your desert island disc?

We're putting you in the driver's seat when it comes to choosing the music playlist for the Alumni Awards Dinner – so what's your perfect soundtrack? From ABBA to ZZ Top, tell us what you'd like to hear played and we'll make it happen.

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A modern twist on Beowulf

On Thursday 31 January, head down to the Attenborough Arts Centre to take part in Seth Kriebel's immersive adaptation of the Old English epic poem Beowulf. Each show is unique, as the audience's choices guide the journeys taken on stage.

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What's on

January

[The Pit of Nations](#)

Open until 13 January 2019

[Talking Heads Exhibition](#)

[Opening](#)

Friday 18 January

5.30pm

[Read at Leicester: Author Talk](#)

Tuesday 29 January

5.30pm - 7.00pm

February

Chinese New Year
Tuesday 5 February

LGBT History Month

[Leicester Comedy Festival](#)

Wednesday 6 - Sunday 24
February

Professorial Inaugural
Lecture, Professor Laura
Gray, '[Hide and seek:
Finding those at risk of
Type 2 diabetes](#)'
Tuesday 12 February

March

Varsity
Wednesday 6- Friday 15
March

International Women's
Week Monday 4 – Sunday
10 March

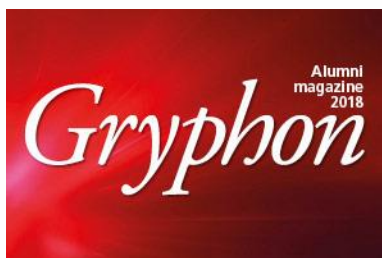
[Alumni Awards Dinner](#)

Thursday 21 March
6.45pm

[Leicester Town and Gown
10k](#)

Sunday 17 March
10am

And finally...



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