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Welcome

Greetings from Bangor!

With construction of Pontio, the new Arts and Innovation Centre in Bangor, well underway, and the creation of a new Science Park in the area, Bangor University and the region are entering an exciting time. In this Bangoriad, we bring you news of these projects as well as the latest from the University and the Development and Alumni Relations Office.

We also bring you profiles of some of our alumni and celebrate alumni couples in our Love Lane feature. Please do get in touch if you have stories you'd like to share. We value our alumni and love to hear about your time in Bangor and what you are doing now, so please keep in touch.

Best wishes,

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A word from the Vice-Chancellor

As this is the beginning of our academic year, I have been reflecting on what makes the Bangor University experience special for our students. As there are over 12,000 of them now, there are of course many individual variations on some of the overarching themes that I have noted during my three years here. These include: the quality of our teaching and learning; the opportunity for students to interact with members of academic staff who are leading researchers in their fields; the extracurricular activities available at the University and in the wider community; and last but not least, the inspirational qualities of our beautiful surroundings in North Wales.

As our student community is increasingly — and by design — an international one, I am also struck by how interacting with people from different cultures prepares students for life beyond Bangor University. We are educating our students to be good global citizens, and to adapt and expand the best of their knowledge from their time at university as they embark on careers in many different areas. What unites our diverse group of over 52,000 alumni, which

our current students will join when they graduate, is their time spent in Bangor, and how this has influenced their future life paths.

All of us at the University value the financial and volunteer support that our alumni — of Bangor University, UCNW Bangor, Coleg Normal and St Mary's College — and other friends provide for the continued excellence of this experience. In this issue of Bangoriad, you will find the latest Roll of Donors, which acknowledges the support that individuals and organisations provide for areas ranging from scholarships and student activities through to academic programmes and capital developments, including the Pontio Arts and Innovation Centre, which will open next year.

Thank you for maintaining your connection to Bangor, and for your continued interest in our future success. I hope that you have an opportunity to visit Bangor again sometime soon.

Prof. John G. Hughes
Vice-Chancellor

DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS OFFICE

We're here to help you stay connected to each other and the University.

Visit our website to see details of events, services and benefits we offer and to learn more about our fundraising activities. You can also read some alumni profiles and find details on how you can get involved: www.bangor.ac.uk/alumni

Find a Friend

If you'd like to contact friends who you've lost touch with over the years, we can help! Email details of your lost contacts to: alumni@bangor.ac.uk and we'll search our database to see if we have current details for them and try to reconnect you.

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BANGORIAD NEWS

DEMENTIA AND VISUAL ARTS PROJECT

Bangor University has received £1.2 million in funding from the Connected Communities Programme to lead a project to research how taking part in visual arts can contribute to the health and well-being of people with dementia.

The Dementia Services Development Centre at Bangor University has expertise in developing and researching the effectiveness of psychosocial interventions for people with dementia and their carers, interventions that improve the health and well-being in older people, and delivering specialised training in dementia care.

By working in partnerships with community groups the research will produce knowledge and create resources that are of direct significance to the groups involved but also have wider societal, cultural and economic benefits.

WELSH LANGUAGE SCHEME

In May, Bangor University reinforced its commitment to the Welsh language as the Vice-Chancellor, Professor John G. Hughes, launched the revised Language Scheme.

The launch highlighted the University's commitment to maintain the highest possible standards, respect the Welsh language, and make maximum use of the language in every aspect of its work and mission. In its plans to provide services through the medium of Welsh and increase the use of Welsh in the workplace, the University aims to safeguard its position as the leading provider of Welsh language higher education and to lead the field and support and advise others to achieve the same standards.

ALUMNUS / ALUMNA OF THE YEAR



The Alumnus / Alumna of the Year honour recognises a former student who has demonstrated achievements of particular merit or distinction in either the public or private sectors in Wales, other parts of the UK or internationally and Bangor University is

pleased to announce Catrin Brace as the winner of the first Alumna / Alumna of the Year award.

Catrin, originally from Bridgend, graduated in Welsh in 1975. From her early work in dialects, oral history and story telling as a researcher for the Welsh Folk Museum to her present work as the Head of Marketing and Public Relations USA for the Welsh Government, she has always had a strong conviction that Wales matters in the world. Catrin regularly represents Wales and the Welsh Government as a guest speaker at a variety of events and dinners and carries out public diplomacy at high-level functions, working tirelessly to promote Wales in the USA in the business, cultural, and academic sectors. She has supported many of the University's events and has helped create and strengthen links between Bangor University and the US.

Many congratulations to Catrin on the award.

To read Catrin's full profile, visit:

www.bangor.ac.uk/alumni/award/2013

If you would like to nominate a former student for the 2014 Alumnus / Alumna of the Year Award, please see our website:

www.bangor.ac.uk/alumni/award



Honorary Fellowships 2013

Honorary Fellowships were awarded during Bangor University's 2013 graduation ceremonies to:

Geraint Talfan Davies, Chair of the Institute of Welsh Affairs since 1992 and Chair of Welsh National Opera. Controller of BBC Wales from 1990-2000

Dr Lyn Evans CBE, FRS, former head of the Large Hadron Collider Project at CERN, Switzerland

Dr Peter Florence MBE, founder and Director of the Hay Festival

Ann Griffiths, South-Wales born harpist, harp historian, teacher and composer

Eric Hepburn, British Consul General in Washington DC and Bangor Business School alumnus (1983)

Patrick Holdich, British Consul General in Montreal since 2009 and Bangor alumnus (History, 1978)

Bryan Hope, former Principal Maintenance Engineer for Gwynedd Council and now Honorary President of the Amlwch Industrial Heritage Trust

Tom James MBE, Olympic and World Championship gold medalist in rowing, brought up in Coedpoeth near Wrexham

Huw Jones, Chair of S4C, co-founder of Sain Records and of Teledu'r Tir Glas

Professor Paul Mealor, Professor of Composition at Aberdeen University, born in St Asaph

Professor Mark Williams FBA, Professor of Clinical Psychology at Oxford since 2004 and formerly Professor of Clinical Psychology (1991-97) and Pro Vice-Chancellor (1997-2001) at Bangor University

Also receiving Fellowships awarded in previous years were:

Terry Hands, Director of Clwyd Theatr Cymru since 1997

Terry Jones, Writer, actor, film director – best known for his appearances and writing for Monty Python's Flying Circus (1969-75). Born in Colwyn Bay, Terry Jones has been instrumental in revitalising Theatr Colwyn.



Pictured from left to right: Eric Hepburn, Tom James MBE and Terry Jones

UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE

Many congratulations to Bangor University's University Challenge team who reached the semi-finals of the BBC quiz show this summer, beating teams from Durham, St. Andrews and King's College, Cambridge.

The team were Nina Grant (French & Linguistics), Simon Tomlinson (Psychology), Mark Stevens (Environmental Science) and Adam Pearce (Translation Studies). Team Captain Nina said: "The whole experience has been brilliant. We had no idea when we started out that we'd get this far, but I think we had a wide range of knowledge among the team members".



ENTERPRISING STUDENTS REWARDED

B-Enterprising at Bangor University, which supports hundreds of students every year to develop their enterprise and entrepreneurial skills, has awarded new Entrepreneurship Scholarships worth a total of £5,000 to its students.

Catrin Hicks (right), who recently graduated with a degree in Design & Technology with Qualified Teacher Status, won a Santander-Abbey 'Excellence in Enterprise Scholarship' of £1,000 to help develop her undergraduate project based on an eyelash applicator.

Other winners were Kalaivani Krishnanmurthi, a Bangor Business School graduate, who has developed and launched two mobile phone apps, Business Studies and French graduate Emma-Louise Jones who gained the highest amount of XP points for enterprise activities in the Bangor Employability Award, and Computer Science graduates Lee Williams and Shane Parker who set up a business to develop bespoke software and mobile applications and provide web services.



A team of student entrepreneurs, whose project 'University of Ales' goes from strength to strength, also received a Scholarship. The team represented Wales in the UK finals of the Young Enterprise Start Up Programme winning an award for the Best Investment Proposal/Company Report. The team put together a business plan to work with local breweries to rebrand their ales to the student market.

INTERNATIONAL EMPLOYABILITY

The International Employability Project, a new joint project in collaboration with Aberystwyth University, funded by the Higher Education Academy, aims to improve the global employment prospects of our students. The project aims to assist students and graduates in accessing international employment opportunities through our alumni by identifying work placements and internships abroad, by advertising international job vacancies, and by developing contact with international employers (including those in the UK with an international focus) who are willing to mentor our students by email, telephone or in person. If you can contribute any placements or mentor a Bangor University student please contact us at: internationalemployability@bangor.ac.uk



MAES GLAS GETS A FACELIFT

As part of phase 1 of a major refurbishment project at Bangor University's Maes Glas sports centre, an AirDome has been installed to provide more space for student netball and tennis competitions along with a host of other activities. The dome has been installed over two outdoor tennis courts meaning that tennis can be played all year round as well as providing two additional netball courts for the four Bangor University netball teams.

Phase 2 of the refurbishment project will involve an internal reconfiguration of the Maes Glas sport centre including the creation of a two storey gym, new studio for exercise classes and a much needed makeover of the changing rooms.

Don't forget that Bangor alumni can receive up to 30% off membership, classes and pitch hire at Maes Glas – ask at reception for further details.

PROMOTING BANGOR'S HISTORY AND HERITAGE

The new academic year will see the renaming of a number of rooms in the Main University Building after prominent individuals associated with the history of the University.

The Main Arts Lecture Theatre will be renamed the Eric Sunderland Lecture Theatre, in memory of the former Vice-Chancellor, and the five lecture rooms will be named after J. F. Danby, Brenda Chamberlain, R. T. Jenkins, Sir Ifor Williams and A. H. Dodd. Rooms will also be named after R. Williams Parry and Kate Roberts, with the current Terrace Conference Rooms renamed the Cledwyn Rooms.

GO WALES CELEBRATE



This year sees the 10th birthday of the GO Wales Programme.

GO Wales is a pan-Wales programme operating from every university in Wales. The local office at Bangor University is housed within the Careers & Employability Service.

During the past decade, the Bangor Office has facilitated 530 subsidised placements with local, small businesses as well as 33 subsidised placements with the public sector. They have organised over 400 Work Tasters across the region and, since 2009, have approved 170 applications for funding for training.



Read some of the success stories online: www.gowales.co.uk/en/Employer/News

To find out more about how GO Wales supports graduates and employers in Wales visit: www.gowales.co.uk or contact the team at Bangor University on: 01248 383 586 / gowales@bangor.ac.uk

DRAPERS' COMPANY MEDALS

Drapers' Company Medals are awarded to outstanding students, based on academic achievement and engagement with the academic community, as well as cultural and social contribution through scholarship, impact of research, pastoral support and mentoring.

This year, Rosie Poyner, a PhD student at the School of Sport, Health & Exercise Sciences received a Silver Medal for her work, which is expected to impact on sporting performance through improving sports coach education, and for her input to the education of her fellow students. A Drapers' Company Bronze Medal was awarded to Helen Glanville who has recently been awarded her PhD in the field of environmental science.



Rosie Poyner (right) and Master Draper Lady Victoria Diana Leatham, DL

WALES' GREENEST UNIVERSITY

Bangor University has been ranked 18th in the world for its commitment to the 'green agenda' according to a global ranking. Compiled by Universitas Indonesia (UI), the table compares universities' efforts towards sustainability and environment friendly university management in categories such as waste management, water usage and transportation.



ALWYN R. OWENS AWARDED MEDAL

Renowned engineer and former Head of the Electronics Department at Bangor University, Alwyn R. Owens (above), was the winner of this year's Denbighshire and District National Eisteddfod Science and Technology Medal. Alwyn graduated from Bangor in 1952 with a first class honours degree in Electronic Engineering before studying Mathematics as a postgraduate then moving to Manchester University for his higher degree. He worked with Atomic Energy Research Establishment (AERE) in Harwell for 5 years before returning to Bangor in 1960 where he taught until his retirement in 1998. Congratulations Alwyn!

FELLOWS OF THE LEARNED SOCIETY OF WALES

Congratulations to four Bangor University academics who have been elected Fellows of The Learned Society of Wales.

They are: Professor Dyfrig Hughes FLSW, Professor of Pharmacoeconomics at Bangor University's Centre for Health Economics and Medicines Evaluation; Professor John Hughes FBCS FLSW, the University's Vice-Chancellor; Professor Jerry Hunter FLSW, Professor of Welsh at the University's School of Welsh and Director of Research (Culture), Pontio and The Reverend Professor Thomas Watkin FLSW, Honorary Professor of Law.

love Lane



Did you ever stroll down Bangor's Love Lane with your now significant other when you were students at the University? Many of our alumni are married to other alumni who they met as students during their time in Bangor. In fact, Bethan Perkins (née Taylor, Linguistics, 2002), our own Alumni Development Officer, met her husband Dave when they were both students living in Neuadd Reichel!

Below is a selection of Bangor love stories and more can be found online at: www.bangor.ac.uk/alumni/lovelane



"We got engaged in November 1968. Phil left Bangor after 2 years but got a job eighteen months later in Colwyn Bay with the Home Office looking after police and fire telecommunications. Then, a few decades later, building on computing "stuff" he

studied at Bangor, moved into computer hardware until he retired. I graduated in 1971, when we got married, then did my P.G.C.E. in Bangor and taught English and R.E. until I retired. We live in Macclesfield, which is my home town.



We have two children, Michael (35) – RAF, then a D.T. teaching degree at Sheffield Hallam, and Liz (30) – Family Studies degree at Lancaster and just finished an M.A. in Social Work at Salford. We live in Macclesfield and enjoy the grandparents' privilege of looking after our grandson, Albert, each week.

Bangor was a wonderful backdrop to studying and our relationship. We go back often and have enjoyed the alumni events we have attended enormously."

Delia Archer (née Spilsted), English and Biblical Studies, 1971



"I met my husband Mahfuz when a common friend introduced us in 2007. We became very good friends and spent lots of time together. Being from very different cultures, however, I didn't want to recognize at first that we were meant for each other. I came from Luxembourg

and he from Bangladesh but even though our upbringing was quite different, we were, nevertheless, thinking similarly about important matters in life.

We had a fabulous life in Bangor until Mahfuz finished his degree and then he went home to Bangladesh for a year. It was a very tough time because we could only speak over the phone and the connection was not always the best.

After a year, he returned to Bangor then in 2010 we moved to Luxembourg where we married on 3rd December. In May 2011, I went to Bangladesh for the first time to meet his parents. We celebrated with his family and friends, and I felt like a princess from a story of A Thousand and One Nights. In August, we had a Muslim and a Catholic wedding in Luxembourg and we celebrated with my family and our friends. We were very lucky that some of our very good friends from Bangor could make it to celebrate with us."

Lyane Schmitz, English, 2007

"I met my husband Alex whilst we were both studying at Bangor. He was doing Bio-med and I studied Psychology, but we met performing South Pacific at SODA (the Student Operatic and Dramatic Association). It took us a year to get together, but he finally asked me out on St David's Day in 2005. In September 2012 we got married at Lancaster Cathedral with a number of our old friends from SODA in attendance."



Hannah Morris (née Kearney), Psychology, 2005

"I started in the Biochemistry department in 1975. Heather Quayle was the year below, but we only met in 1979 when I was doing PhD work and she was in 3rd year. We were 'matchmade' by a friend, Anuka (now sadly deceased).



We married in 1988 - best man was Dave (Jim) Roberts, also a Biochem alumnus, and at whose wedding I had the honour to reciprocate. Heather and I moved, first to Leeds, then to Kendal. Our daughter Katie was born in 1990, now studying medicine at Sheffield, and Chris came along two years later. Chris is now studying Biology at Bangor. Holly came along (a little unexpectedly!) 7 years later.

I loved Bangor, and though I live in a beautiful part of the world now, I still miss that mix of mountain, sea and Welshness. I return often (I've a good excuse now Chris is there!)"

Allan Miller, Biochemistry, 1978

"At registration in September of 1956 a friend, Sophia Mortimer, was at the Gilbert and Sullivan table with graduate student Peter Arnott while I was at the Catholic Society table. Sophia invited me to join some G & S people for a break in the Union. A copy of 'Punch' was being passed around the table and Peter and I shared. I read faster than most people but when I glanced up to see how long I'd have to wait for him, I saw that he had already finished. We both thought "Finally! Someone I don't have to wait for" and got engaged three weeks later.



We were married in 1958 after we both got our degrees, emigrated to the U.S. and were happy together until he died in 1990."

Eva Arnott (née Schenkel), English / Philosophy, 1958

The history of UNIVERSITY HALL



Bangor University staff member and alumnus Keith Beasley (1979, Electronic Engineering), maps out the history of one of the University's main buildings, from a female-only hall of residence to a Student Services hub.

"Walk along College Road from Love Lane to the Main University Building and you'll pass an impressive red brick building. To students now,

particularly those from across the globe improving their English language skills, it is Neuadd Rathbone, home of ELCOS: the English Language Centre for Overseas Students. It is also currently home for the IEC (International Education Centre) and Student Services. But these are all recent residents of one of the oldest and most historic buildings that form Bangor University's extensive Estates portfolio.

In 1897, University Hall opened as a Woman's Hostel for 48 students, with boarding fees for a private study bedroom set at £61 per session, including use of its own tennis courts.



In 1895, according to the Conveyance of the sale (now lodged in Bangor University Archive), land was bought from Lord Penrhyn (of the Penrhyn Castle estate, now owned by the National Trust) to "provide places of residence with suitable outbuildings for female students at the North Wales University College". In 1897, University Hall opened as a Women's Hostel for 48 students, with boarding fees for a private study bedroom set at £61 per session, including use of its own tennis courts.

In 1902, during a visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to Bangor and Caernarfon on the occasion of the Installation of HRH as Chancellor of the University of Wales, a bouquet was presented to HRH at University Hall.

Through most of the Hall's use as a residence, at least until the 1990s, cooked meals were provided to students: a far cry from take-aways and special offers from Morrisons!

From the mid 1970s until the early 1990s, before becoming 'Rathbone', University Hall was known as Neuadd John Morris-Jones, or 'JMJ', that is, the Welsh speakers' hall of residence. From a time when no English was spoken within those walls to the present day when English is taught here; how things change!"

Further early photographs of University Hall can be found on the ELCOS Facebook page: www.facebook.com/BangorEnglishLanguageLearners

With thanks to the University Archives (www.bangor.ac.uk/archives) for photographs and background material.



School of Psychology CELEBRATES its 50th BIRTHDAY



Prof. C.Fergus Lowe (left) and BF Skinner

This year Bangor University's highly rated School of Psychology celebrates its 50th anniversary making it among the oldest and most established schools in the UK.

In order to mark this anniversary the School will be holding a number of events in 2013/14 and has established a website which has a wealth of information about the School's development over the past 50 years.

To start the celebrations the School held a Birthday Ceilidh on the 4 July 2013 to coincide with the conference dinner of the Experimental Psychology Society Conference, which the School had the privilege of hosting this year. The Ceilidh was attended by current and former staff as well as some student representatives from the current student body and alumni. The School has also marked the anniversary with an ERP Summer School and 50th Anniversary PhD studentships.

The School has grown from a department with just 43 students and a handful of staff in 1963 to be one of the largest of the 130+ UK Psychology departments with over 1,300 students and 50

faculty. Along the way the School has had many highlights which include a visit by BF Skinner in 1969 (see picture above), the development of the renowned Miles Dyslexia Centre and Food Dudes research group, the establishment of the first taught DclinPsy course in the UK, the first BACB accredited ABA course in Europe and the arrival of a research dedicated fMRI scanner. Currently the School can claim to be not only among the oldest and biggest UK Psychology departments but also among the very best. It is ranked very highly by The Times league table, including being placed 2nd for the 'Student Experience', has ranked in the top 5 for 'Student Satisfaction' in the National Student Survey over the past 3 years and 7th in the UK for research power based on the latest Research Assessment Exercise.

Currently the School's major research strengths can be classified as covering the following four main themes: Perception, Action and Memory; Language, Bilingualism and

Cognitive Development; Social Neuroscience and Clinical, Health and Behavioural Psychology. Prof. Charles Leek, the current Head of School, sums things up by saying, "I don't think that it is just that fact that the School is big, old and highly ranked that makes it such a unique place. What really stands out for staff and students alike is the friendly atmosphere that goes along with our teaching and research excellence."



Over the next academic year, as the 50th cohort of Psychology undergraduate students begin their academic journey, the School is planning a number of other events to mark the occasion including a

mini series of public lectures from current and former staff which will be announced on the School website. The School encourages former staff or students to visit the 50th Anniversary site: www.bangor.ac.uk/psychology or follow the Twitter feed: @PsychBangor

Bangor leads the way in broadband

A revolutionary 'futureproof' technology, first proposed by Bangor University, is the frontrunner in satisfying future demand for dramatically increased Internet speeds and capacity.

Professor Jianming Tang from Bangor University's School of Electronic Engineering is a leading scientist pursuing the new technology, which would use current optical Internet cabling to increase broadband transmission by up to 2,000 times the current speed and capacity (equivalent to downloading 20 feature-length films in one second).

Other uses for this capability include 3D-TV, social websites and video sharing.

Bangor is leading the three-year project due to the University's unique technical know-how in this field. Partners working with Bangor University in the consortium include world-leading technology companies and research institutes such as Fujitsu Semiconductors Europe. The project is funded by the European Union and is valued at over €3m.

MENAI Science Park

The University Council recently gave the go-ahead for a major new initiative – the development of a Science Park on which the University will lead.

The Menai Science Park site will enable leading-edge academic research to link with commercial development for the benefit of the local and national economy. North West Wales is well-placed to benefit from a combination of factors – the anticipated major investment in low-carbon energy projects on Anglesey as well as Enterprise Zone designation, and of course a nearby University and its partner organisations.

Initially, the Menai Science Park will be centred on the academic fields of clean technology, clean energy and systems but it will also provide collaborative opportunities for several University Schools in other key sectors. The aim is to combine academia, research and private sector companies on the site, creating high value jobs for young people in North Wales, an area known as one of the worst hit regions for youth unemployment.

The Science Park will provide an open innovation approach, where ideas can be tested and challenged, and it will provide significant opportunities for networking by graduates and alumni.

The Science Park will be the latest addition to the eco-friendly industry which already exists in North Wales, helping to make the region a hub for environmentally-friendly energy science in Europe. Bangor University has recently received awards for being the most Eco-friendly University in Wales and one of the most environmentally aware Universities in the UK and the Science Park again highlights the University's commitment to environmental science research.

Former Anglesey Welsh Assembly Member Ieuan Wyn Jones has been appointed Director of the Science Park and the development is due to commence in 2014. The project is being supported by £10m of capital funding from the Welsh Government and £250k of revenue funding in the first year, with an expectation of further revenue funding for the following three years.

Speaking about Menai Science Park, Bangor University's Vice-Chancellor, Professor John G. Hughes, said:

"This is an outstanding opportunity, and the University is delighted to play a full and active part. Economic regeneration is vitally important for this area of Wales, and the University will do everything possible to make this venture a major success."





www.bangor.ac.uk/alumni

EVENTS

Thank you to all alumni who've come along to meet members of the Development and Alumni Relations team this year during visits to cities including Dublin, Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Boston, MA, USA. We will be in touch when we plan to visit your area and aim to meet as many alumni as we can during our trips.

We want to hear from you about what types of reunions and events you're interested in attending. Please complete the questionnaire

enclosed with this Bangorid to let us know what type of events you'd like to attend so we can tailor our activities to suit you.

If you would like to arrange your own reunion, the Development and Alumni Relations Office is here to help. We can arrange visits to your old departments and offer advice on accommodation as well as trying to find any friends who you have lost touch with and invite them to your reunion.

For further information, please contact Bethan Perkins at: b.w.perkins@bangor.ac.uk

NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD 2013

Our alumni reunion at the National Eisteddfod of Wales, an annual event held on the Bangor University stand on the Wednesday afternoon of the festival every year, attracted over 150 former students and staff in August 2013. 2014's National Eisteddfod will be held in Llanelli.



PONTIO 2014 APPEAL

The Pontio 2014 Appeal was launched this summer with a special concert held at the University featuring celebrated Welsh opera and concert singer Rhys Meirion and Huw Ynry, a recent Bangor graduate who won the prestigious Bryn Terfel Scholarship in 2012. For details on the Pontio 2014 Appeal, see page 12.

PONTIO FOUNDATION STONE

In January, a musical ceremony was held as the foundation stone of Pontio, the new Arts and Innovation Centre opening in Bangor in 2014, was unveiled by former Education Minister (and Bangor alumnus) Leighton Andrews AM, Lord Dafydd Elis-Thomas and Vice-Chancellor Prof. John G. Hughes.



VIRGINIA INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCE

To celebrate the long-standing links between Bangor's School of Ocean Sciences and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, USA, an alumni day was held in September. Alumni joined Vice-Chancellor, Prof. John G. Hughes, for the day which included a field trip to the pristine barrier islands, salt marshes and lagoons along Virginia's outer coast, a tour of the VIMS facilities and a seafood meal. Thanks to our colleagues at VIMS for providing an excellent welcome!



ALUMNI CULTURAL HERITAGE DAY

35 alumni and guests returned to Bangor in August for a day to showcase Bangor University's cultural affairs and collections. Alumni learned about the latest research from several of the University's Schools, enjoyed presentations on the University's history and Archives and had a tour of the University's Collections.



BANGOR 2020 GROUP

The Bangor 2020 Group, a London-based alumni group for leading business alumni and friends of the University, continues to grow and to welcome former students interested in joining the group to network with other alumni and hear about the latest developments at Bangor. For further information on the Bangor 2020 Group, please contact alumni@bangor.ac.uk or call **01248 388332**.

NORTH AMERICAN FESTIVAL OF WALES

Bangor University was delighted to be part of the North American Festival of Wales in Toronto, Canada in August where Bethan Perkins, Alumni Development Officer, met several Bangor alumni and those with connections to North Wales. The festival, organised by Dr. Megan Williams – a Bangor alumna herself – aims to promote all things Welsh and the programme included sessions led by Prof. Jerry Hunter from Bangor's School of Welsh.



ALUMNI CAREERS NETWORK

Being able to draw on the expertise and knowledge of our alumni is becoming increasingly important to current Bangor students before they graduate and embark on their career paths, and the Development and Alumni Relations Office work closely with the Careers and Employability Service to arrange alumni-led presentations and workshops. Thank you to those who have already helped us with events. Subject-specific events and general skills sessions are being planned so if you would like to volunteer to be involved and to share your experiences with Bangor students, please contact: alumni@bangor.ac.uk

UGANDA CHAPTER

A Ugandan chapter of Bangor alumni was formed in 2013 to undertake alumni and student recruitment activities in the region. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Prof. Joseph Obua, Co-ordinator of the Bangor University Alumni Uganda Chapter on: j.obua@vicres.net



HONG KONG

A reception hosted by Prof. John G. Hughes Vice-Chancellor was held in Hong Kong in October 2012 for Bangor alumni and other University contacts. If you are interested in attending future alumni events in the region, please contact: alumni@bangor.ac.uk

BANGOR UNIVERSITY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB 1957 - 1962

Former members of the University's Mountaineering Club met last year to celebrate their 50th anniversary and enjoyed being back in Bangor and catching up with each other.



Back: Ben Lyon, Annis Milner, Rosemary Tunstall, Doug Daniels. Front: Mike Petrovsky, Ron Ferguson, Alan Orme, Dewi Hudson Jones.

1960s & 1970s SPORTS REUNION



In September 2012, a reunion was held in Bangor for alumni involved in sports teams during the 60s and 70s. Over 100 alumni attended a lecture by Dr David Roberts, Bangor University's Registrar, and an evening event held in Bar Uno on the Ffriddoedd Site. Photos from the event can be seen on our website:

www.bangor.ac.uk/alumni/sportsgallery

A further reunion is hoped to be arranged for the group in 2014/15. If you would be interested in attending, please contact Foster Edwards on: boyersorchard35@btinternet.com

BANGOR OLD STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Bangor's Old Students' Association has been in existence since 1898 and all former students of the University, Coleg Normal and St. Mary's College are welcome to join.

An Annual Meeting and Dinner is held every September / October, with an informal dinner held in February and the group would be delighted to welcome new members.

If you would like to join the Old Students' Association, or would like further information, please contact Ella Owens on:

ella.owens@btinternet.com or telephone: 01248 712573.

Dates for your diary

Athens Alumni Reunion

November 2013. Hotel Grande Bretagne
Contact: alumni@bangor.ac.uk

Cologne Alumni Reunion

28 November 2013. Brauhauskeller, Cölner Hofbräu P. Josef Früh
Contact: alumni@bangor.ac.uk

Old Boys' Weekend 2014

Join us in Bangor for the 50th Anniversary of the Old Boys' weekend, 3-5th May 2014.

Nightline Reunion

February 2014.

A reunion is being planned for those involved in Nightline, the confidential listening and information service run by students for students, during their time in Bangor.

For further information, please contact: nightline.coordinator@undeb.bangor.ac.uk

National Eisteddfod of Wales Llanelli

6th August 2014,
Bangor University Stand

Coleg Normal 1954 - 56

A reunion will be held in Autumn 2014 to celebrate the 60th anniversary (or thereabouts!) of those who attended Coleg Normal 1954 - 56. For further information, please contact Ella Owens on: ella.owens@btinternet.com or: 01248 712573

Pontio Arts & Innovation programme comes to life

A year before the opening of Bangor's landmark Pontio Arts and Innovation Centre, the city of Bangor and surrounding areas are coming alive with fantastic productions and outreach activities. Pontio's mission is to create an artistic programme of the highest quality, which is innovative, ambitious and relevant to our communities.

In July, No Fit State Circus brought their "Bianco" production to Bangor. Hundreds of people delighted in this contemporary circus experience featuring acrobatic and aerial performance, which took place all around the audience in the big top on Beach Road. Other UK venues for Bianco included the famous Roundhouse in London.

Programming the best of international, Welsh and locally-grown talent, the Pontio autumn season has a fantastic line up. Featured performances include world-famous harpist Catrin Finch and West African kora player Seckou Kaita in concert on 15 November 2013 in Bangor University's Prichard-Jones Hall. Further information can be found on the website at: www.pontio.co.uk

Pontio's arts and innovation programming would not be possible without the support of generous donors. Last year, the Garfield Weston Foundation made a gift of £300,000 to support Pontio's Studio Theatre, which will be a focal point for smaller productions and community activities, complementing Pontio's flagship main auditorium. Kristen L. Gallagher, Head of Development and Alumni Relations, commented: "In making this major grant, one of its largest outside of a major metropolitan centre, the Trustees of the Garfield Weston

Foundation cited their wish to do something for the wider community in Bangor University's region. I am delighted that the Foundation recognises the unique value in supporting Pontio's exciting, bilingual arts programme and involvement for all."

Other donors are supporting not only Pontio's arts activities, but also unique-to-Bangor initiatives bringing together the arts, design innovation and sciences. The "NEET2Work" programme, devised by Bangor University and receiving major funding from the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, will bring together members of the community not in employment, education or training with members of the University's academic staff, from areas including Psychology and Business, and local community leaders to design solutions to problems in their communities, which could include products or new methods for tackling social issues. Through NEET2Work, Bangor will share the fruits of its academic and practical experience with members of the community needing to develop important employability skills.

Community involvement in Pontio was also celebrated at the recent launch of the Pontio 2014 Appeal in June, organised by the Development and Alumni Relations Office with Pontio's artistic director, Elen ap Robert. This delightful concert featured Welsh tenor Rhys Meirion, renowned on the opera and concert scene, and up-and-coming tenor, Bangor graduate and Bryn Terfel Scholarship recipient, Huw Ynyr. To learn more about how you can support the Pontio 2014 Appeal, visit the website at: www.bangor.ac.uk/giving or contact the Development and Alumni Relations Office on 01248 382020. Be a part of Pontio!



CULTURE AND HERITAGE FUND

Bangor University is a place that values its Welsh heritage and culture. We have much to be proud of from the grade 1* Main University building to our special collections and archives.

For 129 years, Bangor University has acquired cultural artefacts from Wales and around the world, through purchase, donations and bequests by alumni, and as tributes to friends and relatives. The University now has an important collection of cultural assets, representing a wide range of media, including

paintings, sculpture, ceramics, murals, natural history, musical instruments, rare books, manuscripts and furniture. We are launching a fundraising appeal to celebrate and safeguard these treasures which are truly unique to Bangor University. You can help us continue to be important custodians of Welsh language, literature and art. By contributing to this special appeal, you will help maintain our built environment, and conserve our valuable archives and collections. This fund will support the safeguarding and celebration of our special collections and the renovation of the grade 1* listed Main University building. For more information please contact Emma Marshall on: e.marshall@bangor.ac.uk or 01248 382594. To make a donation online please go to: www.bangor.ac.uk/giving

LEGACY PROGRAMME

Since its inception in 1884 legacies and bequests have helped shape the future of Bangor University. In today's austere economic climate the need to invest in higher education is greater than ever and remembering the University in your Will can have a lasting effect on tomorrow's students. Areas benefiting from legacies include general purposes, scholarships, research and renovation and restoration of the Grade 1 listed Main University building. To learn more about our legacy programme and the 1884 Circle, please contact the Development and Alumni Relations office on: 01248 382020; email: development@bangor.ac.uk or visit our website.



STUDENT PROFILE: DANIAL HEMMINGS DR. PAUL FEENEY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

"I am a second year PhD student at Bangor Business School. My thesis focuses on potential market conditioning by firms prior to issues of new equity.

It considers whether corporate communications, for example discussions in annual reports, press releases and company websites, are used to solicit excessive interest from investors so that capital is raised on more favourable terms. The subtleties of the communications between firms and the markets, in some ways advancing the social construction of 'value', is a topic that I find deeply interesting.

The decision to pursue an academic career is one that would not have arisen without contact with the inspirational faculty while studying for a BSc and then an MSc in Accounting and Finance at Bangor. The decision to study towards a PhD at Bangor was the obvious choice given the support and enthusiasm from academic staff and the academic excellence of Bangor Business School. Critical to my ability to further my studies is my receiving the Dr. Paul Feeney Scholarship. I find it extremely humbling that alumnus Paul Feeney, having enjoyed an astonishingly successful career following his time at Bangor, is keen to support local students. Having been brought up on the Isle of Anglesey, I share his love of the area, as well as the Bangor community, both inside and outside of the University.

A generous donation by a Bangor alumnus provides a great deal more than just financial support. It means a great deal to me to receive a scholarship from a benefactor who enjoyed a similarly positive experience at Bangor University and who shares an appreciation of the quality of a Bangor University education. It is unquestionable that without the generous financial support of Bangor alumni that I, and many other students, would not be able to continue to study at the postgraduate level. I echo the gratitude of countless recipients of Bangor alumni scholarships who enjoy the financial and moral support afforded them."



DR. EILIR HEDD MORGAN FUND

Dr. Eilir Hedd Morgan, alumnus and member of staff at Bangor University's School of Ocean Sciences, was tragically killed in an accident in April 2013 at the young age of 29.

Eilir originally came to Bangor in 2002 to read Marine Biology, staying on to gain a distinction in his MSc in Shellfisheries Biology and Management in 2007 and completing a PhD

in November 2012. He was subsequently appointed to a 5-year position as the first Welsh medium lecturer in Marine Ecology. He was dedicated to the Welsh language and was a fantastic ambassador for the University and for Wales.

In his memory, Bangor University has established the 'Dr Eilir Hedd Morgan Bangor University Scholarship Fund'. Money donated to the fund will support an annual 5-week summer placement for a Welsh-medium second year undergraduate Marine Biology student to undertake research work and the establishing of a prize for the best first year PhD talk at the annual College of Natural Sciences Postgraduate Research Student Conference.

If you would like to contribute to the fund, please download our giving form here: www.bangor.ac.uk/giving/eilir_fund and send your completed form and contribution to: Paula Fleck, Development and Alumni Relations Office, Bangor University, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 2DG.

BANGOR FUND

This year we have carried out our most successful telethon campaigns to date, with a team of 35 current students raising over £95,000 towards the Bangor Fund.

Applications from various Departments, Schools and Colleges were received by The Benefactions Group, for allocations of awards from the Greatest Need, Student Support, Welsh Medium Provision and Campus Improvement Funds.

Awards were made towards:

- **Sports provision.** The Bangor Fund provided funding for a drainage machine for Treborth playing fields. No more cancelling of fixtures due to water-logging!



- **School of Music.** A new Yamaha grand piano, for student practise, was purchased and funds were provided for the reconditioning of the Bosendorfer Imperial piano in Prichard-Jones Hall.



- **The Counselling Service.** The Bangor Fund has purchased an online programme designed to assist students and staff suffering from common mental health conditions.

- **A travel bursary** for a PhD student from the School of History, Welsh History and Archaeology.

- **Financial support** for a student-led project, HackSpace, in the School of Electronic Engineering.

- **Employability.** Students from the School of Biological Sciences were provided with paid work experience by giving science demonstrations to the public.



- **Library and Archive Service.** An award was given to relocate and refurbish the R.S. Thomas Research Centre within the Shankland Reading Room (below).



Thank you to all of our generous donors.

Alumni PROFILES



Alumna Antonia Lloyd (English, 1995) has recently returned to the University, working as a police officer dedicated to helping our students. Here she tells us how proud she is to be one of 'Bangor's Bobbies'.

"I'm delighted that my career in the Police has led me back to Bangor University as its dedicated Police Officer. I have a special affinity for it having studied here as a student from 1992-1995 doing an English degree. I'm hoping that my University experiences will help me to understand the issues that concern students; conversely as a police officer I can focus their attention on matters that they may not be aware of. I feel quite protective! Bangor is a very safe place to live however there are always things that students can do that will reduce any risks further.

I chose to study in Bangor as the course looked great, the University friendly, Bangor wasn't too big and was nicely accessible to lots of climbing! Following graduation I even worked briefly for the University's Career Unit before disappearing travelling. Following a couple of years away from the area I finally returned to Bangor when I joined North Wales Police in 2001. I spent two years as a divisional officer on Anglesey before specialising and joining the armed response unit for ten years, attending at firearms incidents all over the force area. Luckily I also met my husband whilst on this unit and we now live in the Bangor area.

In this role I'll be able to encourage more students to come to the police with any problems they may be concerned about as well as proactively educating them to further reduce their chance of being a victim of crime. I'm particularly keen to gain the trust of international students who are in such a unique situation studying so far from home and family support. They need reassurance that our police are confidential, professional and approachable.

Please follow us on Twitter (NWPBangorUniPolice) and Facebook (Bangor Bobbies)"

"I'm proud to say that I donate to The Bangor Fund, as I think the support this fund gives to students and the whole Bangor experience is really worthwhile."

After graduating in 1981, Bangor alumnus Tim Haines joined the BBC and went on to produce programmes such as the acclaimed Walking with Dinosaurs. Here, Tim tells us how his time at Bangor has had a lasting effect.

"At secondary school there was very little advice offered about University choices so I mostly went on what I read in the UCCA handbook. Bangor University had an impressive array of natural science courses which is what I wanted to do. Initially I went for Marine Zoology but changed to Applied because of my interest in insects. After what seemed like years studying Maths or Chemistry or Physics for Biology it was a delight to just specialise in animals. Dr Cherret, Dr Runham and Prof. Dodds were great enthusiasts and made the lectures fascinating.

After I graduated with a BSc degree in Applied Zoology, I joined a medical newspaper called Doctor as a science journalist. Three years later I had a brief spell as a copywriter in an advertising firm before joining the BBC. I moved through various documentary departments, including: Radio 4 Science Unit, Natural History Radio and TV, Tomorrow's World, and Horizon. I always used my background in science and experience in journalism as my calling card. In 1999, I made a series for BBC One called Walking with Dinosaurs, which was very successful. A couple of years later I set up an independent TV production company specialising in high end factual called Impossible Pictures. Over the years Impossible branched out into drama and I co-created a series called Primeval for ITV. At this time I won several Emmys and a BAFTA. I was also awarded an Honorary Fellowship by Bangor, which was a proud moment for me.

I loved my time at Bangor, not just the course, but the scenery. There was a great contrast in Bangor's setting from my home which was in Sussex. However I found it liberating to step off the train in North Wales; I was ready to discover a new part of the country. I was truly delighted to find an academic jewel buried in Snowdonia. Throughout my time at Bangor the surrounding area was a big part of its appeal, ideal for field trips and socialising. In my second year I bought a car, which allowed me to discover more of North Wales' beautiful countryside. I would recommend Bangor University to anyone, especially those interested in studying for a BSc degree there.



I have spent my life trying to communicate science to as wide an audience as possible and have witnessed science and technology gradually become an integral part of people's lives. Yet their ability to judge and weigh scientific debate has, if anything got worse. That's why I encourage those who are interested to study at university and help improve the level of debate for the next generation. Also you never know when the fact that you know about Paget's disease, rhizotrons or ionospheric manipulation might be extremely useful in getting you a job."

A ROARING SUCCESS



In Memoriam

www.bangor.ac.uk/alumni/obituaries

We were saddened to hear of the passing of several of our notable alumni this year including Dr Tom Parry Jones (1958, Chemistry), who developed the world's first electronic breathalyser, IVF pioneer Prof. Sir Robert Edwards (1951, Zoology) and acclaimed poet and translator Tony Conran (1953, English). Obituaries can be found on our website.

Obituaries sent to the Development and Alumni Relations Office are placed on our website and can be viewed at: www.bangor.ac.uk/alumni/obituaries

If you have an obituary that you'd like to include on our online In Memoriam pages, please contact: alumni@bangor.ac.uk or call +44 (0) 1248 388332.

Listed below are the names of alumni and friends of the University of whose passing we have been informed since the last issue of Bangoriad.

Bangor University sends condolences to the family and friends of:

- Mrs Gwenno Thomas (née Morris)** 1947 Welsh
- Mr William Hamilton Canaway** 1948 English
- Mr Walter Josef Sheldon** 1949 Chemistry
- Sir Robert Geoffrey Edwards** 1951 Zoology
- Mr John Meirion Jones** 1951 Physics/Electronics
- Mr Anthony Edward Conran** 1953 English
- Miss Wendy Maureen Parker** 1954 English/French
- Mr Phillip Woosnam** 1954 Physics
- Dr Tom Parry Jones** 1958 Chemistry
- Mrs Alice Alvarez (née Humphreys)** 1959 French
- Dr Gwynfor Williams** 1962 Chemistry
- Mr Kenneth Rashleigh** 1962 Biochem/Agric.
- Dr David Prestwich Tunstall** 1963 Physics
- Mrs Valmai Diane Gagetta (née Price)** 1963 Arts General
- Dr Terence Robert Roberts** 1964 Chemistry
- Dr David Wyn Williams** 1964 Marine Biology
- Mrs Felicity Nora Horn (née Seccombe)** 1965 English/History
- Mrs Brenda Carol Hutley (née Goldfinch)** 1965 History
- Miss Helen Ruth Goodburn** 1966 Physics
- Mr David Graham Stones** 1966 Chemistry
- Mrs Margaret Wyn Jones (née Lloyd)** 1969 Education
- Mrs Christine Elaine Morris (née Snell)** 1969 Education
- Miss Janet Watson** 1970 Psychology
- Mr Robert James Karlake** 1970 Electronic Eng.
- Miss Alison Margaret Davey** 1975 Social Admin.
- Miss Heather Margaret Bulpett** 1977 English
- Mr William Edward Jones** 1977 Electronic Eng.
- Mr Antony William Cressey** 1977 Electronic Eng.
- Mr David Littler Jones** 1979 Education
- Mr Peter Bernard Whiddett** 1979 Linguistics
- Mr Ian Parkinson-Atherton** 1980 Electronic Eng.
- Mrs Phyllis Ann Evans (née Griffiths)** 1982 Cymraeg
- Dr Gordon Douglas Lowden** 1984 Education
- Mr Amiya Basu** 1989 Linguistics
- Mrs Arlene May Bell** 1992 Education
- Miss Irene Mary Levisohn** 1996 History
- Mrs Jennifer Vera Winstanley (née Roberts)** 2003 MBA
- Dr Eilir Hedd Morgan** 2007 Shellfisheries Biology and Management
- Mr James Andrew Atherton** 2010 Applied Sport & Ex. Physiology
- Mr Nicholas Adam Paige** 2010 Marine Science
- Mrs Helen Elizabeth Burns** 2010 Primary Education (upper)
- Mrs Rosemarie Jill Palgrave** 2012 Public Health/Health Promotion
- Lord Anglesey**
- Mr Philip G. Brown**
- Mr Eifion Wyn Davies Hughes**
- Mr Richard Geraint Jones**
- Dr Anthony John Edwin Smith**
- Mr Gwyn Taylor-Williams**
- Mr Philip William Henry Titmus**
- Miss Melanie Martha Wachter**