Dear all,

With the nights now drawing in and the shortest day of the year coming ever closer, the thought of sitting down with a steaming mug of coffee (perhaps even a box of chocolates!) and a good book becomes more and more appealing.

This, and messages from some of our alumni and staff, prompted me to want to let you know how many of our alumni have had books published in recent years. It is a quite phenomenal number (and we are getting copies for our library) and here are the ones I have heard of in the past week!

William Banks-Blaney (History of Art and Heritage Management, 2000): 25 Dresses
Chris Jagger (Security and Intelligence Studies, 2012): Escorting the Monarch
Dr Twana Bawa (DPhil International Studies, 2015): The Privatisation of Security in the Kurdish Region of Iraq
Mr Randy Wilson (MPhil International Studies, 2013): Blue Fish in a Dark Sea: Police Intelligence in a Counterinsurgency
Tony Percy (DPhil Security and Intelligence Studies, 2017): Misdefending the Realm

Don’t forget to let us know if you, or any of your fellow alumni, have had books published recently. We will endeavour to have copies of every single one for our current students to access.

With all best wishes,
Anne, Pam, Helen and Lucy

it is with great sadness that we share the news that Clare Morris, English Department Administrator, passed away on 7 November.

Clare was diagnosed with cancer earlier this year. Our thoughts go out to all of Clare’s family, particularly her husband, Dave, and two daughters, Julia and Genevieve.
Alumni Reunion Dinner 1996-2000

On Friday 13 October we held our annual Reunion Dinner. This year the event was for those who graduated between 1996 - 2000.

We had an intimate three course dinner at Church House, Westminster, London. Those who attended enjoyed sharing happy memories and updating each other on their lives since graduating.

As well as alumni, several academic and support staff also attended the dinner, including the Vice-Chancellor and Professor Susan Edwards (Dean of Law).

During the event, the award for Distinguished Alumnus of the year 2017 was presented. The winner was Ami Orkaby (LLB, 1998), he was chosen for his continuing efforts to promote and endorse the University.

The 2018 Reunion will be for graduates from 2000 - 2005 and we will update you when tickets are on sale.

The Vice-Chancellor’s Public Lecture Series

John Lloyd, CBE is an English television producer and writer best known for his work on such comedy television programmes as Not the Nine O’Clock News, Spitting Image, The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy, Blackadder and QI.

John be joining the Vice-Chancellor, Sir Anthony Seldon, “in Conversation” on Wednesday 29th November 2017, in the Radcliffe Centre at 6:30pm. The lecture will be followed by a book signing and books will be available to buy on the night if you haven’t already got one.

Places are limited so please contact helen.watts@buckingham.ac.uk to reserve your seat.
Alumni News

Jyoti Loganey Nanda (Business Economics, 1996) sadly passed away in India on 14th September 2015.

Her husband, Yishu, says that Jyoti used to speak warmly of her days at Buckingham and had fond memories. Any alumni who would like to speak about Jyoti are welcome to email Yishi directly. Please get in touch with the Alumni Office and we will arrange this.

Dominik Steffani (Service Management, 2003) has started a new position at The Boston Consulting Group.

After 10 years working at A. T. Kearney, Dominik felt that it was time to move on in the consulting world.

He says he has ‘exciting and intense times’ ahead of him.

We wish him luck in his new position!

Michael Pearson (Journalism with Communication Studies, 2015) has taken a new role as Deputy Editor of the Liverpool Echo.

He is one of the youngest editors the Echo has ever hired! What an achievement.

Well done, Michael. We hope you enjoy your new position.

Ali Bhutto (International Studies, 2005) has been featured in the October issue of Newsline. The issue is out now and you can read more about it at the link below: http://newslinemagazine.com/magazine/karachi-elitistan/

Many congratulations to Ali on this achievement.

Sirajo Yakubu (LLB, 2014) has recently completed a PhD in Law at the University of London. He has now obtained three law degrees from UK Universities in just six years.

Congratulations, Sirajo. We wish you all the best for your future.

Angela Ang (LLB, 1998) has been very successful in her career with Feng Shui. Please see the link below for more information: http://www.rising-dragon.co.uk/2014/01/18/master-angela-ang-talks-feng-shui-on-bbc-world/

Philipp Von Both (MBA, 2001) hosted an alumni reunion in Ghana on 24 October. A total of six other Buckingham alumni joined him, with graduation years ranging from the 1970s to 2016!

Philipp said: ‘we could look back on our different experiences but also on the joint memories about Buckingham and its very special feel’

We love to hear about your alumni gatherings, so please do let us know if you have arranged or attended one recently.

Yoshinori Sen (History of Art and Heritage Management, 1996) is pictured above welcoming Japanese Prime Minister, Shinzo Abe, and British Prime Minister, Teresa May.

Sen-Sensei, who comes from a long line of Tea Ceremony Masters in Kyoto, performed a tea ceremony ritual for the two Prime Ministers.

What a wonderful photograph to document the occasion!
Upcoming Events 2017

November

15 November - 'A Winter Warmer' a public concert by The Royal Latin School

A Winter Warmer
A short concert of piano and guitar music given by students from the Royal Latin School.

The Radcliffe Centre, Buckingham
Wednesday 15th November 2017
6.30 - 7.30pm (with refreshments from 6pm)
Entry £5 per person

There's something special about visiting the Radcliffe Centre - a splendid arts venue with a fine acoustic, grand piano and outstanding acoustics. Join us on our wonderful seasonal journey - dramatic musical landscapes performed by talented students.

29 November - The Vice-Chancellor’s Lecture Series, public lecture by John Lloyd. Please see page 4 for more information.

December


Please email Helen.watts@buckingham.ac.uk to reserve your seat.


Simon says: “When we think of the Great War we think principally of the slaughter and suffering in the trenches and on other battlefields. Yet the war revolutionised British politics, British culture and British life. Just how it did I shall describe in my lecture.”

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Photo Flashback

Do you recognise anyone in the photograph?
Please email any answers to Lucy at lucy.stanislaus@buckingham.ac.uk

if you have any old photographs that you would like to share in the newsletter, please let Lucy know on the email address above.

Last Month...

We have received one response from last month’s photograph.

Mitesh Kothari (Business Studies, 1998)

Please let us know if you recognise anyone else.
University News

Richard Branson, founder of Virgin, has spoken on the benefits of two year degrees. In the article below 'making higher education faster, more affordable and useful' the benefits of completing a degree in 2/3 of the time are stated.


Following on from this, Universities Minister Jo Johnson has praised Buckingham for its 'excellent' two-year degrees in House of Commons.

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Anthony O’Hear (Director of the Royal Institute of Philosophy and one of the founder members of the School of Education) and his daughter Natasha have been awarded the ACE/Mercers’ Book Award. They were entered for the award by Oxford University Press.

According to the Art and Christianity Enquiry (ACE) website: ‘The ACE/Mercers’ Book Award is the only literary prize worldwide for a publication that notably advances a public understanding of the relationship between the visual arts and religious experience, beliefs and practice.’
The Giving Bridge Campaign 2018

David Hines was briefly at the University of Buckingham in 1982 as a ‘study abroad’ student from the USA.

David has recently made a gift to acknowledge the impact that Buckingham had on his subsequent success. This gift is going towards the bridge that will connect the existing campus with the new campus. He wanted to fund something that would be at the heart of everyday life for students; a physical reminder of the journey they were beginning which would be so important to their lives.

His only wish is that others follow his great example, by showing their support for the campus transformation. It was David’s gift to what is being called the Giving Bridge that encouraged us to set up a scheme by which all other alumni could make their own gift.

In early 2018, a group of students will be telephoning to invite other alumni to follow David’s lead by signing up to the Giving Bridge Campaign and making a regular gift. Please look out for updates on the Development section of the University of Buckingham website.

https://freethinking.org.uk/

We hope that you will be inspired by David’s example.