

STAFF  
UPDATE

Exclusively for staff at The University of Manchester

## A SUSTAINED EFFORT

**The University has announced significant progress in just over a year since it signed up to an international declaration to demonstrate its commitment to sustainable development.**

In 2005, the President and Vice-Chancellor joined more than 300 higher education institutions around the world in signing up to the Talloires Declaration - the official commitment to sustainable development in higher education.

Professor Bob Munn, Vice-President (Teaching and Learning) who is leading the University's commitment, said: "Our activity to date represents significant progress in a number of areas against the ten-point action plan of Talloires but we are also currently conducting a detailed review of progress. The results of this exercise will be available on the sustainable development website later in the year."

He added: "The wide range of activities taking place across this campus are co-ordinated by The Sustainable Development Steering Group. We have achieved encouraging results in the Business in the Community Corporate Responsibility Survey, commonly used by businesses to benchmark themselves against a wide range of sustainability criteria."

Other achievements/activity include:

\*Fairtrade products have been introduced on campus over the last year and a formal Fairtrade Policy has now been adopted that commits the University and the Students' Union to use and promote these products. An Ethical Policy is also being developed, recognizing the University's obligation not to invest in companies whose activities are considered to be harmful to people and the environment.

\*The University has recently been awarded the Gold Award in the Manchester Environmental Business Pledge scheme, which recognizes engagement with local environment projects.

For example, the Directorate of Sports Trading and Residential Services (STARS) is working with Manchester biodiesel company, Green Gold, who will collect all the University's waste cooking oil and process it into biodiesel. The 147 bus service through the campus runs on biodiesel from Green Gold, helping to reduce carbon emissions.

\*Estates are looking at a variety of measures to improve energy efficiency and reduce wastage and hopefully costs while reducing the University's carbon footprint.

\*The University's growing involvement with local communities includes helping to plant fruit trees at a local school and cleaning up a local park. The University offers support to communities through volunteering activities, which will increasingly involve students on the Manchester Leadership Programme as it expands this year.

Professor Munn added: "Individuals may not be able to achieve much alone, but a large number of us making small improvements can help to make the University significantly more sustainable. In the coming year, such collective action will be supported by more activities that aim to foster environmental literacy - a key goal of the Talloires Declaration."

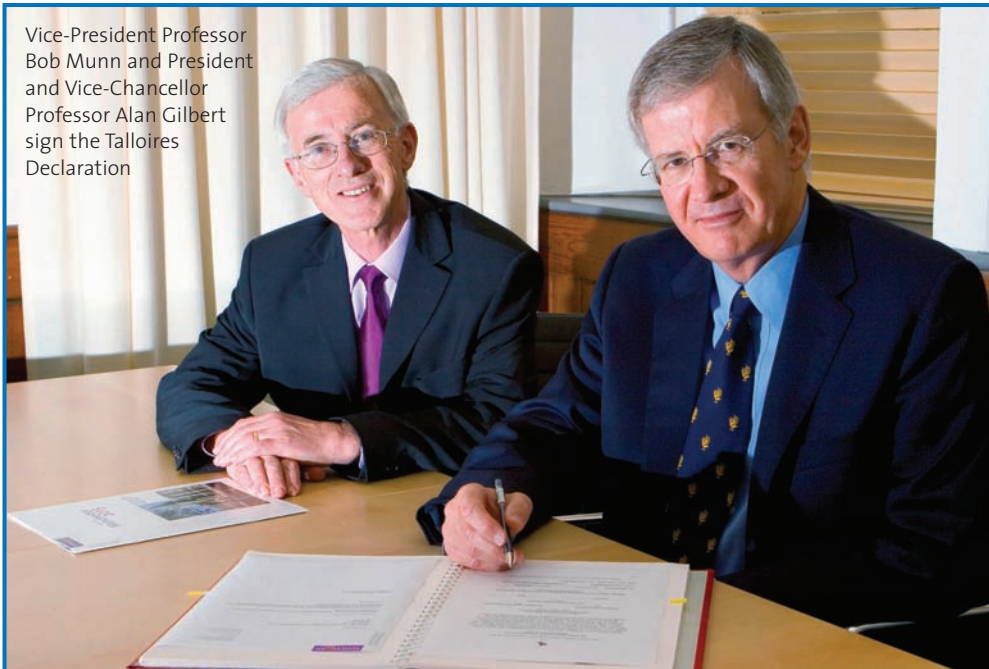
For further information about sustainable development and environmental matters visit:

➔ [www.campus.manchester.ac.uk/staffnet/sustainabledevelopment](http://www.campus.manchester.ac.uk/staffnet/sustainabledevelopment)

➔ [www.manchester.ac.uk/estates](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/estates)

Also see Teaching and Learning, UniLife page 10.

Vice-President Professor Bob Munn and President and Vice-Chancellor Professor Alan Gilbert sign the Talloires Declaration



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## NEW APPOINTMENTS

**Keith Bradley** who has been working for the University as a political and Government relations adviser with special responsibilities for liaison with key contacts in the Government and Civil Service, has been elevated to the House of Lords. Lord Bradley will continue to work for the University after taking his seat in the House of Lords.

Please send brief information on appointments, along with a photo if you have one, to [uninews@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:uninews@manchester.ac.uk) - or call 0161 275 2112.

## MOVES

**Renata Halstead**, Head of Faculty Administration (HoFA), in Engineering and Physical Sciences formally left the University on 31 August 2006 after 26 years of service to UMIST and to The University of Manchester. The Faculty's Head of Planning, Graham Robinson, will act as the HoFA until a successor has been appointed.

## MIMAS COURSES FOR AUTUMN 2006

MIMAS has organised several courses for Autumn 2006. They include:

- Introduction to ESDS International Databanks, Manchester, 12 October 2006, 2pm to 4.30pm
- Introduction to MIMAS Bibliographic Services, Manchester, 7 November 2006, 10am to 3pm
- Introduction to CrossFire, 21 November 2006, 10am to 1pm
- Advanced CrossFire, 21 November 2006, 2pm to 4.30pm

For more information and to book your place, please visit:

 [www.mimas.ac.uk/courses](http://www.mimas.ac.uk/courses)

## RETIREMENTS

**Dixie Fortune**, Special Projects Manager in EPS, retired from the University at the end of September. With a career spanning 28 years with the University, Dixie spent her first ten years in the Department of Pharmacy at The Victoria University of Manchester. This was followed by a career at UMIST, starting in Continuing Professional Development and culminating as Head of Student Support. She would like to say goodbye to all her friends and colleagues across the campus and thanks them all for their support.

The following people have recently retired from the University:

**Michael Aspden** and **Sandra Coull** from the Directorate of Sport, Trading and Residential Services

**Michael Cunningham**, Senior Lecturer in Computer Science

**Dr Cliff Davies**, Lecturer in Psychology

**Gerald Hammond**, John Edward Taylor Professor of English

**John Humphreys**, Professor of Materials Science

**Professor Hilary Kahn** from the School of Computer Science

**John Makin**, Systems Development Manager in the Estates, Operations and Maintenance Group

**Professor Fred Nixon** from the School of Social Sciences

**Steve Potter**, Director of Counselling in the Counselling Service

**Colin Wallis** from the School of Computer Science

Please send brief information on retirements, along with a photo if you have one, to [uninews@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:uninews@manchester.ac.uk) - or call 0161 275 2112.

## THE VENTURE COMPETITION

The aim of the University of Manchester Venture Competition is to give staff and students the knowledge and skills they need to turn their ideas into viable business propositions.

**Venture Out** is an ideas competition for individuals or teams which runs in the first semester. It involves completing a short entry form outlining the idea and its commercial application. There will be events and workshops during the semester to encourage individuals to put forward their ideas. The entries are then put forward before a judging panel and the best ideas can win cash prizes of up to £1,000. This will be launched at the start of the first semester and prizes will be awarded at the end of that semester.

**Venture Further** is a business enterprise competition which runs in the second semester. Entrants will be provided with support and workshops to help them with their entry and putting together a business plan. The initial judging panel will select the best teams who will then be asked to give a short presentation to the final judging panel. The top prize of £25,000 and runners up will then be announced at an awards dinner. This will be launched at the start of the second semester and prizes will be awarded at the end of that semester.

For both Venture Out and Venture Further there is no restriction on team size and entries are welcome from both staff and students. However at least 50% of the team must be currently registered students at The University of Manchester.



## GOLDEN JUBILEE FOR HALL OF RESIDENCE

At the end of October, Methodist International House (MIH) will be celebrating its Golden Jubilee. MIH accommodates 61 postgraduate students (mainly from overseas) each year.

MIH would like to invite anyone who has stayed there over the last 50 years to their celebrations.

On Saturday, 28 October at 7pm there will be a concert with the Dovedale Singers and The Halle Youth Choir, and on Sunday, 29 October at 3pm there will be a service of thanksgiving. Both events will be held at St. Peter's House, Oxford Road. The speaker is Dr Daleep Mukarji, Director of Christian Aid who was a ex-resident of the Methodist International House in London.

After the service there will be an Open House at MIH.



[www.mihmanchester.co.uk](http://www.mihmanchester.co.uk)

## MANCHESTER INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

University staff, students and alumni are being invited to take advantage of a discounted membership scheme for The Manchester International Festival in which the University is a partner.

The Festival is the world's first international festival of original, new work - specifically created for the festival by a shortlist of the world's most celebrated and innovative artists from across the spectrum of the arts, popular culture and music. It aims to build on the legacy of the hugely successful Commonwealth Games held in 2002, celebrating the city's pivotal role in music, culture, innovation and the arts.

University staff, students and alumni will be offered Membership for the special price of £15 - a reduction of £5 on the full price. Tickets for three events go on sale for members on 23 October.

To apply for membership go to [www.manchesterinternationalfestival.com/membership](http://www.manchesterinternationalfestival.com/membership) and follow the instructions. You will be asked for your password which is - UNVR01. This password entitles you to buy at the reduced price.

\* Excludes free shows and shows with lower than 100 seats in total or per performance.

## HEALTH AND FITNESS AUTUMN TIMETABLE

The new health and fitness timetable for the autumn term is out now and spaces are filling up fast! There are courses taking place before work, at lunchtimes and after work so you are sure to find something to suit you. We offer everything from 'Come Dancing' to 'Core Stability for Men' and from the 'Alexander Technique' to 'Ashtanga Yoga'....

For the full timetables across campus, see our website [www.manchester.ac.uk/sport](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/sport) or pick up a 'Guide to Fitness' leaflet from racks around Campus.

Courses are either 8 week enrolment courses or pay-as-you-go. Enrolment courses start w/c 16 October and cost from £31.00 for staff.

Bookings should be placed in person at SPORT - Head Office, William Kay House, 333 Oxford Road (opposite the Students' Union) or a cheque can be sent to this address made payable to 'The University of Manchester'. For more information telephone 0161 275 5985 or email [health.fitness@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:health.fitness@manchester.ac.uk)



## NEW SUPERCOMPUTER

Manchester Computing is pleased to announce the provision of a new supercomputer service specifically for members of the University.

The new system will be known as 'Horace' and should be available for full user service by the time you read this. If you believe your work can benefit from utilizing such a resource, please complete the HPC Project Application form which can be found on the following webpage:



[www.mc.manchester.ac.uk/services/hpc/horace/projectapplication](http://www.mc.manchester.ac.uk/services/hpc/horace/projectapplication)

## MANUAL OF ACADEMIC PROCEDURES

The following new policies/regulations are now available in the Manual of Academic Procedures (MAP) at:

[www.campus.manchester.ac.uk/tlao/map/documents/teachinglearning/#d.en.54056](http://www.campus.manchester.ac.uk/tlao/map/documents/teachinglearning/#d.en.54056)

Assessment for students with disabilities  
Anonymous mark handling  
Re-assessment  
Feedback  
Postgraduate taught degree regulations (amended version)



## STUDY ABROAD



**The second annual Study Abroad Fair, aimed at promoting opportunities to undergraduate students from all subject areas, will be held on 7 November from 12-5pm in the Whitworth Hall.**

The Study Abroad Unit (SAU) is running this event again following the outstanding success of last year's Fair which attracted more than 500 students and saw the number of students going abroad on Worldwide Exchange Programmes increase 65% from less than 80 in 2005-06 to nearly 130 this current academic year. In addition 220 students are going on an Erasmus exchange to Europe.

The University has more than 200 European Erasmus partnerships as well as 25 Worldwide Exchange agreements with prestigious partners such as the National University of Singapore, the University of California (including UC Berkeley and UCLA campuses), the University of Melbourne and the University of Toronto.

The SAU are seeking the help of colleagues in promoting the Fair to first year undergraduates and those students who've just started the second year of a four-year degree programme.

Please contact Jenny Gonzalez Hogg if you would like further details, as well as for any publicity items you may be willing to distribute, such as posters, leaflets, draft copy for an email to students, etc.

Staff are welcome to drop in to the Fair to find out more about the exchange opportunities for students.

Jenny Gonzalez Hogg 0161 275 3053  
jenny.hogg@manchester.ac.uk



## COULD YOU HELP A STUDENT'S CAREER?

**The Manchester Gold career mentoring programme has been running successfully for the past five years. Managed by the MLP, Careers & Employability Division, it aims to match undergraduates and postgraduates from the University with mentors in their chosen career area.**

We would like to invite University staff to apply to become Manchester Gold mentors. We are looking for staff with a wide variety of work experience who could provide insights into graduate careers in areas including: academia; industrial R & D; HR; marketing; engineering; ICT; arts administration; accountancy, etc.

As a mentor, you will not only get the satisfaction of boosting the career development and

prospects of a student, but can also gain skills and experience to aid your own career path.

Participation is free. The programme involves around 12 hours of your time over an academic year and includes a short induction programme, where you will meet your mentee for the first time. You will then be asked to meet with your mentee around four times between November and April.

Further details on Manchester Gold, including a registration form, can be found at:

 [www.manchester.ac.uk/manchestergold](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/manchestergold)

For further details, contact Anna Lomas, Manchester Gold Manager, on 0161 275 2828.



## LEGAL ADVICE CENTRE

**The University of Manchester Legal Advice Centre (LAC) has now reopened and is currently taking requests for advice.**

**Appointments will be available Mon-Fri at 12.15pm and 1.15pm through to Friday 24th November.**

For anyone not aware of this service, the LAC offers free legal advice to members of the public, university staff and students on a wide range of matters in the strictest confidence. Advice is provided by student volunteers from the School of Law under the supervision of local lawyers and professionally qualified teaching staff.

The advice offered is by letter, following an initial interview, and the time taken between interview and receipt of the approved advice letter may vary, depending on the complexity of the issue, but a two week period is aimed for.

email [free.legal@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:free.legal@manchester.ac.uk)

Write or call in to:

School of Law Legal Advice Centre  
The University of Manchester  
Unit 18, University Precinct Centre  
Oxford Road, Manchester  
M13 9QH

tel 0161 275 7977/7976  
(answerphone service if busy or out of hours)

fax 0161 275 0345

## FIND OUT WHAT YOUR GRADUATES DO

University and Faculty level results from the Destination of Leavers from Higher Education survey 2004/5 are now available to view on StaffNet, at the following URL:

➔ [www.campus.manchester.ac.uk/staffnet/staffnetnews/destinationofleavers](http://www.campus.manchester.ac.uk/staffnet/staffnetnews/destinationofleavers)

The web page also includes a list of individuals who have access to School level reports, while data can also be accessed nationally on the HERO website,

➔ [www.hero.ac.uk](http://www.hero.ac.uk)

If you require any other DLHE report, for specific purposes, these may be obtained from Shermain James, Information & Research Analyst at the MLP Careers & Employability Division. Contact [shermain.james@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:shermain.james@manchester.ac.uk) / 0161 275 2828.



## UMSU - THE ULTIMATE STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY 2006!

**Friday, 15 December, 7pm to 1 am**

MOSO MOSO, Bar & Restaurant, Oxford Road, Manchester.

Come and join us for a taste of the Orient, with a wonderful variety of Thai and Chinese buffet style dishes to whet your appetite! On the ground floor of this newly built, modern restaurant relax and eat as much, or as little as you want, before venturing upstairs to the first floor to dance the night away, or just sit and relax with friends and work colleagues.

UMSA has booked the whole restaurant to make this the best 'Off Campus' Christmas Party ever.

Why not make this your departmental Christmas Party? Bring friends and family from home? Or just bring yourself, everyone is welcome!

UMSA members £5 per ticket. Non Members £10 per ticket

Ticket includes Buffet style Thai and Chinese food of superb standard, some great music from the 60's through to today's tunes and all the Christmas trimmings to bring in the festive season.

For further details, please email [Alison.Turner@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:Alison.Turner@manchester.ac.uk)

## NEW MONEY FOR THE STUDENT ASSOCIATES SCHEME

**The University's School of Education has been awarded a further two years funding from the Training and Development Agency for the Student Associates Scheme.**

School placements encourage students to take an active role in the classroom, assisting teachers, developing resources and delivering sections of lessons. Placements also enable students to engage in a range of widening participation workshops and presentations which focus on improving progression into Higher Education.

Project manager Natalie Shannon said: "The scheme's purpose is to provide our undergraduate students with a realistic insight into teaching and supporting pupils in our local schools by helping to raise their aspirations and achievements"



# THE MANCHESTER CONFERENCE CENTRE

*“What we have here is unique in the UK university system, but it all fits together extremely well, enabling us to offer a wide variety of accommodation and conference facilities”*

From left: Colin Port, Catering Operations Manager; Mike Mitchell and Emily Whitehurst, House Manager.



[www.conference.manchester.ac.uk/manchesterconferencecentre](http://www.conference.manchester.ac.uk/manchesterconferencecentre)



Mike Mitchell, General Manager

**Running a 117-bed city-centre hotel, a modern Hall of Residence for 530 students, including 100 postgrads, and the Manchester Conference Centre is all in a day's work for Mike Mitchell and his team. And they operate round the clock. Indeed, during the summer vacation, they run what is in effect the biggest hotel in Manchester, looking after up to 326 conference delegates residing in Weston Hall as well as the normal Days Hotel clients.**

Mike certainly lives up to his formal title of the University's General Manager of Year-round Conference Centres, within STARS (Sports, Trading and Residential Services). But he is also Manager and Licensee of the Days Hotel.

“What we have here is unique in the UK university system, but it all fits together extremely well, enabling us to offer a wide variety of accommodation and conference facilities,” he says. Taking under his wing Chancellors as well gives the organisation a further option, enabling him to offer “the best of both worlds”, city centre or country house-style accommodation. Between the two, they have nearly 200 bedrooms, 26 meeting rooms and two theatres, including the Weston Theatre, with its high specification of audio-visual equipment.

The key to the whole operation is the original concept of Weston Hall some 15 years ago. Mike brought his managerial experience in the hotel business to launch the venture, which comprised the then newest form of student accommodation, with en-suite rooms, equipped for internet access, and a Residential Management Training Centre. After a couple of years' operation, he saw the way

ahead and turned the latter into the Manchester Conference Centre and Hotel, offering a 24/7 service.

Since then, the organisation has moved with the times, and with the development of the city's business and tourist trade, bringing sharp competition as more and more hotel chains have set up shop here.

“Following our expansion of both Weston Hall and the hotel facilities in 2000, I saw the need to get involved with a hotel brand in order to keep pace,” says Mike. “My proposal was approved and we linked up with Days, famed for its inns and hotels across America, but only just breaking into the UK market. It has benefited both of us, giving them a Manchester venue and us an established brand name.” The Days Hotel Manchester City, to give it its full title, was inaugurated in 2004, the first for the chain in the north-west.

The hotel now has its secure place, with a 3-star AA rating and pitched between the budget and the 5-star hotels in the city. Along with the Manchester Conference Centre and Chancellors, it operates as a limited company outside the University in order to compete commercially.

“It's a busy and challenging enterprise, but a rewarding one,” says Mike. “We are privileged in what we have to offer to the Manchester academic community whilst being an integral part of a vibrant city.”

# GURDEEP THIARA

Curator for Community Engagement,  
The Manchester Museum

**The Manchester Museum is reaching – and is aiming further to reach – parts of the community it has never reached before. By reaching out to and bringing into the Museum people who before were “out there” but not involved, a series of initiatives are producing some telling results. And the task of fulfilling the aim is certainly “just the job” for Gurdeep Thiara, our first Curator for Community Engagement.**

“We are bringing people together, learning from one another, bridging some gaps and crossing disciplines,” she says. “Bringing community voices from the periphery into the core of the museum is an enormous achievement.”

The nature of her job is perhaps best and most understandably exemplified by her current project, entitled *Collective Conversations* – an award winning project for innovative practice. (Museums Libraries and Archives Council). “We invite people to come into the Museum, look at objects on display and see behind the scenes – and tell their own stories about the things they see,” Gurdeep explains. “They add a unique dimension to the objects by expressing their personal response and perhaps sharing their memories relating to objects which form part of their own culture, often giving the curators a different slant.”

Each story is developed into a filmed conversation for display in the Museum and on the website. “Anyone can take part,” says Gurdeep. “The aim is to get them involved and to enrich other people’s experience and understanding. It is very rewarding.”

Gurdeep’s own experience has equipped her for the job. An MMU graduate in Social Sciences, she qualified as a teacher, but quickly turned to challenging community work both as a volunteer and as a professional. She worked in Manchester for some years with women victims of domestic violence and with young people with mental health problems. “Essentially, I was supporting people in crisis who needed support to find inner strength,” she says. “It was highly rewarding, but I needed to move on.”

In 2002, she did move on, taking on the challenge of Outreach Officer for the Museum, charged with a two-year Heritage Lottery Fund project to work with South Asian communities across all age groups. “It was very inspiring,” she says. “I never imagined that a museum could be so busy and outward-looking. I found the new work culture challenging and upbeat.”

The result of the project was the inspiring exhibition *Transformations* in 2004, in which five artists explored through their installations topics like immigration, adolescence, sexuality, and celebrity. For example one artist explored the contemporary cultural and ideological significances of the wearing of the hijab. The exhibition achieved her objective of involving all age groups and crossing some boundaries between “safe” and “sensitive” themes.

With that success behind her, she took time out to have a baby boy, before returning to lead the first phase of *Collective Conversations*, central to the Museum’s commitment to making its collections more accessible, as part of the University’s 2015 goal 9 Community Agenda. This project is funded by the regional North West Museums Hub. Beginning with the Anthropology collections, she set about bringing in a range of people to respond to objects which interested or meant something special to them. People came from Somali and Sudanese refugee groups, from amongst pensioners involved with the University Settlement, from the Greater Manchester Coalition of Disabled People. “It gave us a fresh and personal way of looking at things,” says Gurdeep. One very special participant was a Native American Mohawk called Kahente, who was able to add particular resonance to objects relating to the community she grew up in and the self determination of the Mohawk people.

Now, in the next phase of *Collective Conversations*, Gurdeep has been asked to expand the interaction beyond Anthropology to include the Archaeology, Botany and Natural Science Collections.

With her infectious enthusiasm, charm and ready sense of humour, she is ideally suited to taking forward the next phase: “It is becoming much bigger, increasingly challenging, but more and more rewarding.”





To place a classified advert, contact Lorraine Harrop on uniads@manchester.ac.uk or 0161 275 2113. The deadline for the November issue is 12 noon on 19 October.

### HOUSE FOR SALE

**Heaton Mersey.** Stockport. 1 bedrm mod end mews hse in quiet area close to all amenities. Ideal 1st time buyer prop just mins from Didsbury, Stockport, M60, on 42 bus route & only 20 mins to the Uni by car. Open plan lge with French drs leading to easily maintained gdn. Kit/din, bedrm with fitted walk-in robe, bathrm with shwr, dble glazed throughout. CGH, alarm, parking space. No chain. Reduced for a quick sale to £125,950. 07791 169 119.

**Liverpool.** Spac 1 bed apart in sought after conservation area, close to Sefton & Princess Parks & in the popular Lark Lane area. 1 recept, fit kit, bathrm with shwr. DG & laminate wood flr throughout. Off-Rd parking. £119,955. 07944 425 299 or email: geraldine.hunwick@manchester.ac.uk

**Austrian Alps:** Obervellach. Holiday flat. 1 bed grnd flr flat in modern block. Centrally heated, dble glazed. Off-str parking and cellar. Beaut village, close to skiing areas, Grossglockner & National Park. Photos and tourist info at <http://130.88.107.242/> £24,000 email [andrew.starr@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:andrew.starr@manchester.ac.uk)

### ACCOMMODATION TO LET

**Bramhall/Cheadle Hulme.** Immac f/f 2 bed bungalow. GCN, beaut dec, shwr, auto-washer etc. Very comf & cosy. Parking for 2-3 cars. Extremely sought after loc. £550pcm. 0161-485 3112.

**Rm to let.** Dble rm in quiet period hse for non-smoker. Power shwr, dishwasher, own parking space, open fire. 5 mins station, 10 mins Oxford Rd. £80pw inc bills exc phone. Suit female prof on short-term let/visiting acad. Email [suecarrette@aol.com](mailto:suecarrette@aol.com)

**Mottram Via Hyde.** Spac 2 bed grnd flr apart, full refurb, neutral dec throughout. Exc cond. Approx 150 yr old. Garage & small encl gdn to rear + forecourt, parking for 1 car. Property is close to M67, 5 mins Tameside Hospital. Highly sought after area. Surrounded by open countryside. Viewing highly recommend. £625pcm 0161-480 8593 or [www.shieldpropertymanagement.co.uk](http://www.shieldpropertymanagement.co.uk)

**Chorlton.** Dble rm in quiet hse. Newly refurb, own parking, very close to Metrolink & bus links. Suit non-smoking female prof. £350 inc of all the bills. 07961 822 573.

**Glossop.** 2 bed refurb 1st flr apart. New kit & bathrm, neutral dec throughout. Gd quality cream carpets all new. 2 mins walk to st & centre. Exc cond. £450pcm. 0161-480 8593 or [www.shieldpropertymanagement.co.uk](http://www.shieldpropertymanagement.co.uk)

**Broadbottom.** Attractive stone terr hse with stunning views. 20 mins by train from M/cr Piccadilly & 10 mins from Glossop. Acc consists of kit/din rm, liv rm, 2 bedrms, study area, bathrm with wc & gdn. Acc to countryside close by. Partly furn. £500pcm. 01603 614 452 or 07963 654 829 or email: [sarahhaxby@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahhaxby@hotmail.com)

**Hyde.** Lodge Lane. 2 bed terr property. Gd cond throughout, close to schools & train st. £450pcm. 0161-480 8593 or [www.shieldpropertymanagement.co.uk](http://www.shieldpropertymanagement.co.uk)

**Furn apart** with 1 lge bedrm, liv rm with dble futon settee. Kit & bathrm, also a parking space avail. Prof person or mature student prfd. £650pcm inc rates. 0161-257 3411 or 07980 201 723.

**Glossop.** Simmondley Village. 2 bed bungalow, beaut old village dating back to 1500. Picture post card material. Close to schools & train st. Beautiful views, off-rd parking, gd gdns. Must be viewed. £600pcm. 0161-480 8593 or [www.shieldpropertymanagement.co.uk](http://www.shieldpropertymanagement.co.uk)

**Stretford.** lge dble rm f/f ro rent in hse with female owner. Avail mid Sept suitable for mature student/prof, non-smoker prfd. Hse has separate lge, din rm & lge kit with all mod cons inc d/washer. Close to shops, tram & Chorlton. £300 + some bills. 0161-866 9068 or 07985 301 529.

**Rusholme** area. Single rm, close to uni. Looking for non-smoker pg or prof. Early viewing essential. £285pcm inc all utilities bills. 07803 045 697 or email: [nick.cunningham@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:nick.cunningham@manchester.ac.uk)

**Wilmslow.** Attractive 2 bed mews prop. Garage, private terr & award winning communal front gdn. Prof staff only. 0161-980 7766.

**Glossop.** Wren Nest Mill. Brand new develop 2 bedrms. Open plan lge/diner kit. Intercom entry system allocated parking, close to centre & railway st, direct to Piccadilly. £550 - £695pcm. 0161-480 8583 or [www.shieldpropertymanagement.co.uk](http://www.shieldpropertymanagement.co.uk)

### HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

**Goa.** Huge independent hse to let throughout the yr. 3 bedrms all en-suite on the famous beach of Calangute/Baga. Sleeps 6 & is ultimate in comfort with easy access to all the amenities, [www.goanbeachhouse.com](http://www.goanbeachhouse.com)

**Florida's Gulf Coast.** Spac luxury villa with all amenities. Sleeps 8, 4 bed, 2 bath, 30ft pool & spa, overlooking lake. Close to beaches & Sarasota's cultural centres 50 mins from Tampa, 100 mins from Orlando. £600pw, no premiums for holiday periods. 0208 224 6751 <http://www.sunbirdsvilla.com> email: [creddrugg@waitrose.com](mailto:creddrugg@waitrose.com); website (incl. Availability Chart): [www.hoadworks.com/towan.htm](http://www.hoadworks.com/towan.htm)

**FALMOUTH AREA:** secluded, super-comfortable chalet with own woodland, between creek and sandy beach; en-suite, verandah, fabulous views; sleeps 4-6. Short breaks welcome. £195-625pw. Email: [creddrugg@waitrose.com](mailto:creddrugg@waitrose.com); website (incl. Availability Chart): [www.hoadworks.com/towan.htm](http://www.hoadworks.com/towan.htm)

**Sarrazac,** Dordogne. Perigordian farmhouse in lge gdns. Sleeps 6 adults (+2 children under 2yrs). Luxury private swimming pool. Fully refurb interior. Fully equipped mod kit. Facilities for special needs. All linen & towels provided. Prices from £250 - £850 pw. 00 33 533 62 95 51 or [www.la-vigne.co.uk](http://www.la-vigne.co.uk)

### CARS FOR SALE

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**1998 VW Golf** 1.45S. 3 dr, Indigo Blue. 40k miles, well maintained. £2,500. 0161-445 1760.

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### MISC SALES

**Mamas and Papas Freestylar** 3 in 1 pram/pushchair/carseat. Suitable from birth. Dark grey and silver with burgundy trim. Includes cosytoes and raincover. Well used but in good condition - £80. Large bag of baby boys clothes 0-3 months. Approx 20 items - sleepsuits, trousers, tops, jumpers, two winter coats - all Next/Mothercare/Cherokee - £20 ono. Mamas and Papas musical cot mobile (snails design) excellent condition - £10. Contact [rachael.s.mcgraw@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:rachael.s.mcgraw@manchester.ac.uk) or 275 2112.

**Babydan** adjust wooden staircase with all fittings & instructions. £10. Email: [Suzanne.J.Creeber@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:Suzanne.J.Creeber@manchester.ac.uk)

**Bush DVD** player model no 2028 £15. Orion twin tape VCR £15. Goodmans Audio System model no 2728 inc 3CD changer, MW/FM stereo Radio, dble cass, record player & 2 speakers £45. 5 small Sony surround speakers £10. NTL/Cable & wireless keybd £10. 07968 789 401 or email: [k.ferneyhough@prospects.ac.uk](mailto:k.ferneyhough@prospects.ac.uk)

**Gas fires.** One brand new & boxed "Domus deluxe" arched design, black & polished cast iron, living flame. Supplied by B&Q £150. One second hand in brown and brass - free to a good home. Photos at <http://130.88.107.242/> email [andrew.starr@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:andrew.starr@manchester.ac.uk)

### WANTED

**Male non-smoking** young acad looking for a rm or apart to share on Tuesday & Wednesday nights in quiet & clean house or apart nr Uni. Bed/breakfast solution is also poss. Rent to neg. From 18th Sept. Email: [pmp@online.be](mailto:pmp@online.be)

**Gd home** offered to unwanted piano. If you want to free up some space & no longer use your upright piano, we have a child ready to use it. Email: [hannah.barker@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:hannah.barker@manchester.ac.uk)

**English teacher** wanted for private tuition fro yr 9 pupil, needs help with spelling & easy writing. (27)58001 or 07786 905 611 or email: [carmelherrick@aol.com](mailto:carmelherrick@aol.com)

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**Full qualified driving instructor** operating in South M/cr area. Affordable rates. Friendly instructor. Drive in confidence with the new Ford Fiesta. Any questions call 07865 063 458.

**Musicians Collective.** Extraordinary Rendition is Manchester-based musicians' collective consisting of bands and solo artists from the south Manchester area, for any size event. [www.extraordinaryrendition.co.uk](http://www.extraordinaryrendition.co.uk), MikeR@extraordinaryrendition.co.uk 0161-860 7075 or 07834 810 093.



## NOTICEBOARD

### DO YOU HAVE ASTHMA?

#### Does it affect your quality of life?

Galen Research has developed a questionnaire that measures the quality of life of asthma patients. This was based on interviews with people with asthma. We now need to test the questionnaire. The final questionnaire will help us to understand which treatments work best from the point of view of people with asthma.

#### Who can take part?

UK adults (aged 18 and over) with asthma.

#### What would you need to do?

Complete questionnaires on two occasions, two weeks apart. They will be posted out to you together with a reply-paid envelope for their return. The questionnaires ask about symptoms and how asthma affects your life.

If you would like to help with this research please contact Jeanette or David,

By telephone 0161 226 4446

By email [jwillburn@galen-research.com](mailto:jwillburn@galen-research.com)

By post Galen Research, FREEPOST - NWW1185A, Manchester, M15 9GR.

All information that you provide will be treated as strictly confidential. We will not keep your contact details after the postal survey has been completed.

Galen Research is an independent research company.

### COURSES FOR THE PUBLIC

University Staff are once again offered a significant reduction on the University's Courses for the Public. The Centre for Continuing Education are now accepting applications for its Autumn/Winter programme, which offers a variety of day-time and evening short courses on the University campus. For more information about the courses on offer ring for a brochure (ext 53275), or check out the website [www.manchester.ac.uk/continuingeducation](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/continuingeducation)

CCE, First Floor C Block, Humanities Devas Street Building.

### ONCE MORE WITH FEELING

An art show of portraits by the well known north western artist,

Anthony Barrow.

Tuesday, 24 October at 7pm, Renold Building (wine and nibbles). All welcome. Show continues until 30 November 2006



### 'RHYTHMWORKS' – GOSPEL SINGING AND AFRICAN DANCE

To celebrate Black History Month, running throughout October at The Manchester Museum, the SPORT department is running two events: RhythmWorks: Gospel Singing Workshop and RhythmWorks: African Dance Workshop. "Singing and dancing are very much part of the African culture" says Gail Heathcote - Milner, Sport Development Officer at the University. "they are also great ways to relax, relieve tension and get fit".

The Gospel Singing Workshop will give you an overview of vocal technique, breath control, voice placement, tone, articulation and rhythm. By the end of the day you will be singing in a gospel choir in unison and harmony. The African Dance workshop will "energise your mind, body and spirit" says Gail, "creating an experience of enlivenment and connection with the African culture"

RhythmWorks: Gospel Singing is presented by Tyndale Thomas and takes place on Sunday 8 October from 11am – 2pm in The Manchester Museum. (£10).

RhythmWorks: African Dance is presented by Jokeh and Paul and takes place on Saturday 21 October from 11am – 2pm in The Manchester Museum (£10).

Both courses must be booked in advance at SPORT – Head Office, William Kay House, 333 Oxford Road (opposite the Students' Union). £5 discount if both courses are booked together. For more information email [health.fitness@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:health.fitness@manchester.ac.uk) or call Gail on 55985.

### WOMEN'S FOOTBALL: COACHING COURSE FOR BEGINNERS

Tuesdays 5pm - 6.30pm, Armitage Sports Centre

10 weeks, beginning Tuesday, 3 October

If you are interested in joining please contact Laura Chapman, Sport Development Officer for Campus Sport on 55991 or email [laura.chapman@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:laura.chapman@manchester.ac.uk)

### REGISTER FOR CAMPUS SPORT

Campus Sport is aimed at getting staff and students back onto the playing field – is there a sport you love or perhaps haven't played for a while? Then take advantage of this opportunity and enter a team into one of the leagues or sign yourself up to an 8-week squash or badminton coaching course. Leagues are run in 5-a-side football, basketball, hockey, netball, rugby union and 11-a-side football. For more information visit our website [www.manchester.ac.uk/sport/campusports](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/sport/campusports) or contact Laura Chapman on 56991.

### TEENAGE DANCE ACADEMY 15-18 YEAR OLDS

If your kids like to dance send them down to the Sugden Sports Centre every Monday from 4pm - 5pm. They will learn the latest street dance routines and get fit and healthy at the same time! Starts Monday, 2 October. £3.50 per session. Pay teacher on arrival.

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER STAFF ASSOCIATION - LUNCH TIME ACTIVITIES



If you feel like making good use of your lunch break, why not come and join one of the UMSA lunch time classes. This will give you the chance to exercise, relax and meet new people.

All classes are held in the UMSA Activities Room, 1st Floor Refectory building, Burlington Street. As you come into the Refectory building from Burlington Street, go to the right hand side of the Concourse Café, up the stairs and through the swing doors, room is first one on the left.

If you require further information on Lunch Time activities, or membership, please email [Alison.turner@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:Alison.turner@manchester.ac.uk) or write to Alison Turner, C/o The Finance office, Centre for Continuing Education, 1st Floor, Humanities building, Devas street. M13 9PL

## MONDAY

### Lunch Time Salsa Dance Class

Get fit and have fun while learning to Salsa! Born out of New York's cultural melting pot, this dance has a strong Puerto Rican Plena and American Jazz influence, complementing the smouldering metropolitan sound.

Class Time 12.15pm - 1.15pm  
£2.50 UMSA members  
£3.50 Non members

## TUESDAY

### Hatha Yoga

Yoga is a great form of exercise and relaxation. Synchronizing the breath with a progressive series of postures, a process producing internal heat. The result is improved circulation, a light and strong body and a calm mind.

Class Time 12noon - 1pm  
£2.00 UMSA members  
£2.50 Non members

### Salsa - Absolute Beginners!

With no dance experience required, why not come and try out Salsa with other people that are also beginners. With the Great Carlito come and give it a try, relax, have fun and ultimately learn Salsa!

Class Time 1.15pm - 2.15pm  
£2.50 UMSA members  
£3.50 non Members

## WEDNESDAY

### Pilates

This class is designed to help develop balance, strength and flexibility, bringing about optimal physical and mental well-being. The class is a drop in class for a mixed ability group. The class will focus on mat work and will revolve around breathing, pelvic and shoulder stabilisation and restoration of the natural curves of the spine.

Class Time 12.30pm - 1.15pm  
£2.00 UMSA members  
£3.00 Non members

## THURSDAY

### Belly Dancing

This class gives you a good full body work out, without it feeling like hard work!

Especially helpful in relaxing the spine and freeing up 'computer shoulders'. Release pent up stress with stick dancing, float in a sea of inner calm with veil dancing. Most of all have fun! This is an on going drop in class for all abilities.

Class Time 12noon - 1pm  
£2.00 UMSA members  
£3.00 Non members

### Extra Yoga Class

If you find the other Yoga classes too busy, or want to do more than one class a week, why not come along to the extra Yoga class now running!

Class Time 1.10pm - 2pm  
£2.00 UMSA members  
£2.50 Non members

## FRIDAY

### Ashtanga Yoga

The best form of relaxation and exercise, for body and mind.

Class Time 12noon - 1pm  
£2.00 UMSA members  
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For more details and to book an appointment email [zoe.haines@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:zoe.haines@manchester.ac.uk)



## ANY QUESTIONS?

**A number of staff have raised questions about why so much paper was distributed with last month's UniLife and Staff Update, which carried several publications/inserts in the polylope which amounted to a lot of paper which may go unread. You asked why not put publications online to save money and help the environment?**

Sustainability and environmental issues are taken extremely seriously by the University which signed up to the Talloires Declaration last year – the official commitment to environmental sustainability in higher education – and has made considerable progress in this area (see front page story).

UniLife and Staff Update are printed on paper from sustainable forests, this is a more environmentally sustainable method of paper production than recycling, where the associated

sorting and bleaching processes can cause great environmental damage. It is worth mentioning that no additional copies of any of the publications were printed specifically for this mailing.

The plastic envelope or polylope allows several items to be inserted and distributed along with UniLife and Staff Update rather than requiring separate mailings therefore saving time, money and resources.

In terms of just producing UniLife and Staff Update online, it is important to remember that more than 10% of University staff do not have access to a computer at work. Also, our readership surveys have shown in the past that many people prefer to have a printed copy that they can read away from their desk. Online magazines are more useful as a reference source and archive and both magazines are available on the University's website.

The decision to distribute a personal copy of UniLife and Staff Update to every member of staff was taken as a direct response to the findings of the first staff survey and the Internal Communications audit conducted in 2004/2005 which involved widespread consultation with staff. Former UMIST staff were used to receiving individual copies of their newsletters and many former VUM staff complained that the distribution arrangements meant they never saw theirs. Research shows that UniLife and Staff Update are well received publications and widely read.

Questions and letters can be emailed to [uninews@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:uninews@manchester.ac.uk)

## AND FINALLY...

### WOOD STREET MISSION DRAW

The winner of the Wood Street Mission Draw for the month of September is: Ms Kate Sapin, School of Education (Continuing Education). The winning number was 269.

### DESK CALENDARS

Desk calendars were distributed with last month's editions of UniLife and Staff Update but if you didn't receive one please email [lorraine.harrop@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:lorraine.harrop@manchester.ac.uk) and one will be sent to you.

### OPEN MEETINGS

The next Open Meeting is 18 October and will be given by Dr Tim Westlake, Director of International Development from 1pm - 2pm. This will be in Crawford House, Lecture Theatre 1 and seats will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. After the presentation there will be an opportunity to ask questions.

### TRY HANDBALL FOR FREE

The University of Manchester Handball Club are currently looking to recruit more staff members to join their team. Complete beginners are welcome. If you are interested in giving it a try, pop down to training at the Sugden Sports Centre on Mondays from 8-10pm or Wednesdays from 7-9pm. The first session is free of charge then £2 thereafter.

For more information call: Stuart Hawkins on 07952 649527

For general information on the University's Sports

Clubs visit SPORT - Head Office, William Kay House, 333 Oxford Road, or call 56991

### LEARNHIGHER AT MANCHESTER - APPLICATION FOR SMALL GRANTS

As partners in the collaborative CETL LearnHigher, the Centre for Continuing Education invites applications for grants for activities contributing to practice-led enquiry in learning development. Funds of up to £15k are available to support a small number of projects designed to evaluate and disseminate resources to support student learning with particular focus on enabling the development of self-directed study strategies.

For further information and application forms contact:

- Ann Barlow, Centre for Continuing Education, Humanities Devas Street Building, ext 53274, email [ann.barlow@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:ann.barlow@manchester.ac.uk)

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## DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

The deadline for submissions for the November edition of Staff Update is 19 October. Please send news, letters, questions etc to [uninews@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:uninews@manchester.ac.uk)



## CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Paul Westland (Student Systems, EPS Faculty) and Kerry Hyland (School of Materials) who got married on 22nd July 2006 at Cooling Castle Barn, near Rochester in Kent. They spent their honeymoon in Jamaica.

Please send brief information on weddings, births, achievements and other good news stories, along with a photo if you have one, to [uninews@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:uninews@manchester.ac.uk) - or call 0161 275 2112.

## CAMPUS CLOSE-UP



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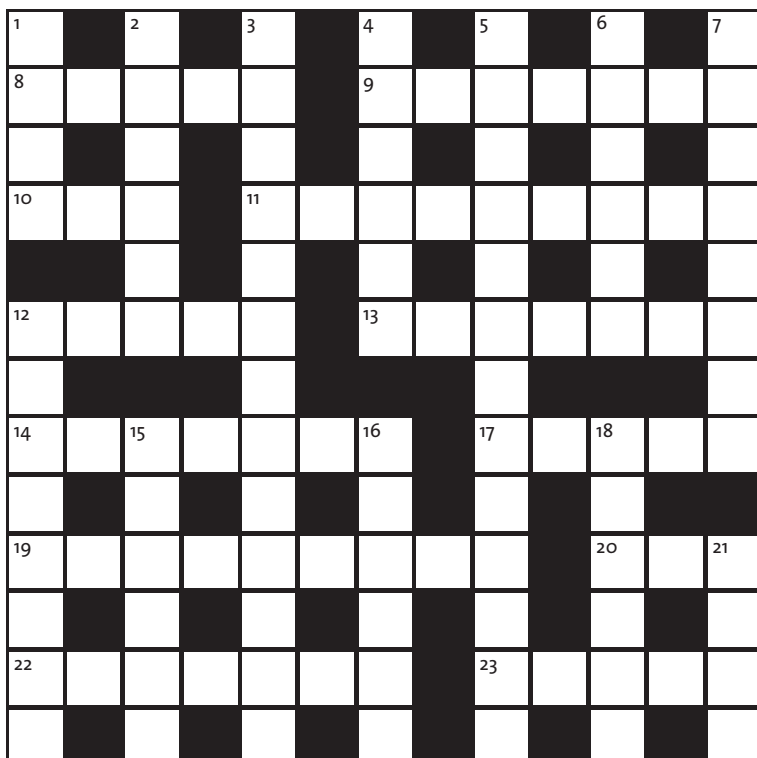
Welcome to the family



Last month's winner was Mark Foster, Security Department who wins lunch at the KroBar.

Can you guess what this month's unusual optical is? If you can, then send your answers to [lorraine.harrop@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:lorraine.harrop@manchester.ac.uk)

## CROSSWORD CRYPTIC



## Across

- 8 Shot that gets you to hop about (5)
- 9 Bring back about shop (7)
- 10 Impudence discovered in Gallipoli (3)
- 11 A city that could be ancestral (9)
- 12 Note lair is burdened (5)
- 13 Cooking beans, he's someone who is no longer popular (3-4)
- 14 Swears over nothing in lessons (7)

- 17 Requires detective sergeant to follow maiden name (5)
- 19 He finds new words converting to sloe-gin (9)
- 20 Fitting debt? (3)
- 22 Former partner bust meter for highest degree (7)
- 23 Group's sanctuary (5)

## Down

- 1 Love mate's a gem (4)
- 2 Apathetic depression and decay on the up (6)
- 3 Sterling loons rocking in band (7,6)
- 4 Fish right in ditch (6)
- 5 Attack one country following two fools (13)
- 6 Try a pin for this beard (6)
- 7 Coral reef resounds in useful holders (3-5)
- 12 He gives permission to silencer in motion (8)
- 15 Warships changing to a sub? (1-5)
- 16 Someone initially felt sick travelled by ship (6)
- 18 Libel destroys revealing senior (6)
- 21 Those for dropping head requiring little effort (4)

Solution to the General Knowledge crossword appearing in the last issue

