

# STAFF UPDATE

Exclusively for staff at The University of Manchester

## A SATISFYING EXPERIENCE



**More than three-quarters of students who took part in the University's recent satisfaction survey said they were satisfied with the student experience here at Manchester. That's an improvement on the figure for the previous student satisfaction survey which was carried out in 2004-5.**

Around 85% of students also said that they were proud to be a student at the University and around 80% would tell others that the University is a good place to study or do research.

The student satisfaction survey was carried out in March and April this year and both undergraduate and postgraduate students were invited to complete the questionnaire. In total, 2487 students returned a completed the survey - which is about only 7% of the total student body.

A number of areas saw an improvement since the 2004-5 survey, but there are still some areas which need attention. One of these is communication with students. Only 46% of students said they were satisfied with the communication they received, however many highlighted the changes to the University website and said that they had improved communication.

Areas which fared well included library services, with 69% of respondents saying they were happy with the facilities on offer. Satisfaction levels with IT services were also high with a figure of 71% recorded for undergraduates. This high level could be attributed to the implementation of more reliable web-based email facilities.

The levels of student support on offer were also applauded with 69% of respondents saying they were happy, however some question marks were raised about personal tutoring arrangements for undergraduates.

Commenting on the findings Sarah Beer, Head of the Student Services Centre said: "Overall we're pleased with the results as it shows that we're moving in the right direction. However, we were disappointed with the response level and would urge staff to encourage students to take part in next year's survey.

"We need to show students that we are listening to their views and taking action to improve things where they are telling us improvement is needed. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who works with students for their hard work over the past year. Their commitment really makes a difference and I think we can see that from the results of this survey."

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Over the Christmas period the University will be closed for four days in addition to weekends and public holidays. This means that the last normal working day will be Thursday 21 December. On this date, all buildings will remain open until the normal closure time and there will be a normal postal service with collections and deliveries morning and afternoon. The University will then be closed from 22 December until 1 January 2007 inclusive. The first normal working day of the New Year will be Tuesday 2 January 2007.

## DIGGING DEEP FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

Thanks to all University staff who held fund raising events for Children in Need last month.

Food on Campus staff really pushed the boat out with teams on both Oxford Road and Sackville Street getting into the spirit of things with fancy dress, cake sales and competitions. Between them they raised £1688.60. A fantastic effort!

Staff in Student Recruitment, Widening Participation and International Development based in the Rutherford Building held a 'dress down day' and raised £85 while employees in the Office of the Registrar and Secretary raffled a 'chocolate hamper' and made £131.



Staff from Rutherford House dress down for Children in Need

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## NEW APPOINTMENTS



**Professor Phil Diamond** has been appointed the Head of Astronomy and Astrophysics and the Director of Jodrell Bank Observatory.

Phil acquired an early interest in astronomy when growing up in Cornwall and went on to read Physics with Astrophysics at the University of Leeds.

He moved to Jodrell Bank in 1979 to do his PhD in radio astronomy, being one of the first students to use the MERLIN array. Appointments in Sweden and the USA followed, but Phil moved back to the UK in 1999.



**Graham Robinson** has been appointed to the post of Head of Faculty Administration for the Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences. Graham took over the role in an 'acting' capacity in September, but his position has now been made permanent.

**Corinne Leader** will be joining The Manchester Museum in early December as the new Press and Marketing Officer. She will be replacing Leah Byrne who left the museum in September.

**Pam Buchan** has recently taken up the post of Regional Officer for the North of England for the British Association for the Advancement of Science (BA). Though officially an employee of the BA she will be based at the Museum part-time while she relocates to Manchester.



**Sarah Littlejohn** has been appointed to the post of Director of the University's Counselling Service. She was previously Deputy Director and replaces Steve Potter who recently left the University after 11 years in the role of Director.

**Carmen Pardavila** has been appointed as the Mathematics Learning Resources Officer in Graduate Development, in the Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences. Carmen is based in room C11 in the Sackville Street Building.

**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.**

## DEPARTURES

The University's Deputy Secretary, **Gareth Evans**, is leaving us at Christmas to take up the post of Deputy Registrar and Secretary at Aston University.

Gareth first joined the Victoria University of Manchester 17 years ago when he held the position of Graduate Administrator in the Faculty of Medicine (1989-92). Various other roles followed and most recently Gareth was appointed Deputy Secretary to Council and Senate in 2002.

## MOVES

The Equality and Diversity team is now part of the Directorate of Human Resources. Previously the team sat within the Directorate of Corporate Services. The team is still based in the Sackville Street building and all contact details remain the same as usual.

## CORRECTION

The story about legacy websites in the November issue of Staff Update contained an error. All legacy websites need to be transferred to '.manchester.ac.uk' and NOT '.manchester.co.uk' as stated. Apologies for the error.

## OBITUARIES

### Jim Cohen

Dr Jim Cohen, who died recently aged 58, was one of Britain's leading radio astronomers, who devoted his career to the understanding of the physics behind the evolution and formation of stars.

Jim was born in Australia where he took his first degree and a Masters, before winning a Commonwealth Scholarship to The University of Manchester's observatory at Jodrell Bank, where he took a PhD in Astronomy. His skills were quickly recognised and he stayed at Jodrell, first as a research fellow and then a lecturer. He was promoted to Reader in 1994.

As well as his work at the University, Jim served as chairman from 2003-6 of Commission 50 of the International Astronomical Union, which handles issues arising from radio interference.

Apart from his interest in the stars, Jim was musically-inclined all his life and was an accomplished player of the recorder, whistle and flute and a member of his local amateur orchestra at Alderley Edge.

Jim was a quiet, generous and kind man with a wry sense of humour who, over the years, bestowed in his many students a real love of astronomy. He will be greatly missed by colleagues and friends.



## EXTRA ITEMS

You'll notice a few extra items inserted into this month's issue of Staff Update. These include a new Facts and Figures booklet and a Guide to the Administration which gives you all sorts of useful contact information and details about the administrative services at the University.

Finally, there's a booklet of money off vouchers which you can use at a range of Food On Campus outlets across the University.

## UNIVERSITY'S LONDON OFFICE TO CLOSE

During the summer, the President's Senior Executive team reviewed the operation of the University's London office and decided not to renew the lease on the premises at Covent Garden.

The London office has been used by a minority of members of staff who have found it of value as a meeting place and as a resource.

However, it was not felt to be cost effective for the University as a whole to retain it as a facility and, therefore, the University's lease will lapse next March and the office will close.

## ADVERT AWARD

The University's HR team has won an award for an advert which was produced to promote the University to local communities.

The advert was placed in the Manchester Evening News to publicise the event which was held back in April and which aimed to encourage local people to see the University as an employer of choice.

Steve Grant, Assistant Director of Human Resources at the University, said: "The aim of the event was to focus on the benefits of working at The University of Manchester; but we also wanted to look at the wider picture, particularly with regard to the long-term unemployed, or people who have never worked before."

The advert won the 'best public sector' category and members of the HR team were invited to a special ceremony at the Manchester Evening News offices on Deansgate.

## VERONIQUE HELPS TO BUILD HOPE

**A recent trip to Ethiopia as a volunteer left University employee Veronique Rizzuto stunned by the levels of poverty and misery she encountered there. So much so, that she and some friends decided to form a charity to raise funds to try and make a real difference to the lives of young people in the poverty-stricken country.**

Veronique, who works in the Teaching, Learning and Assessment Office, helped to form the charity Building Hope in 2005. Despite only being in existence for just over a year, Building Hope has already raised £10,000 which is being used to build a new library for Karagutu Elementary School in Dessie.

The building project is progressing well and will be completed by the end of the year. The next

stage is to raise £3,000 to furnish the library and build latrines for the school.

With Christmas coming up, Veronique is suggesting to people that instead of buying presents for family and friends, they purchase an item for the school – for example, a donation of £20 buys a blackboard and £15 a desk and chair for a child at the school.

If you're interested in donating to Building Hope then visit the website below where you'll find information on how to make a donation or buy a gift. Alternatively you can contact Veronique on 275 2316 or email [veronique.rizzuto@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:veronique.rizzuto@manchester.ac.uk)

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



Veronique pays a visit to Karagutu Elementary School



Some of the HR team pick up their award

## SHARE AND SHARE ALIKE



If you're fed up of the daily commute into work then why not take a look at the CarShareGM website which aims to match people doing the same commute - so that they can car share.

A special 'private members' area has just been set up on the website which tries to match employees at the University, the Central NHS Trust, Manchester Metropolitan University and the Royal Northern College of Music. The website can be found at

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

When you visit the site you are asked to enter your home postcode and the location in Manchester you want to reach. You also need to indicate how many days a week you do the journey and at what times. The website then searches its database of more than 100,000 users to find a suitable match.

Ian Goodwin, who is the Higher Education Precinct Travel Co-ordinator said: "Car sharing is an excellent way to share costs and cut stress, pollution and congestion. Just think how much money you could save if you and some colleagues took it in turns to drive each other to work!"

If you do decide to car share then you should contact the Car Park Office on 275 2231 to find out about parking arrangements and car park permits for those people involved.

**Do you car share – how did you find out about it and is it working for you? We'd love to hear from you for a feature we're planning in the New Year. Simply email your details to [uninews@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:uninews@manchester.ac.uk) and we'll get in touch.**

## ACADEMIC TUTORS NEEDED FOR NEW WIDENING PARTICIPATION OUTREACH PROGRAMME

The University is looking for members of teaching staff, including post-graduate students, from each of the four Faculties who would be interested in acting as Academic Tutors for sixth form students on the Manchester Access Programme (MAP).

The Manchester Access Programme, now in its second year, is the University's flagship outreach/admissions programme which aims to help talented young people from across Greater Manchester to realise their ambitions to study at University.

As a mentor you would receive full support, guidance and recompense and the time commitment you would have to make is minimal. You would be expected to support students writing an academic assignment.

Interested staff should currently be involved in the teaching of undergraduate students. In particular we are keen to hear from colleagues that enjoy working with young people and will be able to offer encouragement and support on a one-to-one basis.

For more information about the Manchester Access Programme and to register your interest in the programme, please visit the MAP web pages and click on 'Academic Tutors'

 <http://www.campus.manchester.ac.uk/studentrecruitment/WideningParticipation/map/index.php>

Alternatively you can contact the University's Manchester Access Programme Coordinator at [stephanie.lee@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:stephanie.lee@manchester.ac.uk)

## KNOWLEDGE SURVEY

How would you like the chance to win £300 worth of holiday vouchers? Well, that's the prize up for grabs if you take part in a survey about knowledge management.

Researchers in the School of Informatics are asking staff to answer some questions about how they manage and exchange knowledge in the workplace.

There are two separate questionnaires – one for academic staff which can be found at

 <http://tinyurl.com/yegybs>

and another for administrative staff which is at

 <http://tinyurl.com/yj78fe>

## YOUR VIEW ON VISTA

**As you may be aware, Microsoft will shortly release the next version of their Windows operating system – which is called Vista.**

The IT Services Division here at the University has been working closely with Microsoft and a partner organization, Computacenter, as part of the Vista Technology Adoption programme. The University of Manchester is the only UK higher education institution to be a member of this Microsoft initiative.

As a result, members of University staff will have the opportunity to preview a pre-release version of Vista with a small number of our commonly-used core software packages installed. Vista has been installed in the Blue 3 PC cluster in the John Rylands Library's main building.

You may access these machines using your central-services username and password, just like a normal cluster PC. When you use the system you can send feedback about your experience.

If you use the system please bear in mind that this trial involves a pre-release version of the operating system, so not everything works perfectly, and you should keep backups and save your work regularly. You should also avoid entering sensitive information, such as credit- card details, into these machines.

If you would like to read more about Vista then visit:

 [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Features\\_new\\_to\\_Windows\\_Vista](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Features_new_to_Windows_Vista)

 [www.microsoft.com/windowsvista/](http://www.microsoft.com/windowsvista/)

## NEW VENUES FOR ENQUIRY BASED LEARNING

If you are involved in Enquiry-Based Learning (EBL) then you might like to know that a range of newly refurbished and re-equipped rooms have been developed across the University to house EBL sessions with students.

There are four new rooms – one for each Faculty - and details on where they are and how to book them can be found below. Each offers interactive whiteboards and/or Access Grid for videoconferencing.

The rooms are the latest example of the University's commitment to EBL. Back in 2005, the University received funding from HEFCE to develop the Centre for Excellence in Enquiry-Based Learning (CEEBL) – one of 74 similar Centres set up at University's across the UK.

CEEBL aims to enable the large majority of students at the University to experience some form of EBL during at least one stage of their degree programme. EBL is student-centred with an emphasis on group work, using libraries, the web and other resources. As a result students gain a deeper understanding of the subject matter and new skills which will help them later in their careers.

The CEEBL central hub is situated in the Sackville Street Building and contains three seminar rooms, a social learning space and a resource area. The hub is run by an experience team of staff and consultants who can offer support and advice on a wide range of teaching and learning issues.

The Faculty rooms are located as follows and can be booked by contacting the relevant Faculty CEEBL Co-ordinator:

### Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences

The George Begg Building  
– to book contact Peter Hicks  
peter.hicks@manchester.ac.uk

### Faculty of Humanities

Bridgford Street and Devas Street Buildings  
- to book contact Julia McMorrow  
julia.mcmorrow@manchester.ac.uk

### Faculty of Life Sciences

The Stopford Building  
– to book contact Richard Prince  
richard.prince@manchester.ac.uk

### Faculty of Medical and Human Sciences

The Dental School  
- to book contact Elizabeth Theaker  
elizabeth.d.theaker@manchester.ac.uk

For further information about CEEBL here at the University visit:

 [www.manchester.ac.uk/ceeb1](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/ceeb1)

For booking enquiries, please email [ceeb1@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:ceeb1@manchester.ac.uk) or phone 306 6440.

## FROM GREEN TO GOLD

**The University's commitment to the environment has been recognised by an award scheme run by Manchester City Council.**

The Environmental Business Pledge is a programme which gives out Bronze, Silver and Gold awards to participating organisations who have made environmental improvements.

This latest award for the University follows success in gaining the Bronze award in July 2005 and Silver in December 2005.

Damian Oatway, the University's Environment Officer within the Operations and Maintenance Group said: "We're delighted to have finally won the Gold award which shows that we have a proactive and positive attitude to environmental improvements.

"But we are not going to rest on our laurels. We have some exciting plans for the next few months concerning all aspects from recycling, to transport initiatives to energy conservation," added Damian.

The University passed in all four categories which are:

**Continual Recycling** - Continue recycling for more than 12 months and maintain records.

**Community Activities** - Regularly support neighbourhood community clean up activities and efforts to enhance the local area wherever possible.

**Green Travel Plan** - Carry out activities to reduce the environmental impact of work related transport.

**Investment** - Make an investment into equipment that reduces your business' environmental impact.

**Future issues of Staff Update will look at some of the ways the University is trying to 'go green'. If you or your colleagues do anything to help save the environment – whether it's recycling your coffee jars or car sharing then please contact us on [uninews@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:uninews@manchester.ac.uk)**



## SPECIAL OFFER FOR STAFF AT THE AQUATICS CENTRE - £299 SWIM AND GYM FOR 12 MONTHS!

It may only be December but it's never too soon to make a New Year's Resolution – and what better one to make than to exercise more?

The team at Manchester Aquatics Centre are running a discounted corporate membership scheme which University staff can take advantage of. If you join before 31 December you will receive 11 months membership for just £299 – which is a massive £139 off the normal price – that works out at under £25 per month.

Membership entitles you to unlimited swimming, unlimited use of the 70 station Fitness Suite, use of the Health Suite, the choice of more than 30 weekly aerobics classes, aqua aerobics classes and an induction.

To apply, all you need to do is provide a payslip or staff ID card to prove you work at the University and complete an application form. For further information contact 275 9450 or email [Info.manchesteraquatics@leisure.serco.com](mailto:Info.manchesteraquatics@leisure.serco.com)

## THE FOOD ON CAMPUS TEAM – OXFORD ROAD SITE

*Look out in this issue of Staff Update for your booklet of money off vouchers which can be used at a number of Food On Campus outlets.*

*Pictured : Clare Booth at one of her outlets*



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

Napoleon once famously said that an army marches on its stomach and the same could be said of the thousands of University staff and students who need regular sustenance to help them get through their busy days.

But have you ever stopped for a moment to think who is behind the Herculean task of providing the hot meals, sandwiches and cups of coffee that make us all function?

Well, that's the job of Food on Campus, the University's in-house catering organisation. This month, Staff Update spoke to Clare Booth who is Operations Officer, and who along with her team runs all of the cafes, snack bars and vending machines along the Oxford Road site – as well as hospitality events!

Clare is newly promoted to her role where she manages around 20 people who all work tremendously hard each day to ensure that ethical and healthy food at a reasonable price is served to the customer. Clare said: "It's like a military operation to make sure that everything runs smoothly."

Some of Clare's staff are responsible for ordering the food, whether it be ready-made items for the vending machines or the fresh ingredients for the kitchen staff to prepare.

Next there is a distribution team which is responsible for making sure all the products arrive at the right place

at the right time. Then there are the kitchen staff who work in an often-pressurised environment to produce quality, healthy food. Finally there are the front line staff who serve the food in the cafes and snack bars, or 'holes in the walls' as they are affectionately nicknamed.

Clare said: "I have some real characters in my team that make my job fun and rewarding. Students and staff are also appreciative of these people, who can often be like a second mum away from home."

Healthy food is at the centre of Food on Campus' targets for its customers. A number of healthy food initiatives, to fit in with the University's Healthy Eating Plan, have been developed.

Clare said: "We have significantly reduced the range of snack products that are on sale as well as some of the unhealthier sandwiches. We have replaced them with healthier options such as lighter chocolate bars or nuts and dried fruits. In our general cooking we have also tried to reduce the amount of sodium and fat we use."

Ethical food is also vitally important. The University was awarded Fairtrade accreditation in the summer of 2005 and now more than one million cups of Fairtrade coffee, 200,000 cups of

Fairtrade tea and 75,000 Fairtrade bananas are consumed at the University each year.

The eagle eyed may also have spotted signs promoting the Tiki brand, a Fairtrade coffee that is organic and recognised as Rainforest Alliance (coffee grown in a manner that doesn't further damage the South American rainforests).

And Food on Campus' General Manager Alison Aucott is due to visit Africa next year to witness one of five wells being built from funds provided by University staff and students who buy Fairtrade water on campus. Ten pence from every bottle goes to the Love One Water campaign.

Food on Campus has also recently become the University's preferred choice as Hospitality caterer and they are responsible for providing food for University events as well as the food at MANDEC, the University's Conference Centre.

Clare said: "We can offer a range of set menus for events from two people up to many hundreds of people. We also offer a bespoke service, one where the customer asks for specific items in their buffet."

For further details contact The Oxford Road Campus Team on 275 7277/2751.

# JIM BACKHOUSE

## WORKSHOP TECHNICIAN IN THE KANTOROWICH WORKSHOP

**Deep in the bowels of the basement of the Bridgeford Street Humanities Building you will find a little hive of activity in the shape of the Kantorowich Workshop.**

The smell of sawdust and the hum of machinery greets you as you enter the workshop, which is managed by technician Jim Backhouse. This is where architecture students put the theory they learn into practice and make models of buildings and structures which count towards their final degrees.

Jim oversees their work and gives them help and advice along the way. Last year there were 1,400 student visits to the workshop so Jim definitely has his work cut out. When not helping out students, he makes models of new buildings for the University and also completes a number of commissions for other companies and organisations.

His latest project is an updated model of the new biosciences buildings at the University, including the Core Technology Facility/Incubator, the Smith Simon extension and the extension to the Chemistry building.

Jim made the original model at the beginning of the year and it was put on display in the Stopford Building. The updated version will also go on display soon and will be used as a focus for discussion groups with staff and students to gain their views on the new developments on campus.

Jim's attention to detail is second to none. So how does he achieve that level of detail? Explains Jim: "The architects of the buildings send me their plans, site photos, aerial photos – anything they have which would help me. I work out the road system first on a board which forms the base of the model and use a laser cutter to create the basic layout."

Once the layout is in place, Jim then builds the model up bit by bit, painstakingly cutting, fitting and sticking the pieces together.

The workshop has been open since the 1970s and Jim has been working there for the past ten years. His background is in product design – in particular furniture and ceramic design. Despite the advent of computer aided design, Jim still feels making models is an integral part of training our future architects. "It's useful for



them to get their hands on the materials and mould structures for themselves. A model can show much more than a 3D image," he says.

While the models he is commissioned to make are obviously sent on to their new homes, Jim has a store cupboard full of models made by – and abandoned by – students both past and present.

Some of these date back to the 1970s and are about to enjoy their own 15 minutes of fame on TV in the popular BBC1 show 'Life on Mars' which is based in Manchester in the 1970s. In one episode due to be screened in the near future, the stars of the show visit an architect's office – and the models you'll see on display there have come from Jim's old store cupboard.



To place a classified advert, contact Lorraine Harrop on [uniads@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:uniads@manchester.ac.uk) or 0161 275 2113. The deadline for the January issue is 12 noon on 21 December.

#### HOUSE FOR SALE

**Buxton.** Park Hse. Lux, duplex 4 bedrm apart, 2 bathrm, 2 lrg recep, halls, din-kit, store-rms in beaut Vic Italianate stone hse in conserv area built by arch. Robert Duke for himself in 1870, surrind by own gdns, garage, off-rd parking. Full GCH, rural, splndr, 5 mins walk to railway st for easy link to M/Cr. £299,500. 01298 78020 or 07786 132 125.

**Buxton.** Park Hse. Lovely spac 3 bedrm apart, 2nd flr, private entrance. Entryphone hall, lnge, sit-rm, nice din-kit, bathrm with shwr & bath, dble-glzd. Full GCH, exc dec. Ideal loc. £179,500. 01298 78020 or 07786 132 125.

**Altrincham.** Newly restored, spac 3 bed Edwardian terr, 6 mins from town centre & Metro. Period features, stripped flrs, fireplaces, lrg kit, gdn. New sash-style windows, GFCH: <http://gh.nfshost.com/pdf/al/GHAL003042.pdf>. Contact Jo direct on (27)58156 or 07776 208 302

**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 lnge 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.

**Wythenshawe.** Newly redecc well-sized 4 bedrm terr. 7' long lrg gdn. Cul-de-sac in nice neighbourhood. 15 min access to university area. No chain. <http://www.rightmove.co.uk/viewdetails-0161-498-8015> after 6pm or email: [ulyana.lalo@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:ulyana.lalo@manchester.ac.uk)

#### ACCOMMODATION TO LET

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

**Dble rm to let** 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 [sucarrette@aol.com](mailto:sucarrette@aol.com)

**Sale.** Rm to let in period terr, very close to Metrolink & Sale town centre. Newly refurb kit bathrm with DG & GCH. Suit prof m/f, non-smoker. £300pcm.+ bills. Dep reqd. 0161-283 3500 after 6pm or 07769 876 313.

**Single rm** in Rusholme area. Close to uni, look for non-smoker pg or prof. Early view essent. £280pcm. 07803 045 697 or email: [nick.cunningham@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:nick.cunningham@manchester.ac.uk)

#### HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

**Apart in Emba, Paphos.** Brand new apart, sleeps 4-6 in the tranquil village of Emba between Paphos & Coral Bay. See photos & details at [www.ownersdirect.co.uk](http://www.ownersdirect.co.uk) Prop Ref CY191. 07989 075 891.

**Tuscany holiday cottage to let.** Superb setting near mountains. Large garden. Air conditioning. Florence, Arezzo, Siena easily accessible. Ideal for walking, sight-seeing, museums, restaurants, wine tasting, swimming and much more. Tel: 0208 6998883. Website: <http://freespace.virgin.net/gp.ck> Email: [gp.ck@virgin.net](mailto:gp.ck@virgin.net)

**Luxury Villa in Orlando, Florida.** 4 bed, 3 bath with 24ft pool & spa, overlooking lake. Close to Disney, shops, restaurants & local attractions. Very spac, beaut furn. 4 poster bed, games rm, fully equip, accommodates up to 8 people + cot. From £400pw. 0161-439 0408. Email: [kate@mickeysonorlandovilla.co.uk](mailto:kate@mickeysonorlandovilla.co.uk)

**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: [creddr@waitrose.com](mailto:creddr@waitrose.com); website (incl. Availability Chart): [www.hoadworks.com/towan.htm](http://www.hoadworks.com/towan.htm)

**Nice. Attract apart nr Promenade des Anglais.** Terrace, views, satellite tv, parking. Sleeps 2-3. Email: [pcnm@lubs.leeds.ac.uk](mailto:pcnm@lubs.leeds.ac.uk)

**Catterick Village, Nr Richmond, Yorkshire.** Beautiful 18thC beamed cottage with private gdns. Local pubs & amenities, conv for dales & moors. Sleeps 1-6. From £150-£350. Website: [www.blacksmithcottage.co.uk](http://www.blacksmithcottage.co.uk)

**Pembrokeshire.** Tastefully, renovated farmhse, set in extensive grnds. Sleeps 7, 4 bedrms, 2 en-suite & bathrm. 20 mins walk to coastal path. 0161-442 8422.

**Tranquil Spanish countryside, 20 mins from Malaga airport.** Beautiful air-conditioned townhse on golf course. Clubhse, swimming pool for comf relaxing holiday, all yr round golf, walking or beaches. Brochure [david@rdjones.info](mailto:david@rdjones.info)

**Sarrazac, Dordogne. Perigordian farmhouse** in lrg 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)

**Budapest.** Holiday apart set beside the Danube, within UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit historic & cultural sites, thermal baths, museums, theatres, opera. For longer holidays or weekend breaks, see <http://www.holidayinbudapest.com/>

#### CARS FOR SALE

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**1974 MGB-GT.** Damask red with chrome bumpers. Taxed & tested until Aug 06. Exc cond with extensive history file. £2,800. 07768 334 423 or [sir.dje@btinternet.com](mailto:sir.dje@btinternet.com)

**Mercedes C180. R Reg.** Full MOT. Exc cond. £4,250 ono. 07981 860 885.

**1993 Peugeot 205.** Auto, 1.6, white. Tax & MOT till Aug 06, new cat convertor. £650 ono. 07763 876 443.

#### MISC SALES

**Large bag of baby boys clothes for sale.** All 0-3 months and in excellent condition. Mainly Next/Mothercare – ideal for a winter baby. About 30 items - £15 the lot. **Mamas and Papas cot mobile** – snails design £10. **Fisher Price activity table** – suitable from 12months £10. **V-Tech activity arch** – suitable from birth £7. Contact Rachael McGraw on 275 2112 or [rachael.s.mcgraw@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:rachael.s.mcgraw@manchester.ac.uk)

**Ikea single mattress,** nr new. £25. 0161-445 6421.

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**Sony 'Explore' car stereo** in immac cond with original box & user manual. Installed & prof removed, so no scratches or other damage. £45. **Sylvanian Families collectable figurines,** furn & bldgs. Will suit children 5+ or an enthusiastic collector any age. All in gd cond, no boxes. Aprox 100 pieces of furn & 3 families. Pictures of the collections avail for viewing on mobile phones or hse visits for full viewing. Offers around £200. **Remote control vehicles.** 1 digger & 1 Ferrai. Hardly played with as owned by adult collector. No boxes both in working order. £50 each ono. (27)58795.

**Hi-fi turner.** Sony ST-5500ES FM stereo/FM-AM turner in exc cond & perfect working order. £25 ono. (27)51783 or email: [forbes.manson@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:forbes.manson@manchester.ac.uk)

**Ski boots** ladies size 6/7 Nordica Easymove. HP Slide in, Micro adjust fastenings, used twice only inc boot bag. £40 ono. 0161-306 4590 or email: [pam.hyde@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:pam.hyde@manchester.ac.uk)

**Take That Tickets.** 3 tickets for Take That gig at MEN Arena on 21 May. £145. 0161-306 3800 or email: [christine.collins@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:christine.collins@manchester.ac.uk)

**M & S armchair,** nr new, golden brown, cost £450, sell for £150. **Mothercare safety gate** for small child nr new £12. **Cot mattress** from Mothercare, perfect cond. £17. (27)53627.

**Pram,** Urban Detour Xtreme 3-wheeler travel system (dark brown). Inc removable cosy toe cover, wethershield & infant carrier (car seat) to form a travel system. Exc cond. £130. (27)53366 or email: [Jacqueline.o'brien@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:Jacqueline.o'brien@manchester.ac.uk)

**Proline CFC Free fridge** with freezer compartment. 86cm high, 53cm deep x 52cm across. Buyer to collect. £20. (27)52110 or 07866 529 766.

**Sony "XPlod" XR-CA370X** reverb/cass & CD Auto Changer. FM/MW/LW turner, Auto reverse, 3 band equaliser pre set, CD text display, red key illumination. 10 CD changer, 45 x 4 watts

(with instructions). Exc cond. No guarantee, ran out. £70. (27)54962 or email: [victoria.williams@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:victoria.williams@manchester.ac.uk)

**Karrimor baby carrier** front facing - suitable from birth £5. **Tomy backpack baby carrier** - suitable for baby who can sit up. Great condition & includes raincover £10. Contact Rachael McGraw on 275 2112 or [rachael.s.mcgraw@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:rachael.s.mcgraw@manchester.ac.uk)

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## NOTICEBOARD

### IMPROVING NHS CLINICAL TRIALS

The University of Manchester's Manchester Medicines Network, an outreach programme dedicated to advanced-level education, training and research on all aspects of medicines to meet the needs of the NHS, pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries, is pleased to announce its second annual conference.

**Better NHS Clinical Trials – Interfacing NHS, Industry and Academe** will take place on Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 January 2007 at the Manchester Conference Centre, Sackville Street, Manchester. For all further details please visit [www.pharmacy.manchester.ac.uk/mmn/event/](http://www.pharmacy.manchester.ac.uk/mmn/event/), or contact Jill Playfair at [jill.playfair@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:jill.playfair@manchester.ac.uk) or 275 2371.

### CONTACT LENS WEARERS AGED 40+ REQUIRED

EuroLens Research is a contact lens research group at the University which conducts clinical studies for contact lens manufacturers from around the world. They are currently looking for people who wear soft contact lenses - and require a prescription for distance and reading but are not currently wearing bifocal contact lenses - to volunteer to test a new soft multifocal contact lens.

For further information about what is involved with this work, please fill in an on-line form at: [www.ls.manchester.ac.uk/euroLens/form/](http://www.ls.manchester.ac.uk/euroLens/form/)

### NEW RESOURCE CENTRE AND COURSES AT THE CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE

The Confucius Institute based at the University has just opened a Resource Centre which is open to the public. It is located in the Humanities Lime Grove Building on Oxford Road and is open from Monday to Thursday from 3pm until 6pm.

In addition, every two weeks, a Chinese Corner is being run on Saturdays at the Resource Centre for those who wish to have language interaction with native volunteers. These sessions will take place on 2 December and 16 December between 2pm and 5pm.

Also, a new Chinese (Mandarin) language course will begin in January 2007. Courses will be run at beginner, intermediate and advanced levels and there will be a course for business Chinese. Courses run for 10 weeks and are taught over one evening a week at advanced level and two evenings a week for beginners and intermediate courses. Fee discounts are available to University staff and students.

For more information visit [www.confuciusinstitute.manchester.ac.uk/](http://www.confuciusinstitute.manchester.ac.uk/) or contact Catriona Dobson on 2758667 or [catriona.dobson@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:catriona.dobson@manchester.ac.uk)

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you easily affected by the strong emotions of people around you? Do you often act on the spur of the moment without thinking about the consequences? How does this relate to other aspects of your personality?

If this sounds like you then Renate Reniers, a PhD student at the Neuroscience and Psychiatry Unit of The University of Manchester would like to hear from you. She is currently conducting a study investigating personality traits and their relationship with empathy and impulsivity. She is looking for male and female participants who have not been treated for any psychiatric illness such as depression, anxiety or others within the last year.

The study involves online questionnaires that will approximately take 30 minutes to complete. Upon completing the questionnaires you can be entered into a prize draw and the chance to win one of three prizes of £50.

If you are interested in taking part in this study, please click on the link below for more information:

[www.forms.manchester.ac.uk/surveys/renate/page1.asp](http://www.forms.manchester.ac.uk/surveys/renate/page1.asp)

### BREAST CANCER RESEARCH

How would you like to lose some weight – and help research into breast cancer at the same time? Volunteers are needed for a study looking at possible links between diet and breast cancer which is currently taking place at the Breast Cancer Family History Clinic at Withington Hospital.

They need 10-15 more women to take part in the study which is comparing the effects of following a continuous low calorie diet, with a low calorie diet for only two days in the week, over a six month period.

Volunteers should be aged between 30-45 years and be overweight but not currently dieting. Those women already taking part in the trial have lost an amazing 20 stones in weight between them!

If you're interested in taking part contact Mary Chapman at the Withington Hospital on 611 3958 or email [mary.chapman@smtr.nhs.uk](mailto:mary.chapman@smtr.nhs.uk)

### CHRISTMAS CHEER

There are still some tickets available for the University Staff Christmas Party at MOSO which takes place on Friday 15 December starting at 7pm.

For further information and a booking form visit [www.campus.manchester.ac.uk/umsa](http://www.campus.manchester.ac.uk/umsa)

### VOLUNTEERS FOR STUDY NEEDED

Volunteers who are aged 40+ with a past history of depression are being sought for a study into the effects of mood on thinking and decision-making. They would need to take part in a two hour study and complete a brief questionnaire weekly to return the following month.

The study will take place at The University of Manchester or The Wellcome Trust, Grafton Street.



You will receive £15 for taking part. For further information contact Gemma Paszek, School of Psychological Sciences, Zochonis Building, Oxford Road, University of Manchester, M13 9PL, telephone 306 0431 or email [gemma.paszek@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:gemma.paszek@manchester.ac.uk)

### ANNUAL WOMEN IN MANAGEMENT LECTURE

**Wednesday 6 December  
"Lancashire's Queen of Puddings"**

Helen Colley, founder and managing director of Farmhouse Fare, manufacturer and supplier of premium puddings to the UK's major food retailers.

From a business that Helen started in her parents' kitchen at the age of 18, Farmhouse Fare now has a turnover of £5m, employs 70 people and produces 45 different products. Earlier this month, Helen was named as Credit Suisse's Entrepreneur of the Year at the National Business Awards and as the Lancashire Young Director of the Year, at the Institute of Director's Business Awards. Farmhouse Fare's products have also won many awards, taking gold, silver and bronze medals at this year's Great Taste Awards.

6pm, Manchester Business School West

This event is free. A networking dinner will take place after the lecture tickets £25.

To book a place visit <http://www.mbs.ac.uk/events/women-management.htm> or contact Sue Huzar at [sue.huzar@mbs.ac.uk](mailto:sue.huzar@mbs.ac.uk) or +44 (0)161 275 7257.

## TIME TO UNWIND



Unwind at the Alexander Technique class

**'Time Out' focuses on the many and varied activities you can get involved in around campus in your spare time. This month we take a look at the Well-Being Room, a venue at the heart of the University campus that acts as a sanctuary for students and staff to unwind, relax and relieve the tensions of the day.**

There are many advantages of working or studying at a busy city university - however most of us occasionally wish we could find an island of calm in the busy sea of activity that is The University of Manchester.

That oasis is the newly relocated Well Being Room, which can be found in the Dover Street Building, just off Oxford Road. The Well-Being Room is a joint venture between the University's Counselling Service and SPORT and aims to supply a venue where people can tackle stress and anxiety through a variety of organised psychological and physical sessions.

Commenting on the new location, Mary Walsh, of the Counselling Service, said: "This is an exciting venture which offers people a balanced approach to tackling the stresses of everyday life.

"It is important that we understand the psychological aspects of how we can learn to be healthier and better prepared to meet life's challenges. To this extent we run sessions in a variety of subjects including managing your mood, stress and anxiety and how to stop smoking. What we teach seems to fit well with the activities offered on the programme such as yoga, tai-chi and the Alexander Technique."

This intriguingly sounding latter class was in full flow when the 'Time Out' reporter popped in. The Alexander Technique is a method that works to change movement habits in our everyday activities. It is a simple and practical method for improving ease and freedom of movement, balance, support and coordination. The technique teaches the use of the appropriate amount of effort for a particular activity, giving you more energy for all your activities.

The session, which is run by Lucy Ascham, involves lying down and allowing your body – particularly you neck and back – to relax. The class of 12 people then carried out some simple movement exercises that showed how we move different parts of our body and how our mind can affect these movements.

Lucy said: "The aim of these sessions is to re-educate the mind and body to act more closely together. This leads to improved balance and energy levels which in turn leads to a reduction in stress."

One member of staff who attended the class, said: "I've been coming to this class for four weeks. At first I was very sceptical it would make any difference but I am already noticing differences in how my mind and body work together and I definitely feel fresher when I return to my desk in the afternoon."

Anyone wanting further information about the Well-Being Room and a list of organised sessions (morning, lunchtime or after work) can visit the website at [www.sport.manchester.ac.uk/healthfitness/well-being](http://www.sport.manchester.ac.uk/healthfitness/well-being).

Alternatively they can contact SPORT on 0161 275 5985/4962 or the Counselling Service on 275 2864 or email [counsel.service@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:counsel.service@manchester.ac.uk)

## AND FINALLY...



### GRADUATION CEREMONIES

A number of graduation ceremonies are taking place in the Whitworth Hall during the week commencing 12 December. For further information please visit [www.campus.manchester.ac.uk/ssc/graduation/gradstaffinformation/](http://www.campus.manchester.ac.uk/ssc/graduation/gradstaffinformation/)

### TRAVEL ONLINE

Travel insurance forms are now available to staff online.

All you have to do is visit [www.campus.manchester.ac.uk/purchase/Insurance/travel.htm](http://www.campus.manchester.ac.uk/purchase/Insurance/travel.htm) and follow the instructions. There is also a brief summary of cover. Paper versions will only be accepted by the Insurance Office until 21 December 2006.

If you have any queries about this then contact [k-brown2@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:k-brown2@manchester.ac.uk) or telephone 306 3033.

### NATIONAL INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS

Some members of staff may have received letters from HM Revenue & Customs in connection with supposed underpaid National Insurance contributions.

These notifications relate to tax year 2004-05 and it is likely they have been issued in error by the National Insurance Contributions Office. If you have received one of these letters please

contact 0845 9155996 which is a telephone number supplied by the University's tax office at Manchester Castlefield.

If you need further information or advice then please contact the University's Payroll Tony Joannou on 275 8213 or [tonyjoannou@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:tonyjoannou@manchester.ac.uk)

### UNIVERSITY CAROL SERVICE

**Tuesday 19 December**  
**12.30pm-1.15pm**  
**Whitworth Hall**

All members of staff and their families welcome. There will be a collection for Rainbow Children's Trust which works with children suffering from cancer.

### WOOD STREET MISSION DRAW

The winner of the Wood Street Draw for November is Ms J Petty, from the Faculty of Life Sciences. The winning number is 268.

### BLOW YOUR OWN TRUMPET

The Manchester University Wind Orchestra celebrates its tenth birthday with a Gala Concert at the Royal Northern College of Music on Saturday 9 December.

The orchestra is made up of around 90 people – all of whom are staff or students of the various higher education institutions in Manchester, as well as the wider community.

During its ten year history the orchestra has played at venues across the UK and the rest of Europe. For information about tickets for the December concert visit [www.ncm.ac.uk](http://www.ncm.ac.uk) or [www.muwo.co.uk](http://www.muwo.co.uk) or telephone 907 5555.



## DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

The deadline for submissions for the January edition of Staff Update is 21 December Please send news, letters, questions etc to [uninews@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:uninews@manchester.ac.uk) or telephone 275 2112.



## EDITORS LETTER

**Hello and welcome to this, the last issue of Staff Update for 2006. I hope you're looking forward to a well earned rest over the Christmas break – and will be back, refreshed and raring to go in 2007!**

I'd just like to thank everyone who has contributed to Staff Update over the past 12 months – this is YOUR magazine and it depends upon your involvement. So if you've got an idea for a story or something you'd like us to cover in the coming year then please get in touch by emailing [uninews@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:uninews@manchester.ac.uk) or telephoning 275 2112.

Even the Staff Update team get a break over Christmas which means that the January 2007 issue will appear a little later than normal. It will be published on Monday 15 January and the deadline for submitting stories, pictures and adverts is therefore Thursday 21 December.

Enjoy your break and I look forward to hearing from you in 2007.

**Rachael McGraw, Internal Communications Manager and Editor of Staff Update**

## THE NAME GAME

There's still time to make your mark on the University campus – by coming up with the new name for the SCAN Building, currently under construction on Oxford Road.

Staff are being asked to submit their ideas for a new name for the building which will lie at the heart of the University campus when it is completed in February 2008.

We've already had a good response but there is still time to submit your ideas.

If you'd like to make a suggestion then please email [rachael.s.mcgraw@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:rachael.s.mcgraw@manchester.ac.uk) before 20 December 2006.

A panel of judges will look at the suggestions before making a final decision early in the New Year. If you suggest the name which is finally chosen then you will receive £50 worth of High Street shopping vouchers.

## OPEN MEETING

Dr Tim Westlake, the University's Director of International Development, will be hosting the next Open Meeting on campus. Tim will be talking about the University's international activities, including student recruitment, international collaboration and the introduction of equity and merit scholarships for developing countries.

The meeting will take place on Tuesday 12 December in Lecture Theatre 1 in Crawford House from 12noon until 1pm. Seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and after the presentation there will be an opportunity for you to ask questions.

# CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to **Janet Hunter**, Human Resources Assistant in the Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences and **Mike Watson**, Research Finance Manager in the same Faculty, who were married on 14 October at Buile Hill Park Hall.



Congratulations to **Chris Sharples**, Head of IS in the Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences and **Michelle Bell**, Recruitment and Admissions Officer from the Faculty of Humanities who were married on 21 October 2006 at St Paul's Church in Compstall, Cheshire. They honeymooned in New York.

Congratulations to **Leanne Badham**, Marketing Officer in the Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences who gave birth to a baby boy on 19 October. Joseph Dylan weighed in at 7lb and 1.5 oz.

Congratulations to **Bernadette O'Connor**, Graduate Administrator in the School of Social Sciences, whose daughter Orla Emily was born on Tuesday 26 September at 3.30pm.

Congratulations to Manchester's all-conquering University Challenge team which has won yet another TV quiz. This time the team scooped £7000 prize money in the BBC show 'Eggheads'. The five-man line-up consisted of this year's University Challenge winners **Joseph Meagher**, **Chris Holmes** and **Adrian Anslow**, as well as team coach **Stephen Pearson** and new team member **Paul Telford**.

Please send brief information on weddings, births, achievements and other good news, 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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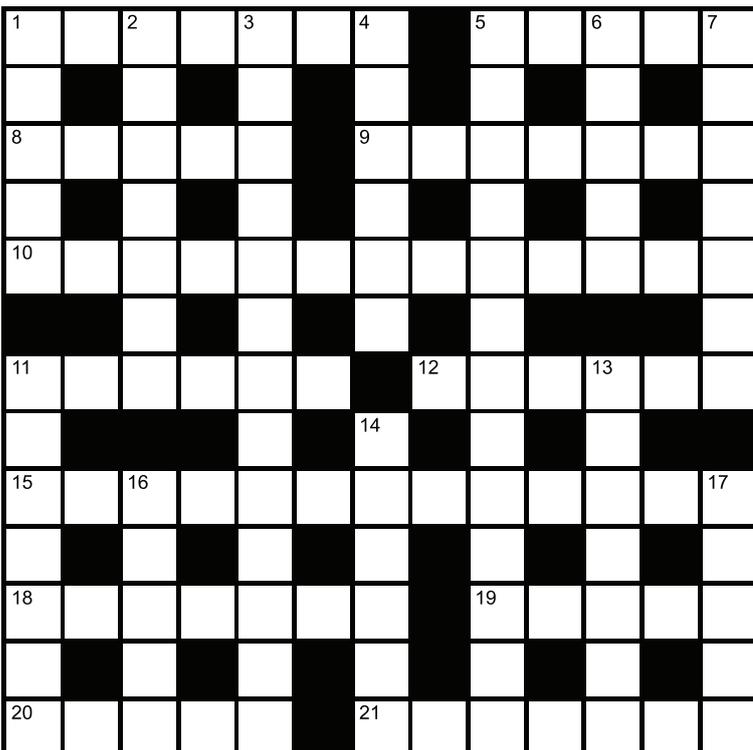
welcome to the family



The winner of last month's Campus Close-up was **Graham Proudlove** from the IT Services Division who correctly guessed that the image was of the Godley Observatory on top of the Sackville Street Building. Congratulations **Graham!**

Can you guess what this month's mystery image is? If so, please send your answers to [lorraine.harrop@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:lorraine.harrop@manchester.ac.uk) before **Thursday, 21 December 2006**.

# CROSSWORD GENERAL KNOWLEDGE



### Across

- 1 Tender priest to bid (7)
- 5 Energetic fastener gets outskirts of Pitgrudy (5)
- 8 Bounder returns heavy artillery to cottage (5)
- 9 Fob Mira off with tumour (7)
- 10 Larva worn by motorcyclists? (13)
- 11 Last finish to river (6)
- 12 Queen takes money on trip (6)

### Down

- 1 Raised boy with record ride on bike (5)
- 2 Monster difficult to find in garden (7)
- 3 Boxer's moving feet with high water (7-6)
- 4 Straighten out former mixture (6)
- 5 Safe refuge for animal interbreeding? (5,8)
- 6 Put down cheap wine (5)
- 7 Making Ted easy with raising agent (7)
- 11 Line of troops surrounding revolutionary with topless fruit (7)
- 13 Am I sane about forgetfulness? (7)
- 14 Purgative shuffling chips with young (6)
- 16 Irish deny in dire night (5)
- 17 Three to alter in that place (5)

- 15 Hero's to change old joke for tree (5-8)
- 18 Rates of payment for writing new leasing (7)
- 19 Bring out an important question (5)
- 20 Weird thing in darkness (5)
- 21 Seb covers fly for relation (7)

### Solution to the Cryptic crossword appearing in the last issue

