

Message from the Deputy Director

Preparing to write this note for the summer edition of Est8, I reflected upon the contribution Directorate staff make to the University community and its operation at this busy time of year. Over recent weeks our teams have made major contributions to the success of key events in the University calendar, such as Examinations, Open Days and Graduation. It is therefore, timely to thank everyone involved in the preparation and delivery of these events.

At the moment we are working hard to provide high quality services, a secure environment and excellent facilities for staff, conference and other visitors, along with remaining students throughout the summer. With your help and commitment we are also beginning to prepare for an excellent start to the new semester.

Developing and improving the physical campus remains a high priority for our University and this summer will see a highly intensive period of campus development with a large number of projects in progress simultaneously.

Every Unit in our Directorate will have a part to play in ensuring these works are delivered safely and efficiently and with the minimum of disruption. And it doesn't stop there – the outlook is very exciting with a number of major capital, infrastructure and public realm projects in design and due to commence in the next 12 months.

Alongside this development it is also important that we continue to demonstrate a high level of service delivery and customer care in our wide range of activities. As a team, I'm sure we will respond to these challenging but exciting times. Hopefully, when you read this edition of Est8, we will still have the summer weather we experienced during Graduation fortnight. As I have outlined, we know our staff remain busy throughout the summer but I hope you find some time to relax during the period and have an enjoyable summer.



Kenny Nolan
Deputy Director of Estates and Facilities

A Busy Graduation Fortnight for Estates and Facilities



The University Gift Shop - held a teddy bears picnic outside the GiftShop hut on Gilbert Square to display the gifts on sale.



Taste Manchester – served graduation hospitality packages in the marquee on the lawn of Gilbert Square.



Landscape Services – ensured that the campus, particularly the Old Quad and surrounding areas, bloomed in the sunshine.



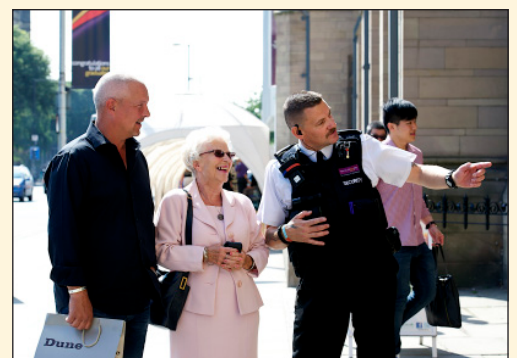
House Services – assisting with efficient operation of each graduation ceremony.



House Services – assisting and directing the way forward towards the graduation ceremony.



Media Services – filmed each graduation ceremony, allowing each ceremony to be viewed live and turned into keepsake DVDs.



Security Services – as well as keeping the campus safe, were on hand to provide guidance and directions to the hundreds of students and parents.

National Graphene Institute – A New Revolution



With its foundation firmly set in the Industrial Revolution the new National Graphene Institute will provide a state of the art facility for continuing research into this revolutionary material.

Comprising of over 7,800m² of accommodation, including over a 1000m² of cleanrooms, the National Graphene Institute will provide opportunity for The University of Manchester graphene scientists to

collaborate with their colleagues from industry and other UK universities to continue research into the world's thinnest, strongest and most conductive material.

Currently under construction by BAM Construction Limited, the £61 million facility, which is jointly funded by Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (£38million) and European Regional Development Fund

(£23million) will be built on the former site of The Albert Club; a Victorian private social club whose members included the author of 'The Conditions of the Working Class in England' and father of the Marxist Theory, alongside Karl Marx; Friedrich Engels.

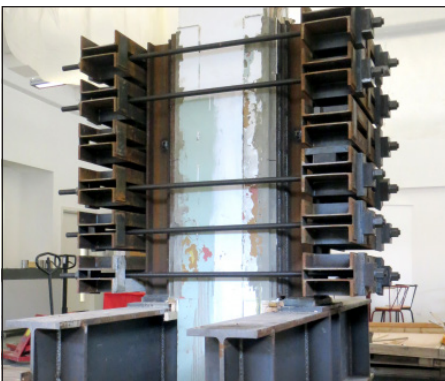
Working closely with the Client; the design team of Jestico + Whiles, CH2M Hill and Ramboll UK have designed a building that will be constructed over five levels. It shall include two cleanrooms, one taking up the whole of the lower ground floor, a number of heavily serviced research laboratories, and office accommodation as well as social and seminar space; the latter opening up onto a roof terrace. A five storey central utility building, structural separate from the main building, will house all plant and equipment necessary for the building to operate.

Work commenced on site on 3rd June 2013 with the construction of the 5m deep lower ground floor. Founded directly on sandstone, the cleanrooms will meet the stringent vibration criteria of VC-D. The main works are to commence in August this year with practical completion by the end of 2014 ensuring the building will be fully operational by March 2015.

The realisation of this exceptional building with its iconic and highly visible metallic outer 'veil' will create a symbiotic relationship between the building and the world class research within ensuring The University of Manchester is kept at the forefront of research into the revolutionary material that is graphene.

Stuart Lockwood
Capital Project Manager

Simon Building – Update on the New Lecture Theatres



The Simon Building is gaining three new lecture theatres. These will provide much needed lecture theatre teaching space, able to accommodate groups ranging from 198; 300 and 400 in size. The £5m project commenced in December 2012 and is due for completion in October 2013. It essentially involves the conversion of the former basement laboratory areas into new, modern style lecture teaching spaces.

To allow the lecture theatres to be constructed the project has needed to complete major structural engineering alterations to the building, specifically to remove four concrete columns to provide the required open space and unobstructed sight lines. Before the concrete columns could be removed, a new steel structure had to be constructed in the basement to support the building above, thus allowing the columns above to be removed safely.

The steel structure is supported off new foundations, constructed by breaking out the existing concrete slab,



excavating and then piling down to 15m to provide the required support. On top of the new foundation pads a steel structure was erected forming a giant goal post arrangement within the basement area to take the structural load of the building above.

Due to the size and space restrictions, the operation to assemble and manoeuvre the structure in to its final place took over a week for each supporting structure. In parallel to the new structure being constructed, temporary works to the columns on the floors above (within Potters Café and in the 1st Floor offices above the hydraulics lab) were undertaken. This involved the installation of a structural clamp around each of the column bases to spread and transfer the load on to the new structure below whilst the columns were being removed.

Once the permanent steel structure and engineering clamp was installed, heavy industrial jacks were then used to lift and support the existing structure whilst the

columns were chopped out and removed in sections. The removal of the four columns was undertaken whilst the building was empty over two weekends. The permanent structure was then completed with the structural frame supporting the base of the removed column being moved into its final position.

The heavy engineering works were completed in early June, with the new structure now supporting the building. This has allowed the project to move in to the next phase of works with the construction and fit out of the lecture theatres. In addition to the new lecture theatre space, the project also includes the refurbishment works to corridor and welfare facilities adjacent to the lecture theatre spaces, along with the construction of a new staircase providing greater capacity for building occupants to move in and around the building, as well as providing improved access and egress in to the south part of the building.

Matt Cawley
Clients Representative, Special Projects

University Caterers Converge for TUCO's First UK Study Tour

University caterers from across the country converged in the North West earlier last month for a pilot TUCO (The University Caterers Organisation) UK-based study tour, offering best practice advice and expertise to help them meet cost, sustainability and health targets.

The tour, organised by two Manchester-based TUCO members Alison Aucott, TUCO Board member and Head of Hospitality and Events at the University of Manchester, and Gillian Edwards, Catering Learning and Development Manager at Manchester Metropolitan University, was attended by ten university caterers from across the country from Edinburgh to Exeter, who enjoyed a four day agenda packed with activity.

The four day programme incorporated a tour of university catering facilities in the region including the University of Manchester, The University of Sheffield, Sheffield Hallam University and Manchester Metropolitan University, highlighting their individual areas of expertise, as well as informative sessions on Green Initiatives, the Green Gown Awards, Food for Life and the role TUCO has to play in supporting the industry.

Facilitator and organiser Alison Aucott was very pleased with the event, which received excellent feedback all round, as she explains; "Although TUCO members have undertaken study tours before, they have been overseas and although excellent exchanges of best practice they can be costly and time-consuming for delegates. As a result the TUCO Learning and Development Committee felt there was scope for undertaking a UK-based study tour, and I was delighted to have the opportunity to run it in my region.



"We were very conscious that rather than being a showcase of catering capabilities, the tour encouraged networking and gave the caterers attending real food for thought to take away and implement at their own institutions. Working in the sector we all have the same passions and concerns over finance, green initiatives and student health and welfare, and it was fantastic to see that passion come alive as the group bonded and exchanged experiences and ideas.

"Eating together at student facilities and touring around the region's finest student eateries further engaged this passion, and it was excellent to see the caterers grab the opportunity to share their challenges and solutions with both hands, and enjoy the reassurance of a peer group I am certain they will keep

as a support network going forward. The feedback from the day was so positive that I will recommend that the TUCO Learning and Development Committee considers more of these tours, for chefs and varying levels of management."

For more information about TUCO supported learning and development initiatives visit:

<http://www.tuco.org/learning-a-development>

For further information please contact Becky Martin-Jones or Caroline Hole-Jones on:

01225 318000 or becky.martin-jones@tsplashp.com

Julia Riley

Marketing Officer, FoodOnCampus

Security - Jobs Well Done

6 Jun 13 Assault, Sackville Street Bldg – 4 arrests

31 May 13 Assault, Moffat Building – 1 arrest

12 May 13 Theft of Pedal Cycle, University Place – 1 arrest

2 May 13 Outstanding Warrant, Chandos Hall – 1 arrest

30 Apr 13 Attempted Theft of Pedal Cycle, Williamson Bldg – 1 arrest

21 Apr 13 Going Equipped to Steal, JRUL – 1 arrest

8 Apr 13 Attempted Theft from Vehicle, Charles St Car Park – 1 arrest

3 Apr 13 Criminal Damage, Precinct Centre – 1 arrest

14 Mar 13 Shoplifting, Precinct Centre – 2 arrests

13 Mar 13 Handling Stolen Goods, Whitworth Lane – 2 arrests

4 Mar 13 Burglary, Learning Commons – 2 arrests

2 Mar 13 Attempted Street Robbery, Denmark Road – 1 arrest

9 Feb 13 Attempted Theft of Pedal Cycle, Alan Turing Bldg – 1 arrest

Many thanks to all security staff (both on the ground and in the control rooms) for their good teamwork and professionalism, their prompt responses and actions help to keep us all safe.

Diane Martindale

Administrator, Security Services

Crazy summer Conference Season on Campus

It's not only a busy summer for the Sales Team - our Events and ConferCare teams are in the throws of one of their busiest summer conference seasons. The largest ever conference to take place at the University was held w/c 22 July - the International Congress of History of Science and Technology - with around 1700 delegates from around the world using many of the buildings on the Oxford Road campus. By the time of this conference, we will have already hosted British Association of Crystal Growth, British Thoracic Society, ALARM, CILIP, Royal College of Anaesthetists, Nanoformulation and NUS and in the first full week of August, the 17th World Congress of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) takes place with around 1500 delegates. This will be followed by the European University Debating Championships, 30th IAS Meeting of Sedimentology, Thermodynamics and British Aphasiology. The teams relish the sort of challenges these size of events can present but with the fantastic support they get from Taste Manchester, Media Services and House Services they are well prepared for whatever comes their way.

Jane James

Sales and Marketing Executive, Conference and Venues

Busy Exhibition Season for the Conference and Venues Sales Team

It's that time of year when the sales team are out and about promoting the University as a venue for conferences, meetings and events. We attended the Academic Venue Show in late May where we got some great enquiries including some large association conferences for 2014 and 2015 which we are now working on. We were back in London 9-11 July for a new exhibition, Meetings Show UK, which will feature a great mix of almost 300 UK and international destinations, venues, hotels and conference centres. In the same week, we are also exhibiting at a showcase Manchester event, Manchester Live, which is for event organisers looking to host meetings in Manchester.

We were also involved with another Manchester event at the Imperial War Museum on the 4th July where we had the opportunity to meet with key association, charity and corporate event organisers.

Never one to keep quiet, our Sales Manager, Sarah Evans, has even managed to fit in the Manchester Marathon and Manchester 10k runs in the last 2 months, and still has a half marathon to do - the runs are all in aid of More Tomorrows which is a cancer research charity being funded by the University, Cancer Research UK and The Christie <http://www.moretomorrows.org/saving-lives-in-manchester/>

If you'd like to sponsor Sarah, her website is <https://www.justgiving.com/Sarah-Evans29>.

Well done Sarah - keep on running!

Jane James

Sales and Marketing Executive, Conference and Venues

University Purchases an Electric Car



The University hit the road of the future in April, when staff test drove a state of the art 100% electric car for a week.

Charged from a normal electric socket, the Nissan Leaf costs around 2p a mile to run, has no petrol costs and no tailpipe/exhaust emissions. Various staff members from around the University took the smooth, silent car for a test drive, including Diana

Hampson, Will Spinks and Head of Environmental Sustainability, Emma Gardner, who, along with Lucy Millard and two Museum staff, took it down to Jodrell bank (see photo).

Staff were so impressed that the University has purchased a second-hand Leaf which will be used as a pool car. Usage details and requirements are being worked up but do 'look' out for it around campus

(particularly because you'll barely hear it coming!).

University Sustainable Travel Planner Andrew Hough, who organised the test drive, said: "Nissan offered us the trial to showcase the capabilities and quality of electric vehicles and to dispel negative myths – I think they achieved that!"

Andrew Hough
Sustainable Travel Planner

University Receives Gold Cardiac Smart Award Status



The University of Manchester has received a Gold Cardiac Smart award, and is the first university to do so, in recognition of the University's dedication to raising awareness of heart health, basic life support and the use of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs).

The award is a joint initiative between the North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust and the British Heart Foundation and the awards ceremony was held on 18th June 2013, where Janet Makin, the University's First Aid Coordinator, received the award, along with Christopher Worden, Security Officer, who represented Security Services, as all Security staff have been trained in the use of an AED and carry a unit in each of the three Security vehicles, and Rachel Valentine from the STDU, who has provided support in raising awareness of AEDs on campus.

The University currently has 20 Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) on and around campus, eight more on order, and many members of staff aware of their location and/or able to administer basic life support, the University is making a real contribution to increasing the survival chances of anyone who suffers cardiac arrest on campus - and this award provides welcome recognition of that achievement.

For more information on University AED visit: [First Aid: Defibrillators \(AEDs\)](#).

For more information about the CardiacSmart initiative visit: <http://www.cardiacsmart.nwas.nhs.uk/>

Revolving Green Fund 3 Small Scale Energy Efficiency Programme

The University's was notified at the beginning of May 2013 that it's application to HEFCE for the Revolving Green Fund 3 grant has been successful, which will result in the University being awarded a recoverable grant of £435,556 which has been earmarked to fund five small scale energy efficient projects across the University.

Congratulations to Damian Oatway for the hard work he has put into this.

For further information contact Damian on **x52277**

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Damian.Oatway@manchester.ac.uk

New Starters, Staff Moves and Retirements

New starters

Capital Projects Team

Natalie Sullivan has been appointed as Administrator within the Capital Project Team and takes up her new post during August 2013.

Central Teaching Spaces Unit

Matthew Casey, CTS Operative, joined the University and took up his new post on 1st June 2013.

Conference and Venues

Simon Mason was appointed General Manager of Chancellors Hotel and Conference Centre and The Chancellors Collection and joined the University in April 2013.

Design Services Unit

Jonathon Grafton, Quantity Surveyor, joined the University to take up his new appointment on 24th June 2013.

Environmental Sustainability Team

Helen Cutts joined the Environmental Sustainability Team as Environmental Sustainability Project Officer on 12th June 2013.

Professional Services Unit

Joanna Parker, Assistant Asbestos Manager, joined the University to take up her new appointment on 22nd July 2013.

Moves

Capital Projects Team

Jane O'Connor has been appointed as Finance and Administration Supervisor within the Capital Projects Team, and will take up her new appointment from August 2013, leaving her current post within the

Conference and Venues

Janet Adnams, the ConferCare manager, is very pleased to announce that Gregg Scott, who previously worked at Chancellors, has joined the team replacing Andy Tickle who is now on secondment in Finance.

Media Services Unit

Stephen Morecroft left his position as Budgeting and Administration Officer within Media Services to take up a new appointment, still within Media Services, as Systems and Infrastructure Supervisor, on 8th July 2013.

Retirements

Maintenance Services Unit

Alan Greenlee, Building Services Technician, retired on 25th April 2013
Ken Davies, Building Services Technician, retired on 31st May 2013
Billy Kinghorn, Building Services Technician, retired on 19th July 2013

Estates and Facilities Raises Money Comic Relief



Members of the Harlem Shake Gang from Design Services Unit (above); and Diana, Kenny and Steve before the drenching commenced! (below).



As you will all have seen, back in March a number of units from across the Directorate raised money for Comic Relief in a number of different and fun ways:



Great Comic Relief Bake Off & Drench the Directors (Director's Office) – raised **£640**

The Directorate Comic Relief Harlem Shake (DSU, PSU, Director's Office, Capital Projects Team & Media Services) – raised **£608**

Maintenance Services Unit Fancy Dress & Cake Sale – raised **£121.11**

FoodOnCampus – raised **£548.17**

A huge thank you to everyone who took part and helped to raise money for a very worthy cause.

Staff Welcomes

Conference and Venues

Simon Mason was appointed in April as the General Manager of Chancellors Hotel and The Chancellors Collection, having been at the Holiday Inn, Liverpool previously.

Simon is keen to build on Chancellors' established success in the conference and events market including weddings and a new wedding brochure has just been launched to show couples how Chancellors is the right choice for their special day.



House Services

House Services would like to welcome all the new staff that started with us from Aspire on 7 May. We would also like to welcome Andrzej Stawiarz, Deputy Building Superintendent and Derek Tonge, Deputy Building Superintendent who joined us on 07 May.

Debbie Ainscough

House Services

MSU's Admin Team & Helpdesk 'Super Heroes and Villians'



L to R: Humbugler (Lucy Hollinson), Captain Savage (Mohammad Atiq), Spiderman (Nick Ryan), Afro Man (Donna Williams), Storm (Ani Cammack), Cruella de Ville (Cathy Stansfield).

Fond Farewells

Maintenance Services Unit



On the 25th April 2013, we said farewell and a happy retirement to Alan Greenlee (Snr), Building Services Technician. Alan has been with the University for 34 years.



We will be saying farewell and happy retirement to Billy Kinghorn, Building Services Technician, on 19th July. Billy joined the University in August 1971.



On Friday 31st May we said farewell and happy retirement to Ken Davies. Ken has been a Building Services Technician within the Estates Department for the last 12 years, and is now looking forward to a long and happy retirement. Good luck Ken and all the best from MSU and all the area west team.

Introducing Helen Cutts – Environmental Sustainability Project Officer



I am really happy to have joined the Environmental Sustainability Team as Environmental Sustainability Project Officer. I graduated from the University of Manchester in 2006 with a BSc (Hons) in Zoology and am thrilled to have returned to work here.

My role will involve strategic waste management, which will include gathering Scope 3 emissions data from waste, and working with design teams to ensure sustainable construction throughout the delivery of the campus Masterplan. It will also involve supporting laboratories across campus to increase their resource efficiency. I am looking forward to working with existing Green Impact lab teams and recruiting new teams for the next academic year and beyond.

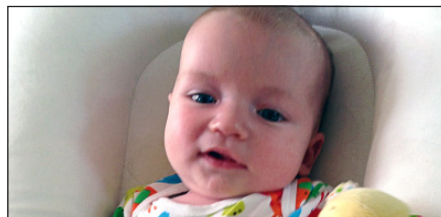
I have previously worked for Wigan and Leigh College where I was responsible for implementing their sustainability agenda and managing health and safety across all sites. I have also worked in the Waste and Recycling Team at Preston City Council, worked for conservation charities in Africa and volunteered for Groundwork in Oldham & Rochdale running environmental sustainability projects with communities.

This is a very exciting time at the University and I am pleased to be able to contribute to the sustainable development and design of the University campus moving forward.

Helen Cutts

Environmental Sustainability Team

Congratulations



Congratulations to Ryan Lewis, Capital Projects Manager, and his wife, Beverley, on the birth of their son, Calum Flynn. Calum was born at 8.10am on 22 May weighing an impressive 9lb 14oz!



Mohammad Atiq, Estates Helpdesk Supervisor, MSU, took part in the Great Manchester Run, which was his first ever run and he completed it in 46min 58sec.

Celia Burton

Group Administrator, MSU

House Services would like to say well done to Tom Baker, who took part in the Bupa Manchester 10K run on Sunday 26 May, finishing in 1 hour, 10 minutes and 34 seconds. Tom raised £200 pounds for Christies Charitable Fund, which will go towards children suffering with cancer. He would like to say Thank You for the people who sponsored him.

Debbie Ainscough

House Services

MSU Supervisor Recognised in Queen's Birthday Honours



Peter Roberts from Maintenance Services Unit has been awarded "The Queens Voluntary Reserve Medal" (QVRM) in recognition of his many years of outstanding, dedicated and loyal service in the Royal Marines Reserve.

Peter has been serving with the Royal Marine Reserves for 25 years. He attended operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and has recently shared his knowledge and experience as a Heavy Weapons Specialist with other Reservists in Manchester and Merseyside.

When regular instructors have been unavailable due to high tempo of operations, Peter has stepped in as a trainer at the Commando Training Centre Royal Marines.

A Stalwart at his Reserve Training Centres, particularly taking care of the welfare and interests of recruits, he has also selflessly made himself available to take part in the Armed Forces contribution to national events during Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations and during Operation OLYMPICS.

Peter has said "I am very honoured and delighted that I have been given this award. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all University staff who have supported me within my role as a reservist."

Peter is currently waiting to be contacted by the Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood to arrange his investiture.

Celia Burton

Group Administrator, MSU

Estates and Facilities - Looking Back



I started work at the University as an Assistant Cook at Langdale Hall on Monday October 2nd 1978. I only intended to use it as a stop gap until I could find a "proper" job in a restaurant or hotel. This was not destined to happen. I found that I really enjoyed the atmosphere and the community of the Hall. Gradually, over the years that followed, I climbed the ladder until I was the Head Chef.

When I first started the residents had one option on the menu at dinner. Their choice was to eat it or go hungry. If they had a special dietary need they had to produce a note from their doctor or religious leader. Vegetarians usually ended up with a cheese omelette. Thankfully, slowly things changed. There are now at least three choices on dinner menus and one of them is always vegetarian. No notes needed!

The conference trade in the Hall was varied and something which I enjoyed a lot. One highlight in my first year was when Dr Rosalie David, the world renowned Egyptologist, asked if I would cook a 7,000 year old

menu, taken from a pyramid wall, for the conference dinner. Granada Reports, the local news program, came to interview me about it. My fifteen minutes of fame.

I finally became the Manager of the Hall and would quite gladly have stayed there until I retired. I loved working there so much. However, the University had other plans and decided to sell the buildings. It was quite a wrench leaving a place that I had worked in for twenty four years but, thankfully, I went to work at Allen Hall which was a very similar type of hall. After I had been there for a year the Warden announced his retirement. After thinking about it and having conversations with a colleague I decided to apply for the post. The thought of someone who had once been an assistant cook becoming a Warden sent shockwaves through the Establishment and, needless to say, I did not get the job. A few weeks later the new Warden was taken ill and I was asked to take over temporarily. Fourteen months after that I was the only candidate for interview and was offered the position. I'm now the Warden in three halls. Allen, Ashburne and Sheavyn. It's a wonderfully fulfilling job and I try to bring the community feel, that made me stay at the University, to the Halls each year.

After two years at Allen more change was to come along. Centralisation was the new buzzword. Yet more job interviews. I became one of two Conference and Events Coordinators on the Fallowfield campus. It's a little different from the old days – 80 delegates was a huge conference for me back then. 2,500 sportsmen and supporters for the International Lacrosse Tournament in 2010 knocked that into a cocked hat.



So to sum it all up I've come from being an assistant cook to an Events Coordinator on two Campuses (I help out in Victoria Park as well nowadays) and Warden of three Halls. I have met hundreds of students, some of whom are still friends now. One started at Langdale as an undergrad on the same day that I went to work there. We have been friends for almost 35 years. I have also had some amazing work colleagues through the years who have been there for me through the good times and the bad. It's not just a job!!

The Ashburne Hall Reunion was held on the afternoon of Saturday 22nd June, and the guest speaker, whom I had the pleasure to introduce, was Dr Rosalie David and, to my delight, she remembered me from all those years ago when I cooked the 7,000 year old Egyptian menu!

Norman Gillson

Events Coordinator, Fallowfield and Victoria Park, Dalton Ellis Hall

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The past four weeks has seen a huge increase in registrations for FoodInAdvance (FAD) with new cards being activated. FoodOnCampus staff have worked hard to introduce staff and students to the scheme. We now have approximately 1750 active users with balances on their cards.

FoodInAdvance allows you to top up your University ID card with money to spend on food and drink in the FoodOnCampus cafes, restaurant and coffee shops across campus. Each time you use your ID card to pay, you will save 10% on your purchase. To start using FoodInAdvance, you can either:

1. Put some money on your card by visiting the Online Store and this will automatically register your card;

or

2. Register your card by emailing your eight digit card number to

Food-In-Advance@manchester.ac.uk and, once confirmation is received, you will be able to top up in any FoodOnCampus outlet or at Source Café in Fallowfield.

For further information about FAD events contact one of the FAD ambassadors who are: Tania Dorsette – Potter's, Simon Building; Elaine Balderson – University Place Shop; Karen Marshall – Browsers, Sackville St Building; and Deryl Holt – Alan Gilbert Learning Commons. Please feel free to contact them if you have any suggestions or queries regarding FAD.

For further information visit www.manchester.ac.uk/foodoncampus

or e-mail

food-in-advance@manchester.ac.uk.

Julia Riley

Marketing Officer, FoodOnCampus

In the summertime, when the weather is...fine?



That's right, I went on holiday, in the UK, and for once the weather was glorious! At the end of May, I headed off down to the Isle of Wight, stopping off briefly for a visit to relatives in Portsmouth, and driving down in torrential rain I was resigned to the fact that we were about to have a typical British holiday! But no, the following day the clouds cleared, the sun appeared, and I even got the sun cream out and for the next week it was sunshine all the way!

Not one to have a relaxing holiday on the beach, we headed over to the Isle of Wight with just our bicycles and the essentials. Getting off the ferry and cycling down the pier I already felt relaxed, until I got to the steepest hill I have ever had to cycle up in my life! Whose idea was it to go on holiday on a bicycle?!? Once my legs had recovered a

little later, it was time to decide how to spend the week. With the Isle of Wight being so small, it was easy to visit plenty of different places, and what could be more British than a cup of tea by the seaside?!?

Needless to say I enjoyed every minute, although the down hills were a lot more fun than the up hills! Time for a proper relaxing holiday next, oh wait, no... I'm off to Hadrian's Wall to finish the route that my feet refused to complete last year. One day I might manage to have a 'normal' holiday and track down the ever elusive suntan!

Got any holiday stories or pictures that you want to share? Why not send them through to us at est8update@manchester.ac.uk.

Steph Marsh

Directors Office



Yes - we already know that Estates and Facilities has talent but in aid of Children in Need this year we intend to prove it! We are going to have an 'Estates & Facilities Has Talent' competition with the winner receiving £100 in cash and a days holiday and prizes will also be awarded for 2nd and 3rd places with the first runner up receiving £25 and a days holiday; and the second runner up receiving a days holiday.

The competition will also include some surprise performances on finals night, which should not be missed! If you would like to enter, colleagues from across the Directorate are asked to provide a basic video clip of your act and a panel of judges chaired by Simon Cowell (actually Diana Hampson) will decide the final line up. The video clip should be recorded on a mobile phone and forwarded to Emma Lloyd (emma.lloyd@manchester.ac.uk) by

no later than Friday 27th September.

So if you are a singer, group, juggler, dog trainer, dancer or just plain good at something we want to hear from you. The final will take place in Whitworth Hall during the week of the 'Children in Need' evening (Friday 15th November), and will be part of our funding raising efforts for this worthwhile cause.

We want the event to be fun and entertaining and would really value your support and participation.

We know there are a number of talented performers amongst our team and we look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards

Kenny Nolan

Deputy Director of Estates and Facilities

Est8 Update Quiz – Sudoku

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Complete the Sudoku puzzle for your chance to win a **£20 voucher**.

Please send your entries to Emma Lloyd, Director of Estate's Office, room 3.001, 3rd floor, Beyer Building or at emma.lloyd@manchester.ac.uk by **Friday 9th August**.

REMEMBER, YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!

Est8 Update Quiz Winner

Spring 2013 Edition - Sudoku

Congratulations to Danielle Summerfield, Administrative and Finance Assistant, House Services, who correctly completed the Sudoku puzzle and was drawn from a number of other correct entries to win the £20 voucher.

BLUEBERRY BITTER (5.0%)

(Coach House Brewing Company, Warrington)

It's very rare that a fruity number such as this doesn't immediately catch my good eye as I peruse the bar and I'm pleased to say that on this occasion, my good eye was on top form! As my request of undulant foamy goodness was pumped into my pot then handed it to me, the first thing I noticed was the sensational scent of this brew. Heavy ripe fruit on the nose, rich and zingy, deep and pungent, the smell of lilies and soft plums with bubblegum notes. I was grinning before it even reached my arid lips. But that was just the beginning of my ecstasy.

As I tipped the liquid wonderment into my barren gullet I had flashbacks of my childhood; of chasing butterflies in overgrown fields and having acorn fights in the old oak tree wood, picking brambles with my father in the summer, and then games of 'cowpat' with my friends on the farm... I was speechless. As the memories faded and I regained my senses, the deliciously decadent flavour came to the forefront, put it's arms around my waist and gave me a loving peck on the lips.

The deceptively deep, complex and perfectly balanced flavour had notes of dry malt, raisins, blueberries and plums, yet it was light, silky and refreshing, effortlessly quaffable and terrifyingly more-ish. There's so much going on in this brew, it's almost impossible to describe it other than to say, it's simply one of the finest brews I've ever quaffed. It's been emotional. RA

Appearance	7	Technique	8
Aroma	10	Temperature	8
Atmosphere	8	Value	8
Flavour	10	Venue	7
Location	8	Viscosity	9

Verdict

Why not have a trip down memory lane? It's worth it because the following morning you won't remember a single thing that happened that night.

83% Holy Fruit!

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