UNIVERSITY OF KENT 1965-2015 CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

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INTRODUCTION

1965 – Harold Wilson, the Beatles, beer, toast and jam. 2015 – Angela Merkel, Taylor Swift, Prosecco, hummus and pitta.

Over the past 50 years, Britain has changed from a nation where few of us had passports and those who did needed official permission to take large amounts of cash out of the country, to a place where our lives have become globalised in everything from the food we eat to where we go on holiday.

The University of Kent has changed in many ways, too.

In 1965, we began as a big idea on a building site on a muddy set of fields. In 2015, we are a world-class university, the UK's European university, with alumni contributing successfully to societies on every continent on earth. But one big thing has not changed: our commitment to a wide, inclusive, diverse education and the best possible student experience.

As the first University of Kent alumnus to become Chancellor of our university, may I present these mementoes of the past 50 years. They show how far we have come. They also suggest how much more we may be able to achieve in the next 50 years.

GWBU.

Gavin Esler (Rutherford 1971) Chancellor (2014-present)



FOREWORD

In 1989, my predecessor, Professor Graham Martin, produced a book From Vision to Reality to commemorate the University's first 25 years. Should From Vision to Reality Part 2 be produced to commemorate the University's 50th? We decided that it should not, for a number of reasons, but mainly that From Vision to Reality was a document of its time. In the last 25 years, the development of computing technology, and its manifestation in the widespread availability of photographs, websites and social media, suggested that a record in a different format would have a more contemporary feel. Those reading this book at the time of the University's 75th and 100th anniversaries will doubtless observe wryly that it, too, was of its time.

This book presents three distinct aspects of the University's first 50 years. It provides a photographic record of some significant developments in the University, particularly the campuses and study centres; it also provides a photographic record of the activities that have taken place during the 50th Anniversary Year, celebrated between October 2014 and September 2015. Finally, it provides space for individuals to record their own personal memories, creating for each owner a unique record of their association with the University of Kent.

The Anniversary Year has been mainly about celebration and profile raising, but there has also been an attempt to look into the future. If Lord Grimond's words at the 25th Anniversary about the launching of a university being like the launching of a ship, which sails the seas of knowledge, pitching up in exotic places and having adventures, were a prescient metaphor for the University's voyages from its original home in Canterbury to its second campus at Medway, and its study centres in Brussels, Paris, Athens and Rome, the

50th Anniversary also provided a metaphor in the shape of a giant Ferris Wheel that adorned the Canterbury campus at the start and end of the Year.

The Kent Wheel allowed those who rode it to see further than they had ever seen before from the Canterbury campus, which proved a good metaphor for what the University needed to do as it entered the new and much more competitive era beyond 2015.

I hope this book manages to convey something of the achievements and successes of the last 50 years, the vivid excitement of the Anniversary Year, and some of the challenges and opportunities of the next 50 years -From Reality to Vision, perhaps?

Professor Keith Mander. Deputy Vice-Chancellor, August 2015



50 YEARS OF MEMORIES

"A university, however new, derives strength from its association with the historical character of its neighbourhood. Kent and Canterbury offer a rich historical tradition because of the prominent part which the county has played in the life of England, from prehistoric times, as the link with the continent of Europe."

HM Lord Lieutenant for Kent, Letter to University Grants Committee, June 1960

On 4 January 1965, Her Majesty The Queen signed the Royal Charter that brought the University of Kent at Canterbury into existence.

LINDA WOLEK

Junior Secretary
Darwin 1995, Theology and Religious Studies

'Aged 17 and still attending secretarial college, I was employed by the University as a junior secretary to the first Librarian, George S Darwin. My "bosses" were the five cataloguers, Geoffrey Linnell, Howard Griffiths, John Goy, Denis Whiting and Peter Flavell. Juliet Saunders was the first secretary and Joan Day joined the group after Juliet married. Joan is 80 and we keep in touch often; she is my children's godmother.

The library was situated in Westgate in what is now a pet food shop, the administration building was Westgate Hall across the road; Geoffrey Templeman was the first Vice-Chancellor, I remember him as a gentle softly spoken academic, with a great sense of humour. He needed it. The first April 1 I sent all the library staff scuttling over to Westgate House to attend a fictional demonstration of a new whizz kid copying machine; while they were out of the building, I hid Geoffrey Linnell's bicycle, and filled their desk drawers with onions. I wasn't too popular that day. After a few years, as the building "on the hill" grew, the whole library moved to what is now Estates, and there we stayed for several years.

'In 1967, I married a chemistry student and moved to Scotland; but I returned to the library for every summer holiday and eventually worked in what is now the current, though expanding, library. I was actually working in the office when the building over the railway collapsed. It was a very weird experience. First the staff rushed out, and then slowly the building sank into the ground. Our family moved to Germany for three years but I still worked in the library every summer and met many friends, old and new; it was a good time. I have never lost contact with the University, and I still work during February, March and April in the forensic department, helping in the High Court with the third years' expert witness trials.'















excitement of doing things for the first time. I was Master of Rutherford 1975-85 and my From the beginning, Kent has always been a friendly place where people have time for

John Todd Fourth from right, above, and page 81









by helicopter to be installed as the first Chancellor. The Vice-Chancellor and other puzzled to see no one in sight. The group were waiting on the wrong side. There is a

John Barron



working parties for the next college to be built."

Shirley Barlow





contractor's side of operations. At that time, all that was under way were preliminary works forming an access road from

Howard Bennett

UNIVERSITY OF KENT

AT CANTERBURY



Prospectus June 1965



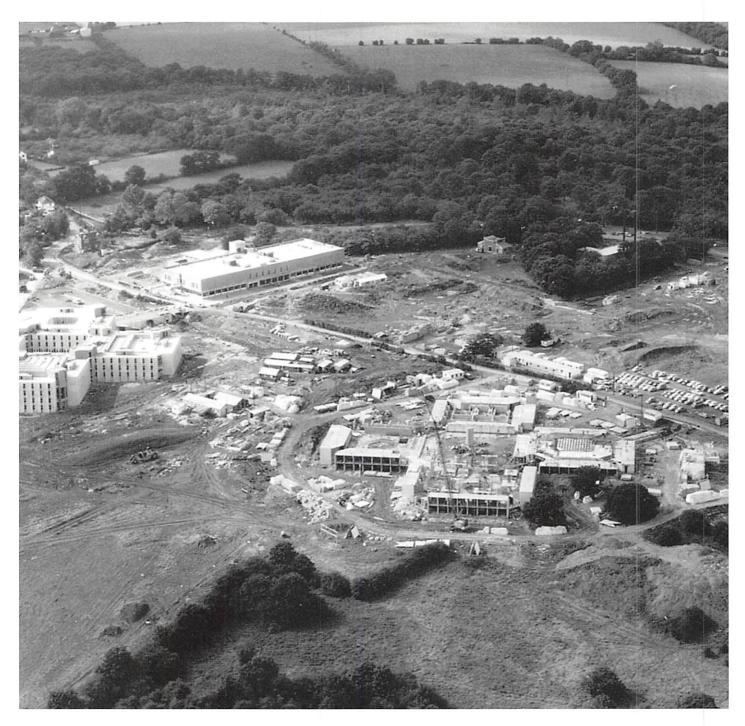


JANE MILLYARD (formerly Carvosso)

Administrative Assistant in the Academic Registry 1963-1966 Administrator in the Computing Laboratory 1976-1996

'I started at Westgate House, where the early staff were based, on 14 September 1963. There were then only 13 other members of staff and these included the Vice-Chancellor and the office cleaner. It was my first job and, in the early days, my administrative work could hardly be classed as "academic". I did spend time summarising the applications of the first professors (and copying them on an evil-smelling machine in the airless basement), but other tasks included organising the line of the University Road and even viewing and reporting on prospective houses for Professor Foakes. It was all enormous fun and also life-changing, as I met and married David, then working for the University surveyor, and in May 1965 we became the first "University Romance", according to the Kentish Gazette (and are also celebrating 50 years!).

planning the timetable – the Humanities one was worked out on pieces of paper on the Dean's floor rush, various items got missed and there was a rumour that, after a few days, a student reported that he was missing, not a lamp, but a window!'



14 UNIVERSITY OF KENT The form of the Canterbury campus is now recognisable. Eliot and the Physics Building...

spent interviewing student candidates, preparing laboratory experiments and lecture courses for the first 500 students. By the summer of 1965, the Library, Eliot College and Physics Laboratory had been completed. I supported the formation of the UKC Astronomical Society in 1967 and have been a Senior Member for many years."

Dr Kaz Krynicki









RUTH BUNDEY

Eliot 1965, English

'With offers from York, Lancaster and Kent, it made sense to choose a university that hadn't yet started. I remember a sea of mud, being photographed by local reporters behind an ironing board was never subsequently to use or recognise, lodging in a bungalow in Blean with a landlady called Mrs Fuggle, and forming lasting friendships with the students next door, Tag, Nick and Graham.

'Not much academic work ensued, but involvement in the Students' Union did, where I gained the post quaintly described as Lady Vice-President and was immortalised by Ted Harrison's *Incant* cartoons as Dougal from *The Magic Roundabout*.

'Hell had no fury like the readers of the *Kentish Gazette* when it appeared that UKC students had access to The Pill.

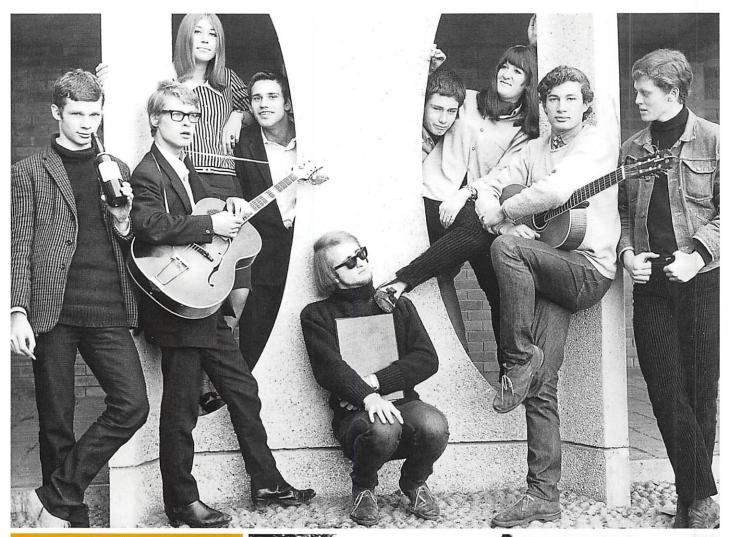
The Poetry Society and Nigel Collins led to visits to Canterbury by the Beat Poets, Michael Horovitz and Lawrence Ferlinghetti, as well as W H Auden and Dannie Abse. I remember concerts with Bert Jansch; Leonard Cohen; and drinking gin from a shoe. My 21st birthday coincided with a glorious 2.2 and dancing barefoot on broken glass. Stationary in the Eliot car park sat my Ford Popular, painted pink and purple, never to move.

'It was a wonderful era.









of Canterbury Cathedral."

Peter Sprinz Eliot 1965



RICHARD DENTON

Eliot 1965, English

'Year 1965. Age 18. World/Oyster. Check. Parents want me to go to Oxford. Centuries old. I want a new university. None newer than Kent. I can be one of the first. The 500. Get place. Arrive with leather suitcase, guitar over shoulder – and a cape (with black velvet collar and white silk lining). Dear God! Asked by a journalist what I thought, replied "It's a gas, man". Yes, I know – but it was 1965. Next day in *The Telegraph* – a piece entitled: The Gasman Cometh.

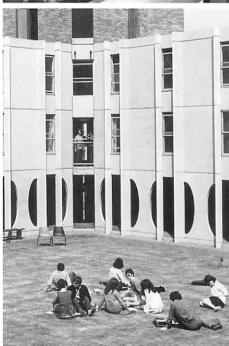
In the photo of us on the causeway (recently recreated with current students), the young man third along to my right was Sebastian Graham Jones. We met 15 seconds after this photo was taken, as we crowded round the door. He became and remained my closest friend. He is the other guitarist in the now iconic cloister pic. Tragically, he died 10 years ago. Memories.

'The next three years were exactly what they were supposed to be – and more. Like most students embarking on the "examined life" – we didn't examine it at all. It was just our last three years of freedom before the slavery of employment.

'I did graduate, in 1968, less of a prat (I hope) and moved to London. The "Summer of Love" had been tarnished by finals, and the assassinations of both Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King. But I was – and always will be – grateful to have experienced those extraordinary years. In *The Telegraph* piece, they wrote that if that picture of the "Gasman" was "before", the "after" picture would probably be worse. Not for me to judge of course, but I have never read *The Telegraph* since.'









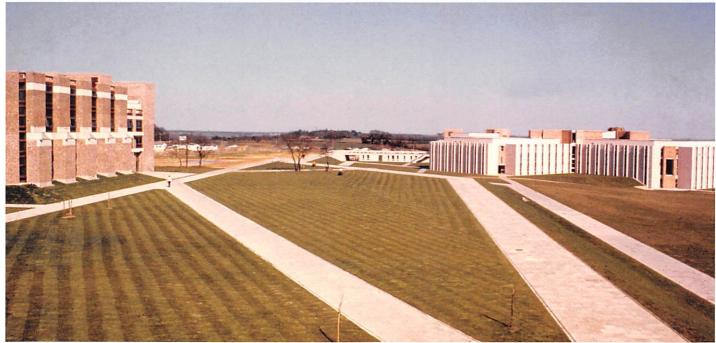




memory of a university is in discovering the histories of its people. Receiving an honorary degree in 1992, Umberto Eco described Kent old and famous city'. Though I still get lost down the maze-zigzag corridors of colleges, I have grown fond of them because the design

Ann MacDonald





JOHN PLATT

Rutherford 1965, Economics

'It's impossible to choose a favourite memory from my time at Kent, but one which perhaps stands out as the most bizarre is piano racing.

In RAG Week 1967, my friend Richard Percival (Rutherford 1965, History) set the challenge for a piano race from Eliot JCR to Westgate Towers – with a compulsory pint of beer in each pub en route. At Westgate, you had to play a recognisable tune on the piano, forcing each team to recruit a pianist with muscles and a capacity for beer!

'We left the selection of piano to Richard. This was a mistake. I have seen large upright pianos but you could have used this one as a training ground for the north face of the Eiger. At least he had painted it in British Rail livery.

We stole a good start through the fire exit while the other teams struggled with the stairs to the main entrance, but reaching the City of Canterbury pub, the weight of our piano soon told and we were ready to settle for second place.

'By one of those curious tricks of fate, as the leading team manhandled their piano the last few yards, it totally disintegrated. Meanwhile, our team, celebrating the anticipated comfortable second place, had to be dragged out of the Falstaff to complete the course and win when Percival tinkled the ivories. As for the other teams, they were last seen heading south down the Old Dover Road, busking enthusiastically.'





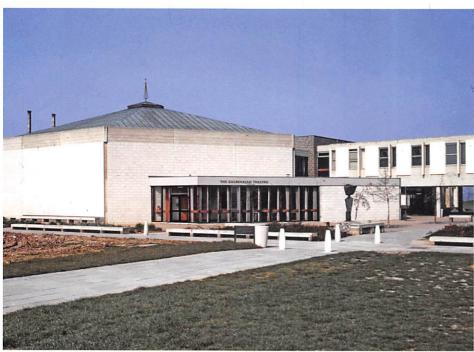




awarded a University of Kent degree in person, at the graduation ceremony in before the 'first 500' undergraduates and rattled around in an empty Eliot College, and started lab work in huts at Beverley

John C Thurman Eliot 1965



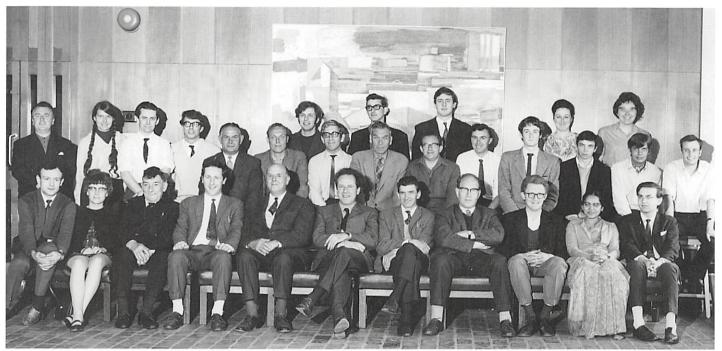








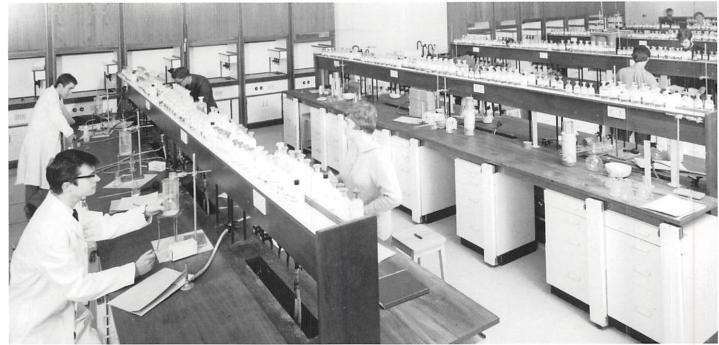






sit-in and occupation of, I think, the then Registry (following the University of Warwick occupation) and I remember we Democracy is never won by democratic means, but only by direct action'. Then the Easter vacation began, and so we all went home..."







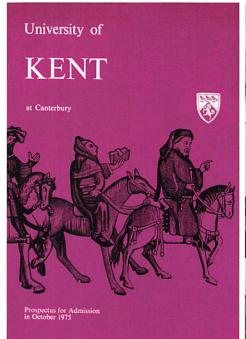
photographing honorary graduates, such as Terry Waite CBE and Bob Geldof KBE, and going into the old railway tunnel under the University when it appeared to be collapsing. I took one shot and exited rapidly. I retired when digital cameras were beginning to appear but were very expensive at £1,000 for 1.4 megapixels."

James Styles University Photographer











"1976-78, studying for an MA in Applied Linguistics. I loved my time here. It was hard work being a single mum with two course and kids, but it was all so good for me."

Hilary J Broderick Eliot 1976







"My husband, Bill Bruty, and I met at UKC in 1979, our daughter, Florence, attended and graduated three years ago... our third daughter, Matilda, started in September 2014. My sister married another Kent graduate – Philip Hall. They first met at one of our student parties in the 1980s, lost touch and then met up again at a small Kent reunion we had five years ago. His daughter, Sophie, is currently studying at Kent too. That means that six members of our family have studied at Kent. The University played a huge part in our lives and is truly the family university. We do have another daughter too..."

Fiona E Macpherson Keynes 1979













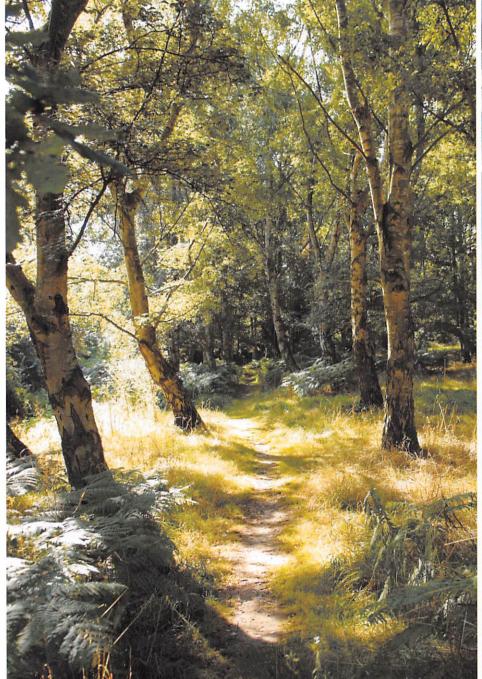
Flavio Iorio Rutherford 1981

























DAVID HATCHER

Darwin 1980, European Politics

UKC win over Trinity College, Cambridge in *University Challenge*, 1983

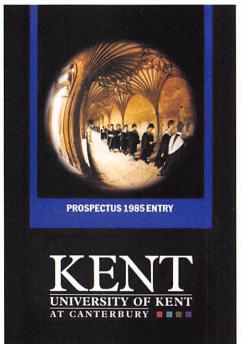
"I was the first in my extended Irish family to get to university, so representing Kent on University Challenge was a wonderful dream. A team was selected at a preliminary quiz arranged by the Union and somehow I became captain. But there was a long gap between selection and recording so that, when it was time to go to Manchester, I was on my year abroad and the only other team member who could be found was Bruce Munro. So Paul Harrison rustled up Chris O'Mahony and Andrew was February and there was thick snow) and Granada TV sent us the then princely sum of £100 for

team reassured us. We let Trinity get to about 100 points before we got off the mark and they probably got complacent. In the end, we were about 20 behind in the last minute and we then got grammar school education obsessed with dates in history and places in geography), said very quickly(!), the gong went and we were home by five points. Trinity were not nearly so friendly at the post-recording drinks as they had been earlier, but we were just glad we hadn't humiliated ourselves or Kent. The picture question was cities from the air and I remember thinking "it's not Canterbury,









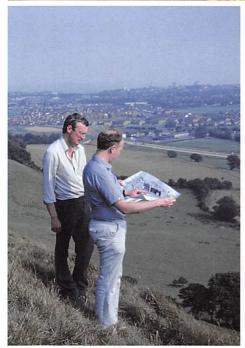






"I was the Duck Appreciation Society founder and member. It was the second biggest society on campus in 1987!"

Lawrence R Gold





Kent's Roger Vickerman and John Craven of the new Channel Tunnel Research Unit on a site visit.













40 UNIVERSITY OF KENT In 1987, Her Majesty The Queen visited and the Great Storm brought down many of the trees.

of the early 1970s – the fight to have a day nursery at the University, to allow children into the senior common room

Jan M Pahl













"So many happy memories, not least meeting my wife here 25 years ago and now visiting with my children."

Alistair S McCutcheon Rutherford 1986

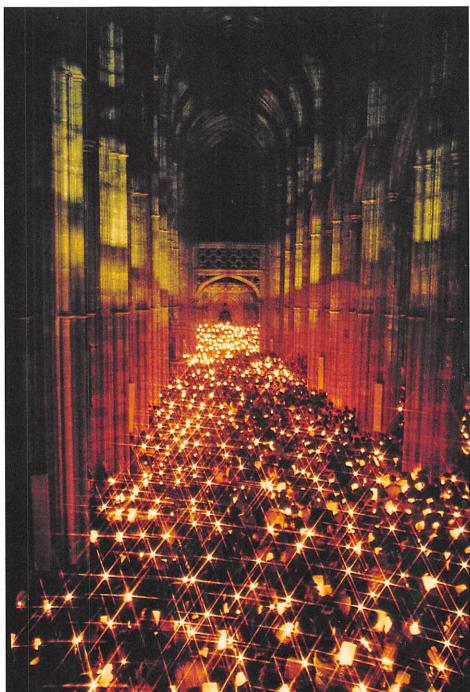












JO PEARSALL

Eliot 1989, History

When I arrived at the University of Kent, I had never even seen an opera. After my first year, I had already appeared in one. The first opera that I took part in was *La traviata* in 1990. As a first year, I was lucky to get a place in the chorus and I really enjoyed the whole experience, culminating in the performances at the Gulbenkian Theatre.

'My time at the University was a very happy one. I don't have too many memories of studying, although presumably I did some, but I do have many memories of operas and other musical events. Some moments that stand out are: being cast in a small role in *Die Fledermaus* in my final year; a Chamber Choir trip to Prague, where I crashed the (borrowed) minibus on the way home; the Prague trip itself, where we sang in some of the most beautiful churches in the then Czechoslovakia; and many, many other concerts. I can clearly remember playing the violin for a Viennese Ball in Rutherford, on the stage of the Gulbenkian Theatre for a fourth-year drama student's final production (in a borrowed dinner jacket) and in the orchestra pit of *The Pajama Game* at the Marlowe Theatre as part of the University's Silver Jubilee celebrations.

'These experiences were not only incredibly enjoyable, they have provided me with most of my closest friends today.'











"Studying at Kent enabled me to grow as a person. I continue to use the research skills from my degree each day in my job. The friends made last forever and, when you leave, a piece of your heart always remains forever Kent"

Eleanor J Baylis





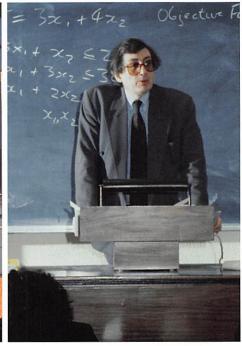
"Welcoming atmosphere, friendly people. Great learning environment. My time here will stay with me forever!"

Matthew P Wheeler Darwin 1994



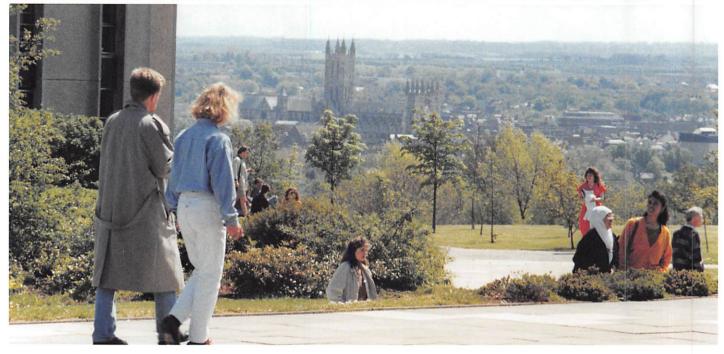
















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It is nard to purpoint a single memory;
I loved that campus feeling, the family
community, everything closely knit together.
The buildings, the diversity of people,
the squirrels and rabbits, the view of
Canterbury. And who can forget the cows
in the field across from Tyler Court. Thank
you for the education and experience."

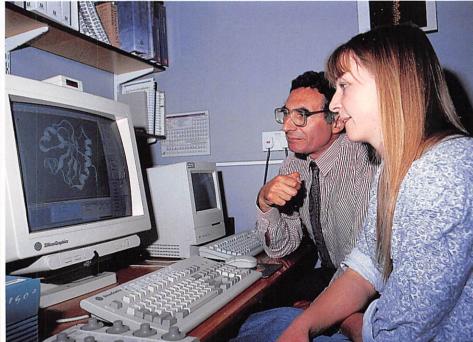
Rana Makarem Rutherford 1997





"The very first day I went to Kent it was all grey, raining, and I thought I would hate it... then I met my future husband (the very first day). Then I met my future best friends... by the time I graduated, I didn't want to leave the place. Beautiful memories, great people, a fantastic time."

Angeliki Antoniou Rutherford 1997













in love with the campus the first time I visited. I made friends from all over the world, some friends for life! Cooking classroom, working together, road trips... there's no end. Thank you Kent!"

Margaret Mouzaka Rutherford 1997



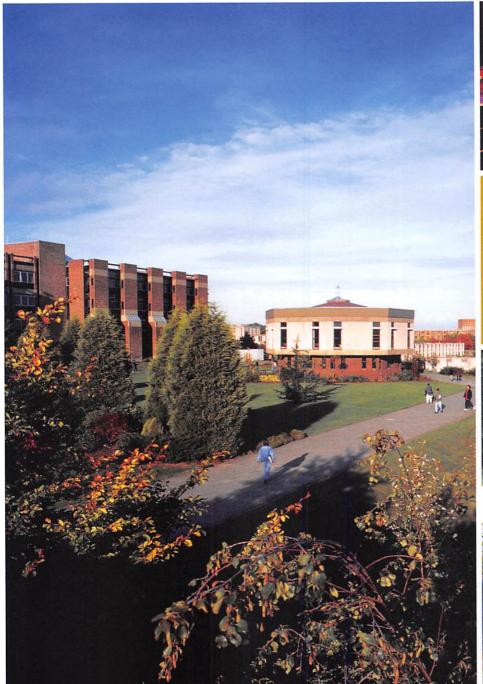




"Being at the grand opening of The Venue in my first year and meeting my future husband! Fundraising for RAG in many guisses, including dressing as a Teletubby...! The things we do for charity! Seeing Jason Donovan and Chesney Hawkes at The Venue were highlights of my three years at Kent!"

Anna J Pollard Keynes 1998







thought higher education would be beyond me. How wrong could I be! But I studied for my MA in Film & Art Theory at Kent. Today, I work at Kent in the IT training department and the Gulbenkin – Kent

Linda A Macdonald Rutherford 1997









international cricketers (from the West Indies, Pakistan and Zimbabwe) and clean-bowled Brian Lara, the best batsman in the world!"

Miles Banbery Darwin 1990

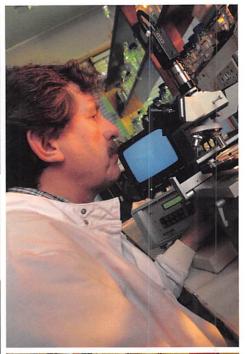
























"Falling asleep among books by, and on, Marguerite Duras in the Templeman Library on a cold day!"

Carine M Freville Rutherford 2003





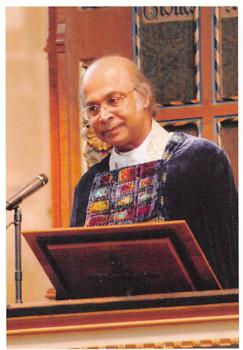


that's when I met my new best friend Abi. After that first day, I made so many new

Christina G Kasini

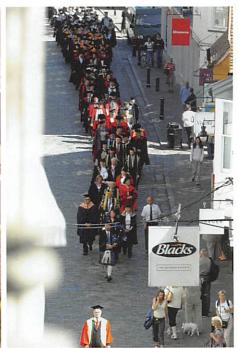






















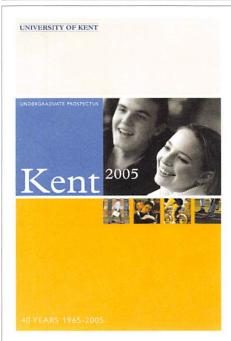




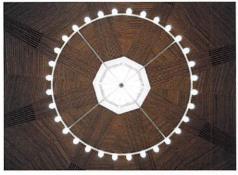


times. Friends that got me through the good times and the bad. My real family. Thank you Kent!"

Ben E Gonsalves Darwin 2005





















"Being inspired by great teaching staff who encouraged me to challenge myself to find offices in Rutherford – it was like a rabbit warren!"

Michelle A Ulyatt Rutherford 2006













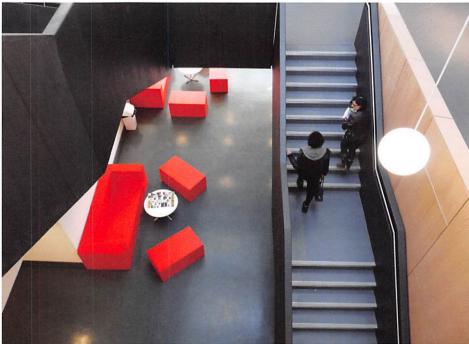






a roller skate disco at Eliot College to raise funds for the Brain Tumour Research Campaign. It was really great fun working with the rest of the some great friends and we raised £1,000 for the charity!"

Laura-Jane Ryves Eliot 2009











PROFESSOR ABDULRAZAK GURNAH

Keynes 1976, PhD English and American Literature

'I completed my PhD at the then University of Kent at Canterbury in 1982 and am one of the many University staff - both academic and professional - who also studied here. Following my PhD, I taught opportunity to return to Kent. That was 25 years ago now. Each year since then, seeing students succeed in their ambitions will always be the most rewarding part of my work.

'Kent was one of a few places teaching African and Caribbean Studies in the 1980s. It was ahead an early stage with such enormous possibilities ahead. It has been a privilege to help the School of

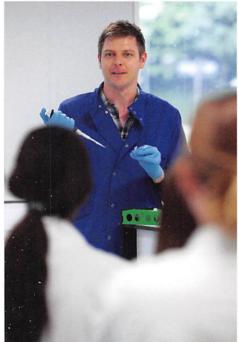
'I started my first novel at Kent – with many hours spent in the Templeman Library – and to see the Library develop further at the time of the 50th Anniversary brings back many happy memories. The growth of the campus has been incredible to watch; when I started teaching in 1985, you would have to brace yourself for the wind when walking between Rutherford and Eliot! Thoughtful landscaping and well-designed buildings made sure it became the leafy and cosy campus of today. And of course that spectacular view of the city never changes.

'Kent is a happy place to work and it has benefited greatly from the strong leadership that has steered the changes in our schools and departments over the last 50 years. The University's ambition and





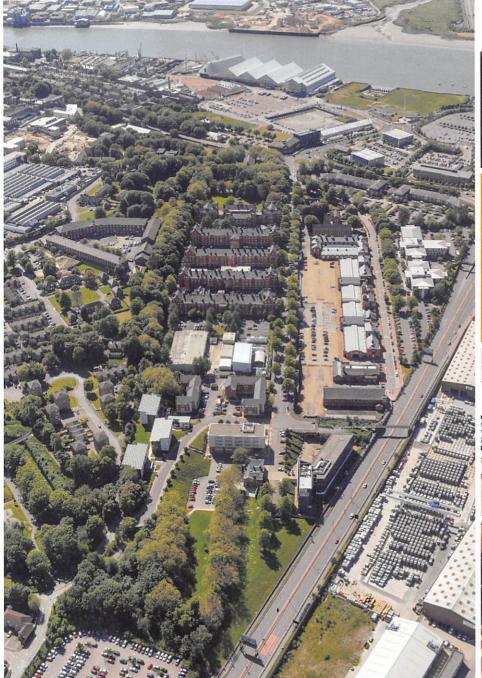








Some interesting modern art is installed at Medway.



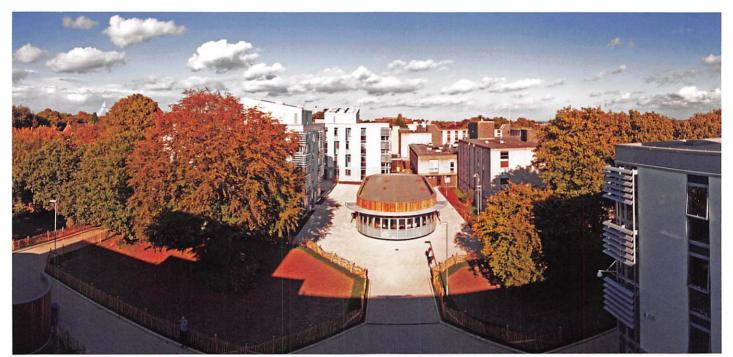


"The walks from the Drill Hall Library into the inner part of Gillingham (where I lived) late at night while I was studying in Kent are still so fresh in

Fatai K Adewusi Medway 2009

















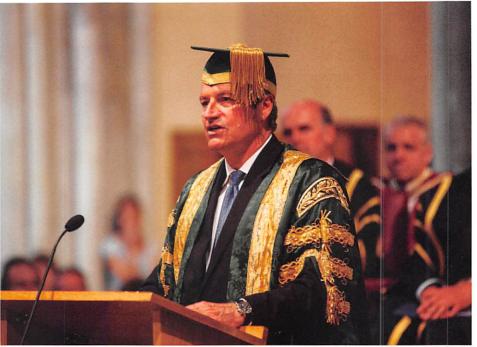
















"In my first term at Kent, it was really snowy so we filled our kitchen bins with snow and made an igloo in Park Wood."

Kelyn C Luther Keynes 2010

REBECCA MONTELEONE

Woolf 2014, MA Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Fulbright Scholar 2014-15

'For much of my early childhood in the United States, my family relied on food stamps as my father worked his way through graduate school. As the youngest of four children in a family that scrimped and saved for my entire life, the thought of receiving a degree abroad seemed impossibly out of reach. I had worked to support myself through my undergraduate degree, and had never even been out of the country. All I had in my favour was a passion for supporting people with intellectual disabilities and determination to succeed.

'Finding Kent, and the Tizard Centre therein, which was producing world-leading research in the field I was so passionate about, was bittersweet. Here was an academic institution doing work that truly resonated with me, and there was no way I could possibly afford to study there. Thanks to the support of the US-UK Fulbright Commission and the ever-generous University of Kent alumni and donors, my dream to study and contribute at Kent has become a reality. My year of postgraduate study at Kent has been the most challenging, exhilarating and rewarding year of my life.

'Kent cares about students like me, and I cannot express how much that has altered my research career and my life trajectory. I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to anyone who has supported the University and, by extension, students who may not have the means to study in the UK, but have the talent, drive and passion to succeed. Kent's commitment to excellence in research sets it apart in the academic sphere, but its commitment to its students is what makes Kent truly unique.'



"On the UCAS day tour, I fell in love with the University's green fields and

Rachel Ransley Rutherford 2011





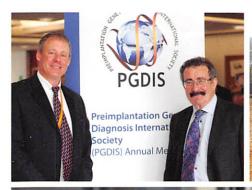


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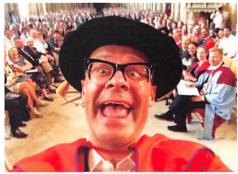




































































































The big "50", with the Kent Wheel in the background.

TIMELINE

1965	Royal Charter granted to University of Kent at Canterbury	1982	Opening of the Tonbridge Centre
	First 500 students enrol at Kent	1986	Opening of the Research & Development Centre
1965 - 70	Eliot, Rutherford, Keynes and Darwin Colleges opened	1987	Formal opening of the Computing Laboratory Extension by Her Majesty The Queen
1966	Start of UKC Radio	1989	5,400 students
1968	Graduation of the first intake of students	1990	Year-long Silver Jubilee celebrations
1969	Opening of the Gulbenkian Theatre and Cinema	1999	Brussels centre launched
	2,000 students	2000	10,600 students
1970	Opening of the Registry and Senate	2002	Her Majesty The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh inaugurate the joint Medway campus during a visit to Chatham Maritime
1974	Library Phase 2 (first online system in UK university)		
1975	Cartoon Centre launched	2003	Change of name to University of Kent
1979	3,500 students	2004	
1980	Park Wood Phase 1		

2005	First students at Medway campus	2013	Specialist postgraduate programmes in Rome launched
2007	Kent Law Clinic wins Queen's Anniversary Prize		Refurbished Sports Centre opened on the Canterbury
2008	Woolf Postgraduate College opened		campus
2009	Postgraduate centre in Paris launched		Tizard Centre wins Queen's Anniversary Prize
	New Liberty Quays student accommodation at Medway	2014	University of Kent begins 50th Anniversary celebrations
2010	19,000 students		
2011	New accommodation at Keynes College opened	2015	New Templeman Library wing opens
	Specialist postgraduate programmes at Athens launched		Construction of Wigoder Law Building begins
2012	Colyer-Fergusson Music Building opened		Turing College opens
	Multimillion-pound refurbishment of the School of Music and Fine Art facilities at The Historic Dockyard, Chatham completed		50th Festival

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