

What's on

Up-to-date information about what's happening on campus is also available on the University's web site at www.lboro.ac.uk

Exhibitions



University Open Day

A recruitment and information event, with tours of campus and the Students' Union, exhibitions, displays and lectures.

Tuesday 24 September, 10.00 am - 4.00 pm
James France Exhibition Centre, and across campus
There is no need to book for this event.

Further information: Justine Sanders T: 222481 W: www.lboro.ac.uk

Music

Mugenkyo Taiko Drummers

An exhilarating show which turns drumming into a theatrical performance.

Thursday 10 October, 7.30 pm
Sir Robert Martin Theatre
Adults: £7 Concessions: £6 Students: £4
Ticket information: Arts Centre T: 222899

Martin Quartet

This award-winning Czech quartet makes a return visit to Loughborough with pianist Christopher Langdown to perform pieces by Beethoven, Ravel and Schumann.

Wednesday 17 October, 7.30 pm
Music Centre
Adults: £7 Concessions: £6 Students: £4
Ticket information: Arts Centre T: 222899

Fleur Pickering - Soprano

A performance by the Loughborough University Music Scholar, accompanied by Eleonora Babitsky.

Monday 21 October, 7.30 pm
Music Centre
Tickets: £4
Ticket information: Arts Centre T: 222899

Sinfonia ViVA

A performance of Brahms, Mahler and Beethoven by the East Midlands' orchestra.

Wednesday 30 October, 7.30 pm
Cope Auditorium
Adults: £7 Concessions: £6 Students: £5
Ticket information: Arts Centre T: 222899

Matthew Trusler - Violinist

One of Britain's most sensational young talents in a performance of Mozart, Prokofiev and Brahms.

Thursday 14 November, 7.30 pm
Music Centre
Adults: £6 Concessions: £5 Students: £4
Ticket information: Arts Centre T: 222899

Helix Ensemble

Saturday 23 November, 7.30 pm
Cope Auditorium
Adults: £6 Concessions: £5
Ticket information: Arts Centre T: 222899



Theatre

Electra

An empire crumbling. The dank smell of decay. Betrayal. Murder. Vengeance. The actors of Dionysus Theatre Co present David Stuttard's adaptation of Euripides' 'Electra' - a darkly psychological study of a woman's obsession with her murdered father and her quest for retribution.

Thursday 31 October, 7.30 pm
Sir Robert Martin Theatre
Adults: £6 Concessions: £5 Students: £4
Ticket information: Arts Centre T: 222899

Mistero Buffo

An extraordinary one-man show by Antonio Venturino, who uses body language and onomatopoeic sounds to create a buzzing fly, a two-stroke engine, a Papal procession and much more in this unique performance.

Wednesday 20 November, 7.30 pm
Drama Studio
Adults: £5 Concessions: £4
Ticket information: Arts Centre T: 222899

Conferences and courses

Thinking about learning a foreign language?

An opportunity to meet the staff who run the evening language classes programme and see the facilities available. Courses are run in French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian and Spanish. Classes begin on 7 October.

Thursday 26 September, 12 noon - 7 pm
Learning Resources Centre, Schofield Building
This event is free
Further information: Val Boyle or Yvonne Cornejo T: 222982 or 223656

Social events

'Austin Powers' 1990s Loughborough graduates' reunion

A chance to meet up with old friends and relive your University days, with Karaoke, casino and tatuists.

Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 September
Students' Union
Tickets: £11 and £18. Booking deadline: 18 September
Further information: Alumni Association T: 228488

Mayors Parade

Saturday 19 October, 1 pm - 3 pm
Loughborough Town
Donations accepted

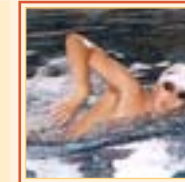
Bonfire party

Celebrate Bonfire night at the Union.

Saturday 2 November
Towers Car Park
Adults and NUS: £2.50 Children: £1
Further information: Richard Cockshott, Students' Union T: 635036 Mobile: 07815 096224



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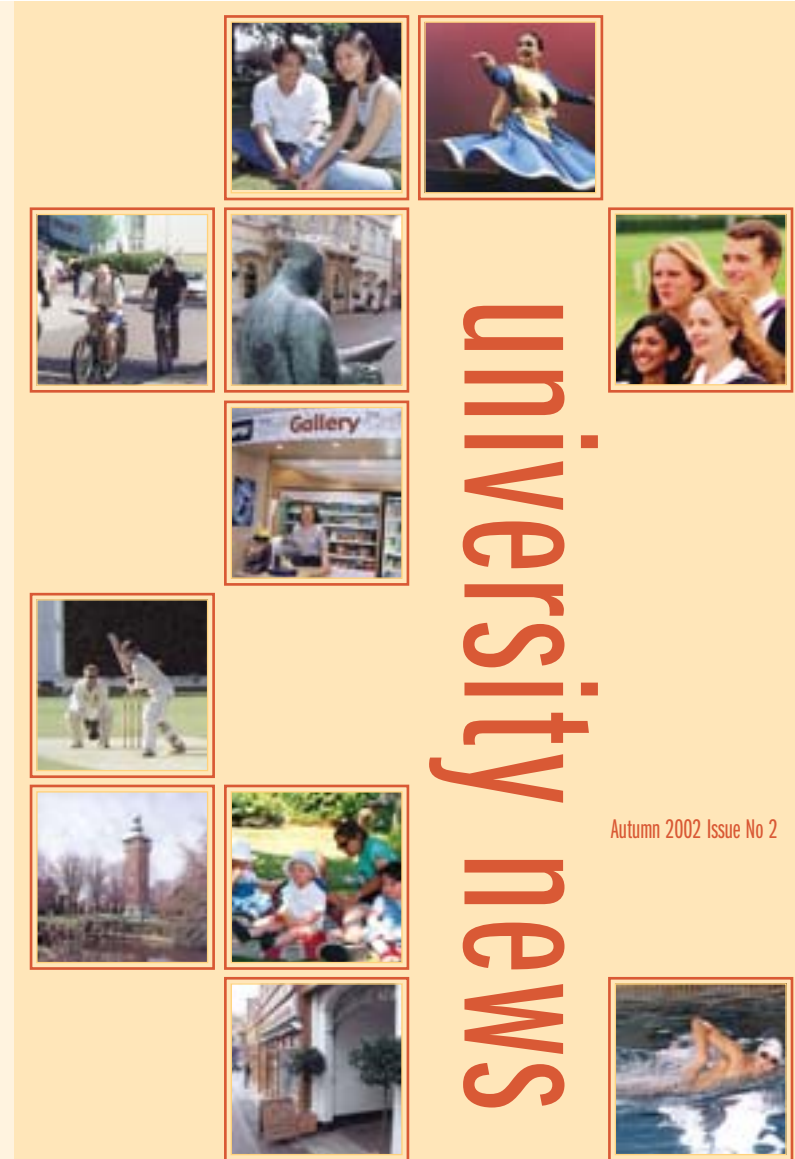
Putting a stop to bad behaviour

The vast majority of Loughborough's students behave well and are a credit to the University and town. Nevertheless there are times when the behaviour of a small minority cause problems for both local residents and other students.

If you are being disturbed by excessive noise from student neighbours, ring the **University Security Control Room** on **222141**. We will try our best to attend at the time, resources permitting, and will take subsequent action to resolve the problem. If you are suffering prolonged noise nuisance from the street which appears to be caused by students, and which is not associated with any criminal activity, you should also ring the University.

In the case of any other, more serious misbehaviour on the street, such as violent or disorderly behaviour, damage to vehicles or buildings, or other anti-social actions, you should immediately ring **Loughborough police** on **0116 222 2222** or, in an **emergency, dial 999**. It is important this is done immediately since the chances of tracing the culprits at a later stage is usually minimal. It is also important to ring the police rather than the University - we have no power to detain individuals or investigate criminal activity and only the police can bring the culprits to book.

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Special concert marks opening of Cope Auditorium

The sound of timpani, percussion and strings heralded the opening of the new Cope Auditorium in June, when the East Midlands' only professional orchestra, *sinfonia VIVA*, performed a specially devised concert to mark the launch of Loughborough's newest cultural facility.

The Cope Auditorium, formerly the Great Hall, has been named in honour of the local family, whose generous funding through The Helen Jean Cope Trust helped to enable the building's refurbishment. Located on Epinal Way, next to Loughborough University School of Art and Design, the Auditorium will be a centre of learning and culture for students and local residents, providing a venue for large group teaching, and evening and weekend cultural and arts events.

"The opening of this extremely impressive new facility underlines the importance of cultural activity within the University, and will, I hope, provide a much-needed space for local arts activities, meeting the requirements of both local community groups and the University. I look forward to the Cope Auditorium becoming known as a real 'meeting place' of the University and town for shared cultural activities," said Professor David Wallace, Loughborough's Vice Chancellor.

For further information on the Cope Auditorium or to book the facility, contact the **University Conference and Events Office, T: 222262, E: conference@lboro.ac.uk, W: loughboroughconferences.co.uk**



New pool opens with a splash!

The University's much talked about, Olympic sized swimming pool opened in July, with the England Swimming squad among the first to take to the water prior to their departure for the Commonwealth Games. The new pool is also open to the public at specific times, and over 600 local residents took the opportunity for a dip, with another 600 visiting to look around, during a special community open day on 3 August.

Activities on offer include: aqua aerobics, elite aqua, swim circuit training, lane swimming, the Learn to Swim scheme, crash course lessons, and Parent and Child, Young at Heart, and community swim sessions. Swimming passes are available per session or on a yearly or six-monthly basis, and cost:

Adult	Senior Citizen	Child
Yearly: £145.00	Yearly: £100.00	Yearly: £65.00
6 months: £ 80.00	6 months: £ 60.00	6 months: £38.00
Daily: £ 3.00	Daily: £ 2.50	Daily: £ 2.00

The 50m pool has eight lanes and is a maximum of 2m deep; a boom allows the pool to be separated into two 25m-long areas, and the floor of one area is movable to enable the depth of the water to be varied.

For further information on activities available to the public and the most up-to-date timetable go to www.lboro.ac.uk/departments/ps/SDC/poolindex.htm or contact the pool reception desk, **T: 226200 E: swimming@lboro.ac.uk**

Thank you Trevor!

At this summer's degree congregation, Trevor Jones, the former Head of University Security who retired in December last year, was presented with the Loughborough University Medal – an award to mark service for and on behalf of the University, and to acknowledge the outstanding contributions made to University life.



(L-R) University Chancellor Sir Denis Rooke, Hilda Puttick, Trevor and Josie Jones, Storer Community Warden Adrian Bailey, Stuart Mitchell, and Vice Chancellor Professor David Wallace.

After a successful career in the Police Force, in which he reached the rank of Superintendent, Trevor distinguished himself greatly by developing the University's Chief Security Officer role in the wider community, outside campus. He understood the need for the University to be pro-active, especially in those areas off-campus where increasing numbers of students are living amongst permanent residents, and by dealing swiftly and fairly with the kinds of problems that students can cause in the town, Trevor became the caring and listening ear of the University within the community.

Through all the challenges that have faced the University and the town in recent years, Trevor has been a trusted and highly valued channel of communication. He made a point of personal visits to follow up complaints and knew many long term residents personally; he made it his business to be the human face of the institution which employed him, and willingly attended community meetings at any hour, bringing to them his genuine concern and special warmth and friendship. In all these activities, Trevor – the most self-effacing of people, who never sought credit for himself – was completely professional and trustworthy, representing the University fairly at all times.

Ashby Road student accommodation update

Following the decision by Chamwood Borough Council in June to refuse permission for the University's latest plans to redevelop the Harry French student accommodation on Ashby Road, the University and its partner in the project, UNITE, have now submitted a written appeal against the decision.

The plans for the Harry French site involve the replacement of the current outdated facilities with high quality new accommodation. A number of consultation meetings took place over several months to enable residents to voice their opinions on and concerns about the scheme and to facilitate compromise wherever possible. In response to residents' feedback, the University and UNITE amended and revised several parts of the proposed scheme.

"While the design changes made to our plans appear to have been acceptable, the planning application was refused on the basis of the potential increased student impact on the area," explains Roy Hill, director of the University's Estates Services. "The University and UNITE felt that, having consulted extensively on the proposed scheme and having made considerable amendments to the plans in response to feedback, we had exhausted all possible options and, given the grounds for refusal, had no alternative at this stage but to appeal."

Acknowledging that the issue of student behaviour needs to be addressed, the Registrar John Town says, "We're currently exploring a number of possible options to tackle this problem, including the introduction of night-time University patrols along the Ashby Road corridor and CCTV. Placing more students in University-managed accommodation also enables us to control their behaviour better – which is one of the reasons we need to pursue the redevelopment of the Ashby Road halls."

"There will always be a large flow of students walking between the campus and the town," the Registrar points out. "Even if – as some have suggested – we located all our halls of residence on the campus, the students would still want to go to the shops, cafes, cinema, bars and so on in the town. However we are strongly committed to minimising the impact of the students on the Ashby Road corridor, particularly at night."

On your marks...!

The track which has hosted athletes Seb Coe, Paula Radcliffe and Chris Rawlinson on their way to international success was the inspiration for hundreds of local school children this summer, when six schools and associations held their sports days and events at the University's athletics stadium. Over 2,500 children took part in a range of track and field events.



Pupils from Garendon High School at their school sports day.

Students' contribution to community honoured

Students Lindsey Ann Davidson and Sarah Selway have been awarded this year's Loughborough University T S Shipman Prize, which is given to students who are considered to have made a significant contribution to the development of cooperation and links between the University or Colleges and the local community.

Lindsey has worked with people with special needs in Loughborough and Shepshed since 1999, and has forged excellent links with Shepshed-based White Acres and the Mencap facility in Loughborough. She helps residents with their day-to-day tasks, accompanies them outside the centres, and provides a great deal of personal support. Lindsey has managed to successfully combine both her commitment to the community and her full-time studies, without compromising either the standard of care she provides or the high quality of her academic work.

Sarah is a volunteer with the Loughborough Students' Community Action group, which enables students to participate in a range of voluntary activities in the local community and now has almost 500 volunteers. Sarah volunteered for the group in her first year at University, participating regularly



in the elderly persons' befriending scheme and becoming a member of the planning committee for the annual Elderly Persons' Tea Dance. In her second year, Sarah was elected as Membership Officer on the Community Action Management Committee, and received an award from the Students' Union for 'The most outstanding contribution to the local community'. In her final year, Sarah was Secretary to the Action Management Committee, and also set up a brand new project – a tea and games afternoon for Loughborough residents.

(L-R) Deputy Vice Chancellor Professor Ron McCaffer; Sarah Selway; the Mayor of Charnwood, Councillor Debbie Green; and Alan Forsdick, Vice-Chair of Charnwood CVS Board of Trustees.

Record Rag total for Union

The outgoing Students' Union Executive have ended their term with a flourishing finale, by once again breaking their own Rag record, raising a staggering £293,942.44 in 2001-02.

The money has been raised through events such as the annual bonfire and fireworks display and Rag week. National charities including the Meningitis Research Foundation and Marie Curie Cancer Care have benefited from the students' hard work, with more than £27,000 also being donated across the Charnwood area, helping 45 local groups. Former Rag Chair Mandy Stace paid tribute to the many students who've helped to raise this amazing amount. "We're extremely proud of the achievements of our volunteers. They've given up so much time to make a difference both in the local and national communities."

Hoping that they will be able to match, if not better, this record are the new Students' Union Executive, who took up their posts on 1 August. The Executive for 2002-03 are:

President: Gina Jackson
Vice President (Finance and Commercial Services): Rich Myers
Vice President (Education and Welfare): Steve 'Geordie' Gibson
Vice President (Internal and Democracy Affairs): Tom Scott
Athletic Union President: Radha Balani
Rag Chair: Rich Cockshott
Community Action Chair: Clare Hewitson
Head of Student Media: Karlene Palmer
Publications Editor: Steven Todd

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