# **Mid August 2011 Newsletter**

### **New Starters**

Welcome to Yucy Fang who started in August and will be working with Prof. Norton and the Kerry Group. We expect to have seven new starters in October, so hopefully you will meet them on a module or at a module dinner.

#### **Modules**

John Hooper sent out the programme earlier this month so please let him know your choices for the next academic year. I am investigating if the Coniston Team Building event is being run by the Graduate School or not as the website has no dates for it.

# Congratulations

Over the summer Gemma Winstone, Paul Jones and Guy Hassall all passed their vivas.

#### Recruitment

As we have over recruited in the first three years we will be slowing down the number of students joining. I expect perhaps two to join after Christmas but then it will be quiet until autumn 2012.

### Queen's Award

You might be aware that we were the University's entry for the Queen's Award for Education so fingers crossed and listen for an announcement in early autumn. We also expect to hear back from EPSRC if they are going to continue funding us for another three years. We will also be 10 years old in September so we are considering how best to celebrate the big occasion.

## **Holidays**

I will be taking some holidays at the end of the month, so any problems please contact John Hooper or Kathleen.