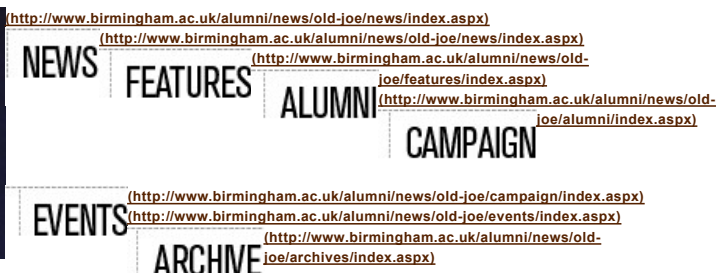


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1970s

David Fletcher (BSc Chemistry 1970)

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I spent my first working life as an accountant, but have now found my true calling – as a writer of dubious humour. Please do visit my website at www.davidfletcherbooks.co.uk (<http://www.davidfletcherbooks.co.uk>) where you will find not a test-tube or a ledger in sight, but just a selection of humorous sci-fi and travel books (one of which does make a referenceto solid-state chemistry).

Jean Summers neé Little (BA French and German studies 1975)

After my daughter grew up, I fulfilled a long-held wish and trained and worked as an actor. This eventually led to me becoming a Birmingham student again, doing a part-time Shakespeare and Theatre MA at the Shakespeare Institute. It was rather scary to be writing essays again after such a long time, but I'm thoroughly enjoying it. Very best wishes to the linguists of 1975 and old friends from High/Ridge Halls 1971 to '73.

Anita Greenwood (BSc Biological Sciences, 1975; PGCE 1976)

After graduation I taught in Berkshire for seven years, before moving to the US with my husband Tim Greenwood (MEng Electrical Engineering, 1975; MSci Computer Sciences, 1976). After receiving my doctorate in education, I became a faculty member at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. I am now Dean of Education and look forward to visiting Birmingham's School of Education in the near future.

Michael Schwartz (BA Ancient and Modern Greek, 1976)

I am now totally freelance, mainly writing articles for the business press. I am Toronto University's go-to guy for teaching Modern Greek to those Torontonians who have slipped through the linguistic net, or non-Greeks who want to know what their future in-laws are saying about them. My wife Hazel and I are preparing a rail trip from Beijing to Moscow – not the same as the 61 bus to Manor House!

Dr John Wallace (MSc Clinical Psychology, 1977)

After Psychology at Birmingham, I went back to college to study medicine. This was followed by research at the Maudsley Hospital in London. Having finished an MSc at Wadham College, Oxford, I am currently lucky enough to be completing a PhD at Oxford in evidence-based medicine.

1980s

Martin D Hyden (BSc Chemistry, 1983)

Since leaving Birmingham, I have built up a wide-ranging European patent practice. In January 2014, I became a partner in the new London office of Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, LLP, one of the world's largest intellectual property law firms.

Colette Redmond neé Waldron (BSocSc History and Social Science, 1984)

My son Benedict Redmond (BA Philosophy, 2013) graduated from Birmingham in July 2013 with a 2:1 degree and I thoroughly enjoyed revisiting campus while he was studying there. My daughter Ciara started in sixth form last autumn and she is also keen to follow in our footsteps and study at Birmingham.

Pamela Mykytowych (BSocSc Social Policy and Social Work, 1985)

After spending two-and-a-half years living in Singapore, during which time my husband and I explored South East Asia, we have now moved on to live in Taiwan for a

while.

1990s

Lisa Chen (LLB Law, 1992)

I have been promoted to council at global law firm Davis Polk, working in the Litigation Department, resident in Hong Kong. My practice focuses primarily on advising the financial services industry on contentious regulatory matters, including regulatory investigations and enforcement.

Wendy Jones neé Grist (MBChB Medicine, 1994)

Having stopped work to have a family several years ago, I have swapped the stethoscope for the pen. My first book, *The Songbird and the Soldier*, is available to download now and expected to arrive in paperback in the near future. Visit [www.harperimpulseromance.com \(http://www.harperimpulseromance.com\)](http://www.harperimpulseromance.com) and [www.facebook.com/escapeintolove \(http://www.facebook.com/escapeintolove\)](http://www.facebook.com/escapeintolove). I am married to Dr Andy Jones (MBChB Medicine, 1994), and we live in Herefordshire with our two boys.

2000s

Richard Campbell (BSc Applied and Environmental Geology, 2000)

I'm currently teaching GCSE science resits at Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form College, hoping to teach geology from next year. I've been married for four years to Laura (also a teacher) and have a two-year-old son, Lucas.

Russell Norris (BA Ancient History and Archaeology/English, 2001)

After graduation, I chose to write for a living. From 2002–2012, I served as a marketing copywriter for various London-based companies (QVC: The Home Shopping Channel, AOL, Sony PlayStation). In 2012, I became a freelance copywriter and in 2013, I had my first novel published. You can find out more about my book online: [www.facebook.com/ \(http://www.facebook.com/UnderTheArcadeLRNorris\) UnderTheArcadeLRNorris \(http://www.facebook.com/UnderTheArcadeLRNorris\)](http://www.facebook.com/UnderTheArcadeLRNorris)

Rachel-Kim Dallimore neé Kenneway (BSc Physiotherapy, 2006)

I am a Principal Physiotherapist at Alexandra Hospital in Singapore. I was recently posted to The Alfred Hospital in Melbourne to observe in their world-renowned trauma unit, and was assigned to shadow Sara Calthorpe (née Scott) (BSc Physiotherapy, 2001). With the University in common we got on straight away and it was great to share stories of our time at Birmingham.

Haytham Abushaban (MBA International Business, 2008)

I was selected last September to participate on an International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP), USA Entrepreneurship and Business Management – Multi Regional Program, by the US State Department, representing my country.

2010s

Jenny Dudden (BA Drama and Theatre Arts, 2010)

Since graduating I've been fortunate to fall straight into the world of theatre; with work experience at the Royal Opera House, touring as ASM on *Goodnight Mister Tom*, along with a stint at The Royal Shakespeare Company. Since then I have joined Milton Keynes Theatre as a full-time Stage and Flys Technician and will be getting married later this year! The changes since graduating highlight how fast time can fly!

Paul Clarkson (BSc Physics, 2009; MSc Physics, 2010)

I worked for Rolls-Royce for three years and am currently doing a PhD in Nanotechnology at Cambridge. I've written a comedy play *Death Ship 666!*, which moved back to London after a sold-out run at the Edinburgh Festival. I also won an award at the Global Grand Challenge Summit, presented by singer Will.i.am and Dr Charles Elachi, Director of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Hannah Kerrigan (BA Social Work, 2010)

I am Philanthropy Manager for Sanctuary Retreats, a grouping of Luxury Safari Lodges based in Africa. I head community development work varying from health initiatives and educational development to infrastructure.

Umami Mansor (BSc Chemistry, 2011)

I'm now a lecturer of Chemistry.

Heri Wahyu Maryanto (MSc Computer Science, 2013)

My year at the University was very valuable and memorable. Graduating from the best computer science school in the UK is an advantage to my career now and in the future. I'm currently working in Bank Rakyat Indonesia.

Alex Whiteley (BA Drama and English Literature, 2013)

I'm staying in the Birmingham family by studying on the first year of the new Shakespeare and Creativity MA at the Shakespeare Institute.

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