

Other facts and figures

Here are other facts and figures about the University that you may not know...

Researchers at the University have developed:

- Radar and the microwave oven
- Pacemakers to treat the symptoms of heart disease
- Wireless telegraphy, tank design and light alloys for aircrafts

Our researchers (including student researchers) at the University have also:

- Successfully used a herpes vaccine to attack and kill cancer cells
- Explored the benefits of using sugar as a natural, clean and cheap alternative to conventional treatments for wounds
- Proved that, despite being considered an island, the UK was attached to mainland Europe as recently as 7,000BC
- Identified the cultural shift of allotments from a source of cheap food into a worthwhile form of recreation
- Found that people in happy marriages have a higher level of antibodies to fight off flu

Our researchers at the University are still:

- Assessing 400 people born in 1946 as part of a wider long-term study of ageing that began just after World War II: it monitors the passage from birth to old age
- Finding new ways to encourage teenagers to make energy savings
- Collaborating on whether mass reading events and book clubs are attracting new readers and marginalized communities

We own or host many great resources for undergraduate study and doctoral research, including:

- Over 2.5 million books including our Special Collection of over 80,000 pre-1850 books and 3-million manuscripts dating from 1471
- The Mingana Collection of Middle Eastern manuscripts, the largest such collection after the Vatican and the Bibliothèque nationale de France
- The largest superconducting magnet for molecular imaging in the UK – housed in the University's Henry Wellcome Building

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