



august

20 years in a balloon

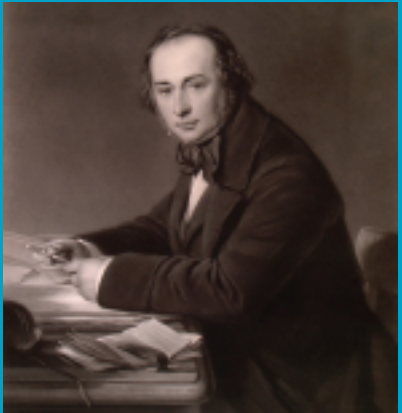
To coincide with the Convocation Reunion Weekend, the University's Hot Air Ballooning Society held its 20th Anniversary 'Reunion' Balloon Meeting, at which the star attraction was the new University of Bristol balloon.



september

Superstition on the brain

At the British Association Festival of Science, Bruce Hood, Professor of Developmental Psychology, used a sweater to show the power of superstition. He offered £10 to anyone willing to wear it. Dozens raised their hands. He then added (falsely) that the sweater had belonged to a serial killer. Most put their hands down.



october

Brunel and immigration

Three public lectures organised by the University marked the Brunel 200 anniversary and contributed to the debate over immigration (Brunel was the son of immigrants). The speakers were journalist Yasmin Alibhai-Brown, former CBI Director-General Sir Digby Jones and Labour Peer Professor Lord Bhikhu Parekh.



november

Renaissance art treasures found

The discovery of two paintings by Fra Angelico, one of the greatest artists of the early Renaissance, by Michael Liversidge from the Department of History of Art was hailed as one of the most exciting art finds for a generation.



december

New Patron of the Langford Trust

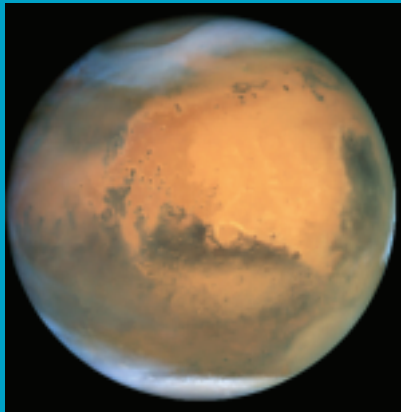
Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall became Patron of the Langford Trust for Animal Health and Welfare, a charity that supports the University's Veterinary School by promoting the practice, advancement and teaching of veterinary science.



january

Huge Stonehenge settlement found

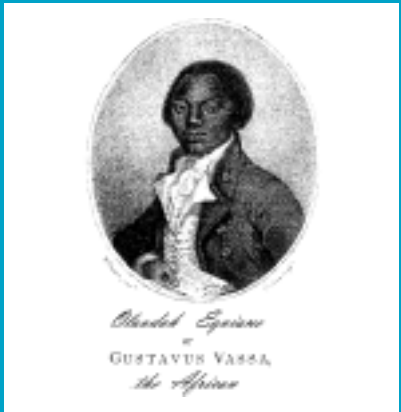
Excavations carried out by archaeologists from Bristol and five other UK universities revealed an enormous ancient settlement that once housed hundreds of people at Durrington Walls in Wiltshire. Archaeologists believe the houses were constructed and occupied by the builders of nearby Stonehenge.



february

Bristol, Mars and Antarctica

Space scientists and glaciologists gathered at the University for the opening of LOWTEX (LOW Temperature EXperimental laboratory), the only facility of its kind in the UK. LOWTEX projects will develop new approaches to research into climate change and the search for life on other planets.



march

Spotlight on slavery

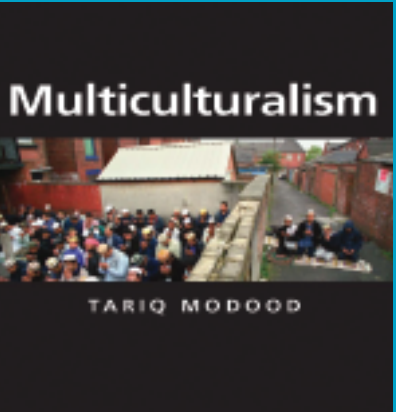
The history of the slave trade and present-day forms of forced labour were the subject of several events organised by the universities of Bristol and the West of England as part of Abolition 200, marking two centuries since the parliamentary abolition of the transatlantic slave trade.



april

Meeting Wolly

Visitors to the Botanic Garden encountered one of the world's rarest plants, a new addition to the plant collection. The Wollemi Pine (*Wollemia nobilis*) dates back to the time of the dinosaurs and was known only from fossils until its discovery in Australia in 1994.



may

New book tackles multiculturalism

Professor Tariq Modood from the Department of Sociology published *Multiculturalism*, in which he argues that a single template for accommodating minorities is not appropriate and that multiculturalism must be shared across different social sectors.



june

Lantern draw

A collection of magic lantern slides, restored and digitised by the Theatre Collection, made their online debut. The hand-tinted slides predate the invention of the movie camera and usually tell a story, often with a moral theme.



july

Casting Pompeii

Schoolchildren from across the UK entered a competition to create artworks inspired by the casts of victims of the Pompeii disaster of 79AD. The Casts Project is an offshoot of research at Bristol, Liverpool and Exeter universities, exploring the importance of Pompeii in the modern imagination.

statistics

Up-to-date figures on staff and student numbers, graduate destinations and other matters can be found online at www.bristol.ac.uk/university/facts

members of Council 2006/07

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Mr Nick Barnett – Vice-President of the Students' Union
Miss Sundas Ali – President of the Postgraduate Union

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