



2007/08 at Bristol: the year in pictures

august

Chemistry + gardening = job well done

Staff and students from the School of Chemistry transformed waste ground into a landscaped garden for Stockwood Community Centre in South Bristol. The work was organised by the University's Graduate Chemistry Association and Business in the Community.

september

Giant molecule lands on building

A model of a carbon molecule was installed on the roof of the new Centre for Nanoscience and Quantum Information. The molecule is known as a buckyball, or fullerene, because it resembles the geodesic sphere made popular by the designer Richard Buckminster 'Bucky' Fuller.

october

New light on Chinese history

A remarkable collection of photographs of China in the late 19th and early 20th century, amassed by researchers in the Department of Historical Studies, was the subject of an exhibition at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London.

november

Discovered: man-sized sea scorpion

Dr Simon Braddy from the Department of Earth Sciences co-authored a paper in the Royal Society journal *Biology Letters* on the discovery of a giant fossilised claw – believed to have belonged to *Jaekelopterus rhenaniae*, a gargantuan sea scorpion about two-and-a-half metres long.

december

Golden horns

The University's big band, The Hornstars, won a Gold Award for the third year in a row at the National Concert Band Festival regional competition in Chepstow. The band gave what adjudicator Paul Matthews described as 'a spectacular performance'.

january

Where there's a Wills ...

January 15 was the hundredth anniversary of a letter that paved the way for University College Bristol to become the University of Bristol. The letter, from H O Wills, pledged the £100,000 necessary for the Privy Council to consider granting a Charter for a new university.

february

WWI veteran lights up skyline

Harry Patch, a 109-year-old veteran of the Great War and a member of the workforce that constructed the University's Wills Memorial Building in the 1920s, switched on the new Wills Tower floodlights at a special ceremony to celebrate the completion of the tower restoration project.

march

Celebrating Spain

The Semana Cultural, an annual event celebrating Luso-Hispanic culture, this year included a special programme of short films and performances of *Bordes*, a play in Spanish devised, written and performed by students on the award-winning Language Through Theatre course.

april

Local academics talk global

The University's 'Global Change Day' brought together researchers to discuss global change research at Bristol. Participants came from departments including Philosophy, Earth Sciences, Chemistry, Geographical Sciences, Biological Sciences, Engineering, Computer Science and Education.

may

Phoenix lands on Mars

NASA's Phoenix Lander touched down on Mars to probe the landscape for conditions favourable to life in the past or present. Dr David Catling from the Department of Earth Sciences was among the UK scientists who provided hardware for the mission.

june

Nature revealed at festival

Bristol's Festival of Nature, the UK's biggest celebration of the natural world, included several events organised by the University. Among those taking part were Dr Fiona Gill from the School of Chemistry and Remmert Schouten from the Department of Earth Sciences.

july

David Bellamy gets into the Garden

Professor David Bellamy, OBE officially opened the 'Evolution Collection' at the University's new Botanic Garden, which is unique in the UK in presenting the history of plant evolution.