

2002



August

Art and science meet in Marlborough St.

Work began on an innovative art project at the new Dorothy Hodgkin Building in Marlborough Street (see 'Capital Projects', p 9). Five large windows will carry changing images created by Portsmouth-based artists Anna Heinrich and Leon Palmer. The windows will incorporate a transparent film material called Duraclear. Pictures projected onto the surfaces from inside will interact with images on the Duraclear film and with life on the street and inside the building.

September

Local kids play up

Hundreds of youngsters from local inner-city schools joined sports professionals (such as former England fast bowler David 'Syd' Lawrence, above) at the University's Coombe Dingle Sports Complex. Pupils were coached in rugby, tennis, football and cricket by players and coaches from Bristol City and Bristol Rovers Football Clubs, Gloucestershire County Cricket Club and the Bristol Shoguns Rugby Club. The event was organised by Active Opportunities, an initiative of Business in the Community's Race for Opportunity (SW) campaign.

October

New sports centre opens

Richard Caborn MP, Minister for Sport (seated right, above), opened the new Centre for Sport, Exercise and Health. The £5-million facility includes a staffed fitness suite, two exercise studios and a double-court sports hall with a balcony that doubles as a jogging track. The building also houses an Exercise and Sports Medicine Workshop and the academic Department of Exercise and Health Sciences.

November

Bristol Dinosaur goes to school

Bristol's very own dinosaur, *Thecodontosaurus*, which roamed the area over 200 million years ago, became the focus of a new educational initiative by the Department of Earth Sciences. The Bristol Dinosaur Project, supported by the Widening Participation Office, introduces schoolchildren to science through dinosaurs, with At-Bristol holding 'hands-on' educational workshops for hundreds of students from local schools.

December

President honoured

The President of Ireland, Mary McAleese, was awarded an Honorary degree of Doctor of Laws at a special ceremony in the Wills Memorial Building. The oration by Professor Patricia Broadfoot described President McAleese's 'triumph of vision over violence and of commitment over conflict'.

January

Tours take in UoB

The Spring Term Tours for the public got under way with a visit to the Royal Fort House. Other tours in the highly successful programme featured Goldney Gardens, Churchill Arboretum, the Botanic Garden, the Synthetic Chemistry Building and the Theatre Collection.

February

New look approved

University Council approved the introduction of a new, consistent visual identity. The University crest continues as part of the fabric of buildings and on certain formal documents. The identity was developed over several months in consultation with University staff. It was first used at the European University Association conference (see March).

March

University chiefs in Bristol

Three hundred university leaders from 45 European countries gathered in Bristol for a major conference on the future of research and higher education across Europe. The event, organised by the European University Association in partnership with the University, highlighted the role of universities in the creation of a globally competitive 'Europe of Knowledge'.

April

Eleanor and the media

Academics from the US and Europe came to Bristol for a symposium on medieval southern French literature and society – and paid their respects to a twelfth-century queen. The three-day event, sponsored by the Colston Research Society and supported by the Centre for Medieval Studies, included a free public lecture by eminent historian Dr Richard Barber, entitled *Eleanor of Aquitaine and the Media: the Making of a Reputation*.

May

Next Chancellor nominated

University Council nominated the Right Honourable Lady Justice Hale DBE to succeed Sir Jeremy Morse as the University's Chancellor. Dame Brenda Hale has achieved distinction as an academic lawyer, law reformer and judge. In 1984, she became the youngest person and the first woman to be appointed to the Law Commission. She was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1989, a High Court judge in 1994 and a Lady Justice of Appeal in 1999. In 2002, the University made her an Honorary Doctor of Laws.

June

Brunel goes digital

The University Library's Brunel Collection – consisting of over 30,000 pages of papers relating to Isambard Kingdom Brunel – received funding from the Arts and Humanities Research Board to digitise its holdings and make them available on the internet for the first time. The grant was awarded to a team led by the Department of Archaeology. The digitisation involves technology developed through the University's Institute of Learning and Research Technology.

July

Tremors at the Royal Society

A team from the Bristol Laboratory for Advanced Dynamics Engineering (BLADE) contributed to the Royal Society's 2003 Summer Science Exhibition. The University stand, 'Movers & Shakers', demonstrated BLADE's performance-based approach to engineering through the use of spaghetti models, an earthquake simulation table, ultrasound and a double pendulum.

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The year in pictures



Sir Jeremy Morse
Chancellor
University of Bristol
1989-2003