2011/2012 The year in pictures

























AUGUST

60 dramatic years

The University of Bristol Theatre Collection celebrated its diamond anniversary (60 years) in a number of ways, including the appointment of Bristol artist Clare Thornton as its first Artist in Residence. Her contributions included *Unfurl*, a performance piece.

SEPTEMBER

Botanic Garden stands out

The University's Botanic Garden was awarded the West Country TV Cup for 'Outstanding Specific Project' in the South West Regional Final of the Britain in Bloom Competition 2011, organised by the Royal Horticultural Society.

OCTOBER

Celebrating Black History

African dance and drumming, poetry and improvisational theatre were among the offerings organised by the Students' Union for local schoolchildren during Black History Month. The University also honoured the life and achievements of a distinguished alumnus, George Odlum (BA 1959), who became Vice President of St Lucia and an ambassador to the UN.

NOVEMBER

Campaign of discovery

An interactive advertising campaign for the University turned an image of the Clifton Suspension Bridge into a QR code – a type of barcode – which, when scanned with a mobile smartphone, takes users to a section of the University's website which promotes the city of Bristol and the University.

FEBRUARY

Royal visit to Langford

Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall, as Patron of the Langford Trust for Animal Health and Welfare, officially opened two new facilities at the School of Veterinary Sciences, Langford, enabling the delivery of top-quality medical and surgical treatments for both large and small animal patients.

MAY

Carrying the flame for Bristol

Three members of the University – Teaching Fellow Shirley Hume and students Georgie Twigg (BA 2012) and Bettina Urban – were bearers of the Olympic torch on its journey through the packed streets of Bristol. Georgie (pictured) went on to win a bronze medal as a member of the GB hockey team.

DECEMBER Brain for Christmas

Professor Bruce Hood, Director of the Bristol Cognitive Development Centre, delivered the Royal Institution's prestigious Christmas Lectures. His three-part presentation, *Meet Your Brain*, was also broadcast on BBC Four.

JANUARY

Year of the Dragon kicks off

Bristol students from China took part in a range of performances and other events at the Bristol Museum and the M Shed to celebrate Chinese New Year. Helping to mark the Year of the Dragon was the University's Chinese Lion Dance Troupe.

MARCH

Alumnus becomes RSC Artistic Director

Greg Doran (BA 1980), award-winning theatre director and Bristol alumnus, was appointed the new Artistic Director of the Royal Shakespeare Company. Doran, who studied Drama and English at Bristol before training at the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School, had been Chief Associate Director at the RSC since 2006. He received an honorary Doctorate from the University in 2011.

JUNE **Suit gives music a hand**

Bristol engineers and programmers were part of a team who developed a 'musical suit' that allows the wearer to manipulate music using hand gestures. Musician Imogen Heap demonstrated the suit at the renowned, annual TEDGlobal conference in Edinburgh, which showcases cuttingedge technologies.

APRIL

Children of the 90s celebrates 21 years

Hundreds of people gathered in Bristol for a conference to discuss the remarkable scientific discoveries the Children of the 90s study at the University has made since it started in 1991. The study has made an enormous contribution to society's understanding of human health and well-being and has influenced important healthcare debates and policies across the world.

JULY Higgs boson revealed?

Bristol physicists working at the Large Hadron Collider at CERN in Geneva played a key role in the experiment that, it is believed, finally established the existence of the Higgs boson. Thousands of trillions of particle collisions were analysed, and the data was transferred along optical fibres to countries around the world, using equipment and software developed at Bristol.