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Marlborough's wine name began in the UK, when the very first sauvignon blancs began receiving accolades at international competitions in the early 1980s. For nearly three decades, the UK has been one of this region's strongest markets, and despite economic difficulties in recent years, is still one of the most important markets for NZ wine, Marcus Pickens says. "While sauvignon blanc has always dominated our UK sales, other Marlborough varieties are now beginning to gain traction with exciting growth in pinot noir and sparkling wine sales. This scholarship is seen as adding another layer to the already strong name Marlborough has in that part of the world."

Wine is one of NZ's premier exports to the UK. The NZ-UK Link Foundation is delighted to announce an exciting new scholarship that will be introduced next year, in conjunction with Wine Marlborough and British Master of Wine John Avery, which brings the special relationship into the limelight.

While the idea of an annual wine scholarship has been fermenting away for some time, once the idea was raised with Wine Marlborough, marketing manager Marcus Pickens says they were very keen to become a part of it and plans have formulated very quickly.

From Wine Marlborough's perspective, making the right connections in business and gaining rapid understanding of your customers' needs is a vital part of being successful, says Marcus. "This is why Wine Marlborough, Marlborough's regional wine association, is working together with Britain's John Avery, Master of Wine (MW), and the NZ-UK Link Foundation to promote professional development through an annual wine industry scholarship, together with the region and its wines."

A Memorandum of Understanding is being developed between the three parties for signature. The proposed objectives of the Scholarship will be to introduce young wine industry professionals from the Marlborough region to industry partners in the UK and vice versa; to build and strengthen commercial links between Wine Marlborough and UK importers, distributors and retailers; and, generally to increase mutual understanding of the wine industry in both New Zealand and the UK by each country's wine growers and marketers.

It is proposed that a wine growing professional from Marlborough be selected every two years to travel to the UK to study the wine business there for a period of four to six weeks. The NZ recipient will be hosted by industry personnel while in the UK with all airfares, internal travel, accommodation and approved living expenses covered by the scholarship, which will be funded by Wine Marlborough.

In the intervening years, it is intended that a wine industry professional from the UK will come to Marlborough for a similar time to study this region's wine industry. S/he will be hosted by members of Wine Marlborough and members

of the wine industry, with support from the NZ-UK Link Foundation. While in the province they will be able to study first-hand the local viticultural methods, quality standards, uniqueness and export competitiveness of Marlborough.

It is hoped that the first scholarship will be awarded in 2010. More information will be available next issue and at www.nzuklinkfoundation.org in due course.



John Avery MW has been instrumental in encouraging the new NZ-UK Link Foundation Wine Scholarship. He is chairman of Avery's of Bristol, wine merchants, a company which has a 200 year history of selling wine in the UK. He is the vice-president of the International Wine and Food Society, a former chairman of the Institute of Masters of Wine and a former Master of the Worshipful Company of Vintners. John has always had a bit of a soft spot for Marlborough, ever since he first became aware of this region back in the early 1980s.

SUPPORTING CRANFIELD ALUMNI...

Orientation Over for New Cranfield Scholar



John is one of seven NZ students taking Cranfield's MBA course this year. Pictured left to right are: Ngaire Dunn, Karl Burrows, John Molloy, Ivor Smith, Amber Rennie, Pete Grogan and Adam Saleem.

Orientation week is already over for John Molloy of Auckland - the third New Zealander to be awarded a scholarship to study on the prestigious full-time MBA programme at Cranfield School of Management in the UK since the Link Foundation commenced its direct association with Cranfield in 2007. The product manager for an Auckland technology company started on the year long programme in October and arrived with his young family to join six other Kiwis on the course.

This year, the Cranfield NZ Alumni Scholarship covers half tuition fees, a contribution toward living expenses provided by Cranfield alumni in NZ, and a return airfare provided by the NZ-UK Link Foundation. The total value of the scholarship is approximately \$60,000.

Announcing John's selection earlier this year, Mark Horton, of the NZ-UK Link Foundation, commented: "The Foundation is delighted to partner with Cranfield in providing such a valuable

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scholarship opportunity for a promising young New Zealander."

Previously a NZ and North Harbour volleyball representative, John acknowledged before his departure that the course will be academically challenging. He's been pleased to find that he is mixing with young leaders from over 30 countries, providing valuable networks for doing business when he returns to NZ.

His first week at Cranfield has showed him how much you can pack into one week.

"This time last Monday I didn't know a soul in the Cranfield 2009/10 class, yet here I sit, just seven days later, surrounded by people from every corner of the planet - many of whom I am sure I will come to count as friends in the coming months."

It was Orientation week that did it, he says. "It was a whirlwind of group activities designed to test us and unite us. From survival simulations to three-day learning cycles; sporting competitions to cabaret productions; quiz nights to international nights, the class of 2008/09 meet their final challenge with gusto. They have passed us the Cranfield torch and challenged us to hold it high and keep it burning bright.

"We have been left under no illusion as to the magnitude and number of challenges that await us, we will be required to push our boundaries on all fronts but perhaps more importantly, we know that we cannot do it alone. Teamwork at Cranfield is not optional, it is essential.

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New Zealanders have been attending the Cranfield MBA course for the past 36 years. There are now some 120 Cranfield alumni who are New Zealand citizens or residents.

World Class Boards a Success

The two jointly organised Cranfield/Link Foundation seminars in mid-August featuring Cranfield's professor of international management, Professor Andrew Kakabadse, were a great success.

Each event attracted between 30 to 40, including prominent private sector directors and chief executives, Cranfield alumni and Link Foundation Friends. In Auckland, people gathered at the KPMG offices and in Wellington at the British High Commissioner's residence.

Cranfield Alumni coordinator David Ryan reported that Professor Kakabadse spoke about the qualities of world-class boards. His presentation was followed by discussion in break-out groups,



Pictured at the Auckland event are (left to right): John Molloy, Cranfield Scholarship winner, Zephyr Technology; Don Brash, director Transpower; Jo Brosnahan, chair Leadership NZ; Professor Kakabadse, Cranfield School of Management; Ian Morrice, chief executive, The Warehouse Group.

report-backs from the groups and further discussion and questions.

"Our thanks to the High Commissioner for allowing us to use Homewood and for hosting our

guests at drinks after the event. The event helped the Link Foundation to raise awareness among a wide range of people."

... FLIGHT NURSES AND FILM ARCHIVISTS...

Two New NZ Discretionary Awards for 2009

A flight nurse and a film archivist are the recipients of two new NZ Discretionary Awards worth a total of \$6,000 recently granted by the Link Foundation.

Flight nurse Karyn Hathaway received a retrospective grant of \$3,000 that helped her get to the UK to undertake further studies towards her Masters of Health Science (Endorsed Aeromedical Retrieval and Transport). Originally from Palmerston North, she is a charge nurse in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at Wellington Hospital and the senior ICU flight nurse in Wellington's Flight Retrieval Service and is in the final year of her Masters through Otago University School of Medicine. As part of her final year she was required to attend an international residential school that this year was held in Stirling, Scotland.

"This was an amazing opportunity to learn from international experts in aeromedical systems, clinical practice and education and to learn from the UK experience of aeromedical evacuation in Scotland. I was able to return from the course having a positive impact



Karyn Hathaway.

on the aeromedical industry in NZ and internationally," Karyn says, adding that she presented a paper on her experience at the national aeromedical and emergency conference in New Zealand in August. More on that later.

Film Archivist Mark Williams is currently on an internship

with the London film-makers Co-operative (LUX) that enables him to study and develop networks for exchange of experimental film and video between the UK and NZ. Mark is also involved with the visit of British film artist and modernist film-maker Malcolm le Grice to NZ.

New Charitable Trust: Rutherford Foundation

The Royal Society of NZ recently established a charitable trust, known as the Rutherford Foundation, to assist talented emerging New Zealand scientists, students and teachers.

The Foundation has strong linkages with the UK through its two PhD scholarships to Cambridge, funded jointly by the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust, and post-doctoral fellowships sponsored by the Freemasons Roskill Foundation. The first Freemasons post-doctoral fellowship to be announced was to Cambridge, and next year's fellowship is to the University of Edinburgh.

The inaugural 2009 PhD scholars - George Gordon and Rachael Shaw - are already at Cambridge University. George's research is part of an intelligent airport project, using technologies that connect information from

many independent electronic sources, including fibre optics and radio frequency technologies. Rachael, who is considered to be an excellent science communicator, will undertake psychological studies of mental time travel in the Western Scrub Jay, as well as consciousness and memory.

Professor Sir Paul Callaghan, trustee of the Rutherford Foundation, said: "Both these young people will be wonderful ambassadors for New Zealand science. They also have a strong desire to return home and make their careers here. That is great to hear. The Rutherford Foundation trustees plan to increase the number of research opportunities here so that more of our bright young scientists can return home."

The second round of awards of PhD scholarships to Cambridge

was announced recently by the Foundation. They went to three recipients (the third being also supported by the Cavendish Laboratory): Julian Peat and Naomi White, both from the University of Otago and Yvette Perrott from the University of Auckland. Julian Peat will study ribonucleic acid (RNA), the building block of genetic material, while Naomi White will look at the improvement of social and communication skills in children with autism using musical intervention programmes. Astronomer Yvette Perrott will be hosted by Cavendish Laboratory and will study gravitational microlensing, a technique used to discover planets around stars, their sizes and relative distances.

For more information visit www.royalsociety.org.nz/Site/rutherford.

...AND CULINARY EXCHANGE

Love of Cooking Inspired by Father

Thomas Williams of the George Hotel in Christchurch has been named NZ-UK Link Foundation Cookery Apprentice of the Year, within the Hospitality Standards Institute's awards of excellence. He receives a six week work experience placement in England organised by Kiwi restaurateur Peter Gordon.

Thomas and his fellow cookery apprentices were required to design a three-course menu based on a surprise box of ingredients given to each of them on the cook-off day, held at the Manukau Institute of Technology on 5 July. All were to be cooked within three hours. His winning dish was a boudin of duck breast with sherry caramel and orange watercress salad, followed by beef fillet with caramelised onions, horseradish cream, rosemary jus, cauliflower purée and game chips. For dessert, Thomas went for 'refreshing flavours' and prepared wasabi pannacotta with vanilla anglaise and fresh tamarillo.

His love of cooking was inspired by his father, who is also a chef, and he has been inspired by the top-class chefs with whom he works. "They have been really supportive in preparing me for the competition by giving me mystery ingredient challenges and passing on their skills and experience," he says.

Thomas' boss Andrew Brown, executive chef at the George Hotel's Pescatore Restaurant, was also impressed with his skills, saying "He has real talent, a lot of senior chefs would probably struggle with opening a box and deciding what to make. He did really well."

Thomas is looking forward to a successful career in hospitality and hopes to become one of NZ's premier chefs. He is also looking to furthering his skills in London. "This prize is a once in a lifetime opportunity and will give me a chance to learn from the best and get my name out there."

HSI chief executive Steve Hanrahan says the high standard

of the competition and entrants indicates the strong future of NZ hospitality. "The competitors worked extremely hard to prepare for this event and are a great example of the talented, passionate young people who will go far in the hospitality industry," he says.



A jubilant Thomas Williams holds up his winning plaque and certificate, after being presented with them by Mark Horton.

Luke Fouracre Wins 2009 Culinary Challenge

On the other side of the world, the British 2009 NZ-UK Link Foundation Culinary Challenge winner was also selected as we were finalising this edition.

Luke Fouracre, a demi-chef de partie at the House of Commons in London and former student at Westminster Kingsway College,

beat off this year's bumper crop of entries to win the month-long all expenses paid trip to NZ to work in some of NZ's top restaurants.

Eight young chefs competed on 9 November at Westminster Kingsway College in London. Luke's win was announced at a reception that evening in the Penthouse of NZ

House in London, attended by all of the finalists and special guests. Top NZ winery Craggy Range supplied the wines and Peter Gordon provided a delicious array of canapés.

A video and more information can be viewed at the website www.nzuklinkfoundation.org. More next issue.



Former All Black Sean Fitzpatrick was on hand to present the 2009 award to Luke Fouracre.



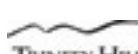
Just a sample from Luke's delicious award-winning three-course menu: loin of NZ venison, herb mousse with beetroot purée, venison hot pot, glazed young vegetables and a shallot and port jus.

2008 Winners

The 2008 winners, Chris White (UK) and Thomas Townsend (NZ), have been to each other's countries, had a fabulous - and hard-working - time in a variety of top restaurants and recently reported back enthusiastically on their experiences. Both say they have learned much and have expressed a desire to spend more time in the other country. You can read of their experiences at the Culinary Exchange tab at www.nzuklinkfoundation.org.

NZ FRIENDS OF THE NZ-UK LINK

Parky and Friends



We were excited that Sir Michael Parkinson CBE took some time out of his busy sell-out tour itinerary of NZ to be the guest of honour at a reception held at Premier House in Wellington on 5 November, courtesy of the Prime Minister, Hon John Key.

Organised by the Link Foundation's NZ Management Committee, former TVNZ head Ian Fraser conversed with Sir Michael in an easy and informal format that enthralled the audience. Both later mixed and mingled with the 150

guests at this unique, intimate and special event that raised funds for the NZ Discretionary Awards.

We learned that Sir Michael's destiny could have been to go down the pit (Grimethorpe Colliery) like his father, but he had other ideas and became a junior reporter instead. His first typing exercises involved 'K1 P1', typing out his mother's 'very clever' knitting patterns, he was the first BBC presenter to interview the Rolling Stones - Mick Jagger gave the band a year at the most at the time - his worst interview involved Meg Ryan, most awkward interviewee

was Kenneth Williams, his favourite guest was Dame Edna Everage and, most amusingly, his father 'kidnapped' Sir Michael's wife Mary to make sure she gave birth to their son in Yorkshire, so he could play for the County. Costing Sir Michael £1,000 in the process, he added.

Wines were donated by Hunter's, Trinity Hill and Eurowine/Main Divide and the sparkling event was also generously supported by HSBC. In addition, our thanks to Ruth Pretty Catering and Vidcom Sound NZ Ltd.



Guests including Kate Ferguson (left), Darryl Stephens and Robin Ferguson (right) were keen to learn more from Sir Michael.



Ian Fraser's easy interview style teased some very amusing and interesting information out of the guest of honour.



Margaret, Lady Trotter with Gillian Horton.

Spooks 'Hit-Man' Talks

Spooks 'hit-man' Neil Cross, British novelist and scriptwriter for the last three seasons of the BAFTA award-winning BBC spy drama series Spooks, spoke to NZ Friends of the NZ-UK Link in Wellington in August.

The lunch, superbly accommodated by the Wellesley Boutique Hotel, attracted a capacity crowd of 100 Friends and Spooks-loving guests to hear Neil talk of his work, motivations and plot devices in a fabulous intimate occasion.

Neil's brief talk revealed his classic NZ-UK link is to be married to a Kiwi and living and working in Wellington, while 'commuting' to work in Britain for the BBC and was followed by a longer, interactive and

entertaining period of questions and answers. Guests learned he wanted to write from an early age - starting with cartoons and speech bubbles until he realised it was simpler and easier to write the story itself - to novels, script-writing for television and now possibly some movie work in the wings. It's evident writing, in any form, is a passion and he is so proud to be working for the BBC, he said. "It still gives me a lump in my chest."

For Spooks fans, amongst all the series writers, Neil has perhaps the highest 'hit-rate' of lead actors being killed off during his episodes. Writing for the show itself can be as nail-biting as the plots, he

confirmed, finding himself once having to completely re-write a plot strand of an episode in three hours, with the set being built, literally, as he wrote. He also found the 'essence of Englishness' in filming the scene where the character Adam (played by Rupert Penry-Jones) runs down a London street during the day in a blood-soaked jumpsuit screaming his attacker's name. It resulted in no reaction from bystanders not connected with the filming. Only in London!

The cliff-hanger from the end of the last season - lead character Harry Pearce (played by Peter Firth) was left bound, gagged and zipped into a body bag in the boot of a car - remains tantalisingly unanswered, however. Neil laid down his Spooks pen at that point to pick up another for the opportunity to write his own series, leaving another writer to come up with the answer. We can't wait to watch both.

Neil's most recent book *Burial* is out in paperback in NZ. His next book *Captured* will be released in the UK in January 2010.



Neil's entertaining delivery and humorous answers kept the audience enthralled and questions flowing right to the end.



It was a capacity audience at the event, the first of a series of similar lunchtime functions for NZ Friends of the NZ-UK Link.

Our People

New NZ Management Committee member Brian Busby hails from south-east England, but has lived in NZ for at least the past three decades with wife Anita. The former chemistry teacher with the Correspondence School already has inside knowledge of the Foundation, having filled in very ably as an interim Executive Officer before Helen Middleton was appointed. His organisational skills and attention to detail will be welcomed. Welcome aboard Brian.

It is with great sadness that we report the death in late September of Joe Battiston, after a short illness. Until relatively recently, Joe had been a member of the NZ Management Committee. Having been a long-time Friend of the NZ-UK Link and a face at nearly every Foundation gathering in Wellington, the former accountant very willingly stepped into the role of treasurer for the Committee in early 2007. Joe's expertise and advice, coupled with his calm, cheerful and positive disposition, supported the preparation of nearly three years of accounts. He will be greatly missed by his Foundation colleagues. Our condolences go to his widow Dorothy and family.



Join the NZ Friends of the NZ-UK Link Foundation

You can support the work of the Foundation in NZ by becoming a NZ Friend of the NZ-UK Link Foundation. In return for your support, you will receive copies of *The Link* newsletter, invitations to exclusive events like the ones on the previous page and the opportunity to meet other Friends.

For further information, please contact the Foundation's UK or NZ offices (addresses at the end of the newsletter) or visit www.nzuklinkfoundation.org.

We are delighted to announce that Wellesley College in Day's Bay, near Wellington, has become our most recent Corporate Friend. It joins AMI, Deer Industry NZ, HSBC, Eurowine, Ebert Construction, Griffin Savage, the Meat Industry Association, Reynard Health Supplies and Scots College.

Foundation's Direction Reviewed

The Trustees have spent a good deal of time this year reviewing the Foundation's direction and activities. Current expenditure is largely directed to a range of relatively modest projects - each with its own inherent worth. The Trustees wanted to explore whether much of this expenditure might be targeted instead towards clearer and more substantial long term goals - in line with the Trust's original purpose. This review is doubly important because of the impact of a very difficult financial climate for charities. The financial situation has eased a little in recent months but we are certainly not out of the woods yet in terms of the Foundation's investment income and obtaining sponsorship.

Having reviewed the original purposes of the Foundation and where its future direction should lie, the Trustees have concluded that the Link Foundation primarily exists 'to make an ongoing substantial contribution to the intellectual, educational, vocational and academic underpinning of the bilateral NZ-UK relationship in a changing world'. We have discussed a number of possible initiatives to give impetus to this objective. One which we are pursuing with the University of London is the idea of short visiting professorships linked to subjects of interest to both NZ and the UK. We believe that this new initiative would raise the profile and impact of the Link Foundation and its purpose, particularly since the incumbents of such visiting professorships would be required to engage with wider audiences in the UK during their time here.

In parallel, we shall also be looking very carefully at some of our current funding support for activities led by others and, over time, will end those which we consider are no longer serving the Foundation's main aims. I should add that in doing this we shall be acting no differently from other UK charities and organisations with which we have been in partnership in the past.

Let me end by extending our best wishes and warm thanks to all our supporters.



Richard Fell
Chairman of Trustees,
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