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SUPPORTING VITICULTURE ...

Pickens Picked As First Wine Scholar

Marcus Pickens, a NZ wine industry professional from Marlborough, has been selected as the first Wine Marlborough-John Avery-NZ-UK Link Foundation scholar.

Marcus has spent three weeks in the UK studying the wine industry there and meeting with key players in the distribution and retail sectors. He reports that his three week scholarship has been one of the highlights of his 18-year career in the wine trade.

"I discovered a lot about the strong bond between the UK and NZ," he says, adding that association with the NZ-UK Link Foundation "had opened doors" when organising the itinerary in NZ and later on the ground in the UK. "I feel very privileged to have had this opportunity."

The reciprocal scholarship was established in 2009 in a joint agreement between UK Master of Wine John Avery, the NZ-UK Link Foundation and Wine Marlborough. Its purpose is to increase mutual understanding of the wine industry in both NZ and the UK by each country's wine growers and marketers, while at the same time furthering the education and development of wine industry professionals who demonstrate potential as leaders in their respective wine industries. It is intended that Wine Scholars will



Left to right are: 2011 Wine Scholar Marcus Pickens, Helen Middleton and Mark Horton, chairman of the NZ Management Committee in Wellington prior to Marcus' departure.

alternate between NZ and the UK, one a year.

Marcus, general manager of Wine Marlborough, was delighted to be chosen to set the ground for future scholars.

"It takes a long time to get a scholarship up and running," explains NZ Management Committee member Helen Middleton, "Which is why it is important that anyone working towards its successful establishment has to be steeped in knowledge of the region and its future goals. We think Marcus does that extremely well."

In 2012, the recipient will be chosen from industry professionals

in the UK and will spend three to four weeks in Marlborough, NZ, studying that region's wine industry. The recipient will be hosted by Wine Marlborough and will be placed at a Marlborough winery or series of wineries, experiencing at first-hand local viticulture standards, learning about the sub-regional differences, the array of varieties produced, quality standards and the export competitiveness.

The Wine Scholarship has been developed over a number of years. Instrumental to its foundation was former NZ-UK Link Foundation management committee member and former trade commissioner to the UK, Don Walker, together with John Avery MW.

Funding for the Scholarship has come from John Avery MW, Wine Marlborough, Liquorland Top 100 Fellowship and the NZ-UK Link Foundation.

Further details of the 2012 Wine Marlborough-John Avery- NZ-UK-Link Foundation Scholarship, together with application forms, will be available on the Wine Marlborough and NZ-UK Link Foundation websites www.wine-marlborough.co.nz and www.nzuklinkfoundation.org early in 2012.



Marcus Pickens talking to Phillip Gregan, chief executive of NZ Winegrowers (left).

SUPPORTING MUSICIANS ...

A Cherished Career Experience

Cellist Karen French, this year's Elman Poole Music Scholar, says she will remember and cherish her experience as an intern with London's Southbank Sinfonia for the rest of her life.

Karen, who grew up in Plimmerton, north of Wellington in NZ, says she knew right from the beginning that this would be an experience that would benefit her career immensely.

"I knew that it would be a busy year - they tell you that from the beginning - but on top of that it's been a huge amount of fun," says Karen. "From the education projects to the large scale orchestral performances I have learned something," she reports, adding that she is continually finding inspiration, from the incredible people that she gets to work with, like Vladimir Ashkenazy, Raphael Wallfisch, The Academy of St. Martin's in the Fields and Matthew Barley to her fellow colleagues in the orchestra.



Karen French.

A highlight of her nine-month internship so far has been working with the Academy of St Martin's in the Fields, when the orchestra performed, uncondacted, with Harvey de Souza leading the orchestra with other members of St Martin's playing with Southbank too. "The level of focus and devotion that was expected from us was high and every single member of the orchestra gave it. In that very short week, we learned a lot about how to work together as an ensemble and what it is to play as one unit."

Being given the opportunity to grow and develop as a musician in a way you may not be able to in a larger orchestra has been another aspect that she really appreciates.

"We are exposed to so many different areas of music. We play chamber music, we do jazz projects, improvisation and education projects, including playing to 7,000 school children in a football stadium in Bradford.

"It doesn't just bridge the gap between studying and playing professionally, it lifts you up and supports you as well. Sometimes it can be stressful because there is such a high turnaround in the music we perform, but this is the reality of what you have to do if you want to be a professional musician. Each week a different concert and the repertoire is hard! The great thing is that we all knuckle down and do it.

"I want to thank the Link Foundation for helping me to be able to do what I'm doing in London," says Karen. "This is the opportunity of a lifetime for me and I am very grateful to all that have made it possible."

She will return to NZ later this year.

Drawn to the cello at a young age, when her parents took her to Tawa Music Centre and she refused the violin in favour of the "big one", Karen says she was very lucky to have had good teachers in Wellington. Supplemented by study with Edith Salzmann in Christchurch, before gaining a Bachelor's of Music (Honours), she moved on to post-graduate study in Germany at the Staatliche Hochschule für Musik Trossingen with Mario de Secondi, which was "a truly eye-opening experience," she says.



Playing with the Southbank Sinfonia.

The Elman Poole Music Fellowship is an award for an up-and-coming NZ instrumentalists supported by the Southern Sinfonia in Dunedin, NZ, to play with the renowned London orchestra, the Southbank Sinfonia. The award has been made possible through the generosity of Dr Elman Poole, a former Otago medical graduate, who has spent most of his life specialising in neurology in Oxford, England, where he is now retired. Link assists in the selection process and funds the travel component of the fellowship.

Terry Smith, Air NZ New Zealander of the Year 2011

Terry Smith, former chairman of the Sir Keith Park Memorial Campaign, was named as the Air NZ New Zealander of the Year 2011 at the NZ Society annual Waitangi Day dinner in London on 4 February.

The award, presented at the dinner held this year in the Crypt of St Ethelreda's Church in London, is in recognition of someone who has made a significant contribution to the links and positive profile of NZ in the UK.

Former stockbroker and current chief executive of Fundsmith, a new

fund management business, Terry led a campaign to commission and place a permanent statue of Sir Keith Park in central London near NZ House. Sir Keith was the NZ-born RAF officer who commanded 11 Group (responsible for the defence of London and the south-east of England) during the Battle of Britain.

Runners up for the award, now in its twelfth year, were Katherine Conrich, founder and global chair of Sysdoc and Barrie Neilson, yachting holiday entrepreneur.



Terry Smith: the man who made the Sir Keith Park memorial a physical reality.

... SHAKESPEARE STUDIES...

Preparing 21st Century Learners

Lesley Shepherd has been selected as a 2011 NZ Discretionary Award winner, gaining \$2,000 towards her travel costs from the NZ-UK Link Foundation.

Lesley, currently director of teaching and learning at Macleans College in Auckland, is travelling to the UK in July as part of the Shakespeare Globe Centre NZ (SGCNZ) Teachers Go Global project.

She is looking forward to the opportunity to investigate original practices in Shakespearian theatre at the Globe Theatre in London and will also attend a range of intensive and exciting workshops in a professional development programme.

Originally hailing from South Africa, the English and drama teacher is passionate about Shakespeare's plays. Her students have on many occasions over the



Lesley Shepherd (right) with one of her students, Blaise Clotworthy, who is also going to the Globe with the SGCE Young Shakespeare Company (the Sheilah Winn 2011 winners).

past 10 years been selected through the annual Sheilah Winn festival, run by the Shakespeare Globe Centre NZ, to attend workshops offered by the Globe Theatre in London. She will travel to the UK with the selected 2011 Sheilah Winn students.

Explaining her fascination with the Bard, Lesley says he: "holds a mirror up to our society and our humanity". Exploring the plays leads to an understanding of ourselves, she believes.

"We need to prepare 21st century learners to understand their lives through the lens of Shakespearean texts and Elizabethan Society."

Lesley maintains that there is a need to de-mystify studies in "this amazing author" and that more NZ English and drama teachers need to be encouraged to pursue a study of his works with their students, both on the page and on the stage.

"A perception exists that the study of Shakespeare's plays is too complex, both for teachers and students. Students should be exposed to his work in a meaningful way that links to their lives as well as through performance, developing a high level of appreciation and enjoyment. They should also have a better appreciation of the language we speak and the history of a country that has such strong ties with us."

SGCNZ's powerhouse Dawn Sanders has been working tirelessly on the preparations for the trip and

Lesley is very grateful to her and the organisation for the opportunity, as well as to the Foundation for kick-starting her fundraising so generously.

We will report more on Lesley's experience in a later edition of The Link.



Dressed up as Shakespearean characters for a Go Global fund-raiser, held on Friday 13th May for Blaise.

NZ Discretionary Awards 2011-2012

Applications for the 2011/12 NZ Discretionary Awards will close on 31 October 2011. More information is available from www.nzuklinkfoundation.org/fellowships/new-zealand-discretionary-awards.php, where an application form can also be downloaded.

NZ's New Governor-General

Lieutenant-General Sir Jerry Mateparae is to be NZ's new Governor-General.

Current Governor-General and NZ-UK Link Foundation Vice-Patron, Rt Hon Sir Anand Satyanand, has warmly applauded the appointment of his successor-designate.

The appointment, announced by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, will take effect from 31 August 2011, when Sir Anand completes his own five-year term.

The Lieutenant General, who is a highly regarded leader with a distinguished 38 year military career, will be NZ's 20th Governor-General. His appointment has been welcomed by Prime Minister John Key who said

he believes "Sir Jerry will bring great mana and a wide range of qualities to this role, including judgement, energy and an enthusiasm for encouraging excellence in others.

"As Governor-General, he will have the opportunity to work with a wide range of New Zealanders and develop an active programme in the community. Jerry has served NZ with dedication and honour throughout his career and I am delighted that he has agreed to continue that service in a new, broader role."

Sir Jerry joined the NZ Army in 1972, rising through the ranks, serving and commanding in a wide variety of roles. This culminated in his appointment as Chief of the Defence

Force in 2006. He is currently director of the Government Communications Security Bureau.

Sir Jerry was knighted by The Queen at Buckingham Palace in early June.



... BUSINESS STUDENTS ...

Snow Problem

Snow is not the only different element to be encountered by the latest Cranfield NZ Alumni Scholar, Rhys Welbourne.

Reporting from Cranfield mid-way through his year-long MBA course, Rhys says the Christmas break was certainly needed after the exams and project deadlines of the first term. "It was fantastic to enjoy the time with the family and just rest," he says. The family went to see the Christmas lights in Oxford Street, London and even managed a trip back in time to see King Henry VIII at Hampton Court.

Term two 'started with a bang', however: "A week-long project management module that really stretched the new learning teams."

According to Rhys, the course is certainly not failing to meet expectations (nor its reputation as a tough year) and the quality of teaching and availability of materials is "incredibly high".

It's not all work, though. An International Week gave Cranfield's Kiwi students the opportunity to showcase their NZ culture and learn about the cultures of fellow students from 38 different countries. NZ, China and Indonesia were the countries opening the event.

"We decided the best way to win people over to the NZ cause was through good kai and good wine."

What eventuated was a wine tasting with homemade pavlovas and ANZAC biscuits, lots of information and a big-screen projector showing images of "our beautiful country."

The highlight was a game organised for the children of the cohort - throwing a jandal into a kete. With a pineapple lump as a prize for whoever could achieve the goal, competition was high, says Rhys.

The other nights were equally well attended and the students were treated to some of the best food from around the world as well as dance and

information. "It really was a great way to connect with people outside of the academic environment and understand the cultures they came from."



Rhys Welbourne (far right) pictured holding his daughter Bess with the other New Zealanders at Cranfield this year. Left to right: Jane Pender, Rachel Alderton, Tessa Irving and Scott Coles.

The Cranfield NZ Alumni Scholarship is funded by the Cranfield NZ Alumni and the Cranfield School of Management. The NZ-UK Link Foundation assists in the selection process and funds the travel component of the Scholarship.

New Trustee Cycles For Christchurch

New Trustee and NZ-UK Link Foundation treasurer **Adam Saleem** got on his bike and cycled with over 70 other riders from London to Christ Church College, Oxford in a charity ride in aid of the Christchurch, NZ, earthquake appeal. Dedication to the task was awe-inspiring. One individual even managed to finish the final 10 miles with just the seat post after his seat snapped off! The group raised £18,742.80 from the event and were looking forward to augmenting their efforts with a charity auction evening in London at the end of June.

A Cranfield MBA graduate - which is where he first came into contact with the Link Foundation - Adam

joined the Foundation in March this year. He is a chartered accountant with the NZ Institute of Chartered Accountants and is currently chief financial officer of Aberdair Aviation Ltd, a Kenya-based aviation company specialising in carrying oil, gas and minerals company personnel through East and West Africa. Adam splits his time between London and Nairobi for this role.

Before starting his MBA, Adam commenced his career with KPMG in Wellington and worked in several senior accounting positions in London. Outside his work with Aberdair Aviation and the NZ UK Link Foundation, he has a passion for

entrepreneurial ventures and advises small companies in the capacity of a non-executive director. He is also a keen sportsman, as we can see!



Adam Saleem (left) with former UK Executive Officer Francis King.

James Nesbitt, Lunch With Friends

James Nesbitt (pictured right) was guest of honour and speaker at a very successful Friends of the NZ-UK Link Foundation lunch on 16 June in Wellington, which sold out three weeks ahead of deadline! The event, supported by HSBC, happened after we went to layout.

The acclaimed Northern Irish actor and star of *Cold Feet*, *Waking Ned Devine*, *Bloody Sunday* and many other film and TV productions is in NZ to play Bofur, the dwarf, in *The Hobbit*.

More information is available at www.nzuklinkfoundation.org and we'll include a report in the next edition of *The Link*.



New e-Link for NZ Friends

The NZ Management Committee of the NZ-UK Link Foundation has started an electronic newsletter *e-Link*, focusing on NZ events for NZ Friends, which is being sent out between newsletters. If you are not receiving a copy, and would like to keep up with NZ-based events and news, supply your email address to Tony Fryer, NZ Executive Officer at link-foundation@clear.net.nz. You can also get information about becoming a Friend of the NZ-UK Link Foundation and enjoy the membership privileges that brings!

... AND NZ-UK LINK

UK-NZ Link Sometimes Underestimated

The contribution from the UK, and how the two countries mirror each other, is sometimes underestimated, is the conclusion of the NZ-UK Link Foundation's first Visiting Professor following her recent study period in the UK.

Professor Margaret Wilson addressed the annual meeting of Friends of the NZ-UK Link Foundation in Wellington in April, attended by about 60.

"It was one of the most enjoyable academic placements I've ever had," she said of her three months in the UK, attached to the School of Advanced Study at the University of London.

In all she gave four major papers during her placement, speaking to



Speaking at Homewood, Professor Margaret Wilson told the audience that the NZ-UK relationship is strong, but needs to be worked on.

100 politicians on hung parliaments and MMP, 200 barristers in London's Inner Temple on 'Who makes the law?' - the role of the relatively new Supreme Courts in both countries, academics at the University of London on the Human Rights Act and Institute for Government members and non-governmental organisations on lobbying in an MMP environment. Professor Wilson was also invited to speak on MMP on 13 other occasions, "indicating to me an interest in MMP and a willingness to compare NZ's experience to the UK situation," she said.

She also lectured at Cambridge University on 'How parliaments could work better' and at Oxford University on developments in NZ human rights law.

During her time in the UK, she noted a willingness for the Commonwealth to become more active. However, in order for to survive, it is generally felt that it needs to come up-to-date.

Professor Wilson hadn't, however, quite realised the effect of devolution - the de-centralising of political power back to the Scottish and Welsh assemblies - on the UK psyche. She also said that Europe is an "ever-conscious presence" with European law being drawn into UK law and then, ultimately, NZ law.

"The relationship is extremely important, but like all relationships it needs to be constantly worked at."

Second Visiting Professor Announced

The second NZ-UK Link Foundation Visiting Professorship has been announced. Professor Jonathan Gardner, an expert in marine protected areas, will be attached to the School of Advanced Study at the University of London for three months later this year. His lecture focus - NZ's experience with establishing marine protected areas - has relevance to the UK and also to other Commonwealth countries.

"We expect this subject to be of great interest for UK audiences given the UK's planned programme of establishing similar areas. It is also a subject with a wider international resonance," says Foundation chair Richard Fell.

More information about Professor Gardner's proposed lecture series will be available later in the year at www.nzuklinkfoundation.org.



Jonathan Gardner.

Indelible Ties

The UK's first female high commissioner to NZ, Her Excellency Vicki Treadell, also spoke at the annual meeting, mentioning the "indelible ties" between the two countries and noting the British Government's keenness to "reinvigorate the traditional relationship but develop things that speak to the modern relationship."

She gave two examples of those modern ties. Firstly, the people in Canterbury in the UK who had been working hard to raise money to rebuild Canterbury's iconic Christchurch cathedral. Secondly, the UK Urban Search and Research (USAR) teams who had worked alongside the NZ teams, initially in NZ after the 22 February earthquake and then a short while

later in Japan, after the devastating earthquake and tsunami there.

In a visit to Mount Roskill with Labour leader Phil Goff, the High Commissioner had visited a primary school with a roll of children originating from multiple countries. When she asked the children what the UK meant to them, the children answered with the usual soccer players and popstars, but also with the Queen, she remarked. Over 80 percent of them put their hands up in favour of retaining the Queen as NZ's head of state. On investigation, the links she found the children most valued were the Commonwealth and its traditions.

The UK is once again looking to build up trade between the two countries, the High Commissioner advised.



Indelible ties link the two countries, said Her Excellency Vicki Treadell, the new British High Commissioner to NZ.

Chairman of the Foundation's NZ Management Committee Mark Horton updated the Friends on the year's activities at the annual meeting. The 2009-2010 annual report can be downloaded at www.nzuklinkfoundation.org.nz.

Chair Changes



Richard Fell, outgoing chair, Trustees, NZ-UK Link Foundation.

The Visiting Professorship initiative launched last year by the NZ-UK Link Foundation proved to be a very considerable success thanks largely to the efforts of Margaret Wilson, the first incumbent and now a second Visiting Professor has been appointed, Professor Jonathan Gardner of Victoria University, Wellington (see page five), writes the outgoing chair of the Trustees Richard Fell.

There are also changes taking place among Link Trustees. After nearly nine years of involvement with the Link at the NZ and UK ends, latterly as chair of the Trustees, I have decided to stand down as chair in July, while continuing as a Trustee for a short period. I am very glad that my successor will be Sir Graeme Davies. Of NZ origin and a very distinguished academic and university administrator, Sir Graeme was until last year vice-chancellor of the University of London and, prior to that, vice-chancellor of the University of Glasgow and the University of Liverpool.

Our treasurer, Graham Lovelock, has also stood down from that role handing over to Adam Saleem, a Cranfield graduate (see page four). Like me, Graham will stay on as a Trustee for a little time longer. I am very grateful to him for his contribution to the Link. Being treasurer of an organisation is never the easiest of tasks and he has guided us through the recent period of financial challenges with great skill.

Let me conclude by sending my best wishes to all Friends of the Link and our thanks for your continued interest and support, The Foundation continues to play a valuable role in maintaining and developing the connections between NZ and the UK and I am sure this will remain the case in the future.

Looking Forward to Role

Meanwhile, incoming chair Sir Graeme writes that it is with real pleasure that he looks forward to taking on the role.

My earlier contacts with the Foundation came to a very successful stage in 2009 when I was then vice-chancellor of the University of London and we set up

a dialogue about the possibility of a distinguished Visiting Professorship from NZ to be sponsored by the Foundation and located in the University's School of Advanced Study. The discussions went both positively and effectively and we soon agreed a way forward. This led to last year's very successful Professorship.

There will be other opportunities to build on the traditions and successes of the Foundation and I have no doubt that I will get very strong support from the Trustees in developing further our strategic plans. Exciting and stimulating times lie ahead.



Sir Graeme Davies, the new chair of the Trustees for the NZ-UK Link Foundation.

Warm Welcome to Bobsleigher

A very warm welcome to the Foundation's new programme and administration secretary in London Steve Rowland-Jones.

Hailing from Worcestershire, Steve entered the Royal Military Academy in Sandhurst in 1972 and was commissioned into the Regular Army the following year.

He has seen military service in various parts of the world including Northern Ireland, Germany, Central America, Cyprus, Hong Kong and the Middle East. His early service included Second Gurkha Rifles before becoming an army helicopter pilot with the Army Air Corps, which is where he spent most of his service career.

On leaving the Army in 2007, Steve became the chief executive of a charity supporting the ex-service community before moving on to Queen Mary's Roehampton Trust.

Having been a keen sportsman all of his life, much of Steve's spare time is taken up with bobsleighing where he is vice-chairman of British Bobsleigh. Although he was a keen bobsleigh driver in his earlier years he now prefers to organise it for younger and fitter people. Steve, who lives in Salisbury, has three grown-up children, one of whom is still at university and the others are pursuing careers in the health profession and the military. He has a MBA and a post-graduate diploma in law.



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