

# The Installation of the Chancellor 2013

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## Welcome

It is a real privilege to introduce Sir Andrew Witty as The University of Nottingham's seventh Chancellor.

We have a proud tradition dating back to our origins as a University College in 1881, and as the new University of Nottingham from 1948. Sir Jesse Boot's vision in this transformation, to give Nottingham 'a great people's University' and the foundation of the institution today, was pivotal.

Much of our success has been due to the strong leadership of the institution, to which our Chancellors have made a vital contribution. Our six previous Chancellors have brought creativity, strength of purpose and immense commitment to their work and we are grateful for all they have done for the University and its community.

But what of the future? Sir Andrew continues our tradition, but also continues our transformation. His background as an alumnus of the University places him in a unique position; he has experienced life at our University as a place of study and personal development, and he will bring an understanding of the needs and expectations of our students. His business acumen will bring an awareness of the impact of high quality cutting-edge research and innovative learning practices, underpinned by an effective supporting structure. Finally, his achievements as a successful leader of a worldwide company will bring a keen appreciation of what being part of truly global organisation means, and the opportunities that arise from our international footprint.

Above all, he brings inspiration.

In this time of change in higher education, Sir Andrew is a leader who will be instrumental to our future success. His creativity, passion and personal drive for all the activities of our institution will help catalyse the University's vision over the coming years.

We are honoured that Sir Andrew will be our new Chancellor.

*David Greenaway*

**Professor David Greenaway**  
Vice-Chancellor



Public relations in the United Kingdom was in its infancy in 1948, at least in the world of higher education, where any undue form of ostentation was frowned upon. University College, Nottingham, founded in 1871, had been waiting for nearly 80 years for the Royal Charter which would give it full university status and allow it to confer its own degrees.



John Campbell Boot, Baron Trent, signing the Royal Charter petition.



Sir Gordon Hobday

The outbreak of World War Two prolonged further the wait for the status. But when it eventually came, there was no great pealing of bells or waving of flags. The news arrived in a telegram addressed to the then Registrar, Hedley Pickbourne, confirming that the Privy Council had agreed to grant the Charter.

Pickbourne telephoned Professor Robert Peers, acting principal of the College, and a few other senior academics who happened to be in their rooms at the time, and asked them to join him in his room for a celebratory glass of sherry. There was no official photographer - a few informal snapshots were taken - and no press releases, tweets or Facebook postings broadcasting the news immediately to the campus community.

But on that day of August 20 1948, a simple message was chalked on a blackboard, that 'The King has approved an Order in Council granting the University Charter'. No doubt, deep in the vacation, there were relatively few people walking past the main entrance to what is now the Trent Building to read the announcement. The Charter itself, from George the Sixth, by the Grace of God of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of Faith, laid down that 'there shall be and there is hereby constituted and founded in Our said City of Nottingham a university by the name and style of The University of Nottingham'.

There should also, the Charter added, be a Chancellor, with the first occupant of the post 'Our right trusty and well beloved John Campbell Baron Trent, a deputy lieutenant of our County of Nottingham'. Lord Trent, son of Jesse Boot, the great benefactor of the University College, who gave the site and land where the University Park Campus now stands, was installed in May 1949 and in July 1950 presided at the first ever degree congregation of The University of Nottingham held in the Albert Hall in the City Centre.

In January 1954 the illness of Lord Trent led to his resignation from the post of Chancellor, bringing to an end an association with the University which went back to 1923 when he had become a member of the old University College Council. He was succeeded by the Duke of Portland, a local man and one of the four Knights of the Garter to have held the canopy at the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth the Second in 1953.

The Duke of Portland held the office until his resignation in December 1971, after serving the University as Pro-Chancellor and later Chancellor for 23 years. He was succeeded by Francis (later Sir Francis) Hill, who had been the first President of the University Council in 1948. Hill was senior partner in a firm of Lincoln solicitors, and a former mayor of the Cathedral city.

Sir Francis Hill was succeeded by Sir Gordon Hobday, again a former President of the University Council, whose links to University College dated back to the 1930s, when he had studied chemistry, graduating with first class honours before joining the research department of the then Boots Pure Drug Company. He eventually became Managing Director and subsequently Chairman and Chief Executive of Boots.

Following Sir Gordon Hobday's resignation, he was succeeded as Chancellor in 1992 by Sir Ron Dearing (later Lord Dearing). Lord Dearing, a pivotal figure in British higher education for many years, chaired the National Committee of Enquiry into Higher Education and had previously chaired the Higher Education Funding Council for England. He stepped down from the post in December 2000 but continued to play a major role in public life and in education more broadly. The University's awards for teaching and learning excellence and its annual conference on higher education are named in his honour.

Professor Yang Fujia, the Chinese physicist and academician, was appointed as the sixth Chancellor of the University in December 2000. Professor Yang enjoyed a distinguished academic career as President of Fudan University in Shanghai and in a national context as a fellow of the Chinese Academy of Sciences. The appointment symbolized the increasing globalisation of higher education and the way in which international scholarship and academic co-operation recognizes no national boundaries.

Professor Yang played a fundamental role in the University's growth over the last 12 years, including significantly his involvement in the outstandingly successful launch and development of The University of Nottingham Ningbo, China campus. The University's position as the UK's only truly global higher education institution owes much to his exceptional contribution.

In October 2012 the University announced that its governing body, the Council, had appointed Sir Andrew Witty, as its seventh Chancellor. Sir Andrew, an alumnus (Economics 1985) has been Chief Executive Officer of Glaxo SmithKline since 2008 and was knighted for services to the economy and to the UK pharmaceutical industry in the 2012 New Year Honours.

Each of the University's Chancellors has emerged from a very different background and each has brought distinctive talents and experiences to the role. Office holders have been drawn from the immediate locality, from a platform of national distinction, from academia and industry, having distinguished themselves on national and global stages. Each has served the institution with a unique contribution.



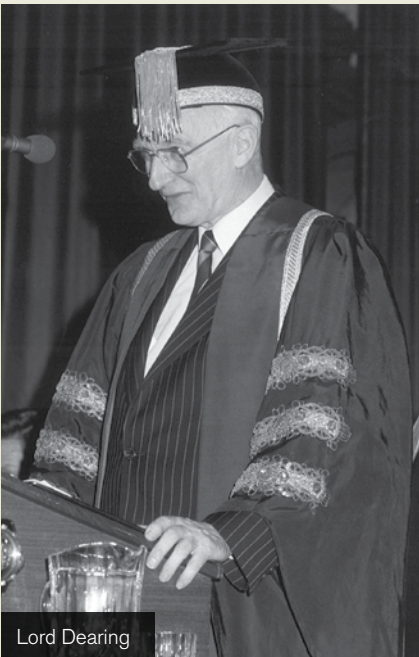
Lord Trent



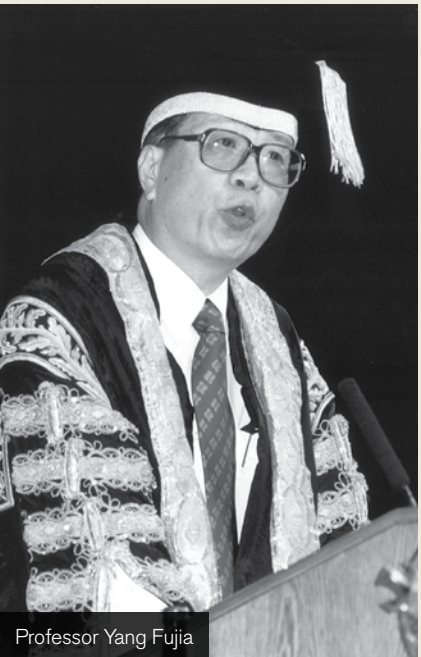
Duke of Portland



Sir Francis Hill



Lord Dearing



Professor Yang Fujia



# Programme of Music

Recital By  
John Keys, MA, LRAM, ARCM, ARCO, Hon.  
FGCM (Organ)

Pro Musica Brass Ensemble  
(Director: Douglas Wilkie, BMus, LRAM,  
ARCM, LTCL)

Viva Voce Chamber Choir  
(Manager: Rob Welsby, Conductors: Greg  
Link, Jamie Njoku-Goodwin, BA Hons)

Adagio in G minor  
*Tomaso Albinoni*

Prelude and Fugue in G BWV 541  
*J.S. Bach*

Trumpet Tune  
*John Stanley*

Toccata  
*Pietro Yon*

Overture & Fugue  
*George Handel*

Pomp & Circumstance March No. 4  
*Sir Edward Elgar*

O Magnum Mysterium  
*Morten Lauridsen*

'Spirit of the Age'  
*Arthur Bliss*

Exultate Deo  
*Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina*

Exultate Justi  
*Ludovico da Viadana*

Grand Choeur Dialogue  
*Eugene Gigout (Arr. For Organ & Brass)*

Pro Musica Brass Ensemble.

## Order of Proceedings

The Installation Ceremony establishes Sir Andrew Witty as the seventh Chancellor of The University of Nottingham, its most senior officer. During the ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor will invite Sir Andrew to assume the office of Chancellor. Once installed, the Chancellor will confer three honorary degrees on distinguished friends of the University.



### Processions

**Academic staff, Pro-Vice-Chancellors, Members of the College of Benefactors and Members of University Council**

This procession enters to choral music prior to the beginning of the ceremony, as the last few members of the congregation take their seats.

### Platform Party

The installation ceremony begins with the procession of the platform party to the stage. On the platform are officers of the University, including the Chancellor, and the honorary graduands with their Public Orators.

### Announcement of the appointment of the Chancellor by University Council

The Registrar reports on the appointment of Sir Andrew as Chancellor at the meeting of the Council on 23 October 2012.

### Appointment of the Chancellor

The Vice-Chancellor invites Sir Andrew to assume his office and Sir Andrew gives his acceptance. Sir Andrew leaves the platform, escorted by the Marshal and the Esquire Bedell, to change into the Chancellor's robe.

### Procession of the Chancellor

The Chancellor processes back to the platform in his robe of office escorted by the Esquire Bedell, the Marshal and a Page.

As the Chancellor approaches the platform, the Vice-Chancellor moves from the Presiding Officer's chair. From this point in the ceremony the Chancellor presides. Symbolically, the Vice-Chancellor removes his hat in deference to the Chancellor, who retains his.

### Conferral of honorary degrees

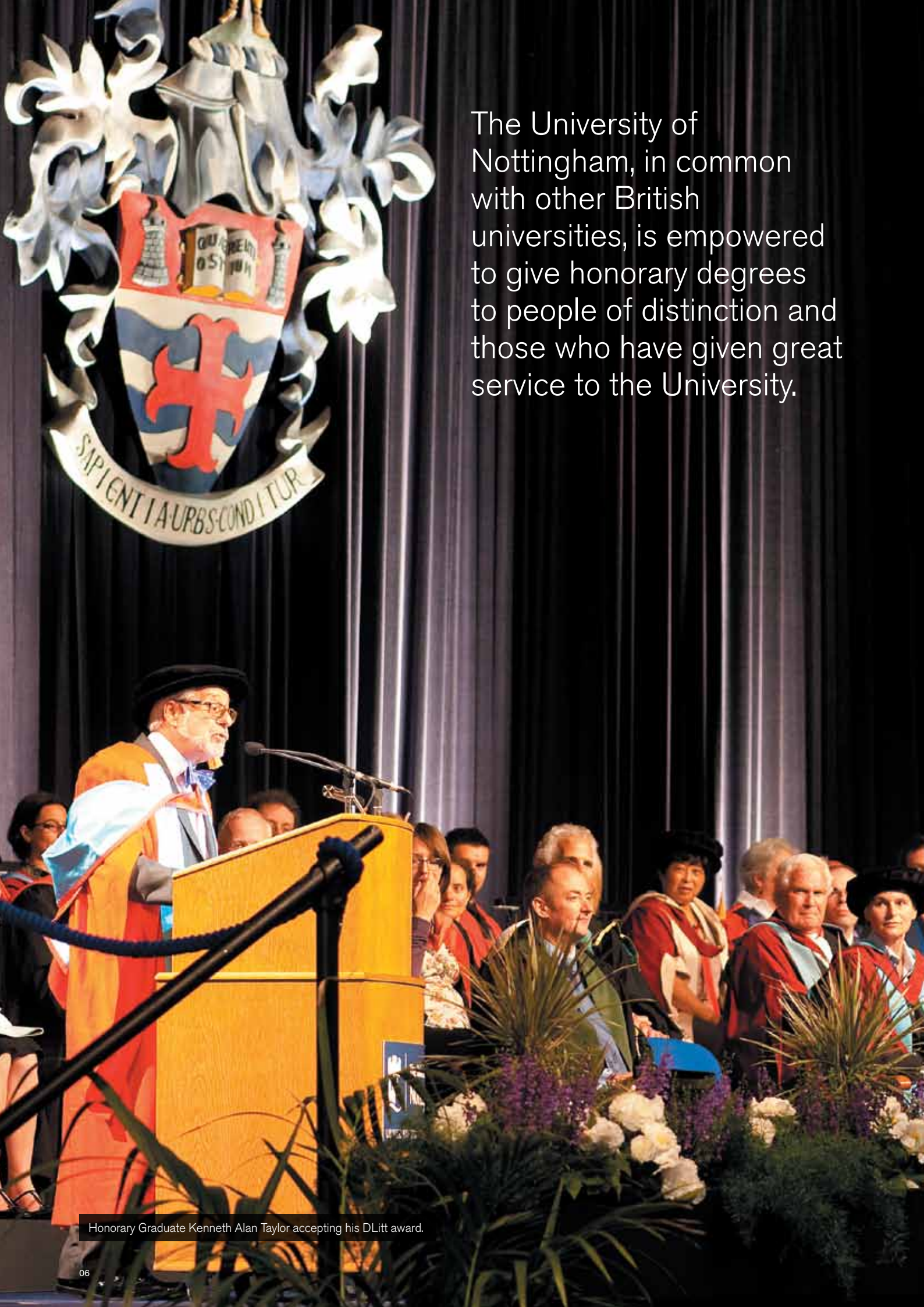
The Chancellor confers honorary degrees on Mr Stefano Pessina, Mr John Robinson and Mr Edgar Wallner.

### Close of ceremony

The national anthem is played. The platform party, Academic staff, Pro-Vice-Chancellors, Members of the College of Benefactors and Members of University Council process out of the hall.

The Mace of The University of Nottingham.





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Honorary Graduate Kenneth Alan Taylor accepting his DLitt award.

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Over the 65 years since the granting of the Royal Charter in 1948, honorary graduates, starting with the first Chancellor, Lord Trent, have included scientists, politicians, industrialists, musicians, men and women of letters, lawyers and elite sports people. All subsequent Chancellors and Vice-Chancellors and several other long-serving senior employees of the University have been honoured.

The award of an honorary degree is the highest honour a university can bestow and may, in the case of Nottingham, be either a Master's degree (eg Master of Arts, Master of Laws) or a Doctorate (of Divinity, Laws, Letters, Music, Science, Business Administration or Medicine). The actual degree awarded to an individual will be that which is most appropriate to his or her background and experience. It carries with it all the rights and privileges of membership of the University. Before each honorary degree is awarded, a senior member of the academic staff, known as the Public Orator, presents the candidate. In his or her speech, the Public Orator will highlight the major features of the honorary graduand's career, particularly those which have led to eminence, and the reasons why the University is awarding the honour.

## Honorary Graduates

**Stefano Pessina**  
Doctor of Science

**John Robinson**  
Doctor of Laws

**Edgar Wallner**  
Doctor of Laws

# Honorary Degrees





### Stefano Pessina

Stefano Pessina is Executive Chairman of Alliance Boots, an international pharmacy-led health and beauty group.

A nuclear engineer by profession, he rapidly transformed his family's pharmaceutical wholesale business into an Italian national leader before expanding into several Southern European countries in the late 1980s. He forged Alliance Santé (1991) and Alliance UniChem (1998); the latter became a pan-European leader.

In 2006, Stefano orchestrated the merger of Alliance UniChem with Boots Group to form Alliance Boots, which he took private the following year. Over the past five years, the Group has expanded internationally and delivered year-on-year double digit growth in trading profit.

In 2012, Stefano formed a strategic partnership between Alliance Boots and US leader Walgreens – the world's largest drug store chain in the US – to create the first global pharmacy-led, health and wellbeing enterprise. Alliance Boots is a member of The University of Nottingham College of Benefactors.



### John N. Robinson

John Robinson graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Medieval and Modern History from The University of Nottingham in 1981. Following graduation John joined Arthur Andersen & Co where he qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1984 and an Associate of the Institute of Taxation in 1985.

John was seconded to Hong Kong where he started his career in Fund Management, initially with the Thornton Group and then with Jupiter.

Jupiter was the most successful asset management group in the UK in the 1990s. It dominated the Unit Trust market and was one of the biggest players in Investment Trusts. John ran the overseas business of Jupiter until his retirement in 2000. John then chaired The Asset Management Group, an international investment advisory group and also N & R Properties, a UK property development group.

John is associated with a number of charities including being a Trustee of the Mary Rose, an Ambassador of the Royal Albert Hall and a member of the Worshipful Company of Plaisterers.

John has been involved with The University of Nottingham for many years. He was admitted to the College of Benefactors in 2006 and served on the Council of the University until 2012.



### Edgar Wallner

Edgar Wallner graduated in Pharmacy from The University of Nottingham in 1958 and spent the next 14 years with the International Division of Boots, during which time he attended the Harvard Business School and was ultimately responsible for the overseas companies of the group.

In 1987 he led a buyout of Orthofix, an Italian medical device company and became its President and CEO, floating on the US NASDAQ exchange five years later. He retired in 2004, having grown

the company from sales of \$5M to over \$300M. He now invests in innovative small companies, usually joining the boards.

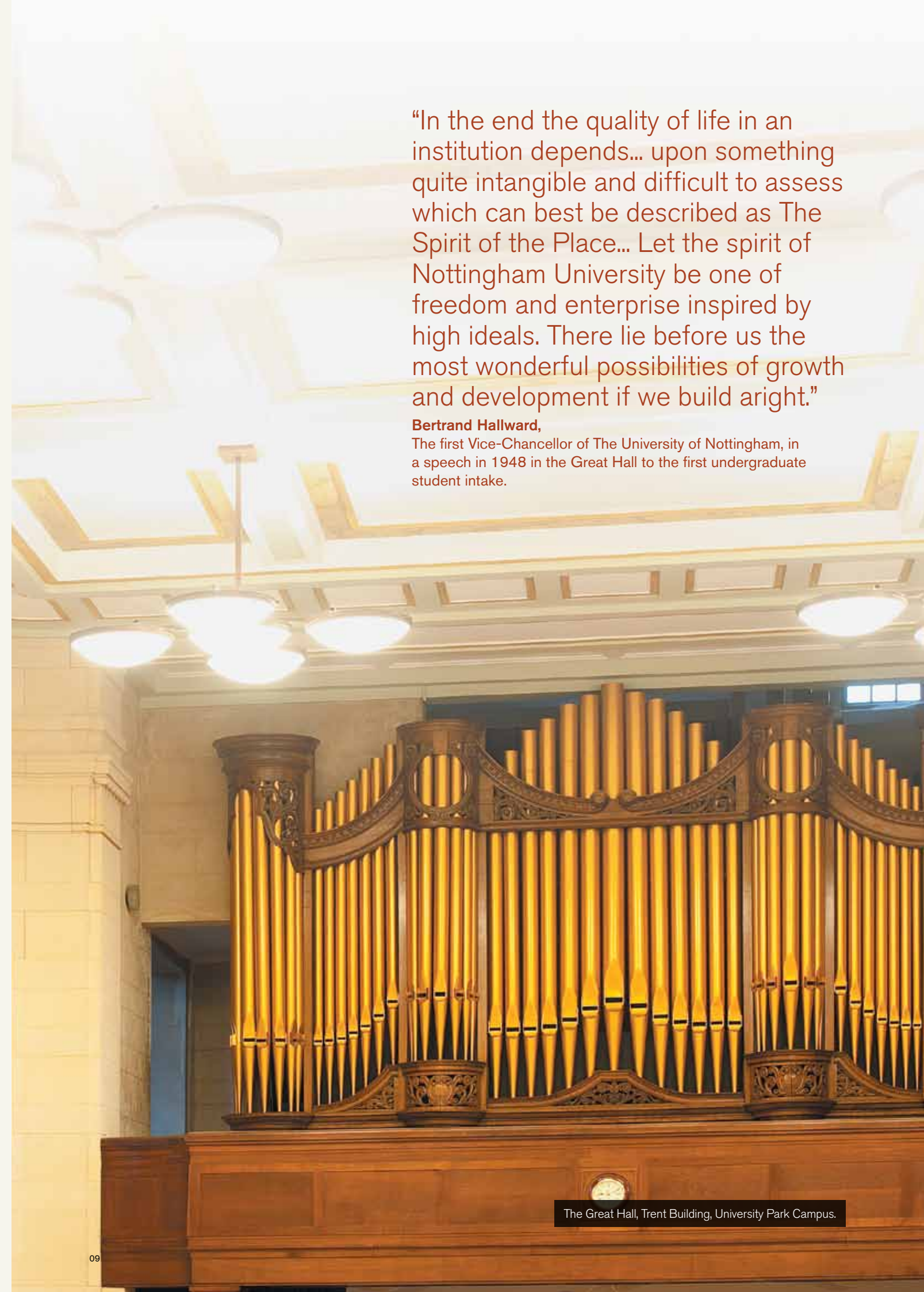
His main involvement today is as Chairman of National Angels, which he set up to transfer productions from the National Theatre, taking the risk of any loss but returning a large part of the profit to the National. Among their successful productions have been The History Boys, War Horse and One Man, Two Guvnors.

## Honorary Graduates

“In the end the quality of life in an institution depends... upon something quite intangible and difficult to assess which can best be described as The Spirit of the Place... Let the spirit of Nottingham University be one of freedom and enterprise inspired by high ideals. There lie before us the most wonderful possibilities of growth and development if we build aright.”

### Bertrand Hallward,

The first Vice-Chancellor of The University of Nottingham, in a speech in 1948 in the Great Hall to the first undergraduate student intake.



The Great Hall, Trent Building, University Park Campus.



"I thought Nottingham was every person's University, a brilliant cross-section of society with people from every background and culture and I loved that."

Sir Andrew Witty



## Sir Andrew Witty

### In His Own Words

#### My time at Nottingham

Former Economics undergraduate, Wortley Hall President and midnight DJ with University Radio Nottingham, Sir Andrew Witty immersed himself in University life during the politically-charged 1980s. His experiences at the University helped shape his career and his life and, like many University of Nottingham alumni, he wants to give something back.

"I feel that I owe the University a lot. There isn't such a strong payback from alumni to universities in our society in the way that you see in America and it felt to me that this is one of the ways in which I could help the University, whether that's help with fundraising, with developing the profile of the University or helping it internationally.

"I thought the campus environment and atmosphere was great but it was more than that. I thought Nottingham was every person's University, a brilliant cross-section of society with people from every background and culture and I loved that. A university campus gives you a year or two of a special environment allowing you simply to try things out and Nottingham was a great place to do that.

#### On becoming Chancellor

"It's an interesting role because, quite rightly, you have no power but it gives you perhaps an opportunity to ask questions and stimulate ideas.

"I just thought this was a **unique and special way of giving something back** to an institution, which, alongside my parents and my grammar school, is one of the three institutions I would credit with having made me who I am."

Students relaxing in the Millenium Gardens on University Park Campus.



“There are three main areas I’d like to focus on: further strengthening the alumni connectivity, further strengthening the internationalisation and really challenging why Nottingham can’t be the growth centre for the East Midlands.”

**Sir Andrew Witty**







# Innovation

“The University of Nottingham is pioneering initiatives in many areas, including in biosciences and sustainability and is deepening its relationships here in the UK and internationally. I am looking forward to contributing to this great institution.”

**Sir Andrew Witty**

The University of Nottingham is increasingly recognised as a leader in environmental sustainability. Our interdisciplinary research programmes focus on green issues and sustainability. We also practise what we preach on and around our campuses.

The University's vision is to be recognised around the world for signature contributions, tackling global issues especially in energy and sustainability, global food security and health. These are priority research areas, in which we already have internationally renowned teams of scientists, engineers and social scientists. They are also key projects within the University's largest-ever fundraising appeal, Impact: The Nottingham Campaign, which was launched in 2011 to raise money over five years across five strategic themes – The Nottingham Experience, Health and Well-being, Nurturing Talent, Ingenuity and Sustainable Futures.

In 2011 the University was awarded The Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education, for its research on Global Food Security and in 2013 it was ranked in the top two of the world's most sustainable universities for a third consecutive year. New research centres, such as the Energy Technologies Building and the Bioenergy Centre, not only build on the University's leading reputation in these fields but they are also among the lowest carbon buildings in the country.



“Sir Andrew’s appointment supports the further development of both our strong research and business links and reputation as the UK’s truly global university. As an alumnus he signals the strength of our graduates and brings knowledge and networks to help achieve our strategic aims.”

**John Mills**  
President of Council and Pro-Chancellor

# Global Reach

The University’s global reach provides remarkable opportunities for research collaboration and impact. The ability for top academics, researchers and commercial partners to conduct co-ordinated programmes simultaneously in three national contexts is unique, setting a new standard for what it means to be a global university and significantly enhancing the University’s position within the wider international research community.

But our global footprint is also about our large and supportive network of more than 225,000 alumni in 190 countries around the world. One of the markers of a great university is the quality of its alumni and the University is fortunate in having a large community of very successful graduates who go on to forge their way in the world, changing lives, tackling global issues and shaping the future.

New graduates become part of the foundation on which future students and graduates will stand. Among our graduates are Nobel Prize winners, leaders in business, leaders in the charity sector, science, the arts and public and political life. During the London 2012 Olympic Games five University of Nottingham graduates won two gold, two silver and a bronze medal making the University the second most successful higher education provider at the Games. We are extremely proud of our alumni community.





"I am honoured to accept this position. I greatly enjoyed my time at Nottingham and it was pivotal to my choice of career. The University is a world-leader in both teaching and research, and has a long tradition of raising aspirations and supporting achievement."

Sir Andrew Witty

## Nurturing Talent

Attracting and retaining the very best intellectual talent, whilst connecting the University and its communities at all levels is one of our main aims. In 2012-13 the University is committing £12.5 million to widening participation, rising to over £17m by 2016-17. This will ensure that even more capable young people from under-represented backgrounds in Nottingham, across the East Midlands and more widely, can reach their academic potential and have access to our world-leading teaching and research. We want to ensure that financial concerns do not limit the ambition of those with the ability to achieve academic excellence.

A new and ambitious programme to help some of the most deprived young people in the East Midlands to reach university was launched in 2012 as part of Impact: The Nottingham Campaign. Nottingham Potential represents a significant expansion of the University's existing widening participation activities and is using our teaching qualities and research power to bring about transformational change in our most deprived communities.

A comprehensive package of scholarships and bursaries is also available to enable the most talented students to study at Nottingham and to achieve their full potential. Our Early Career Research Fellowships help to recruit, support and retain talented researchers at a critical time of their career. The University is committed more than ever to raise aspiration and support achievement, enabling new generations of Nottingham graduates to make an even greater contribution to society, locally, nationally and internationally.

Council member and Nottingham Potential benefactor David Ross and children at the Nottingham Potential Centre February 2012.





Professor David Greenaway, Vice-Chancellor, with Sir Andrew Witty at the University's Jubilee Campus.

“If you believe that the future of the economy, in addition to services, is modern technologies then those modern technologies are going to come from universities. Just as shipyards are on the coast, clearly you would expect businesses focused on new technologies springing up around where those new technologies are developed and I think Britain is poor at leveraging the intellectual power of the universities into job creation. We can all cite dozens of examples of breakthrough technologies developed in British universities, which were commercialised and saw jobs created in America, and we should be challenging that.”

**Sir Andrew Witty**



# Key Dates

**1881**  
**Nottingham's first civic college**  
 Nottingham's first civic college was opened in the city centre.

**1928**  
**The move to University Park**  
 After the First World War, the college outgrew its original building. A generous gift by Sir Jesse Boot, of 35 acres of land at Highfields, presented the solution and the College moved to what is now the main campus, University Park.

**1948**  
**Becoming The University of Nottingham**  
 The college was awarded a Royal Charter and became The University of Nottingham. During this period the School of Agriculture was established at Sutton Bonington.

**1970**  
**The Medical School**  
 In 1970 we established the UK's first Medical School in the 20th century, and in 1995 the School of Nursing was formed following the merger of the Mid-Trent College of Nursing and Midwifery. In 2003 a new campus was opened in Derby City General Hospital.

**2000**  
**Malaysia Campus**  
 The University opened a campus in Malaysia in 2000. Subsequently a new purpose-built park campus was opened in September 2005 in Semenyih, Malaysia, close to Kuala Lumpur International Airport.

**2004**  
**China Campus**  
 In February 2004 a purpose-built campus was opened in the city of Ningbo, China, as part of a joint venture. The University then became the first foreign university to establish an independent campus in China.

**2006**  
**School of Veterinary Medicine and Science**  
 The School of Veterinary Medicine and Science welcomed its first intake in 2006. The University of Nottingham officially opened the School in April 2007. It is the first purpose-built new veterinary school to be opened in the UK in fifty years.

**2009**  
**Jubilee Campus Extension**  
 The Jubilee Campus development opened in 1999 and subsequently phase two opened in March 2009. The campus has won numerous awards due to its environmentally-friendly features.

**2012**  
**A leading Green University**  
 Today our new buildings feature state of the art technology to reduce carbon emissions, as part of the University's strategy to become an ever more friendly institution. This is evidenced in our latest development, the Orchard Hotel. The University's commitment to sustainability received global recognition, ranking 2nd in the UI GreenMetric World University Ranking 2012.





The Chancellor's robe is not an academic gown but a form of dress adopted by those of high rank in the late sixteenth century. Its form remains very similar in most of the older universities in the British Isles. It is made of black damask, decorated with gold and has a train. The golden ornaments on the sleeves are known as "frogs".

The Chancellor's hat is an academic square cap covered with black velvet decorated with gold lace and with a gold tassel.

Outside universities, this form of robe is the state dress of officers such as the Speaker of the House of Commons and the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

## The Chancellor's Robe

