

INTRODUCTION FROM CHRIS OLDHAM

We're just a couple of weeks away from the [Celebrating Estates and Campus Services Staff Excellence Awards](#) on Wednesday 27 March. I really enjoyed this occasion last year and I am delighted that this year more than 300 people took the time and trouble to nominate colleagues. It's a sign of how much we are appreciated for the tremendous work we do in front of and behind the scenes. See below for details on how to get your ticket to come along and support your colleagues.

There's another diary date for you too. The second Estates and Campus Services **Breakfast Club** will be held 9 to 10am, Tuesday 23 April, in the STEM building. The April Breakfast Club will focus on Capital Development; watch out for further details.



The Festival of Sustainability is underway!



We hope you have had a chance to enjoy some of the activities taking place around campus as part of the [Festival of Sustainability](#). The week long festival – from Monday 11 to Friday 15 March – celebrates all the things we can do to reduce our impact on the environment. As an institution, the University has an important part to play, but each and every one of us can do little things that add up to making a big difference.

Visit our Facebook page [@UoESustainability](#) to see what exciting talks, activities and demonstrations are still to enjoy!

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS AND HIGH WINDS THE FESTIVAL OF SUSTAINABILITY WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SILBERRAD CENTRE FOYER UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Fairtrade Fortnight bake off

Sustainability Administrator, Andrea Newlyn, won the coveted Estates baking trophy in the Fairtrade Fortnight bake off with her coffee and walnut cake, including at least two Fairtrade ingredients.



Can Essex reach BUCS Big Wednesday

2019 marks the centenary of British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS). Essex has never had a team reach the Championship final at Big Wednesday, but this year we have not one but three teams in the semi-finals!

On Wednesday 13 March, two teams play at home in the Essex Sport Arena, with one team away at Durham University, Queen's Campus.

5.30pm Women's Basketball, University of Essex vs Durham University.

7.30pm Men's Volleyball, University of Essex vs Northumbria University.

All are welcome (staff, students, friends and family) with free admission, so please come along and support our students in their campaign to the finals.



Celebrating Staff Excellence Awards

Get your tickets for the [Staff Awards](#) now!

Congratulations to all staff shortlisted for this year's awards. Tickets are now available (on a first come, first served basis). Head to the Estates Helpdesk to collect tickets or register for them [here](#).

The awards start from 5.30pm, with complementary refreshments, live entertainment, guest speakers and announcement of the winners. Come along and support your team and enjoy a great evening.

Our finalised shortlists can be found below.

Essex Professional

- Lisa Eales - Wivenhoe Park Day Nursery
- Marc Lee - Security
- Clair Leaver - Print Essex
- Louise Ratnage - Event Essex

Going the Extra Mile

- Eli Garcia - Wivenhoe House
- Marc Lee - Security
- Jo Woodham - Wivenhoe Park Day Nursery
- Ronald Wyatt - Grounds

Newcomer

- Ellie Archer - Event Essex
- Andrea Newlyn - Sustainability
- Mick Minshull - Grounds
- Ashley Stevens - Maintenance & Capital Development

Projects

- Essex Sport
- ECS Marketing & Communications
- Maintenance & Capital Development: Asset & Technical admin team
- Maintenance & Capital Development: Maintenance team

Team

- Accommodation Essex
- Maintenance & Capital Development
- Security
- Wivenhoe Park Day Nursery

Customer Service

- Viv Cassidy - Essex Food
- Helen Davey - Customer Services
- Lisa Eales - Wivenhoe Park Day Nursery
- Ella Frost - Wivenhoe Park Day Nursery

Unsung Hero

- Anne Marie Boot - Central Support
- Caralyn Elmer - Maintenance & Capital Development

- Rob Wink - Domestic Services
- Jo Woodham - Wivenhoe Park Day Nursery

Longstanding Achievements

- Anne Marie Boot - Central Support
- Angie Flynn - Accommodation Essex
- David Gladwell - Essex Sport
- Alexa Gordon - ECS Marketing and Communications



Race for prizes



The annual [Essex Food](#) lemon hunt on Pancake Day saw Colchester Campus students and staff searching high and low for plastic lemons. The lemons were exchanged for free, freshly prepared pancakes from the Essex Food gazebo in Square 4.

This year, we had an elusive golden lemon which could be exchanged for a meal for two in Fusion. This was found by Wade Dyer and Brandon Hardy (pictured). Take a look at [#Essexlemon](#) for photos from the day.

Summer screening at Wivenhoe House



Get your friends together for the outdoor screening of Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again at [Wivenhoe House](#) on Thursday 23 May. Gates open at 6pm and the screening starts at 7.30pm of this fabulous singalong film which will put us all in a sensational summer mood. Tickets are available from info@spectrumscreenevents.co.uk.

The key to recycling

One hundred window handles and 235 locks have been recycled from the Bertrand Russell Tower as the refurbishment project begins.

The locks, valued at around £400 each, and handles worth about £60 each, will be used as replacements in other accommodation blocks, saving us around £100,000 as well as benefitting the environment.



We hope that you enjoyed the latest Estates and Campus Services newsletter. If you'd like to contribute to the April edition, please send your story to ecskomms@essex.ac.uk by 25 March 2019