In this issue, we welcome Allan Watson, who has moved from the University of Strathclyde to take up a Readership here earlier this month. Allan grew up in Glasgow. He completed his MSci in chemistry at the University of Strathclyde (1999-2004) and stayed at Strathclyde for his PhD with Billy Kerr (2004-2008) in organometallic chemistry, with spells working for Syngenta and Prof Kenny Henderson (Notre Dame) during this time. He then moved to a Lindemann postdoctoral Fellowship with Prof David MacMillan (Princeton, 2008-2010) in asymmetric catalysis/total synthesis and then an industrial postdoc at GlaxoSmithKline in Med. Chem (2010-2011). Allan started his independent career at Strathclyde as a Lecturer in 2011, working in the areas of catalysis and medicinal chemistry, and was promoted to Senior Lecturer in 2015. He has brought with him a group of six co-workers who are based in lab 336 and will be introduced in future Newsletter issues.

Outside of work, Allan likes the gym and cooking, and tries, mainly in vain, to watch anything other than Disney films.

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New Faces

David Burnett completed an MBiochem here last summer and started PhD work in September with RJMG and Jens Tilsner. He is an Assistant Warden and is interested in badminton, tennis, video games and the cinema.

Anindita Chakraborty comes from India and obtained a BSc at the University of Calcutta, followed by MSc and PhD degrees at the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research. She started postdoctoral work here with REM last June and is interested in travel and music.