Powell Hall Opens
In the last few days, the major building project on our doorstep has eventually been completed. A lot has been achieved in the last year, as seen by the following images of how it looked in October 2017 and in October 2018. Hopefully we can now look forward to some return to normality in terms of parking and access arrangements.

First ChemSoc Lecture of the Year
Advance notification is given of the first ChemSoc lecture for this academic year, which will take place on Thursday 15th November at 5.00 pm in Lecture Theatre B:
Dr. Peter Hunt (Optibrium Ltd) – Predictive modelling & its underlying principles – applications to drug discovery
The lecture will be followed by a wine reception in the common room and all are welcome.

School of Chemistry Colloquium
EaStCHEM Colloquium
Wednesday 7th, 2.00 pm, Purdie Theatre C
Dr Hugo Bronstein (Cambridge) – Manipulating excited states in conjugated polymers for optoelectronic applications

Health and Safety Training Courses
Following a request made at the Postgraduate Committee last year, we are pleased to say that a range of specialised health and safety-related training courses have now been set up and can be booked in advance. Details of those for the remainder of 2018 are shown below and these may be booked online at:

https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/pdms/index.php

Any staff who are interested are encouraged to attend these. On the above site, go down to the second section: “Environment, health, safety, wellbeing, legislation and policies” and tick “add course” to book a place.

Further courses covering manual handling, compressed gases and display screen equipment will take place in early 2019.

Fire Safety Awareness
Date: Wed 7th Nov 2018, Lecture Theatre B
Time: 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm
Key details: Causes and spread of fire in laboratory and office conditions, and what to do on discovering a fire/hearing the alarm

Radiation Protection Course
Date: Wed 21st Nov 2018, Lecture Theatre B
Time: 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm
Key details: Legal requirements, effective management of radioactive protection, detection of radiation, handling of radioactive materials, biological effects of radiation

Biosafety Awareness Course – Biological Agent Risk Assessment 2018
Date: Wed 5th Dec 2018, BMS Seminar Room
Time: 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm
Key details: Legislation, risk assessments of biological agents

Biosafety Awareness Course – Control Measures and Disinfection Processes-2018
Date: Wed 12th Dec 2018, BMS Seminar Room
Time: 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm
Key details: Legislation, use of MSC and other LEV, disinfection processes

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New Faces

Monica Gill comes from Canada and completed BSc and MSc degrees at the University of Prince Edward Island, then worked at a company for several years before carrying out PhD work at Carlton University, Ottawa. She has now started postdoctoral work with AJBW and is interested in 90’s alternative music, learning to be a better cook and the Muppets.

Yohan Renault comes from France and completed a first degree at the ENSC Lille last year, with a final year on exchange here in St Andrews, including a research project with RJMG. He has now returned for PhD work with DOH and is interested in archery.