Post-ceremony receptions were held at the University of Worcester Arena, and the venue also played host to the annual Graduation Dinner, at which the achievements of the 2015 Academic Prize-winners were recognised.

Vice Chancellor Professor David Green said: “The beauty and grandeur of Worcester Cathedral always provides a magnificent, most fitting setting in which to congratulate our graduates and to thank the parents, family, friends and supporters who have contributed so much to their success.

“The graduates of 2015 join an illustrious community of over 100,000 Worcester graduates who have made and are making an immense contribution to British society. We look forward to hearing about the continuing success of this year’s graduates in the year ahead, and we wish them every happiness.”

One such notable award was given to Sports Therapy graduate, Sarah-Louise Shaw, who became the first recipient of the University of Worcester Vice Chancellor’s Medal.

The medal was awarded in recognition of Sarah-Louise’s exceptional efforts in saving the life of a rugby supporter, while on a work placement at Kingswood Rugby Club in Bristol earlier this year.

Sarah-Louise was on duty as a First Aider when Ian Hardwell suffered a serious cardiac arrest. She responded immediately by administering CPR until paramedics arrived, and her actions contributed to Mr Hardwell making as ‘complete a recovery as is possible’.

In this image:
Graduation Day post-ceremony celebrations

Opposite page:
(2) Nigel Mansell CBE with Professor David Green
(4) Sarah-Louise Shaw receives the Vice Chancellor’s Medal
“I am incredibly pleased and overwhelmed with what I have been able to achieve. I feel very proud of myself.”

Sharon Nelder
First Class Honours degree, Social Welfare BA (Hons)

“I can honestly say gaining my PGCE is one of the best decisions I’ve ever made.”

Dan Attfield
PGCE Secondary

“Everybody says it; the University of Worcester is a very welcoming and friendly institution to be part of.”

Helen Gravestock
Applied Sport Science MSc

To read more successful graduate stories and their experience at the University of Worcester, visit: www.worcester.ac.uk/community/graduation-student-stories

HONORARY DEGREES AND FELLOWSHIPS

Honorary degrees are awarded to individuals who have distinguished themselves in their chosen field. Normally these individuals will have an association with the University or the local region. At the 2015 awards ceremonies, the University was delighted to award the following honorary degrees:

The Rt. Hon. Baroness Scotland of Asthal QC
Former Shadow Attorney General and former Attorney General of England and Wales

Nigel Mansell CBE
Formula 1 racing legend and Charity Ambassador

John Ryan MBE
The former Secretary and Registrar of the University of Worcester

Julian Pallett
The former Chair of the University of Worcester’s Board of Governors

Fellowships are awarded to those who either already have a close association with the University or have indicated that they wish to develop one. Fellows join the University’s College of Fellows, which provides opportunities for the individual to support the University in ways that reflect their particular areas of expertise and experience.

This year we have welcomed:

Stephen Taylor
The former Chairman of a local logistics firm and Chairman of Worcestershire County Cricket Club

Jonathan Brew
A senior partner at Harrison Clark Rickerbys solicitors

Mike Newitt
The former Vice Chair of the University’s Board of Governors

Sheila Tallon
The Principal and Chief Executive of Hereford’s Royal National College for the Blind

Professor Ian Jones
A leading professor of mental health

Sean Devlin
One of Worcester’s best-known headteachers

Paul Walker MBE
The Managing Director of Malvern Instruments
EDUCATION SECRETARY PRAISES INNOVATIVE TEACHER TRAINING PARTNERSHIPS

“The University is delighted that Nicky Morgan MP took the initiative to visit the University and The Hive.

“Her evident interest and enthusiasm for the creative, effective approach we have adopted was clear to see. This approach has led to the number of books borrowed by children more than tripling and The Hive becoming the second most visited public library in the entire UK.”

Professor David Green, University of Worcester Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive

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She took great interest in how the University of Worcester has developed innovative partnerships to create a ‘golden triangle’ – made up of schools, trainee teachers and the University - all working together to deliver the best model of teacher education.

Reinforcing Mrs Morgan’s belief in the transformational power of the best and brightest teachers, recent Worcester graduate Gemma Bagnall spoke about the difference she is making in the rural school where she works: “I am in my first year as a teacher and I am already playing a very important part in encouraging my pupils to achieve all they can.

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The Education Secretary praised this model of partnership working: “Listening to Tracy talking about trying to raise aspirations amongst both pupils and their parents; trying to get better results by engaging the whole family; our libraries are an ultimate place for that kind of work, and you can clearly see that here at The Hive.

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Mrs Morgan was accompanied by Worcester MP Robin Walker, who now works under her as parliamentary private secretary. He echoed her views on Worcester’s dynamic approach to teacher training. “It is always a pleasure to be able to show off the wonderful facilities at The Hive but it was especially good to be able to talk to some inspiring teachers and NQTs about the way in which the University of Worcester has helped them, and continues to do so after their studies. Working closely with Nicky in her roles both in Education and Women and Equalities has been a real privilege and I was delighted to be able to share with her some of the enthusiasm and expertise of Worcester’s students and alumni.”

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“To be working with one of the most significant basketball clubs in Europe is a great honour and sends out a clear message relating to our ambition to continue to develop an outstanding basketball programme at the University of Worcester.”

Mick Donovan, Head of the Institute of Sport and Exercise Science

EUROPEAN PARTNERS: WORCESTER AND VALENCIA

The University of Worcester has signed a partnership agreement with Valencia Basket, one of Europe’s most successful basketball clubs.

The Spanish side has won a number of European titles, including 2014 champions of the Eurocup.

The collaboration agreement between Valencia and Worcester aims to promote the exchange of expertise, knowledge and co-operation between staff in all appropriate and agreed basketball-related activities in education, health and wellbeing, social inclusion and youth engagement.

This programme of co-operation was signed on Saturday, December 12 by the Vice President and Chief Executive of Valencia Basket, Ángel Francisco Martínez Raga, and the Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive of the University of Worcester, Professor David Green.

The collaboration will also benefit the Worcester Wolves Basketball Club, who currently play in the British Basketball League, operating as a subsidiary company of the University and playing their home games at the University of Worcester Arena.

The first project to be launched through the partnership will be the Valencia Basket and Worcester Basketball Camp in August 2016, which will be hosted at the University of Worcester with coaching from both the Valencia and Worcester Wolves Clubs.

Mick Donovan, Managing Director of the Wolves and Head of the Institute of Sport and Exercise Science at the University of Worcester, said: “We have been working very hard with friends from Valencia to form this unique and innovative partnership. There are many opportunities to create exciting projects that will develop both the sport and a wide range of people from both cities.”
UNIVERSITY SIGNS NATIONAL DECLARATION TO INVOLVE FORMER MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE USERS IN RESEARCH

The 4PI Project, developed by the National Survivor User Network, aims to make sure service users and carers are involved in the planning, delivery and evaluation of the health services which affect them.

The Project lays out a set of standards - Principles /Purpose /Presence /Process and Impact (4PI) – which relate particularly to the need to meaningfully involve service users in mental health services and to challenge the traditional hierarchy of research in this field.

Dr Jan Quallington, Head of the University’s Institute of Health and Society, said: “Signing this document is a demonstration of the University’s ethical commitment to involving service users and carers in all aspects of its work,” she said. “Such a principled way of working accords fully with our engagement with the IMPACT group of service users and carers who are already a key element of our Institute activity.”

Dr Peter Unwin, who facilitates the engagement of IMPACT at the University, added: “The aim is to ‘hard wire’ the service user and carer voice and experience into the planning, delivery and evaluation of health and care services.”

“‘Nothing about us without us’ is a real challenge to professionals and policy makers, especially in times of austerity. Mental health services often suffer the most in times of cutbacks and it is user-led initiatives like 4PI that can make a difference by ensuring user and carer voices are heard in articulate and persuasive ways.”

WORCESTER BUSINESS SCHOOL TO DELIVER LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR FIRE SERVICE

Through a tendering process, Worcester Business School was invited to work with the West Midlands Fire Service (WMFS) to develop customised work-based learning versions of the University’s well-established Leading to Excellence programmes.

Over the next three years, Worcester Business School will deliver a programme leading to a Foundation Degree in Leadership and Management through work-based learning. In addition, a shorter programme will be delivered leading to the award of a University Diploma in Leadership and Management. It is expected that around 150 members of staff at WMFS will undertake one of the programmes.

Mark Richardson, Head of Worcester Business School, said: “We are delighted to be partnering with WMFS on our flagship programme.”

The Leading to Excellence programme enables businesses to access bite-size short programmes which can be taken individually or accumulated into a full management or executive qualification up to MBA level.

Sarah Warnes, Strategic People Lead for West Midlands Fire Service, said: “The Leading to Excellence Programme is an established and successful strand of our journey to becoming a true learning organisation.

Having a university accredited programme, which is delivered in the workplace and tailored to meet our current workplace challenges, is really important to us. To prepare for the future we need leaders who are change ready and are able to think critically and provide an evidence-based approach to their decision-making.”

“The clarion call of the 4PI project, ‘nothing about us without us’, is a further example of Worcester Business School’s growing reputation in corporate and executive education.”

Mark Richardson
MEETING CENTRES
A SERVICE FOR PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA AND DEMENTIA CARERS

THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE UK OPENS IN WORCESTERSHIRE WITH A SECOND CENTRE DUE TO OPEN EARLY FEBRUARY

The Meeting Centre is the first of its kind in the UK and offers services for people with dementia and dementia carers jointly.

The project, led by the University of Worcester’s Association for Dementia Studies, follows on from the successful implementation of Meeting Centres across the Netherlands and is being conducted as part of a pilot with Poland and Italy.

The Centre is based on a successful model, which was pioneered by Professor Rose-Marie Dröes, from the VU University Medical Centre in Amsterdam. In November 2015, Professor Dröes delivered a guest seminar at the University of Worcester and explained the reason for the development of the Meeting Centres Support Programme (MSCP), its theoretical background and practical content, as well as the effects achieved with it in the Netherlands.

Professor Dawn Brooker, Director of the Association for Dementia Studies, said: “Although we are leading the project, this is very much a community based initiative and the Centre would not have been established here without the active support of so many people who have been meeting together over the past 18 months to plan and prepare for today’s event and who will continue to be involved in overseeing its work.”

Colin Capper, Head of Research Development at the Alzheimer’s Society, which is currently funding the Centre, said “We are pleased to be involved in this exciting project and are hoping that this will be the first of many across the UK.”

Droitwich Spa’s new Meeting Centre was officially launched by Henry Sandon MBE, of Antiques Roadshow fame, last September and has been building momentum and interest within the local community. Henry said: “It is not only a great joy but a great honour to be asked to come here today. Congratulations to all of you for putting Droitwich on the map as I think the Meeting Centre will be a symbol of joy and hope in this country for the future.”

The Meeting Centre’s usual activities were taking place at the same time as the launch and there were options such as dementia-friendly exercises and an introduction to porcelain by Henry Sandon for members to engage in.

Sam Arnold, of the Alzheimer’s Society and Manager of the Meeting Centre, said: “In the short amount of time that we have been open there has been a tremendous effect on members who attend the Meeting Centre.”

Jeremy Hughes, Chief Executive of the Alzheimer’s Society added: “Alzheimer’s Society is very excited to be involved in these pilots as they offer an integrated approach to support people with dementia and their carers,” he said. “By attending the Meeting Centre, people living with dementia will have access to recreational activities and psychosocial interventions. Carers will also be able to attend informative meetings, support groups and learn how to access vital support and care. The Alzheimer’s Society has committed over £100m to dementia research over the next decade and we intend to use this investment, and effective partnerships like this one with the University of Worcester, to continue to look at and test innovative approaches to dementia care.”

A second Meeting Centre is due to open in Leominster in Herefordshire later this month.

“When this was set up, we started coming along and I saw my husband come alive. I think this is the future of dementia care.”

Hilary Hansell, who helps care for her husband, Barry.
UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES IMAGES OF RESEARCH

A PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING A MALAWIAN FARMER WAS CHOSEN BY THE PUBLIC AS THE WINNER OF A COMPETITION TO HIGHLIGHT RESEARCH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WORCESTER.

Top image:
Dr Alan Dixon’s photograph wins the Public Choice Award

Opposite page
Top left: Staff member Clare Bennett’s winning photograph
Top right: Student Alice Burgin’s winning photograph
Bottom: Images of Research winners
The photo of Ivy Trindade was taken by Dr Alan Dixon, and reflected his research into sustainable agricultural methods in Malawi.

The Images of Research competition was organised by the University’s Researcher Development team, Dr Jacqueline Taylor and Rosie Plimmer, and asked researchers at the University to submit an image which encapsulated their research accompanied by a short explanatory text.

The competition attracted researchers, both staff and student, from a wide range of disciplines with fine art experts sitting alongside sports scientists, geographers and psychologists.

An exhibition of the submitted images, curated by Dr Taylor, was held at The Hive earlier this month and visitors to The Hive were asked to vote for their favourites for the Public Choice Award.

Alongside this, a panel of expert judges – the University’s Pro Vice Chancellor Academic, Professor Sarah Greer; County Arts Officer, Steve Wilson; and Worcester-based artist and gallery owner Nathaniel Pitt – deliberated over the overall winner.

While the Public Choice Award went to Dr Alan Dixon, two overall winners, one staff, one student, were selected by the judges: Clare Bennett, whose image of two young children sitting on a beach was a reflection of her research on the role of fathers in children’s development; and Alice Burgin, a first year PhD student, whose image of a balancing athlete, described her research examining the balance between physical activity and overeating.

Dr John-Paul Wilson, Director of Research at the University, said:

“The competition was about getting our researchers to think about how they communicate the often complex ideas at the heart of their research simply and effectively to a wider audience.

It’s important that the public know about our research, partly because much of what we do has positive benefits for society, but also because we want to know what the public think about our research and their views on how we might enhance the impact it is having in the real world.”
Researchers from the University of Worcester and Coventry University are asking same-sex couples from across the UK to tell them about their views and experiences 10 years on from the introduction of the Civil Partnerships Act 2004.

The act – introduced on December 5 2005 – created the new legally recognised relationship of ‘civil partner’ for the first time in the UK, giving same-sex couples access to rights and responsibilities previously reserved for those who are married.

Eight years later, the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013 was introduced alongside the Civil Partnerships Act, effectively giving same-sex couples in England, Wales and Scotland two different ways for their relationship to be recognised in the eyes of the law.

Since the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act came into force, the number of people in England and Wales registering civil partnerships has fallen by 70% according to the Office for National Statistics, and many same-sex couples in England and Wales are now converting their civil partnerships to marriages.

Dr Adam Jowett and Professor Elizabeth Peel are both social scientists and previously conducted research on civil partnership when it was first introduced back in 2005.

“We want to know why people are choosing one over the other, and why people are choosing to convert their civil partnership to a marriage – or, indeed, why they have chosen not to.” said Elizabeth Peel, Professor of Psychology and Social Change at the University of Worcester.

“Back when civil partnerships were introduced, we conducted a study similar to this one. This new study is seeking to find out how the landscape has changed, what these two forms of legal recognition mean to same-sex couples, and how it has affected their relationships and family lives.”

Those wishing to take part in or learn more about the survey should visit the following link: https://coventry.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/civil-partnership-same-sex-marriage

There are estimated to be around 250,000 children living with family or friends in situations where they are unable to live with either of their parents for whatever reason. Those caring for them are known as kinship carers.

Initial findings of the research project, exploring the parenting needs of kinship carers, shows that many carers feel “a strong sense of injustice” and are misunderstood by agencies and the general public.

The research, from University of Worcester Early Childhood Lecturers Alison Prowle and Niki Stobbs, calls for further development of support networks and mentors for kinship carers.

The report states: “From a kinship carer perspective, there is a real belief that their needs and circumstances are not widely known and understood, particularly by the agencies they need to work with in order to ensure good outcomes for the children and themselves. Studies show that this leads to resentment and a strong sense of injustice at the lack of perceived reward for their role, compared to the perceived reward of others.”

This research was presented on November 27 2015, at an event hosted by the University in collaboration with the charity Kinship Carers UK. The event featured a seminar for those working with children and families in this situation and there was a special presentation by Enza Smith, from Kinship Carers UK, and her grandson, Bradley, who spoke about kinship carers from a child’s perspective.
HISTORY GRADUATE RECEIVES AWARD FROM ANCIENT TRADE GUILD

A History graduate from the University of Worcester has received a special award from one of the City’s oldest organisations.

Kelly Warwick is the second recipient of the Clothiers’ Company of Worcester Charitable Foundation’s Annual Award. The Foundation was formed in 2014 with one of its objectives being to support the education of young people in Worcestershire.

The Clothiers’ Company is Worcester’s ancient trade guild which was granted a Royal Charter by Queen Elizabeth I in 1590.

Kelly Warwick, from Solihull, was chosen as the second recipient of the award for her dissertation on parish apprenticeships in Worcestershire between 1780 and 1820.

“I am extremely honoured to receive this award and I am so grateful for all the support I had from my tutors, especially my supervisor, Professor Suzanne Schwarz,” said the 22-year-old. “It is truly the cherry on top of the cake to be awarded this, especially after achieving a First in my dissertation.

“I have always loved social history and found it fascinating looking through all the archives at The Hive. It was so important for me to not treat all these parish apprentices as numbers but the individuals who they were. The children all played such a vital role in the Industrial Revolution and in allowing England to have progressed so rapidly during the period.

Some of the children were as young as seven when they were apprenticed and I have a younger sister who is 10, so it’s hard to believe during that time period she would have been doing such strenuous work. It was really enjoyable researching about Worcestershire, and all the many trades and jobs the apprentices were given according to their gender.”

Kelly is now hoping to pursue a career in teaching. “I would also love to complete a Masters in History,” she said. “I am currently volunteering at a Junior School and I am also working as a tour guide at a museum in Birmingham.”

Ian Smith, who is a Trustee of the Clothiers’ Company Foundation, said: “We are delighted that our second annual award has been won by Kelly. It is particularly appropriate that she should have studied apprenticeships when they were a key part of the Trade Guilds in our commercial and economic history. We are very pleased with how our partnership with the University is developing.”

‘MOST ENTREPRENEURIAL STUDENT’ SECURES JOB

A Business graduate from the University of Worcester has secured a job with a global company.

Jordan Forrest, who graduated in 2015, joins H&K International, a global giant specialising in supplying equipment to the hospitality sector.

It comes after Jordan was named winner of the 2015 Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) Award for Most Entrepreneurial Student in the University of Worcester’s Business School.

As part of the award, Jordan was given an all-expenses paid visit to the House of Commons as a guest of Worcester’s MP, Robin Walker, and a visit to the FSB’s Press and Parliamentary Office, in Westminster.

“I thoroughly enjoyed my time at the University of Worcester and particularly liked the entrepreneurship modules within my three year course,” he said. “I’m delighted to have received the award and would like to thank my tutor, Nigel Walton, the University and the FSB for making it happen.”

Judi Brazkiewicz, Chairman of FSB Worcestershire, joined Tim Maxfield, the University’s Head of Business Development, to make the award.

Judi said: “This is the fourth year that the FSB has worked with the University and every year I’m absolutely blown away by the hard work, dedication, determination and ingenuity that our young people bring to the FSB’s Sponsored Student campaign.”
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PROFESSIONALS WHO MENTOR STUDENTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WORCESTER HAVE BEEN CELEBRATED AT A SPECIAL AWARDS CEREMONY.

The University’s annual Mentor Awards recognise outstanding contributions to the student practice learning experience by professionals in the workplace. In what is the seventh year of the awards, prizes were presented in categories such as Outstanding Mentor, Outstanding Ambulance Station and Outstanding Practice Learning Environment.

Jo Rouse, Head of the University’s Academic Unit for Applied Professional Studies and Chair of the Mentor Awards Steering Group, said: “Having highly committed and effective mentors within the practice learning environment is central to effective student learning experiences.

“Despite the huge pressures and changes many staff in the health, social care and community sector are under, the professionals who mentor our students continue to provide outstanding support, role modelling and practice education for the health, social care and community practitioners of the future. We are very grateful for their dedication and time.

“The mentor awards are an important celebration in our annual calendar and provide an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the valuable contribution that mentors make in our programmes.

The Mentor Awards Steering Group received a very high number of outstanding nominations which reflects the quality of mentoring, and made the process of selecting winners a huge challenge as all of the mentors nominated were excellent.”

The opening address at the ceremony, which was held at the Graeme Hick Pavilion at Worcestershire County Cricket Club, was given by Jan Sobieraj, Managing Director of the NHS Leadership Academy. The NHS Leadership Academy is a strategic intervention for the NHS, designed to make sure the health system develops the leadership it needs to meet the challenges it will face in the coming years.
**WHAT’S ON?**

**YOUR WEEKLY ROUND UP OF ART & CULTURAL EVENTS**

Every week in the staff blog there is a link to the current ‘What’s On’ guide. Find out about all the latest artistic and cultural events going on across all University sites. This includes lunchtime music sessions, guest lectures, independent film screenings, touring theatre companies and much more! You can find the weekly staff blog at: [https://uwstaffnews.wordpress.com](https://uwstaffnews.wordpress.com)

Please share the ‘What’s On’ as widely as possible – most events are open to all and we want to encourage as many people as possible to enjoy them. Any queries, please don’t hesitate to contact a.hannaford@worc.ac.uk

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**DEPUTY PRO VICE CHANCELLORS**

Many congratulations to the following colleagues on their appointment as Deputy Pro Vice Chancellors.

**Deputy Pro Vice Chancellor Educational Partnerships:** Louise Jones

**Deputy Pro Vice Chancellor Research:** Dr John-Paul Wilson

**Deputy Pro Vice Chancellor Inclusive Sport and Educational Development:** Mick Donovan

**Deputy Pro Vice Chancellor Academic Portfolio:** Mark Richardson

In all cases the new responsibilities to which colleagues have been appointed will be combined with their existing responsibilities.

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Left - right: Louise Jones, Dr John-Paul Wilson, Mick Donovan and Mark Richardson

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INTERNATIONAL PRINT EXHIBITION 158

16 February - 23 March, The Hive

www.thehiveworcester.org/arts-exhibitions

The Hive is a partnership between the University of Worcester and Worcestershire County Council
The Hive in Worcester has been selected as one of just a handful of locations to exhibit the Royal Photographic Society’s prestigious International Print Exhibition.

The Exhibition, the longest standing exhibition of its kind in the world, having been held almost every year since 1854, will be displayed at The Hive from February 16 to March 23.

Anne Hannaford, Director of Arts and Culture at the University of Worcester, said: “We are absolutely delighted to be able to bring this prestigious exhibition to Worcester and The Hive.

This is a truly wonderful collection of images, brought to us by one of the world’s most respected photographic societies.

“We hope that the people of Worcestershire, and beyond, will take time to come and view this exhibition and be moved, excited and inspired by what they see.”

This unique selection of 100 images, curated by a panel of renowned photographers and photographic professionals, will ultimately offer something that will challenge ideas and capture the imagination. Embracing all genres and styles of photography, the International Print Exhibition combines photographic skill with ideas rich in meaning, message and technique.

The 158th Exhibition opened in October 2015 at the East London Photomonth International Photography Festival and comes to The Hive from Aberystwyth Arts Centre. After The Hive, it will travel to Warrington Museum and Art Gallery.

A member of this year’s selection panel, Dewi Lewis, Publisher and Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society, has said of the exhibition: “the images combine visual interest, effective composition and a clear narrative strand. Many hint at narratives beyond the frame, leading you beyond their immediate confines, and adding a complexity that draws the viewer back time and again.”

For more information about the exhibition, or to view the images online, visit http://www.rps.org/exhibitions-and-competitions/current-exhibitions/international-print-exhibition-158#sthash.7UIeMA5X.dpuf

Artists: Top to bottom:

Lonley Planet by Tama Baldwin
Comforth Zone 1 by Tadas Cerniauskas
Nelsons Head by Jan Klos
Tierwald70 by Frank Machalowski
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