Professor Phil Race can claim a number of times he has 'retired'! Approaching his 75th Birthday this year it seems an official retirement is on the cards. If there was ever an opportunity to mark an occasion this was it. Friends in on this had plotted a surprise 'This is your Life' and the venue was Edge Hill University where Phil is a Visiting Professor. The perfect opportunity was at #SOLSTICE19 where many peers would be gathering for the annual conference (and where Phil was giving yet another keynote).

Prof Peter Hartley was the MC and encouraged all to contribute to the hashtag #thankyouphilrace. Below is a curation of those tweets.

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3:19 PM · Jun 5, 2019

37 16 people are Tweeting about this
#thankyouphilrace
@RacePhil #thankyouphilrace #thisisyourlife #Solstice19
Feel honoured to be part of something so special. @RacePhil This is Your Life! #thankyouphilrace
#thankyouphilrace lovely way of thanking Phil Race today at @CLTatEHU #SOLSTICE19

Kevin Henshaw
@illgetmecoat

#thankyouphilrace An inspiration. Good luck with the retirement(s)
A privilege to be here for @RacePhil This is your Life! Well done @profpeterbrad #thankyouphilrace #SOLSTICE19

@RacePhil has no idea what’s about to hit him
@profpeterbrad is doing a grand job!!!! @RacePhil This is your Life!!! #thankyouphilrace #SOLSTICE19
Suzanne Faulkner
@SFaulknerPandO

@RacePhil .... This Is Your Life!!! If there’s anything you’d like to thank Phil for, use this # : #thankyouphilrace
Thank you for all that you have done for all of us in learning, teaching, assessment and feedback!
#SOLSTICE19 #LTHEchat

Sue Beckingham
@suebecks

Contribute to #thankyouphilrace to celebrate Prof Phil Race’s achievements ‘This is your life’
#solstice19

And the accolades go to ...

The man
• “a rock star in the community of post-secondary education”
• “one of the giants in teaching and learning”
• “Phil Race continues to re-invent the teacher’s profession with new and fresh ideas”
• “The wonderful and wise Prof Phil Race”

The book (Lecturers’ Toolkit, 5th edition, in press)
• “the essential handbook for contemporary higher education professionals”
• “a goldmine of new and fresh ideas”
• “another excellent teaching and learning enhancement resource”
• “A must-have text for all lecturers and one I guarantee you will come back to time and time again”
#thankyophilrace
Peter Hartley giving Michael A spell a run for his money in a 'This is your life' special
#thankyouphilrace for ripples of learning and post its!!!
#SOLSTICE19
Dr Michelle Morgan (ItSE) @it_se · Jun 5, 2019
The awesome Prof Race... over 100 books #SOLSTICE19 @ProfSallyBrown @suebecks @kay_sambell @RacePhil can't believe he is planning to retire... from solo activities.

Sue Beckingham @suebecks
#thankyouphilrace for being such a wonderful friend, mentor and role model over the years
3:54 PM · Jun 5, 2019 from Ormskirk, England

Peter Hartley @profpeterbrad · Jun 5, 2019
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Chris Wilson
@ChrisWilsonEdu
#thankyouphilrace for your contribution @DerbyUni and the wealth of info you publish so openly.
4:07 PM · Jun 5, 2019
Becka C-F @veggieg3ek
Sad to have missed out on this too, especially #thankyouphilrace but #careerhubspotlight calls! Have fun all. Next year.

Alex Spiers #HE @alexspiers
Meant post this earlier. Hashtag of the day #SOLSTICE19 Great tweets coming out. Keep it up! Sad not to be there this year but hope to see everyone next year... and the ducks of course.

Peter Hartley @profpeterbrad Jun 5, 2019
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Kay Sambell @kay_sambell
#thankyouphilrace for inspiring me, and so many of my colleagues and my students, to give stuff a go and make learning happen. As one of my first year ugs sagely observed on evaluation form after phil's session:“Phil rocks !” Well said.

Kay Sambell @kay_sambell
And #thankyouphilrace for teaching me to tweet!
#thankyouphilrace for your inspiration, positive approach to education and the assessment of learning - a fantastic role model

5:30 PM · Jun 5, 2019

Peter Hartley @profpeterbrad · Jun 5, 2019
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A/Prof Samantha Pugh @SamLP
#thankyouphilrace for being there right at the start of my career- teaching me about good practice, and also giving stellar advice that helped me get my NTF. Always thoughtful and helpful. Thank you 😊

5:49 PM · Jun 5, 2019

Kirstie @Kirstie130
#thankyouphilrace As I start my journey in education: Your Lecturers Toolkit and 'Ripples' featured throughout my AFHEA Assessed Dialogue. Your publications & tweets constantly provide a plethora of thought provoking material 😊

6:28 PM · Jun 5, 2019
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Dr Helen Scott

#thankyouphilrace for role modelling inspiring teaching excellence. And being the first person to ever tell me that Newcastle is, in fact, named after a castle 😄

Mark Glynn

#thankyouphilrace for continuing to inspire all those around you. I’m very privileged to know you.

Iain MacLaren

relentless optimism that washes aside any of that academic cynicism and defeatism #thankyouphilrace
#thankYouPhilRace for wise written words, practical pedagogy, insight & inspiration, humble humour, & being an amazing ambassador for our profession. You've helped me teach, helped me train others, & been a role model of kindness, not least in the @NTF_Tweet community. @RacePhil

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@julieh8
#thankyouphilrace for keeping us asking questions about why teach and assess in ways that often don’t make learning happen

@PhilGMaul
Phil Race is my inspiration and motivation to work to improve assessment and feedback in HE, its that simple. #thankyouphilrace #philracefanclub

@DocWinstone
#thankYouPhilRace for always being generous with advice and encouragement @RacePhil
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Emma Duke-Williams
@Emmadw

#thankyouphilrace for all those useful resources, too many to list, but I particularly love the mad multiple choice questions :) There are times I like I'm an overspragged uckerpod :)
12:35 PM · Jun 6, 2019

See Emma Duke-Williams's other Tweets

Peter Hartley @profpeterbrad · Jun 5, 2019
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Lynne Gornall
@MsGornall

#thankyouphilrace for telling us in a workshop some time ago, not to wait for 'permission' to do your 'innovative' practice - just do it and worry about the consequences later 😊
4:51 PM · Jun 6, 2019

See Lynne Gornall's other Tweets

cnaamani @cnaamani

I remember you well when you were at the #PolyofWales #thankyouphilrace
8:52 PM · Jun 6, 2019

See cnaamani's other Tweets
Solstice 2019 – and a surprise! phil-race.co.uk/2019/06/solsti... #thankyouphilrace

Solstice 2019 - and a surprise! - Phil Race
Here are the slides I used for my session on ‘Helping students to take charge of their learning’ on ... phil-race.co.uk

9:49 PM · Jun 6, 2019

David Kernohan
@dkernohan

#thankyouphilrace so much inspiration, so much good sense on L&T. And such a wonderful speaker!

10:02 PM · Jun 6, 2019 from Dursley, England

So many tributes poured in using the hashtag #thankyouphilrace

And there's more! Friends met Phil and shared hugs, they mentioned Phil in tweets and shared photos, and more. The tributes started pouring in from all over the world. Prof Phil Race or as we know him on Twitter @RacePhil was a hot topic!
Dr Scott Turner
@scottturneruon
#SOLSTICE19 via NodeXL bit.ly/2WTi3NO
@profsallybrown
@suebecks
@cltatehu
@sfaulknerpando
@solsticecetl
@georgeroberts
@racephil
@belld17
@edgehill
@sachesney

Top hashtags:
#solstice19
#thankyouphilrace
#ehu
#philatsolstice19
#legoseriousplay
#sketchnoting

SOLSTICE19 Twitter NodeXL SNA Map and Report for Friday, 07 June...
The graph represents a network of 196 Twitter users whose recent
tweets contained “SOLSTICE19”, or who were replied to or mentione... nodexlgraphgallery.org
Phil Race @RacePhil · Jun 5, 2019

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Claire Allam @just_here101

Does that mean you are actually retiring from L&T?
12:05 PM · Jun 10, 2019

Phil Race @RacePhil · Jun 7, 2019

Replying to @digisim

Couldn’t surprise me more than at Solstice. Fantastic concert so far. Sir Roger is 85, perhaps I should have kept on a bit longer?

Simon Thomson @digisim

I have no doubt you will continue to contribute to the community. Enjoy the concert.
8:08 PM · Jun 7, 2019
Dr Michelle Morgan (ItSE) @it_se

Replying to @LindaKKaye and @Charlesknight
@ProfSallyBrown @suebecks

I’m glad we were not shown anything above the knee!

Peter Goodhew @good2reader

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Phil Race @RacePhil · Jun 7, 2019

Replying to @spencro @topofthefield and @JedKolko

Now that I’m retired (after next Tuesday), I have more time to be a brontolone too (well practised) (and remain a European).

Rob Spence @spencro

Yes! Retirement is great. Release your inner brontolone!
Phil Race @RacePhil · Jun 7, 2019
Thanks @topofthefield I alwayos go back to Einstein on 'Knowledge is experience, everything else is just information'. Today we can have all the info at our fingertips, but this doesn't make us skilled. I also love @JedKolko 's point about 'deep skills' being the most important.

Dr Sue Clayton @topofthefield
Replying to @ChrisHeadleand @Beever and @RacePhil
What I always loved about it was the perfect antidote it provided for the skills v knowledge arguments ( sorry, discussions!) that often turn up in PgCert sessions. Happy retirement, @RacePhil

Anne Fox @foxdenuk
Thanks for the sessions I attended with you when I was working at GLOSCAT in Cheltenham from 1987-1993! All started there with the importance of white space in open learning materials!
2:48 PM · Jun 7, 2019

Dr Chris Headleand @ChrisHeadleand · Jun 7, 2019
Replying to @Beever and @RacePhil
Pretty sure it was @topofthefield who recommended it to me in the first place :-) mentorship while teaching is so important. Having someone to signpost resources can help so much.

Dr Sue Clayton @topofthefield
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1:49 PM · Jun 7, 2019 from Wales, United Kingdom
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Top conversationalists include
@SFaulknerPandO
@suebecks
@ProfSallyBrown
@RacePhil
@PabloPedantic
@pekneale
@rachelleeobrien
@belld17
@digisim
@DigiLearn_Clare
@it_se
@DesTech2013
@LindaKKaye
@saramursic
@EHULearnService
The data available at docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d...
Dr Chris Headleand
@ChrisHeadleand

Writing a staff development session on student engagement in large group teaching. Just wrote the recommended reading... no matter what I end up covering I always end up recommending 'The Lecturers Toolkit' by @RacePhil The scope of that book covers so much good stuff.

9:54 AM · Jun 7, 2019 from Lincoln, England

Dr O E Idowu
@idowuoe

@profpeterbrad Thank you @RacePhil for all the useful resources on your website that are easily available, your thought provoking contribution in the realms of education has help to clear the fog of obfuscation especially in students assessment and feedback. I wish U best of luck

Peter Hartley @profpeterbrad

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8:25 AM · Jun 7, 2019 from Gillingham, England

Phil Race @RacePhil · Jun 6, 2019

Replying to @cnaamani and @profpeterbrad

Thanks. You must have a long memory. 😊

cnaamani
@cnaamani

I was teaching EFL with Maggy McNorton who introduced me to you and a young Danny Saunders! 😞😊

10:34 PM · Jun 6, 2019
It is an honour to work with so many amazing colleagues and yesterday we were privileged to celebrate and share with @RacePhil a special 'This is your life' tribute with outstanding comparing by @profpeterbrad

Dr Michelle Morgan (ItSE) @it_se
The indomitable and incredible Professor Phil Race. End of a educational era. Enjoy your semi retirement 👏 @edgehill @kay_sambell @ProfSallyBrown #SOLSTICE19 @suebecks

8:56 PM · Jun 6, 2019

See CLT at EHU's other Tweets
How fabulous is this! Very well deserved accolade to the wonderful @RacePhil 😊

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Well done @RacePhil - the legend

How amazing is @RacePhil ‘s life & career? Congratulations🎉🎊🎈📚
twitter.com/it_se/status/1...
Phil Race @RacePhil · Jun 5, 2019
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Deena Ingham @DeenaI
Thank you for all your shared wisdom. Enjoy retirement but don't forget to keep coming out of it to keep us all enthusiastic and on track please!
1:10 PM · Jun 6, 2019

Eri Mountbatten-O'Malley (FHEA) @EriMOMalley
This year is the second time I've had the pleasure of being part of one of your (@RacePhil's) incredibly engaging keynotes. Both times I've been wowed by your ability to connect immediately with participants and your human touch. Thanks so much for everything you've done for us

Dawne @belld17
A privilege to be here for @RacePhil This is your Life! Well done @profpeterbrad #thankyouphilrace #SOLSTICE19
twitter.com/ProfSallyBrown...
12:39 PM · Jun 6, 2019

Phil Race @RacePhil · Jun 5, 2019
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Dr Moyra Journeaux @JourneauxMoyra
Plenty of time to do that book signing in Jersey now. Colleagues @Highlands_JSY would love to meet you. A chance also to hop over to our sister island Guernsey and meet colleagues @rachaelmajor1
7:26 AM · Jun 6, 2019
Dr Naomi Winstone
@DocWinstone

#thankYouPhilRace for always being generous with advice and encouragement @RacePhil
6:39 AM · Jun 6, 2019

Haleh Moravej @HalehMoravej · Jun 5, 2019

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Chrissi Nerantzi 🇬🇷🇺🇸’es 🐑’s
@chrissinerantzi

Such an inspiration for so so many. Thank you Phil @RacePhil
6:35 AM · Jun 6, 2019
Phil Race @RacePhil · Jun 5, 2019
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Dr Hala Mansour @HalaMansour

You will never retired @RacePhil. Your knowledge production will always be here to support us. Enjoy your time
8:56 PM · Jun 5, 2019

anortcliffe @anortcliffe

@RacePhil academics don’t retire they become emirtus professors keep writing!
7:35 PM · Jun 5, 2019 from Chartham, England

Dr Cristina Devecchi @dmc_devecchi

Happy retirement - you are now officially free to be whom you want to be, teach the way you think fit and be as original and creative as you like.
7:34 PM · Jun 5, 2019
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Phil Race @RacePhil · Jun 5, 2019
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Dr Rachael Major RN 💙
@rachaelmajor1

Congratulations on your retirement
7:26 PM · Jun 5, 2019

Dr. Niveen Elshawa
@NiveenElshawa

Congratulations Prof. @RacePhil on a great career and a life well spent. Wishing you much happiness and relaxation in your retirement. 🌸
7:25 PM · Jun 5, 2019
What a joyous Twitter-stream today. An appreciation, a celebration of the enormous contribution @RacePhil has made to how we understand learning & encourage great teaching. Wonderful to see!

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6:12 PM · Jun 5, 2019
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Gutted I couldn’t be there in person to share the day with you, @RacePhil, @ProfSallyBrown and all (and see @profpeterbrad in glorious ‘This is Your Life’ action!). Bet there wasn’t a dry eye in the house. What a story-looking forward to seeing the book!

4:02 PM · Jun 5, 2019
Dr Michelle Morgan (ItSE)
@it_se

The awesome Prof Race.... over 100 books #SOLSTICE19 @ProfSallyBrown @suebecks @kay_sambell @RacePhil can't believe he is planning to retire.... from solo activities.

Pauline Kneale
@pekneale

#SOLSTICE19 @RacePhil
Paul Smalley (@PabloPedantic)
This is your life @RacePhil #SOLSTICE19

3:42 PM · Jun 5, 2019

See Paul Smalley's other Tweets

Pauline Kneale (@pekneale)
Peter Hartley celebrating Phil Race and his retirement 75 fabulous years. #SOLSTICE19 @RacePhil @PU_PedRIO @ProfSallyBrown

3:40 PM · Jun 5, 2019

See Pauline Kneale's other Tweets
@RacePhil has no idea what’s about to hit him

Watch this space! Phil can pick and choose what he does next.

Add the hashtag #thankyouphilrace to contribute your message and tag @philrace.