Degrees of success

Lord Attenborough, the University Chancellor, presented degrees to more than 550 students who gathered at the Corn Exchange in Brighton yesterday (21 February) for the winter graduation ceremonies.

In celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Sussex European Institute (SEI), he also presented honorary Doctor of Laws degrees to three people who have contributed greatly to our understanding of international relations.

Lawyer and economist the Rt Hon the Lord Cockfield PC (left) served as Treasury Minister from 1979 to 1982 and was a member of the Cabinet from 1982 to 1984. On leaving the Cabinet, Lord Cockfield joined the European Commission as a Vice-President and was responsible for the completion of the internal market by 1992. He then joined KPMG Peat Marwick as their consultant on European affairs, retiring in 1993.

Professor Helen Wallace (below) is currently at the European University Institute in Florence, while on leave from her post as Jean Monnet Professor of Contemporary European Studies at the SEI, where she was a founding director.

Professor Wallace has made major contributions to the analysis and understanding of European political institutions and policies. She has advised national governments, the EU Commission and the European Parliament on policy design and effectiveness. Her research interests include EU governance and the EU's evolving relations with the rest of Europe.

A world-renowned authority on international law and the European Union, Professor Joseph Weiler (below) graduated from Sussex in 1976 with first-class honours. He is now a professor at New York University School of Law and at the College of Europe in Bruges, and has been a visiting professor at many prestigious institutions.

Professor Weiler co-drafted the European Parliament's Declaration of Human Rights and Freedoms as well as Parliament's input to the Maastricht Inter-Governmental Conference. He is also a World Trade Organisation panel member.

The University also awarded an honorary degree to Lis Solkhon, a member of Council from 1984 to 2001 and the first chairman of the board of the Gardner Arts Centre. For 17 years, Lis Solkhon (above) gave unstintingly of her time to the University, serving on many committees and panels. She was a member of the Careers Advisory Board from 1985 and chaired it from 1993. She was also a trustee of the Silver Jubilee Scholarship fund from its inception.

Ms Solkhon served on Brighton Council for 14 years from 1979. She is still a board member of Brighton and Hove Philharmonic Society and is on the management council of the Brighton Festival. She also writes a weekly column in the Argus.

See page 4 for more graduation stories ...

New USSU sabbatical team

An unusually large field of 24 candidates contested this month's Students' Union elections, held from 5-7 February. With not one current sabbatical succeeding in being re-elected, a completely new team will take over in the summer.

President
Ros Hall
History of Art finalist, EAM
Voters preferred Ros to current sabbaticals Dan Glazebrook and Jess Hill, as well as newcomer Talal Totah. They were persuaded by promises of "interaction, accessibility, development, expansion and fun" and Rosamund's ambitions for an online property letting agency and a venue in Brighton to sell alcohol at Students' Union prices.

Finance & Commercial Services Officer
David Moneey
Environmental Science finalist, CPES
One of four candidates for the post, David asked voters to support the building of a small biogas plant to provide electricity to Falmer House from campus waste. Keep an eye on the Falmer House common room, as well, where David wants to bring in a TV, music, hot drinks, games, heating and comfy chairs.

Communications Officer
Robert Jones
Politics finalist, EAM
Currently sports editor on the Badger and communications officer for the Sports Federation executive committee, Robert is also captain of the football first XI. He defeated no less than five other candidates with a pledge to improve the Badger, Pulse and USSU website - but has cleverly managed to be elected without actually revealing how.

Education Officer
Nik Goldberg
2nd year Philosophy and English, EAM
Nik defeated the current incumbent, Sukant Chandan, with a promise to implement an effective system of Student Academic Representatives (STARS), who are elected to represent the interests of students taking particular degree subjects. Nik also wants to resurrect the alternative prospectus, written by students for students.

Welfare Officer
Marianne Lemond
Year 5 English, CCS
Marianne wants to re-establish and improve Nightline, a confidential listening and information service on campus. She will "insist University facilities are made more accessible to students with disabilities" and "insist the University addresses the issue of the rising number of students experiencing mental health problems".

Sports & Activities Officer
Tamsin Wicks
Psychology finalist, BOLS
Tamsin's describes herself as "enthusiastic, energetic, proactive". She has been a member of the netball club for three years, two as captain, and has served on the Sports Federation executive for two years. Despite this athletic pedigree, Tamsin's main objective is to give more emphasis to non-sporting activities.
Bookmark
New books by Sussex authors

Peter Abb's (Professor of Creative Writing, GRC Hums)
Selected Poems
Halcrow Publishing

David Pollard
(Arts/Science tutor)
Nietzsche's Footfalls
Geraldine £8.99
The publisher says: "This is a meditation on a series of interlocking stories and the way that posthumous existences can betray intentions. It centres on the story of Nietzsche's sister and her rewriting of his philosophy but spirals out into other stories that involve literature and music and the events of history."

Geoffrey Sampson
(Professor of Natural Language Computing, COGS)
Empirical Linguistics
Continuum, £55.00
hardback, £18.99
paper
The publisher says: "In this volume, concrete evidence is brought to bear in resolving long-standing questions such as 'Is there one English language or many Englishes?' and 'Do different social groups use characteristically elaborated or restricted language codes?'

Tom Wakeford
(Research Officer, IDS)
Liaisons of Life: From hornworms to hippos, how the unassuming microbe has driven evolution
John Wiley & Sons, £18.50
The publisher says: "Wakeford ... fires a shot across the bow of contemporary Darwinism."

All titles are available from the University Bookshop. If you are a Sussex author and have a book coming out in March, let us know on ext. 8888 or by email at Bulletin@sussex.ac.uk.

Snail trail leads to memory breakthrough

Ashley Cousins
Biochemistry with Neurobiology finalist

Snails can teach us a great deal about how we form memories, according to a group of BIOLS scientists.

Research by Dr Ildikó Kemenes, Professor Paul Benjamin, Professor Michael O'Shea and colleagues shows that nitric oxide plays a vital role in the formation of long-term memory in snails.

This is of crucial importance because the gas has already been shown to play such a role in humans and other mammals.

Ideally, scientists would like to use mammals to study the mechanism of memory formation, but mammalian brains are too complex. So, instead, they have to study animals with simpler brains.

Snails are an ideal choice because they have unusually large neurons (nerve cells). But, until now no one had conclusively shown that nitric oxide plays a role in the formation of long-term memory in snails.

So, the BIOLS team carried out experiments to see whether interfering with nitric oxide, in ways known to prevent mammals forming long-term memory, would have a similar effect on snails.

The experiments made use of a smell-taste association. Snails can be taught to associate the smell of amyl acetate, a chemical that smells like pear drops, with a tasty sugar solution. Subsequently, whenever they smell 'pear drops', they begin to make mouth movements in anticipation of food.

The BIOLS team injected snails with chemicals that either blocked the production of nitric oxide, or prevented it passing to other neurons, or blocked its action. They found that in each case the snails failed to memorise the association if the injection had been made within five hours after training - the time in which long-term memory is laid down.

This is the best evidence so far that nitric oxide plays a role in the formation of long-term memory in snails. Moreover, this is the first time that anyone has demonstrated such a role in any animal at both the neuronal and the behavioural level.

The findings are published in the current Journal of Neuroscience.

Research funding opportunities

More details of these and other research opportunities are available from the Research Services Division. Please contact your Research Support Officer for more information. For an extensive listing of funding opportunities, see REFUND on the RSD website, www.sussex.ac.uk/units/research/refund.shtml

Cancer Research UK
Applications are invited for 3-year project grants, which aim to protect and promote the health of the public, by research into the nature, causes, prevention, treatment and cure of all forms of cancer. Eligible costs include postdoc and technician salaries, PhD studentships, consumables and equipment.

Nuffield Foundation Project Grants
Outline applications are invited for grants of between £5k and £100k in the social sciences and particularly in the Foundation's priority areas of child protection, family law and justice; education; access to justice; mental health; and older people and their families.

Deadline: 15 March

AHBB Creative & Performing Arts

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
Funding is available for short-term study visits and long-term fellowships of more than 6 months. The UK scholar must identify a Japanese host. Funding will cover travel and subsistence costs. All subject areas are eligible.

Deadline: 30 April

British Council UK-Netherlands Funding
The Partnership Programme encourages UK and Dutch researchers to meet, exchange ideas and engage in new collaborations. Grants cover travel and subsistence costs for short visits. All research fields are eligible including humanities and social sciences.

Deadline: 30 June
Dear Bulletin

I note that the Vice-Chancellor in his Voice column for 8 February quotes Macbeth - "were well / It were done quickly" (I, vii, 1–2). I hope this identification with his notorious compatriot is not ominous. Macbeth is talking about murder, proceeds with it, plunges the realm into turmoil, and himself comes to a sticky end.

Dr Jeremy Lane
Dean of EURO

Dear Editor

We would be grateful if the Vice-Chancellor would clarify his statement in the Bulletin of 8 February that "there is wide agreement that planning and management of research needs to start now".

The word management is a curious one when applied to faculty, and even more curious when applied to research. If by management is meant to assist, promote, encourage or provide an environment in which research can flourish, it would probably be correct to assume wide agreement.

On the other hand, if management is taken to mean control by the central administration of the subjects that appointed faculty are allowed or encouraged to research, or of who has the opportunity to undertake research, or of the day-to-day research activities of faculty, there would, we assert, be little agreement, rather strong and justifiable resistance.

Professors Terry Clark (EIT), Tom Collett (BIOLS), Ed Hinds (EIT), Phil Husbands (COGS), Mike Land (BIOLS), Ian Russell (BIOLS)

Professor Alasdair Smith, Vice-Chancellor, replies:

I am happy to make it clear that by 'management', I do not mean central control. The creation of an environment within academic units in which research can flourish is primarily the task of academic units themselves and the role of the centre is to support and assist.

A successful research environment requires intellectual leadership, good internal management and planning, clear objectives both for individuals and the group, and a framework for mentoring and appraisal of individuals.

The excellent RAE outcome for Physics and Astronomy was the culmination of more than five years of academic leadership and strategic management from within the group. That's the model I wish to see followed more widely.

Interreg programme bridges the Channel

Academics, council officials and business leaders came together last week to discuss how to develop the local economy in East Sussex, Kent and northern France.

In partnership with East Sussex and Kent County Councils as well as the two unitary authorities of Medway and Brighton & Hove, the University hosted a one-day seminar looking at economic development and technology.

The seminar provided an opportunity for participants to hear about the new European Union Interreg programme, to discuss project ideas and to network with potential partners.

Interreg III will run until 2008, with a budget of £70 million to support cross-border projects in East Sussex, Kent, Medway, Brighton & Hove, Seine-Maritime, Somme and Nord Pas de Calais.

Opening the event, Professor Tony Moore, Deputy Vice Chancellor, said: "The University is deeply committed to the region and to contributing to local economic development. Sussex is keen to increase its links with business, local authorities and other sectors, and innovative developments could link up with similar initiatives in France."

Isle of Thorns sold

The sale of the Isle of Thorns training and conference centre to Cats Protection (formerly known as the Cats Protection League) has been completed.

The centre was on the market for £1.5 million, but the sale of the main estate - excluding a number of residential buildings - eventually raised a figure "well in excess of this", according to Director of Student Services Charles Dudley.

The completion of the sale brings to an end the University's links with the estate, which go back to 1964. From 1970 the University held the property on a 21-year lease until it acquired the freehold in 1992.

The Isle of Thorns was conceived and laid out on the edge of the Ashdown Forest in the 1920s as a centre offering adventure and holidays in the country for young people from the London area.
**In brief**

**Housing workshops**
The Students' Union and Housing Office are running a series of advice sessions for any student moving into private-sector accommodation. The next session will take place in the Debating Chamber in Falmer House on Tuesday 5 March, from 1–2pm. The session will look at finding accommodation, contracts and how to avoid problems.

**Bike winner**
Undergraduate Damian Kerr (EAM) is going to be twice as fit as the other users of the gym at the Falmer Sports Complex. All students and staff who took out a year's membership were entered into a prize draw and Damian won a Giant mountain bike worth £300, donated by Baker Street Bikes in Brighton.

**Two million email messages**
A barrier was broken in November, reports the Computing Service, when for the first time it handled over 2 million email messages in one month. The exact figure was 2,028,722 messages, which comprised 738,720 messages to Sussex; 330,177 from Sussex; and 960,725 internal messages.

**VIPs on campus**
Two distinguished visitors, including one of the country's leading authorities on race relations, have been on campus this month to give lectures. Yesterday (21 February) Lord Ouseley spoke on 'Race, class and ignorance in multi-cultural Britain'. As Sir Harman Ouseley he was Chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality from 1993–2000. Mark Tully, the BBC's India correspondent for 22 years, spoke about Christianity in India when he gave the annual George Bell Association Lecture at the Meeting House on 11 February. He presents a Radio 4 programme, 'Something Understood', featuring music and prose meditations on spiritual themes.

**Graduation success stories**

Mary Davies, aged 81, was the oldest student at yesterday's graduation ceremonies. She received an MA in Creative Writing—more than 50 years after taking her first degree in English. Mary, who lives in Crawley, says: "I feel an enormous sense of achievement. I was so surprised to be accepted onto the course."

She adds: "I think the younger students found it interesting to have someone of my age studying with them, especially when we were asked to write about memories of our childhoods. Mine were positively antique. I became very friendly with several of them, although I didn't take part in campus life."

Mary, who has four grown-up children, worked as a teacher before retiring. She embarked on the MA shortly after the death of her husband Trevor two years ago. As part of her course, she wrote a collection of poems in memoriam to him.

She also produced a wall hanging, measuring 6ft by 6ft, which depicts her life through mementos. "We had to produce an artistic object for an oral exam," explains Mary. "I had several bits of embroidery I had never finished, as well as souvenirs of visits and mementos of things such as my 50th wedding anniversary. I think the examiners were impressed with it."

Despite his illness, Bruce, who lives in Lewes, persevered with his studies. "I enjoyed the work and I found it helped to take my mind off how I was feeling."

Bruce took his first law degree (LLB) after retiring from Sussex Police ten years ago. He then went on to study for the Masters degree (LLM). "It was something I'd wanted to do for a long time," he says. "Five of my six children and my wife all have degrees. I felt a bit left out."

Eleanor Chaffer, 23, gave birth during her one-year Post Graduate Certificate of Education (PGCE) course: baby Luke was born in December 2000.

Eleanor took just 23 days off before returning to the full-time course. Her husband John, who is taking an English degree at University College, Chichester, helped to look after Luke while Eleanor continued her studies.

She said: "Although I was pregnant when I applied for the course, I was determined I would be able to do it. I didn't want to defer entry as I wanted to get a job to support the family."

Eleanor, who lives in Brighton, now teaches maths at Hove Park School.

**Bruce Byrne (above) discovered he was dangerously ill during the final year of a two-year, part-time Masters degree in Law. Shortly after he handed in his dissertation, he underwent major heart surgery.**

"I'd had severe chest pains in January of last year," says 58-year-old Bruce, who was a police officer for 30 years before taking up his studies again. "In June I found out I needed a triple heart by-pass operation. I handed in my dissertation shortly before my operation last December."

**Summer in the sun brings success for Shelagh**

The special award ceremony yesterday evening culminated in the presentation of the annual Whistler Prize for the best student essay in local or natural history, geology or archaeology.

This year the prize was won by CCE student Shelagh Gray, whose investigation of the flora in a large, flower-rich meadow showed the long-lasting effects that alterations and additions to soil can have on the plants growing in it.

Ten years before Shelagh's study for her Certificate in Field Biology, one half of the meadow had been ploughed, reseeded and fertilised. Some time had also been added to the soil, making it less acidic. The other half of the meadow, which is on a family farm near Heathfield, had been left untreated.

Shelagh spent a summer in the sun on her research, with only the nearest skyscrapers for company. She found that the ploughing, fertilisation and addition of lime had affected the drainage of the soil as well as its acidity, with the result that more and slightly different species of plants were growing in the improved part of the meadow.

Shelagh enjoyed her studies so much that she is now doing the part-time BA in Landscape Studies – but this term she’s investigating a rather more tame environment, with a course on the aesthetics of garden design.
e-learning made easy

In a unique new teaching collaboration, drugs expert Professor Richard Hammersley is teaching Sussex students from the comfort of his office 100 miles away at the University of Essex.

Instead of fuming in a traffic jam or letting the train take the strain, Professor Hammersley is using Internet video-conferencing to deliver lectures to postgraduates on the new MSc in Substance Misuse, convened by Dr Michael Morgan.

The interactive distance-learning sessions have been made possible by a grant from the University's Teaching and Learning Development Fund and the efforts of two technical experts: Paolo Oprandi from the School of Biological Sciences (BIOLS) and Richard Inskop of the Teaching and Learning Development Unit.

Inter-university video-conference teaching sessions are rare enough, according to Paolo, but those at Sussex have used ISDN video-conferencing from the MSU suite in the Hastings Building.

"We chose to use Internet Protocol video-conferencing mainly because we could choose the time and place of the lectures," he explains. Every week Professor Hammersley broadcasts a live two-hour, two-way teaching session from his office to a TV screen in Michael Morgan's.

So far the five students and both lecturers have been very satisfied with the service. "The video and audio quality has been very good and Professor Hammersley has been able to control Powerpoint presentations from his desktop," says Paolo.

The system takes advantage of the large bandwidth offered by the UK's academic network. Although it is not yet possible to guarantee a connection at all times, Paolo expects technological improvements later this year. In any case, most UK universities with modern networks and fast connections should not experience any problems - and the video-conferencing does not disturb other Internet traffic as it uses less than 0.5% of the 100MBit campus network.

In a separate, but related, project Paolo and Richard are recording the video-conference sessions to produce lectures-on-demand that are streamed from a BIOLS server. In conjunction, they have recorded lectures by Professor Chris Darwin that will be used to provide lectures-on-demand to undergraduate psychology students and will be evaluating the educational value of lectures-on-demand against the time and cost of producing them.

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The facts and fiction of WWI trench warfare

Fiction can get closer to the truth than history, argued novelist and film-maker William Boyd (pictured right) when he visited campus on Wednesday (20 February) to lead students of history, media and English literature in a day of discussion about trench warfare.

The reality of World War I has been obscured by romance and the myths of heroism and sacrifice, he said. "Novelists can get behind all that, strip away the myth and reveal the unimaginable reality."

But surely a historian is better placed to do that? "The historian has facts and has to make an interpretation, but he can't deviate from that," the author told the Bulletin. "The novelist has his imagination and can get closer to the truth. He can add that extra dimension and make it very vivid."

Boyd's 1987 novel, The New Confessions, established a dramatic relationship with trench life and warfare - a relationship that he developed on screen in 1999 in 'The Trench'. "I had got that trench experience right in prose," he said, "but I felt it hadn't been got right in film."

This week's event included a screening of the movie, which depicts a British infantry platoon waiting on the front line for the start of the battle of the Somme. With a realistically young cast and starring Paul Nicholls of 'Eastenders' fame, it aims for realism and authenticity, without being swayed by sentiment.

"The film, like the novel, is all about character and story," said Boyd, "but set within the context of realism. In all modesty, I would say no film captures the trench experience as accurately as mine."

The film and talk led in to extracts from other movies on trench warfare - including Kubrick's 'Paths of Glory', Losey's 'King and Country', Weir's 'Gallipoli', Attenborough's 'Oh What a Lovely War' and Chaplin's 'Shoulder Arms' - as well as the TV series 'Blackadder'.

The films were introduced by Sussex academics who are researching and/or teaching the subject of visual and literary representation of World War I. They continued Boyd's analysis of themes including realism, irony, propaganda, ideology, gender and myth.

The day culminated in a round-table discussion chaired by Professor Rod Kedward (EURO) and involving William Boyd, Dr George Walter (CCS), John Jacobs (Centre for Social Policy and Social Work), Dr Dick Roberts (SOC), Dr Paul Betts (EURO) and Beryl Williams (EURO).

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New integrated route to DPhil study at Sussex

The University has been successful in its bid to offer a new, four-year DPhil programme.

Complementary to the traditional doctorate, this new route offers the opportunity for DPhil students to undertake a one-year guided programme of study, integrated with their research, comprising subject-specific taught courses and skills development.

A pilot scheme funded by the HEFCE and involving ten universities admitted the first students in 2001-02 and it has now been extended to other institutions. The approved Sussex applications are for:

- Sussex Institute (Education, Legal Studies, Social Work and Social Policy);
- School of Life Sciences (Cognitive Science, Social Psychology, Social Policy);
- SPRU - Science and Technology Policy (Science and Technology Policy, Management of Technology Policy and Innovation);
- School of Social Sciences and Cultural Studies (Development Studies, Economics, European Studies, Geography, International Relations and Politics, Media Studies, Migration Studies, Social Anthropology, Sociology).

For further information on progression to this new route to doctoral study, contact Terry O'Donnell in the Postgraduate Office on ext. 3854.
Small ads

TO LET: 2-bed refurbished terrace cottage, unfurnished, with small garden. Hanover/Queens Park area. £900 pcm. Tel/fax 023546 or email albanoav21@ap.org.com.


NORMANDY Holiday rental, 17th C timber-framed house in rural Pays d'Auge, sleeps 6+, all mod cons, open fires & central heating. Email stfc@biols.sussex.ac.uk or ext 8010.

TO LET: Fully furnished room in Seven Dials 2-bed flat. For 4-6 mths, available now. £500 pcm (incl. water and gas). Tel. 5523277.

TO LET: Seafret flat in Marine Parade. Two double bedrooms, one with en-suite. Gas CH, w/m. £800 pcm excl. Email leeh@biols.sussex.ac.uk, ext. 7106 (day), tel. 683776 (eves).

WANTED: Visiting professor (from Santa Cruz) and family seek to rent 3-bed furnished house 1 Aug-Late Dec, preferably in Downs village. Up to £1250 pcm. Contact Ronnie Lipschut at ripshch Cats.usc.edu, or 61 831 423 1084.

WANTED: Smokers to complete an established drug study, which pays £20 for 2-3 hours of your time. Drug administered via a (tiny) injection under the skin. Must be native English speakers. Contact Trudi Edginton, ext 8916 or email trude@biols.sussex.ac.uk.

TO LET: Large double bedroom in spacious, fully equipped West Hoe seafront flat. £55 per person per week excl. bills. Contact Mr Evans on 07759 196276 or email kau53@biols.sussex.ac.uk.

FOR SALE: Ford Escort Cabriolet 16v, 55k miles, family owned since new, FSH, stereo, sunroof, 2k500. Contact Simon on ext. 7220 or email s.f.tunley@biols.sussex.ac.uk.

WANTED: BA in IR with German finalist seeks part-time work assisting research, translating, making web pages, etc. 6 mths experience as student research assistant at Uni of Konstanz. CV & refs available. Email hannespotellen@hotmail.com.

FOR SALE: Red VW Polo CL '92 (U reg.), MOT Feb., tax Jan., stereo, 3 new tyres, £1,200. Email miguel@cogs.sussex.ac.uk, tel. 884065, ext. 8393.

TO LET: 1-bed flat with garden and car park space, £500 pcm + bills. PG, mature student or professional preferred. Email miguel@cogs.sussex.ac.uk, tel. 884065, ext. 8393.

HOMEBASE AVAILABLE: For 2 responsible people in recently renovated house in central Brighton. 6 mths renewable to 1 yr. Tel. 871241 or email g51rc@hotmail.com.

Staff vacancies

Apply by 26 February

Clerical Officer, Arts Area (ref 303)

Apply by 29 February

Research Fellow, BIOLS (ref 079b)
2 x Research Fellow, Genome Damage & Stability Centre (ref 079b and 079c)
3 x PhD Studentship, Genome Damage & Stability Centre (ref 079b)

Neil Gershon
Registrar & Secretary

This take account of the Public Interest Disclosure Act, introduce an appeals process, and remove some minor ambiguities. The revised procedures can be seen at www.sussex.ac.uk/Units/staffing/personnel/policies/whistle.shtml. Anyone who has a query about the procedures should contact either myself (ext. 8310, email n.j.gershon@sussex.ac.uk) or the Senior Assistant Secretary, John Gaunt (ext. 8416). Other contacts are given in paragraph 13 of the procedures.
Café culture

The Bulletin guide to eating and meeting on campus

EDB coffee bar
The EDB coffee bar is a family affair, with Liz Allen’s two daughters helping her to run it. She’s had to increase staff numbers since a makeover in the autumn: assistant Sharon Pooley and seven final-year undergraduates complete the catering team.

Location
You’ll have to run up a few flights of stairs to find it on the third floor of the Education Development Building (EDB), next to Arts C.

Ambience
Refurbished and extended in September last year, the coffee bar has taken over some former offices to give more space and light. Plans are afoot to make it more homely.

Clientele
The coffee bar is the communal area for the Centre for Continuing Education (CCE), Institute of Education (USIE) and Media Services Unit (MSU). More widely popular since it’s been done up, it also attracts customers from elsewhere on campus who like the relative lack of queues. Liz’s student staff spread the word to their mates, as well.

Menu
Perhaps not the place for a lunch date if you have a wheat allergy, there’s bread in every conceivable form: large rolls made to order (£1.55), filled baguettes (£1.60), toasted sandwiches (£1.50), bacon butties and rolls (£1.60), bagels (£1.30) and pizza (£1.70). Even the soup comes with roll and butter (£1.00). Scones and toasted teacakes also sell well but, according to Liz, “Most people are very healthy up here, they don’t have the butter.” Just for a change, you could try fried jacket potatoes (£2.50), quiche (£1.20) or salad (£2.50).

Most popular dishes
Best-selling sandwich fillings include prawns, chicken tikka and tuna – but brie and cranberry is number one. “I can’t make enough of it,” says Liz. Flapjacks are the most popular cakes, alongside Belgian brownies with chocolate chunks (handmade in Hove).

Facilities
The daily newspapers (Independent and Times) get well read. Tea, coffee and light lunches can be provided for meetings and delivered to offices. The resident photocopier will shortly be moved to an office.

Opening hours
Note the evening and weekend opening times: Mon–Thur 9am–8.30pm, Fri and Sat 9am–4pm. Closes earlier in the summer vacation. Busy at lunchtimes and 2.30–3.30pm, when CCE students have their coffee break.

A walk on the wild side

David Harper and David Streeter BIOLS

As if to remind us that spring draws near, the pair of Mistle Thrushes living near Falmer roundabout are busily collecting food for their chicks. This is not unusual: Jock Walpole-Bond, the famous Sussex ornithologist, found half-grown chicks there on 27 February 1910. We wish the new family well: the number of Mistle Thrushes locally has more than halved since 1980. Mistle Thrushes are larger and greyer than the more familiar Song Thrush, and have a wilder, more monotonous song.

Feral Pigeons on the other hand are doing well, treating the campus buildings like the cliffs inhabited by their wild ancestors, Rock Doves. Their excrement and corpses therefore end up in some pretty inaccessible places, and cause an obvious nuisance and risk to human health. Rather than rebuilding campus to remove all ledges and holes, the Pigeon Control Advisory Service suggests putting the pigeons on a diet.

Although this has worried some of our readers, there is no reason to stop feeding other birds. Feral Pigeons forage on open ground, and adore scraps and cereal grains. They do not like feeders filled with small seeds, especially if these are hung in dense vegetation. Nor will the pigeons starve – they eat a wide variety of ‘weed’ seeds – but might breed less often if deprived of easy pickings. With luck, we will avoid a pigeon population explosion, but the birds themselves will remain safe.

Judging by the number of ‘phone calls received by Amanda Hastings, the Environmental Officer, and the Bulletin recently, there are many on campus who believe that the same can’t be said for our trees. The sound of the chain saw has disturbed the customary campus tranquillity and the felling of two prominent trees has clearly aroused anxieties.

We last touched on the campus trees almost a year ago when discussing the effects of Dutch Elm disease and the 1987 storm. The survey of campus trees commissioned by Estates in 2000 identified almost 1,400 specimens of 59 species outside the marginal woodlands and shelter belts. Each has been given its own numbered identity tag and its health and vital statistics recorded.

The management of campus is conditioned by our environmental policies, which state: “Woodlands, wildlife and natural habitats will be managed to maximise their conservation, education and research values”.

In the central part of campus this has to be tempered by safety considerations and both the Sycamores that have recently been felled to the north and south of the Meeting House sadly were identified as hazardous in the survey. No work is carried out on trees in the woodland areas except on safety grounds and here any debris is left lying as valuable wildlife habitat.

On the other side of the equation, Estates plant about 40 trees each year and spend about £10,000 on woodland management.

Below: Mistle Thrush chicks in the nest.
Lectures, seminars, colloquia

Mon 25 Feb 1.00pm–2.00pm Experimental Psychology: Andie Maud (Sussex), Effects of repeated amphetamine on responding for non-drug paired cues: A possible role for glutamate. EP Seminar Room 4D13/4D14.


4.00pm–5.00pm Sociology: Fiona McAlister, TBA. Arts D310.

4.00pm Byzantine Studies: Dimitra Kotelou (Courtauld Institute of Art). Reconstructing local funeraria: Burial place, funerary practice and the use of icons as reflected in the Monastic Ktesiaka Typika. Arts D410.

4.30pm–5.30pm Sussex Centre for Neuroscience: Gay Richardson (Sussex), Top tips, links tips, ask, links. Antigens of the hair cell surface. Anodley Lecture Room, BIOLS.

5.00pm Women’s Studies: Edwina Griffiths (Sussex), TV and domesticity in the 1950s. Arts A155.

5.00pm Literary and Intellectual History: Lindsay Smith (Sussex), The memory of colour in 17th-century philosophy. GRC Humanities Common Room, Arts B.

5.30pm–7.00pm USE: John Parry (Sussex), The educational value of open spaces. EDB 341.

Tue 26 Feb 12.30pm–2.00pm Centre for Life History Research: Teresia Cains (Sussex), Webb of significance: Grounded theory and interpretative analysis in life history research. Library Meeting Room.

12.30pm–1.30pm Inorganic Discussion Group: Nick Norman (Bristol), Recent developments in the chemistry of diborane(4) compounds and low oxidation state boron halides. Chichester SR1 3RG.

1.00pm–2.30pm IDS: Chris Doyle (Council for the Advancement of Arab British Understanding), The representation of Arabs and Muslims in the western media. IDS Room 120.

2.15pm–3.50pm SEI: Yannis Zaharidou (Sussex), EU-Turkey customs union: A case of deep integration. Arts A71.

5.00pm–7.00pm Experimental Psychology: Judy Ellis (Reading), Prospective remembering: Representations of intentions in young and older adults. EP Seminar Room 4D13/4D14.

5.00pm–5.30pm IDS: Greg Palast, Globalisation and its discontents: How Argentina was sold to Enron and other tales from the hidden files of the IMF. World Bank and WTO. IDS Room 121.

4.15pm–5.15pm Biochemistry and Genetics & Development: Christoph Mueller (EMBL, Grenoble), Structural biology of eukaryotic transcription factors: Nuclear size and DNA recognition. BLT.

5.00pm English: Peggy Kamuf (Southern California), Panic, Arts A5.

5.00pm–7.00pm Media Studies: Christine Geragthy (Goldsmiths, My beautiful laundrette. Arts C219.

5.15pm Centre for German-Jewish Studies: Andrea Hammel (Sussex), Austrian woman writers in British exile 1936-41. Arts A155.

6.00pm Barlow Lecture: Emmanuel Cooper (Royal College of Art), Bernard Leach – potter. A1.

6.00pm Tabletalk: Brian Cummings (Sussex), MTEB, GRC Humanities Common Room, Arts B.

Wed 27 Feb

12.30pm–2.00pm IDS: Future Health Systems: Anthony Costello (UCL), Improving maternal and newborn care: Alternative strategies for challenging environments. G3 Room 120.

4.30pm History of Art: Rupert Shepherd (Sussex), The politics of magnificence in Fifteenth Century Italy. A103.

5.00pm–6.30pm Migration: Kathryn Spelman (London), Religion and nation: Iranian local and transnational networks. London. 630.

6.00pm Adam Weller Lecture: Stan Cohen (LSE), Political strategies and criminal justice. Chichester Lecture Theatre.

Thu 28 Feb

12.30pm–2.00pm Student Writing and Learning Forum: Jon Mitchell (Sussex), Learning journals as assessed coursework. Arts D610.

12.30pm–2.00pm Geography: Mick Folley (Sussex), Why size matters: Long continental sequences and quaternary climatic change. Arts D710.

1.00pm–2.30pm IDS: Alex Wilks (Brentwood Woods Project), IDS Room 120.

1.30pm–3.00pm School of Legal Studies: Bill Bowring (North London), Globalisation: The death of the third generation of human rights. Problems on Alston, Zizek and Badrou. A71.

5.00pm–6.00pm Development: Roderick Stirrat (Sussex), Mercenaries, missionaries and misfits: Connections on participatory development. Arts A1.

5.00pm–6.00pm History: Eugene Michail (Sussex), Situating a foreign land: British perceptions of the Balkans between 1912 and 1945. Arts A155.

Fri 1 Mar

1.30pm–3.30pm SPBU: James Simmie (Oxford Brookes), Innovative cities. EDB 121.

4.00pm–5.00pm Astrononomy: David Williams (UCL), Themes and challenges in molecular astrophysics. Aztecl 401.

3.45pm Philosophy Society: David Baikieurt (Queen’s, Canada), Freedom, reflection and the sources of normativity. Arts A155.

Mon 4 Mar

2.00pm–3.00pm Palmer Language Group: Kass Hanza (Sussex), Tunstall berber. Arts A155.

4.00pm Social Psychology: Vse Vignoles, Modelling identity motives. Arts D340.

4.30pm–5.30pm Sussex Centre for Neuroscience: Mark Elphick (London), Neurobiology and evolution of cannibalism signalling. Ancillary Lecture Room, BIOLS.

5.00pm Literary and Intellectual History: Ruth Scarr (Cambridge), The debate over forms of government in revolutionary France. GRC Humanities Common Room, Arts B.

5.00pm Women’s Studies: Nicola Woods (Sussex), Sociolinguistic gender pattern. Arts A155.

5.30pm–7.00pm USE: Michael Fielding (Sussex), OFSTED inspection and the betrayal of democracy. EDB 341.

Tue 5 Mar

12.30pm–1.30pm Inorganic Discussion Group: Greg Solan (Leicester), Polyamipyrrolidines as novel supports for metal-mediated polymerisation catalysis. Chichester SR 143.

2.15pm–3.50pm SEI: Roger Morgan (LSE), National identities and the common foreign and security policy. Arts D710.

4.15pm–5.15pm Biochemistry and Genetics & Development: Mark Meuth (Sheffield), Cellular consequences of loss of mismatch repair. Biology Lecture Theatre.

5.00pm Theory and Research: Martin van Gelderen (Sussex), Facing the abyss: Ernst Troeltsch, Friedrich Meineke and the crisis of historicism. GRC Humanities Common Room, Arts B.

5.00pm American Studies: James L Roark (Emory University), Arts A171.

6.15pm History of Art: Judith Green (Sussex) and Sarah Gadd (Brighton), University of Bradford, Grand Parade.

5.15pm Centre for German-Jewish Studies: Michael Shult (Berlin), German-Jewish exiles in Britain and the public sphere. Arts A155.

Wed 6 Mar

1.00pm–2.30pm IDS: Jeff Collin (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine), The framework convention on tobacco control: The politics of global health governance. IDS Room 221.

2.00pm–4.00pm Music at Sussex: A talk by composer Simon Hett, Recital Room, Falmer House 120.

2.00pm Quarry: Laurel Brake (Brideck), title TBA. Arts A71.

4.00pm Centre for Southern African Studies: Nicola Ansell (Brunel), Children’s migration as response to HIV/AIDS in Lesotho and Malawi.

Experiences, attitudes, implications. C162.

5.00pm English: Peter Morey (East London), title TBA. Arts D640.

Thu 7 Mar

12.30pm–2.00pm Geography: Danny McCarron (Swansea), Whirneoing trees: A multi-proxy approach to extracting climate information from trees. Arts D710.

1.00pm–2.30pm IDS: Lucy Ford, Challenging the boundaries of orthodoxy. IDS Room 221.

1.30pm–3.30pm School of Legal Studies: Chantal Stebbings (Exeter), Researching 19th-century tribunals. A71.

4.30pm–5.30pm CPES: Andy Curry (Sussex), title TBA. Chichester Lecture Theatre.

5.00pm Modern French Thought: Patrick French, title TBA. Arts D310.

5.00pm–6.00pm Sussex Development Lecture: Hans Singer (Sussex), Brentwood Woods: Attempts to establish a system of global governance. Arts A1.

5.00pm History: Ian Burney (Manchester), One man’s medicine... Defining ‘poison’ in 19th-century Britain. Arts A155.

Fri 8 Mar

2pm SEI lecture: Caroline Lucas (Green MEP for South East), title TBA. A71.

2.15pm–4.00pm SPBU: David Guest (Kings College), Determinants of innovative behaviour. EDB 121.

4.30pm Philosophy Society: Robert Brandon (Pittsburgh), Hoolis and idealism in Hegel’s phenomenology of art. A155.
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