**Two of the most influential women in broadcasting received honorary degrees at the summer graduation ceremonies last week.**

Controller of BBC 2, Jane Root, and controller of BBC Radio 4, Helen Boaden, were each made a Doctor of Letters on 18 July at Brighton's Dome.

Helen Boaden, who gained a BA in English in 1979, said: "I loved my years at the University of Sussex - not just for the wonderful friends and stunning surroundings but because it really challenged my assumptions about everything: books, culture, politics, the world. It was incredibly hard work and very, very interesting. And you can't ask more than that."

Jane Root, who left Sussex in 1980 with a degree in Politics and International Relations, said: "I really enjoyed my time as an undergraduate at Sussex and was drawn to the fantastic range of modern subjects for inquiring minds - plus the smell of sea air, of course! Both Helen and I believe we wouldn't be doing our current jobs if it wasn't for Sussex."

Also receiving honorary degrees last week were veteran broadcaster Sir Jonathan Miller, a visiting research fellow at Sussex in the 1980s (Doctor of Letters); South African freedom fighter Justice Albie Sachs, who completed a DPhil at Sussex in the 1960s (Doctor of Laws); director of the National Portrait Gallery Charles Saumarez Smith (Doctor of Letters); and Nobel Prize winner for economics Professor Amartya Sen (Doctor of Science).

The creation of a new School structure is not the end of a distinctive academic tradition, vowed the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Alasdair Smith, in his speech to parents and graduands at the Brighton Dome. "The University of Sussex has always been distinctive and we will remain so," he promised.

He went on to outline the University's values: "We champion creative vitality, enthusiasm, and freedom of exploration. We believe in academic excellence. We stand for active intellectual and social engagement. We prepare students for life as well as for a career. We are proud to be an international community, we are proud to be cosmopolitan."

In his graduation speech last week, the Vice-Chancellor also discussed the funding of higher education and its economic benefits but, in addition, made an impassioned case for the social and political contribution of universities. Faced with big challenges, argued Professor Smith, "Our society more than ever needs to value the contributions which our universities make to promoting moral values."

He said: "We stand for tolerance, for freedom of speech and thought, for openness, for diversity. Our universities proclaim the virtues of mutual understanding, pluralism, and multiculturalism; and they are also living testimony to the success of these values."

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**Former University Chancellor Lord Shawcross dies**

Lord Shawcross, one of the University's founding fathers and the longest-serving Chancellor in its history, has died at the age of 101.

Lord (Asa) Briggs, who was the University's Vice-Chancellor during Lord Shawcross' chancellorship, said: "He was a very active Chancellor of the University. He had very much his own mind and rather enjoyed the excitement of the late 1960s here. He said he had known nothing like it since he was an MP in St Helen's. I last saw him at his 100th birthday party, when we had an interesting chat about our memories of Sussex."

Born on 4 February 1902, Hartley Williams Shawcross attended Dulwich College and went on to train as a barrister. He was the chief UK prosecutor at the Nuremberg war trials in 1945. From 1945-58 he served as MP for St Helen's and was Attorney General in the post-war Labour government.

After his departure from politics, Shawcross was made a life peer and appointed to a number of "odd jobs", as he described them in his memoirs. Among other posts he chaired the Medical Research Council from 1961-66. He bought Friston Place, near Eastbourne, and became one of the figures in the establishment of the University of Sussex, both as a member of Council and a Pro-Chancellor (deputising in his absence for the founding Chancellor, Lord Monkton).

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Alasdair Smith, said: "Lord Shawcross was one of the founding fathers of the University who together helped to shape its ground-breaking approach to higher education. In particular, he supported the development of Sir Basil Spence's innovative building designs, which remain such a striking feature of the Sussex campus. We are proud that he was part of the University life for more than 20 years."

In his memoirs, Lord Shawcross recalled: "I was at an early stage appointed chairman of the buildings committee for the whole university, I think on the theory that it would involve one professional man - me - dealing with another professional man, the leading architect. This was not always easy but the indefatigable Basil Spence and I got on well together."

Lord Shawcross was elected Chancellor - the University's most senior officer - at a special meeting of Court in 1965. His formal duties included presiding over graduation ceremonies and the annual meetings of Court. Most importantly, though, he acted as a figurehead, building bridges to the outside world and acting as the University's ambassador.

After retiring in 1985, Lord Shawcross installed Lord March (later the Duke of Richmond and Gordon) as his successor. The current postholder is Lord (Richard) Attenborough, who was elected in 1998.
Friends and relatives clapped and cheered through four graduation ceremonies at the Brighton Dome last week (17 and 18 July), taking to heart the Chancellor’s message in their programme that the ceremonies “should not be dominated by solemnity and protocol”.

Graduation is, of course, always an occasion for dressing up as well as cheering. But the final graduation ceremony on Friday afternoon saw the unusual spectacle of two students removing their gowns on stage: one to reveal a striped shirt and pink tutu (pictured right) and one nothing at all. Reluctantly, the Bulletin team have decided not to publish a picture of the second graduand, as we don’t want to be seen to be encouraging repeat performances in future.

Future ceremonies will in any case be somewhat different, as they will be arranged according to the new academic structure that replaces the current Schools system next month. Last week’s ceremonies were emotional occasions for the outgoing deans, who were officiating for the last time.

Musical mum gets degree 25 years after singing debut at University

More than a quarter of a century after making her singing debut with the University of Sussex, Lucinda Charlesworth has gained a degree in music.

In 1977, as she prepared to take to the stage as a soloist in a University Choir concert, Lucinda was described by the then director of music, Laszlo Heltay, as “one of the most talented singers of her generation”.

Since then she has sung with many of the country’s top choirs, including the BBC Singers, Monteverdi Choir, the English Concert and the Brighton Festival Chorus.

Last Friday (18 July), Lucinda, now 47, took to the stage once more to collect her degree from University of Sussex Chancellor Lord Attenborough.

A few years ago, being aware that there were more and more talented youngsters coming into her profession, all of whom seemed to have music degrees, Lucinda decided that she needed more than just experience to stay ahead of the pack: “I’d had 20-odd years in the business, but this was not enough — I needed to increase the breadth of my knowledge and get better qualifications.”

Lucinda initially returned to study by taking a two-year part-time course in music at the Centre for Continuing Education (CCE). This enabled her to enrol on a degree programme.

Despite the fact she was studying, everyday life had to continue. Lucinda taught singing, worked as a singer and looked after her family in Nutley, East Sussex while studying full-time: “It’s hard work, but you have to find the time to fit it all in.”

Mum of four teenage children, Lucinda was completing her coursework for her BA in Music at the same time as her twin daughters were revising for their A levels, her son was studying for his GCSEs and her youngest son was sitting entrance exams. “It was a very useful atmosphere in the house,” says Lucinda. “But my husband had to do all the cooking and cleaning!”

Lucinda hopes to continue with her singing but is also looking into going into the management side of her profession.

Grandmother, 71, follows daughter’s example and gets a degree

Grandmother of four and mother of three Margaret Nesbitt hadn’t even thought about going to university until her 47-year-old daughter, Lyn, completed a Physics degree at the University of Sussex in 1999. Now, at the age of 71, Margaret has graduated from Sussex herself.

“Before she did a degree, my daughter felt she had never fulfilled herself,” says Margaret. “She saw doing a degree later in life as a challenge, and she passed that enthusiasm on to me.”

Within three months of her daughter’s graduation, Margaret was enrolled on an Access course, which led to her beginning a Social Policy degree in 2000. “The timing was right, my children had left home many years before, and I was on my own. I had no responsibilities. So I went for it!”

Margaret wrote her dissertation on how social policy helps in enabling older people to embark on a new life after retirement. She focused on an area in which she was an expert: the changing role of grandmothers. “My grandmother was more your traditional grumpy rocking in a chair,” explains Margaret. “But these days grandmothers are much more dynamic. We’re out and about more, we have a younger outlook and can be a real asset to the community.”

How did a septuagenarian find her younger fellow students?

“They were wonderful. I had seen mature students around campus before I started, so I knew I wouldn’t be alone, and I found the young people very welcoming.”

Margaret feels studying at a university helped her understand her subject deeper and gain more than just knowledge: “Learning in groups and on campus is so much easier than sitting alone at home and reading books. The lovely setting of campus and the young people all give you the encouragement you need. Doing my degree has been a great privilege.”

Margaret, who lives in Brighton, has no plans to leave campus just yet. “I felt bereft when I thought I wouldn’t be coming onto campus any more. So I hope to enrol on a part-time course about opera, which I love.”
Maths-mad drummer gets top class degree

A musician who swapped his drumsticks for a calculator after watching a TV documentary on chaos theory graduated last week with a first class honours degree. What is remarkable is that mature student Chris Priestley, 47, had no previous knowledge of maths.

A musician for over 25 years, Chris had been happily indulging his hobby as a drummer covering a variety of famous acts and musical styles from Pink Floyd to R'n'B. From the late eighties he ran a recording studio in Howe working with, among others, Brighton-band The Levellers on their first single.

"When the studio finished I decided to take an Access course, initially with the idea of going onto a degree in the social sciences," explains Chris. "But then I watched a 'Horizon' documentary on television and I found myself drawn to theories of mathematics."

Chris loves mathematics because, he says, it is about as close to the truth as you can get: "It's a bit like solving a murder mystery. You are presented with loads of information which you have to understand and after a lot of work the penny drops. You get a real kick out of it."

After completing his Access course (in which he produced a project on chaos theory), Chris did a Maths A level and foundation year, which he felt he needed to become more confident in the subject.

He then began his degree, which he found a very humbling experience: "There were so many intelligent people at university. But campus was full of great people and it did feel like I belonged to a big family."

How did he feel about getting first class honours? "When I heard I was gob smacked!" exclaims Chris. "I thought I might get a 2:1 or even a lower grade, so I was very pleased with my first."

Chris is now considering his next move after graduation. At the moment he is considering whether to take up teaching maths. He is particularly interested in teaching Access courses to adults - in other words, going back to where he himself started a few years ago.

Diabetes diagnosis doesn’t delay degree

A member of staff who was halfway through a part-time degree in the Centre for Continuing Education (CCE) found out she had potentially debilitating diabetes. Not only did Heather Burton complete her studies, she also continued working and went on to campaign nationwide about the condition.

"When I was younger it wasn’t really done for women to go beyond a certain level of education. So around my mid 40s I decided I needed educating properly," says Heather, a secretary in the Sussex Centre for Optical and Atomic Physics (SCOAP) on campus. "I studied completely for my own pleasure and I loved every minute of it."

Heather studied a variety of A levels but soon discovered her real passion was art history. After completing her A levels she enrolled on a six-year part-time Cultural Studies degree in CCE.

However, Heather’s academic dream was potentially shattered in 2001. "I had been feeling unwell for a few months," she recalls, "and on Christmas Day I was cooking the turkey when I began to feel a bit unwell. I went for a lie-down and didn’t get out of bed again until New Year’s Eve."

Heather was diagnosed with Type II diabetes - a non-curable disease that can lead to many serious complications including blindness and loss of limbs.

The diagnosis affected her studies. She had to take time off from her degree and handed in essays months late. When she returned to university she also had to catch up what she had missed. But she completed her degree on time with the rest of her class.

Heather has also become heavily involved with national charity Diabetes UK and is a member of the UK Advisory Council. She has discovered a passion for campaigning and has lobbied her MP, been to debates in the Commons and attended demonstrations.

With her diabetes now under control, Heather intends to continue studying next year, this time for a masters degree.

Heather was not the only member of staff graduating last week. Secretary Pam Ask is also awarded a BA in Cultural Studies after studying part-time in CCE. Congratulations to them both.

Student volunteers ‘graduate’ with flying colours

Sussex students who have been volunteering with the Gardner Arts Centre’s marketing department are getting off to a good start in the highly competitive world of theatre and cultural management.

A group of 12 students formed the Gardner’s very own student publicity team last October, promoting a wide range of arts events from theatre, dance and comedy to film and visual arts.

The team have worked on all aspects of arts promotion: organising and managing student events; setting up promotional stunts and competitions; liaising with the student media at Sussex and Brighton universities; developing contacts among students, staff and the local community; ordering print and overseeing its distribution around the universities; and writing and distributing marketing materials.

With their new-found arts-marketing skills, several of the students are now making excellent headway in the world of graduate careers.

Particular success stories include 21-year-old Becky Kemp, who beat over 200 applicants for a position as marketing assistant at Hampstead Theatre in London. Becky says she gained invaluable experience at the Gardner that made her stand out in the graduate crowd. "I’ve had a lot of fun doing things I would never have had the chance to do otherwise, and I’ve met some great people."

Another Sussex finalist, Vicki Roche, has been provisionally accepted at Goldsmith’s College in London to do their prestigious MA in Cultural Management - partly, she says, thanks to her work experience at the Gardner Arts Centre. "I know Goldsmith’s were impressed by the fact that I already have some understanding of the industry."

Anyone interested in learning more about arts and cultural management and in gaining career skills by volunteering at the Gardner Arts Centre can contact the Career Development and Employment Centre (CDEC) or Project V in USSU. Volunteers must be available for a minimum of five hours per week during term time.
Entries pour in to rename campus roads

Well, there’s nothing like the renaming of a couple of roads to divert us all from the serious business of restructuring and reshaping the University. Entries poured in to the competition to suggest new names for Boiler House Hill and Refectory Road.

Many entrants suggested naming the roads after eminent individuals. Refectory Road could become Blair Road, after the Prime Minister, said Patrick Dixon. For Boiler House Hill he suggested Lord Nelson Hill.

Tom Armour from SMS would prefer Basil Spence Hill, after the architect who designed the campus and its earliest 1960s buildings. The University’s Chancellor got a vote from Doreen Young in SLS, who suggested Lord Attenborough Drive. “It is surely time to commemorate the former Vice-Chancellor Asa Briggs in some way,” argued Angi Drew from the Media Services Unit (MSU).

“Refectory Road also inspired a clutch of suggestions connected to eminent Sussex staff (past or present) and graduates. Despite working in CPES, Jo Grundy would go for Sang Road (after Professor James Sang, formerly of BIOS). Alasdair Avenue was Rosie Meek’s choice.

“The idea of renaming ‘Refectory Road’ ‘Normanton Road’, wrote Alex Newbury from SLS. ‘Not only was Helena Normanton the first practising woman barrister in England: in 1956 she was the first recorded donor to the fund to create a new university in Sussex. She continued to show her support of the University by making a substantial bequest to the School of Legal Studies to support the Harry Kroto discovery of Bucky Balls? This could be something along the lines of ‘Bucky Hill’.

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Campus geography seemed to be another source of inspiration. At the end of campus, over a down or two, is both Moon’s Bottom (to the NW) and Moon’s Corner,” emailed Benedict Brook from the Press & Communications Office.

“Refectory Road, which goes towards them, could be called, therefore, Moon Street, or Moon’s Corner. At the end, the roundabout could be called Moon Circus. This nocturnal-sounding name is good because the road itself leads to the campus residences.”

In similar vein, Charlotte Shamon thought Boiler House Hill should be renamed Forest Way, “as there are many trees that line the road and there is a wood just beyond at the top of the hill. It is also in keeping with the entire grounds of the University and recognises the natural surroundings the University is built in.”

Dr Martyn Stenning from BIOS had an alternative, though: “Considering Boiler House Hill connects Tenant Land (the ancient allotment system that used to exist around the middle of campus in the days of the Pelm Estate), and Tenant Land Belt (the belt of trees to the East of campus), I propose we call the road ‘Tenant Land Road’.”

And Rosie Meek suggested Dean Hill, “in honour not only of the deans and sub-deans who represent the different Schools but also of the beautiful views of Rottingdean, Woodingdean and Ovingdean that can be seen from the top”.

Some entrants, it seems, just didn’t take the competition seriously enough. Neil Gershon, for example, put forward Temperature Rise for Boiler House Hill. “I suggest that both roads are renamed after their most striking characteristics,” said Dr Andy Medhurst. “Hence Refectory Road should become Always-Floods-During-Rain Road & Boiler House Hill should become Logam Lane.”

And finally, an honourable mention must go to L.C. Partridge, who sent in no less than 20 entries including Yellow Brick Road, Ramsey Street, Coronation Street, Sesame Street, The Long and Winding Road, and Palmer Freeway.

But which two names will the Vice-Chancellor go for? Who will be celebrating victory with a bottle of bubbly? All will be revealed...
Dear Bulletin

I note your report (11 July) that our Vice-Chancellor has become a member of the Board of Universities UK (UUK).

I am sorry that you describe UUK as "the organisation that speaks on behalf of the higher education sector". UUK used to be called the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals (CVCP), and doubtless fulfils a useful role in exchanging ideas and information. But by what process did the higher education sector choose UUK to speak on its behalf?

Dr John Haigh,
School of Mathematical Sciences

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Sizzling heatwave scorches sweltering campus

Campus enjoyed (or should it be endured?) the warmest summer's day for years last week as temperatures rose into the 30s.

The sun blazed down across campus and the University weather station recorded the highest temperature - 30.6°C - at 2pm on Tuesday (15 July).

Temperatures fell slightly in the middle of the week as humid and thundery weather moved in from the south-west.

Phil Chitty, who is responsible for the automatic weather station on the roof of Pevensy 1, said it was the hottest temperature recorded since the current equipment was installed in May 1997.

The campus weather station continuously measures temperature, humidity, barometric pressure, solar energy, rainfall, wind speed and wind direction.

This data is then downloaded to a computer. The weather station webpage

(www.cpes.sussex.ac.uk/es/meteo/reports/station.html) provides current data and links to local and national weather forecasts, as well as images from weather satellites.

Scientists across campus draw on the data to help with their research. Astronomers, for example, use it to check whether the skies will be clear for an observation session using one of the University's telescopes; engineers conducting cryogenic experiments need to know about changes in atmospheric pressure, which affect their apparatus; and biologists use it to check whether rain is affecting nesting birds on campus.

The rest of us, though, are probably more interested in the basics. Phil says the lowest temperature ever recorded by the weather station was about -3°C and the wettest period - surprise, surprise - was October 2000 (when a total of 283.5 mm fell, causing severe flooding in the local area).

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Doctors use confusing language in cancer consultations

The public are confused by many of the medical terms that doctors use in cancer consultations, according to a new study by Sussex scientists.

Researchers from the Psychosocial Oncology Group on campus found terms commonly used by doctors such as 'progressing tumour' and 'remission' were poorly understood.

The study, published in the August issue of Psycho-Oncology, suggests there is an urgent need for doctors to change the way they communicate important information to patients.

"Growing evidence suggests the majority of people with cancer want to be fully informed about their illness whether the news is good or bad," says Professor Lesley Fallowfield. "A clear understanding of the situation can improve a patient's treatment, recovery and quality of life. So it's crucial that doctors avoid ambiguous language or medical jargon in consultations."

About 100 adults in the Brighton area completed a questionnaire with scenarios containing potentially confusing words and phrases from 50 videotaped cancer consultations.

The researchers found that only six out 10 understood that 'metastasis' meant cancer was spreading. Only around half knew the term 'remission' meant there was no detectable sign of cancer and understood that the phrase 'the tumour is progressing' was not good news.

Three out of 10 had poor understanding of the term 'seedling' - a euphemism for the spread of cancer - and two out of 10 were confused by the phrase 'spots in the liver'.

Participants were also asked to rate how confident they were about their answers. The researchers found many thought they understood terms when they were actually quite confused by them.

"There is an urgent need for doctors to reassess the way they explain the diagnosis and treatment of cancer to patients," says Lesley. "Our results would suggest using plain language, steering clear of euphemisms such as 'an abnormal growth' to describe cancer, would help avoid confusion.

"Doctors also need to be aware that asking people if they understand what's being said is likely to overestimate comprehension and it may be better to ask what they have understood."

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All in a good cause

A Sussex student is cycling from Land's End to John O'Groats to raise money for a development charity.

Jamie Thomson, who is studying artificial intelligence in COGS, hopes to raise £1,000 for the Intermediate Technology Development Group (ITDG), which helps people to use technology in the fight against poverty.

Jamie's 1,000-mile route is taking him from the south-western tip of England to the north-east of Scotland. He is making the journey alone and expects to cover 50 to 80 miles per day before arriving in John O'Groats at the beginning of August.

A research fellow in SPRU faces the challenge of scaling 15 English peaks in just 48 hours to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Relief.

Daniel Feakes is part of a group of about 50 people from across the UK who are off to the Peak District next month, camping rough for two nights and walking a distance of 35km. Daniel is getting in practice at lunchtimes by hiking off into the Downs.

He needs to raise a minimum of £500 but wants to beat that figure. To sponsor Daniel, email d.feakes@sussex.ac.uk or call ext. 7411.
In brief

New members of Council
Two new members of Council, the University's governing body, will serve a three-year term from 1 August. They are Professor Imogen Taylor (elected by Senate) and Dr Robert Smith (elected by academic staff). Professor Tim Flowers and Professor James Hirschfeld attended their last meeting of Council as members earlier this month.

New Pro-Vice-Chancellor
On 1 August Dr Evelyn Welch replaces Professor Nigel Llewellyn as one of the University's three Pro-Vice-Chancellors, alongside Professor John Dearlove and Dr Mary Stuart.

Swanborough sold
The sale of Swanborough Manor, which had been on the market since autumn 2002, was completed last week. The property was given to the University in 1963 by Lady Reading and the buyer is retaining it as a family home. The University will use the proceeds to provide new facilities on campus as part of a capital investment programme in new teaching and research buildings.

Grant award
Dr Rose Luckin and Professor Ben du Boulay have secured a large grant from the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) under their PACCIT LINK scheme. The grant is in the area of interactive educational TV and the industrial partners are Channel 4 and Open Mind Productions. The overall grant involves £700,000, of which £250,000 comes to Sussex.

BSMS new address
Following their move into the new building on campus, the main postal address for the Brighton and Sussex Medical School (BSMS) is now BSMS, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton, BN1 9PX.

Campus security update

The key priority of the new Head of Security on campus is to implement the security review that began last autumn. David Lamper, an ex-Detective Chief Superintendent with 30 years' experience in the Metropolitan Police, took up his post this month.

A major security review, using external consultants and in consultation with the Students' Union, has been concerned with getting the right systems in place for the campus community.

A 96-page report set out a series of findings and recommendations for action, particularly around the recruitment, training and management of the security team. It identified a range of improvements aimed at creating a "highly visible, well-trained and motivated" security team.

"For various reasons the security team has gone through a period of great turmoil during the last couple of years," says David. "The staff are to be congratulated on maintaining such a good level of service under the most difficult of circumstances. By accepting the findings of the security review, the University has given us the opportunity to build on this and supply the campus with an enhanced level of service."

Acting on the report’s recommendations, four extra security officers have started work and are being trained; the appointment of another two will bring the full complement up to 14.

All security staff are being given improved training, including national professional courses on customer service, emergency handling, fire, health and safety.

The team is also starting to make better use of existing technology - such as the database for logging and monitoring incidents - to ensure more effective management and follow-up.

David emphasises, though, that it is up to all of us to be security conscious and help keep the campus a safe, secure and pleasant place to work and study.He is happy to assist with security planning or contribute to staff training.

Other planned improvements include a replacement digital CCTV system, due to be installed this summer. The 24-hour reception at York House is being upgraded to give more support to students, and hedges have been cut back to provide better lines of sight for pedestrians. All external lighting is also being reviewed to improve lighting of footpaths, CCTV and emergency phone areas.

Happy birthday

Ralph Emanuel, a driving force behind the Centre for German-Jewish Studies, was 80 on 22 July. Members of the University and the Centre's London support group celebrated the occasion in London at the home of Diana Franklin, the Centre's administrator.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Alasdair Smith, presented Ralph (pictured right) with a framed citation celebrating his birthday and recognising the tremendous support and encouragement he has given to the development of the Centre.

Congratulations

Imogen Taylor, Professor of Social Work and Social Care, received a prestigious National Teaching Fellowship at a gala event in London on 15 July. She was one of just 20 winners from higher education institutions across England and Northern Ireland, who each received £50,000 to be used for projects that will make a significant contribution to learning and teaching. Imogen is pictured with Alan Johnson MP, Minister for Lifelong Learning and Higher Education (left) and Professor David Watson, who chaired the judging panel.
Next steps on Sussex vision and identity

The work on the University’s identity moved forward this month: papers went to Senate, and Council received a presentation from Circus, who work on the initial research and vision phase of the project, setting out their research findings and a draft vision developed with the Senior Management Group. Council responded positively to the view of a university building on its radical founding principles, but looking to the future. The project group was pleased that independent, academic and student members of Council gave the ideas a strong welcome.

Work will continue over the summer to refine and finalise the vision, before presentations to the University community in the autumn. The Council agreed it would be important for the whole University to be engaged and involved in taking forward the vision and making it part of the way Sussex works.

There will be a wider communications process to share the vision with staff and students across campus. But if the vision is to come to life and reflect what the University stands for and does, it needs to be part of the work of the whole campus. Circus will be proposing ways of undertaking workshops with staff to take this aspect of the project forward.

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The design phase of the project is now moving forward to create a new look for the University’s visual identity, based on the vision that has been developed so far. A design brief has been agreed with Blast, the company who will be developing the new identity. For more information about the company, see their website at www.blast.co.uk. The first stage will be the creation of a new logo design, followed by – in consultation with key users – the development of a set of guidelines setting out how the identity will be used in practice.

The exercise to put the new identity in place will require careful discussion and consultation across campus.

Blast will be working with the project team on the first series of items to which the new identity will be applied, such as the prospectus and annual report, and on stationery and so on. This should mean that the final guidelines are useful and workable for the wider University community. They will be working from the brand audit that was undertaken in the first phase of the project. The aim continues to be to produce the first items with the new design from the start of 2004.

The exercise to put the new identity in place will require careful discussion and consultation across campus. Following on from the brand audit and to smooth the process of implementation, a questionnaire is being sent to all units in the University to identify key publications and other materials that are being produced over the coming year. An implementation steering group will be established to help guide the process.

Updates on the development of the project and guidance on the interim branding will be placed on the Communications Division website. For further advice and guidance on the exercise, contact Rob Read (ext. 8109, email r.k.read@sussex.ac.uk) or Katy Hiles (ext. 8523, email k.a.hiles@sussex.ac.uk).

A walk on the wild side

David Harper and David Streeter BIOLS

In July he prepares to fly,
In August go he must,
And no one can remember,
A Cuckoo in September.

Last week we were reminded of this traditional verse (which has many variants) while we watched a Cuckoo devouring caterpillars from the Blackthorn bushes by the Mantell building.

Since Cuckoos no longer breed nearby, it was probably already en route to Africa. Certainly, most adult Cuckoos — which migrate several weeks ahead of their fostered young — will be south of the Sahara by the end of August.

Our present musings appear on Saint James’ Day, 25 July. This was once the annual starting date for a major local industry based on the trapping of tens of thousands of migrating Wheatears by shepherds. These birds were an esteemed delicacy, and so many traps were dug into the turf that some of the fields between campus and the sea appeared to have been ploughed!

Although naturalists have tied themselves in knots over these plump little birds’ name, it is simply a corruption of the ‘white arse’ they reveal in flight. Look out for them in open areas near campus, including the sports fields, from now until October or even later.

Amazingly, some of the Wheatears seen around campus late in the autumn have come all the way from Arctic Canada via Greenland, and still have the journey across the Sahara ahead of them.

Butterflies seem to be firmly on the agenda this summer. Last month we reported on a Clouded Yellow on the clover behind Park Village and last week we spotted a Marbled White in the rough grass behind BIOLS.

Unlike the migrant Clouded Yellow, the Marbled White is a resident species especially characteristic of the chalk downs of southern England, where it can occur in colonies of thousands of individuals.

It suffered a contraction in its range early in the last century, but over the last 30 years has made up the lost ground and it would be nice if this beautiful insect managed to establish a permanent colony on campus. Its favoured habitat is tall, rough grassland on a warm slope with plenty of purple-coloured flowers such as knapweeds and scabious.

Egg laying is a pretty casual business. The female simply scatters them at random while in flight and the young go into hibernation as soon as they hatch.

The next spring the mature caterpillars feed at night on a range of grasses, especially Red Fescue.

In spite of its name, the butterfly is not a ‘white’ but a ‘brown’, like the familiar Meadow Brown and Gatekeeper, both of which are common on campus in the meadow and along the hedgerows behind East Slope. ‘Marbled White’, ‘Marmoress’ and ‘Marbled Angus’ all refer to the distinctive black and white marbled patterning on its wings.

Below: The Marbled White is especially characteristic of the chalk downs of southern England.
Campus transport news

Linda Newman  
Transport Manager

Car-park and road closures for the temporary teaching block building

The installation of temporary teaching accommodation onto the grass area behind Arts D started this month. A total of 61 cabins will form the block. In order for these cabins to be delivered to site and craned into position, there will be some car-park and road closures, mostly during a 10-day period commencing 26 August.

Boiler House car park/EDB car park and all of Arts Road

Parking in these areas will be closed for a 10-day period beginning 26 August, to allow for the delivery of the cabins. Each one will be delivered to the Boiler House car park, transferred by crane onto an ultra-low-loader for transport along Arts Road and into the EDB car park, and lifted into position by crane.

Boiler House Hill and Eastern Ring Road

These roads will be closed between 9am and 4.30pm during the 10-day delivery period to allow the delivery lorries direct access to the Boiler House car-park. Diversion signs will be in place. Exit from campus will be via Southern Ring Road.

Arts Road in front of EDB and the Nursery

The spaces on this part of the road have been closed for the duration of the building project to allow contractors' access to the site.

North end of EDB car park

Some spaces at the north end of the car park will become part of the contractors' compound and will be fenced off for the duration of the building project this vacation. They should be restored by the autumn term.

IDS car park

IDS car park will not be closed but great care will be required entering and exiting during the 10-day delivery period from 26 August.

Alteration to bus terminus

The contractors building the extension to Lewes Court will be laying gas and water mains across the north end of Refectory Road during the three weeks from today (25 July). Although Refectory Road will not be completely closed, the bus-turning circle will be unavailable and it will not be possible for the buses to terminate in Refectory Road.

For up to three weeks the bus terminus for the 25/25C and 84/86 services will be the bus stop outside the boiler house at the bottom of the hill. Refectory Road bus stops will be 'closed'.

The bus company has been asked to ensure that only one bus is parked at the temporary terminus at a time. Please be patient if this affects the timetable.

Other users of Arts Road, North-South Road and Boiler House Hill will need to take extra care near the temporary terminus.

Small ads

FOR SALE: Sharp 21" TV with Teletext, £120 ono. Candy washing machine, £80. Email s.oger@sussex.ac.uk.  

FOR SALE: 1-bed ground-floor flat, Sussex Sq, £148K ono. Tel. Mrs Maclean on 150171.

WANTED: Casual work for secretary retiring end Aug after 25+ yrs at Sussex. Typing, transcriptions, etc. Lives nr campus, contactable at short notice. Tel. Margaret Ralph on 475042, ext. 8260 or email margmnr@sussex.ac.uk.  

FOR SALE: Microwave oven, nearly new, £20. Email scf68@sussex.ac.uk or tel. 813186.

TO LET: 3-bed furnished house off Lewes Rd. Patio, GCH. £350pcm. Avail Aug. Short or long let. Call Julie on 704437 or 509401.

WANTED: 1-bed furnished flat, studio or similar, 1 Oct–30 Nov. Mature N/S couple. Call John on ext. 3916 or 07884 180423 or email j.potts@sussex.ac.uk.

WANTED: Accommodation in

New bus shelter

Reliable sources suggest that a new bus shelter will be installed on the A27 (above the underpass) in the next two weeks.

Staff vacancies

Apply by 30 July  
Research Fellow (Drug Addiction), Psychology (ref 036b)

Apply by 31 July  
Clerical Assistant, Postgraduate Office (ref 269)

Apply by 20 August  
Technician, Life Sciences (ref 039b)

Apply by 25 August  
Lecturer in X-Ray Crystallography, Biochemistry (ref 245)

Apply by 26 August  
Senior Lecturer (Honorary Consultant) in Infection and Therapeutics, BSMS (ref 214)

For further details, see www.susx.ac.uk/Units/staffing/personnel/vacs or contact Human Resources on ext. 8706, fax 877401, email recruitment@sussex.ac.uk.

Bulletin

The Bulletin is written and produced by Alison Field, Benedict Brook and Peter Simmons, with contributions from Jacquie Bealing. We welcome any news, story ideas, letters or small ads from staff and students of the University. The next issue will be out on 5 September, with a copy deadline of 1pm on 29 August. Please contact the Press and Communications Office in Sussex House on ext. 0880 or email Bulletin@sussex.ac.uk.
New Schools

New School Administrative Managers in post

With the arrival of Peter Clements in Life Sciences on 4 August, the team of School Administrative Managers will be brought up to full strength once more.

Peter is rejoining Sussex after a period as College Registrar for Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Edinburgh.

Barbara Bryan (pictured), the new School Administrative Manager in the School of Social Science and Cultural Studies, started in post earlier this month.

Barbara previously worked for the University of Brighton for 15 years, initially at departmental level and for the past nine years as Faculty Officer in the Faculty of Health.

Barbara, a Sussex graduate with an MA in Contemporary History, says her first impressions of the University are that it is "very welcoming and very stimulating". She adds: "It will be a steep learning curve but I am enjoying the challenge!"

Jacqueline Clarke (Science and Technology), Sara Hinchliffe (Sussex Institute) and Angela Pater (Humanities) continue in post and form the rest of the team of School Administrative Managers.

Student advisors in the new Schools

A number of student advisors have been appointed to the new Schools. They will be joining the University during August and all will be in post by the beginning of September.

In the School of Humanities, Tim Hutton joins Tessa Hudson, Jacqui Pailis and Roseanne Wilding, who are already in post. Tim will work partly in Humanities but also in the School of Life Sciences, which is already staffed by Rachel Gould, Jane Jauncey and Lucy Solomon.

Carol Thomas and Jolyon Western will be working not only in the School of Science and Technology but also in SPRU. A third student advisor is yet to be appointed.

New recruit Sarah Heyman will work alongside Martin Kirby and Hilary Lawson, supporting students in the School of Social Sciences and Cultural Studies and in the Institute for Development Studies.

In the Sussex Institute, Mary Hoar's new colleagues will be Lynn O'Meara and Damien White.

The increase in the number of student advisors is one of the key features of student support in the new Schools.

Student advisors offer a front-line service to undergraduate and postgraduate students within the School, providing advice on a range of personal, financial or academic issues and playing a key role in such activities as induction and peer mentoring. They work closely with the central support services, to whom they refer students as appropriate.

From August, all the student advisors will be professionally responsible to Sue Yates, Head of Student Support.

Sports day

In celebration of the start of the new Schools on 1 August, there will be an afternoon of fun and games, team and individual events and a barbeque.

Teams comprising faculty and support staff will be organised for each of the new Schools and other units.

Tickets are on sale at £2 each and include the barbeque. A bar will also be open all day.

To buy a ticket and sign up for events, approach the contact for your School/unit named below:

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Working titles for common rooms

The Catering Service has decided on new working titles for the common rooms that it operates on campus. These will probably be temporary names in the lead-up to the completion of the new School centres over the next five years.

**Old name**

AFRAS
CPES
EDB
COGS
SMS
EIT
Arts E

**New name**

The Dhaba
Chichester Café
EDB Café
Bridge Café
Pevenssey Café
Pathway Café
Not yet decided