Environmental Awareness Week

With global warming moving up the political agenda, what should students and staff do now and in the future to minimise the environmental impact of the University's activities? Find out during Environmental Awareness Week on campus, from Monday (12 February).

Paul Feast from Estates & Facilities Management says: "Following a successful Energy Awareness Campaign during February 2006, this year we are expanding our activities to include other issues of an environmental nature."

Recycling, travel and transport will all be on the agenda, with information available at a roadshow in the Meeting House Quiet Room.

Every day throughout the week, Paul will be giving a presentation on the renewal of the campus heating system, followed by a conducted tour of utility buildings such as the central Boiler House.

While Library Square hosts displays by Sussex students, other venues around campus will be buzzing with workshops and debates.

Film showings include the Al Gore environmental documentary, An Inconvenient Truth, and In Our Hands, a DVD from the Carbon Trust that illustrates the damaging effect of energy consumption on the environment.

For the full programme, see www.sussex.ac.uk/efm.

Are you aware?

The University has been taking environmental issues very seriously for a number of years.

- The University has reduced emissions of carbon dioxide on campus with the advice and guidance of the Carbon Trust. In 2004, boiler plant and standby generators on campus emitted 8,315 tonnes of carbon dioxide; a range of measures reduced these emissions during 2005 by 1,252 tonnes, or 15%.

- Further opportunities have been identified to reduce gas and electricity consumption (and in so doing to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide), including the installation of automatic doors, modern metering, energy-saving devices on freezers and fridges, etc. These measures will reduce emissions by another 720 tonnes by 2011.

- In October 2001 Sussex became one of the first universities to procure 100% green electricity; the University entered into a new two-year green electricity supply contract in October 2006.

- A recycling scheme has been operating on campus for a number of years. There are regular collections of glass, paper, cardboard and aluminium.

- The University Travel Plan encourages students and staff to use public transport.

For more information on all of these initiatives, see www.sussex.ac.uk/efm.

Development of the University's academic strategy

Development of the University's academic strategy - strategies for research and for teaching and learning - is moving forward this term, following consultation with staff and students.

Consultation on the research strategy closed on 31 January, with submissions and ideas coming in to Professor Bob Allison, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research), from a wide range of colleagues.

Bob says: "I am really pleased with the input that I have had from colleagues in written submissions and in discussions over the last few months. I will be working now on drawing out the key themes emerging and playing that back to the campus community as the strategy is shaped up."

Online feedback has come from individual members of staff, as well as from groups of staff, departments and schools, ensuring that a wide perspective of views inform the development of the strategy. The thoughts and comments from many students - both postgraduate and undergraduate - have been particularly welcome.

Professor Joanne Wright, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education) is leading development of the teaching and learning strategy, on which consultation took place last term.

Joanne says that clear priorities are emerging, including:

- an improved and more flexible curriculum that links teaching with research;

- improving staff-student ratios and contact time;

- and support for and recognition of good teaching and academic leadership.

Interaction between the research strategy and the teaching and learning strategy is seen by the pro-vice-chancellors and the wider community as particularly important.

As Joanne makes clear: "As a research-intensive institution, with a mission to deliver excellence in teaching, we need to show how research informs and enhances the teaching experience for our students - and how students, as they progress, can play their part in the research agenda."

The draft strategies will be published later this term and made available for all staff and students before being presented to Senate and Council.
The end of an era for DNA patenting, says SPRU report

Human DNA patents are unlikely to be the barrier to medical and scientific innovation that they were first feared to be, according to new findings by Sussex researchers.

In fact in recent years new guidelines at patent offices, legal developments, commercial sentiment and the growing volume of genetic information in the public domain have together raised the bar on patentability of genes and other genetic material.

In particular, rigorous examination and prohibitive costs are discouraging speculative patent applications in Europe.

The findings, published this week, are the result of 18 months of research funded by the European Community and carried out by Dr Michael Hopkins, Dr Gursew Mahdi, Par Patel and Professor Sandy Thomas at SPRU – Science and Technology Policy Research.

The race to patent human DNA began in the 1980s, when scientists in industry and academia started unraveling the human genetic code, culminating in the publication of a full draft of the human genome in 2001.

As the human genome project published its results, so biotech businesses, pharmaceutical companies and universities rushed to file patent applications to protect their stake in a fast-developing field.

This stoked fears that DNA sequences important for research into the causes of disease such as cancer or diabetes would no longer be available for study, or that resulting drugs and diagnostics might be available only at excessive prices.

The authors identified 15,600 cases of inventions where patents had been filed claiming human DNA sequences (short strands of genetic material) at the world’s leading patent offices in the USA, Europe and Japan.

They then interviewed patent holders – including some of the world’s leading pharmaceutical companies – to find out what they intended to do with their patents. Their findings include:

- To date, just one-third of these inventions have actually been granted patents by one of the three patent offices studied – others were refused, have still to be processed or have been withdrawn by the applicant because the invention was considered to be no longer technically or commercially viable.
- The US patent office has granted far more of these patents, which has led to concerns in the USA about access to research and diagnostics, particularly for some cancers. By contrast, the patent offices in Japan and Europe have granted only between 3% and 5% of patent applications. Furthermore, researchers in Europe benefit from laws that allow the use of this knowledge for non-commercial research without patent infringement.
- Patent examiners are more stringent, particularly in Europe and Japan, in rejecting applications that are not supported by sufficient biological evidence.
- Commercial interest in DNA patent applications remains, but increasingly the DNA is just a part of a more complex invention. Overall, such filings are likely to be made in much lower numbers than seen in the past.

Revel in the scent of your lover

Forget chocolate and flowers and revel in the scent of your lover this Valentine’s Day.

A Nosegay, edited by Sussex DPhil student Lara Feigel, is a literary journey from the fragrant to the fetid. The book holds a collection of poems, sayings and historical quotes as well as much more on the subject of smells.

The newly published book is the first anthology to cover this important, and under-explored, area of human experience, and is an essential item for the shelves of any self-respecting bibliophile.

It also opens your eyes, or rather nose, to the world around us, giving us different perspectives on everyday things, from the thoughts of a large selection of writers.

Two particular chapters that relate to Valentine’s Day are ‘The Odeur of Sex and Death’ and ‘Dung and Roses’, which feature writings on two disparate subjects that somehow link.

The chapter on sex and death holds some literary gems focusing on the link of smell and sex from a selection of people including Sigmund Freud and Napoleon, whose simple inclusion from a dispatch to Josephine is: ‘J’arrive. Ne te lave pas. (I’m coming home. Don’t wash.)’

‘Dung and Roses’ could provide someone with a clever turn of phrase to use in a card in order to celebrate their lover (or to give a reason for not buying a bunch of flowers).

Excerpts and writings on the scent of roses (Shakespeare), flowers in the air (Francis Bacon) and Madonna lilies (D H Lawrence) mingle with olfactory offerings on the lesser celebrated piles of dung in the countryside or the smell of dirt.

Other chapters, not as romantic, but still interesting to read, include ‘National Bouquets’, ‘The Smell Industry’ and ‘Food and Drink’.

The quest to make the internal combustion engine more fuel efficient has received a significant boost at Sussex with the award of a grant worth £440,000.

Internal combustion engines are used in almost all forms of road transport; they contribute significantly to total emissions of carbon dioxide and therefore to global warming.

Research is continuing to make internal combustion engines more fuel efficient and therefore to produce less carbon dioxide.

The challenge taken up by Dr Julian Dunne (Reader in Dynamics) and Richard Stobart (Professor of Automotive Engineering) – both in the Engineering and Design department – is to create a new method of measuring combustion pressures inside an engine’s cylinders, which in turn will allow better control of the engine.

In-cylinder pressure sensors are fitted to Formula I engines, in which combustion pressures create forces measured in tonnes, which fluctuate every few milliseconds. Pressure sensors are however prohibitively expensive and tend not to last very long, so innovative approaches are required for production engines.

The work is funded by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) and Jaguar Cars. In addition, the project will receive technical support from Jaguar and access to their engine test facilities in Coventry.

Julian, the principal investigator on the project, says: “This award is very timely and will hopefully contribute towards a reduction in one of the known causes of global warming.”
Professor on the scent of the world's smelliest flower

A Sussex biochemist braved the stench of the world's smelliest - and largest - flower, the Titan arum, when he gave a series of public lectures about the plant's special heat-producing properties.

Professor Anthony Moore stood next to a mighty Titan, which had just bloomed at the Eden Project in Cornwall, for three days this week while he described the process of thermogenesis.

"The plant only blooms once every seven years," says Tony. "The flower, which is about two metres long, is magnificent. But its smell is reminiscent of decaying flesh."

The Titan arum (Amorphophallus titanum), also called the 'corpse flower' on account of its fetid fumes, was first discovered in the rain forests of Sumatra in 1878. It is a distant relative of the lilies known as "lords and ladies", which are commonly found in British hedgerows.

When the plant is ready to attract pollinators, the spike (or spadix) heats up and gives off the smell, which is very alluring to tiny sweat bees or carrion beetles. If the flowers are pollinated olive-sized fruits, which are attractive to birds, are formed in cylindrical clusters.

Its disgusting smell is due to the release of compounds produced when the spike warms up, reaching temperatures in excess of 10–15°C above ambient. The heat is generated by an enzyme called the 'alternative oxidase', which is found in abundance in the Titan arum, and in smaller quantities in other lilies and most other plants.

Tony has just received a £360,000 grant from the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC), in collaboration with colleagues at Queen Mary College and Imperial College, to investigate the structural properties of the enzyme, which is also found in the parasite responsible for African sleeping sickness and in fungi.

Tony says: "This is a very rare and exciting opportunity to study and talk about one of the great wonders of the plant world, one that is hard to observe in the wild and so far has only been cultivated as isolated individuals rather than colonies. There is still a great deal that remains unknown, even in their native Indonesia.

"The enzyme may well have considerable industrial and medical relevance, as it has the potential to help scientists design certain fungicides and anti-parasitic pharmaceuticals. And given the wasteful effect that alternative oxidase activity has on plant respiration, this enhanced understanding could lead to the development of more energy-efficient plants."
Sussex academics feature in Brighton Science Festival

Academics from Sussex will be helping to give science a makeover when the Brighton Science Festival comes to the city.

The third Brighton Science Festival is on from Sunday 18 February to Sunday 25 February and organisers have described it as a “lively week of talks and demonstrations, sometimes serious, sometimes surreal and always engaging”.

Representatives from Sussex will be taking part in the festival in many ways, including speaking on a vast array of subjects.

The festival starts with The Big Science Sunday, which will play host to a large selection of speakers, including Dr John Gribbin, a Visiting Fellow in Astronomy who will be speaking on ‘The Death of the Sun’, and mathematician Dr John Haigh, talking about the attraction of gambling.

Meanwhile Peter Childs, Professor of Engineering and Design, will be discussing how scientists come up with new ideas, as well as trying out some of the techniques researchers use to get their mental juices flowing.

He said: “Engineering and science are important and worthwhile activities and it is good for all ages and types of people to be involved.

"Science is already accessible; however, this event can potentially help people realise the scope of science and engineering."

According to Peter, the festival is a chance to share knowledge with other like-minded individuals as well as gaining insight into aspects of science you may know very little about.

Scientists from the University of The West of England and Sussex will be bringing along their latest research robots and talking about the cutting-edge work they are doing in ‘Walking With Robots’.

Paul Levy, a senior lecturer at the Freeman Centre, will also be taking part. He is giving a talk at the Catalyst Club on Monday 19 February called ‘The Collusion of Mediocrity’ and is also running some sessions on problem solving.

Paul said: “This festival is important because it makes science accessible and also explores the boundaries of art, science and philosophy.”

He added: “I try and engage people by making my talks fun, interactive, challenging but never patronising. The festival will be a lot of fun as well as fascinating!”

White Heat Family Day takes place on Saturday 24 February and a whole raft of representatives from Sussex will be taking part including the scientists and their robots, as seen at The Big Science Sunday.

Professor Paul Tofts from the medical school will be demonstrating how the modern miracle of Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) allows us to see our brains in action, in beautiful colours.

Representatives from Sussex will also be introducing speakers during the festival and some have even offered accommodation for fellow scientists.

For more information on the Brighton Science Festival, go to www.brightonscience.com, where tickets can also be purchased, alternatively email richard@brightonscience.com or call 777628.

All articles are also featured on the internet at www.sussex.ac.uk/press_office/bulletin
The three degrees

One octogenarian congratulated another when a retired solicitor stepped up to receive his doctorate from the Chancellor, Lord Attenborough.

Six years ago, at the age of 75, John Hostettler went back to education. His passion for law and history led him first to do a masters degree at Sussex, followed by a doctorate, followed by another doctorate.

At the winter graduation ceremonies on 30 January John, who lives in Rustington, was awarded his second DPhil from Sussex – to add to the DPhil he obtained at London University in 1983.

John, who worked as a solicitor in London for 35 years, initially took up studying to help with writing his books.

Both his Sussex DPhil theses have subsequently been published as books: The Criminal Jury Old and New: Jury power from early times to the present day (2004), and Fighting for Justice: The history and origins of adversary trial (2006). His MA dissertation was also the basis of a book, Law and Terror in Stalin’s Russia.

John says: “I decided to obtain a masters degree in history as I am deeply interested in history as well as law. Then I went on as I thought courses at university might give more structure to my books.”

He admits he worked very hard, although still found time to play tennis, go swimming and have holidays. Although he has no further plans to study, he hopes to write another book about legal history.

John’s supervisor, law lecturer Dr Richard Vogler, says: “John is a model doctoral student, always on time with his submissions and leaving his supervisor little work to do but to admire his professionalism.”

“He has been an inspiration and a great encouragement to his younger colleagues on the DPhil programme in law and, of course, a pleasure to supervise.”

Sussex seeks VC who can lead, listen and motivate

Adverts for the next vice-chancellor at Sussex are going out today (9 February) in the Times Higher Education Supplement and in this weekend’s Sunday Times, as work moves ahead on the appointment process.

Simon Fanshawe, chair of the VC Selection Committee, has reported to Senate and Council that good progress is being made on the original timetable set out in December, supported by good engagement with the University community.

As part of the initial preparation process, a team from executive search firm Perrett Laver met nearly 100 staff and almost 60 students. They also received more than 20 emails from staff and students and spoke directly to six leaders of external partner bodies.

On 29 January the Selection Committee considered and finalised the draft job description and person specification, set out within the VC recruitment brochure, which has been informed by productive discussions within the University and with external partners.

The brochure is now online for the campus community via www.sussex.ac.uk/vc and will be made available as a printed document for candidates.

The Committee believes the document sets out a robust and challenging prospectus, reflecting Sussex’s ideals and values.

As Simon says in his introduction to the document, there is a strong consensus about the kind of person Sussex needs: “We all agree that we are seeking a leader with a clear vision, who will set Sussex on a distinctive course in the highly competitive and changing world of higher education. We are seeking someone who can lead, listen and motivate and who has a proven record of success in achieving change in a large organisation.”

The immediate next steps are under way, with the adverts for the post appearing and the search process commencing. The Committee will meet again in mid March to consider a long-list of candidates. A short-list will be drawn up in early April and the direct selection process will move ahead after Easter.

The Committee has confirmed very strongly that it wants sub-groups of staff and students to meet short-listed candidates, in a suitably confidential way, as part of the final selection process, to ensure a good range of views and perceptions on the candidates. The detail of how that can best work is being developed and will be discussed again when the Committee next meets.

Simon said that he was grateful to all staff and students who have been in touch and asked that students and staff continue to offer their thoughts and ideas to the dedicated email address newvc@sussex.ac.uk as the University moves into the next phase of the selection process.

Simon Fanshawe’s full update to Senate and Council and background information for staff and students is online via www.sussex.ac.uk/vc.
Obituaries ↓

Emeritus Professor Roger Blin-Stoyle, the founding science dean of the University, died in Lewes on 30 January at the age of 82.

He came to Sussex in 1962, having been a Fellow of Wadham College, Oxford, where he had also received his MA and DPhil degrees.

He was appointed as Professor of Theoretical Physics and Dean of the School of Physical Sciences and, together with a small group of physicists, chemists and mathematicians, built up over a short period a much larger faculty which formed the powerful science base that Sussex became in the 1970s, with a high national and international reputation.

Roger was Pro-Vice Chancellor from 1965–67, Deputy Vice-Chancellor 1970–72, and Pro-Vice Chancellor (Science) 1977–79. In 1980, on his retirement, he was awarded an Hon DSc at Sussex.

His many contributions to the national physics community led to his appointment as president of the Institute of Physics 1990–92, and he was chairman of the national School Curriculum Development Committee from 1983–88. His election as a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1976 recognised his original contributions to research in theoretical nuclear physics.

Alumnus Malcolm Bowie (left), who has died at the age of 63, was an international authority on French literature, including the works of Proust and Lacan. Professor Bowie completed his Sussex DPhil in French literature in 1970.

From 2002 to 2006 he was Professor of French and Master of Christ’s College, Cambridge, where he moved to from his previous post as Marshal Foch Professor of French Literature at the University of Oxford.

Tony Nuttall, who has died at the age of 69, was a member of the English faculty for more than 20 years and served as a pro-vice-chancellor between 1978 and 1981. He came to Sussex in 1962 as an Assistant Lecturer, rising to become Professor of English.

He left Sussex in 1984 to take up a post as Professor of English at New College, Oxford, where he carried out research on Shakespeare, Pope, Swift, Marlowe and Milton. Professor Nuttall retired in 2004.

2007 staff appraisal season starts here

Managers and their staff should be starting to think about when appraisal meetings will take place during 2007 and planning for that process. The staff appraisal scheme policy, guidelines and appraisal form can be accessed at www.sussex.ac.uk/staffdevelopment/1-7.html

New staff (and anyone else who wishes to be ‘refreshed’) should attend an appraisal training workshop. To book a place, log on to your Sussex Direct personal page and click on ‘staff development’, or simply email the date of your choice to sdu@sussex.ac.uk.

The dates/times of these workshops are as follows.

Gaining the most benefit from your appraisal (for appraisees)
Monday 19 March, 2-4.30pm
Monday 16 April, 9.30am–12noon
Tuesday 5 June, 9.30am–12noon
A short appraisal refresher session for a team of staff can be organised on request.

Appraising your staff (for appraisers)
Monday 26 March, 9.30am–1.30pm
Tuesday 17 April, 1.30–5pm
Monday 11 June, 1.30–5pm
In addition, managers can obtain one-to-one coaching if they need particular support with any aspect of their appraisal duties.

Email appraisal@sussex.ac.uk
• if you can’t make any of the appraisal workshop dates but need training;
• if you want to arrange one-to-one appraisal coaching, or organise a short refresher session for your team;
• or if you just have a query about any aspect of appraisal.

Sarah Strupinski from the Staff Development Unit says: “The success of the appraisal scheme very much relies on the commitment and skills of managers and staff in finding ways to make the process work for them.”

Jo Scott Memorial Book Prize

Friends and colleagues of former staff member and undergraduate Jo Scott have contributed to a fund set up by her family with the aim of supporting part-time students.

Jo, who died last year, was studying for a BA in Cultural Studies in the Centre for Continuing Education (CCE) while working at Sussex. Jo’s brother received her degree posthumously on her behalf at the graduation ceremony in July.

The fund will enable CCE to award £100 in book tokens to one student each year. The prize is open to students who are studying part-time while working at Sussex.

Pam Coare, director of CCE, said: “Jo was always full of praise for the tutors and fellow students on her CCE courses and we hope everyone will feel this is an appropriate and fitting tribute.”

To be considered for the award, send your essay (maximum 500 words) on ‘The Joy of Learning’ to Pam Coare, CCE, Sussex Institute, Essex House. The deadline is the end of March.

The winner will be notified in April and the winning essay will be included in the next edition of Pathways, the CCE magazine.
LETTERS ↓

Get real

I was appalled to read Jim Grozier’s letter, “Has the University no scruples?” (Bulletin 15 December). While I share his sentiment of boycotting Caterpillar, he should consider the reality.

Firstly, the University is a person in name only. Who exactly does he consider to be without scruples? The VC, the Chancellor?

Secondly, consider the practicalities. Does Sussex now appoint a post-vesting committee to ensure no further infringements of individuals’ sensibilities? Or maybe a Pro-Vice Chancellor (Post- Vesting)?

Thirdly, can you reasonably expect Sussex staff to be as fast with the conduct of all companies and to know the details of their activities? Caterpillar also provide much equipment used for road-building and a host of useful activities.

Fourthly, the poster was merely advertising an employment event. Caterpillar surely have the same need to recruit the skills of Sussex graduates, just as any other company does. And what of the Sussex graduates who might miss out if this logic is followed through to its logical end?

Get real, mate!

Keith Jago, Sussex graduate

Money for medical research

The family of a former Sussex undergraduate have presented £2,500 to Brighton & Sussex Medical School (BSMS) to support medical research.

Graham and Christine Naylor (left), together with their son James (right), are pictured presenting the cheque to Professor Diana Lawrence-Watt from BSMS.

The money was raised by a fund set up in memory of their daughter, Sussex student Natalie Naylor, who died of meningitis three years ago.

This is the fourth occasion that the Natalie Naylor Trust has generously supported university medical research.

A walk on the wild side ↓

Gorse flowering at the end of December may well not signify anything out of the ordinary in terms of climate and seasonality, but surely honeybees in mid January must be another matter altogether? A question prompted by the discovery of a bumblebee trundling erratically among the early-morning traffic of the science car park.

Unlike honeybees, only queen bumblebees survive the winter and this particular individual was the widespread Buff-tailed Bumblebee, Bombus terrestris. Although the earliest of our bumblebees to emerge from hibernation, they rarely appear much before mid February, so this lady’s alarm clock had appeared to go off a month early.

However, as well as early emergence of the queens, there is now increasing evidence of some colonies surviving the winter in southern England, and this has inevitably been attributed to the effects of climate warming.

At night and during cold spells the queens seek shelter among moss or leaf litter. Mortality is high, up to 80%. Many are accounted for by birds such as Blue Tits and Great Tits, as well as by a failure to find sufficient sources of energy-rich pollen such as sallow catkins.

We have 26 species of bumblebees in Britain. Several of these are now in serious decline. 12 having suffered a reduction of their previous range, and one has recently become extinct. Given the key role that bees play in crop and wild flower pollination, the consequences are potentially serious.

As the days lengthen, bird song is becoming more obvious at dawn and dusk as more individuals join in. Song Thrushes are especially obvious at the moment; the local population had declined in numbers during the 1990s but is now recovering strongly.

Some male Song Thrushes started singing last autumn, but most have begun staking out their territorial claims this term. Their loud song phrases are distinctive; as Robert Browning noted, “He sings each song twice over”. Other poets have stressed how happy Song Thrushes sound to humans. For example, Thomas Hardy watched the sun set on the 19th century in his beloved Dorset while leaning at a gate and heard a thrush giving “a full-hearted evensong of joy illimitled”.

To our less poetic ears, Song Thrushes sound like politicians seeking votes; perhaps they want to be USSU sabbatical officers.

The other common thrush coming into song at the moment is the Blackbird. Its songs lack the repetition of its smaller relative and are given with polished ease in a melodic, almost flute-like, tone. One of the few male Blackbirds singing well at the moment has chosen the scaffolding opposite Bramber House as his performance site. Many male Blackbirds will not start singing until their mates are incubating their first eggs in March or April; their song is clearly not essential for either defending a territory or attracting a mate.
Academic events

MON 12 FEB
11am SEG seminar: Corina Nunez (Kiel), Offshore wind parks: A comparative policy analysis for Germany and the UK, G03 Freeman Centre.

1pm Geography & IDS seminar: Michael Brashaw (Leicester), Russia's energy and gas relations with north east Asia: Turning rhetoric into reality. Arts C175.

4.30 pm Neuro-science seminar: Anil Seth (Sussex), Causal networks in neural systems: Lessons from brain-based devices. Genome Centre Seminar Room.

TUE 13 FEB

2.15 pm SEI seminar: Christopher Hill (Cambridge), The European security strategy in retrospect. Arts C233.

4.15pm Anthropology seminar: JoAnn McGregor (UG), “Joining the BBC” (Britain’s Bottom Cleaners): Zimbabweans in the UK care sector. Arts G233.

6.30pm Professorial lecture: Maurice Howard (Sussex), Buildings for nation and locality in Tudor and Jacobean England. Michael Chown lecture theatre, BSMS. RSVP essential: ext. 7707 or E events@sussex.ac.uk

WED 14 FEB
12.30 pm Seminar: Keith Caldwell (Sussex), GDSF Seminar Room.

1pm Controversies on Science & Technology seminar: Jordi Molas-Gallart & Andy Stirling (Sussex), In praise of mediocrity (Why the S&T system needs diversity), Freeman Centre.

2pm Politics seminar: Maria Chelidash-Liarokapi (Nusse), Supranational institutions, path dependence and EU policy development. CHL 003.

3pm Dernien Short (Roehampton), The social construction of indigenous ‘native title’ land rights in Australia. Arts A71.

4pm Media and Film seminar: Janice Winship (Sussex), The Marks and Spencer brand: A very public story. EDH 341.

4.30pm Art History seminar: Tracy Anderson (Sussex), Fashioning the Vicarory: Representing royal authority in imperial India. Arts A5.

5pm Migration seminar: Louis-Lentin (Irish TV director), Film and discussion: ‘Grandpa, speak to me in Russian’. Arts C233.

THU 15 FEB
4pm Psychology and Film seminar: Gordon Harold (Cardiff), Parent as partners: How conflict between adults affects children’s behaviour. Peacevers 1, LBS.

FRI 16 FEB
2.15pm Freeman Centre seminar: Russ Vince (Hull), Emotion and leadership. Freeman Centre.

4.15pm Philippa Joseph (Blackwell Publishing), Getting your journal article published. EDH 339.


5pm Migration seminar: Tim Bale (Sussex), ‘If you can’t beat them, join them’? Where the populist radical right leaves the left in Europe. Arts C233.

THU 22 FEB
12noon Biochemistry and Genetics seminar: John Doornab (National Institute for Medical Research, Mill Hill), Human papillomavirus, warts and cervical cancer. JMS lecture theatre.

2.15pm SEI/Politics seminar: Ed Macfield & Lucinka Sawkova (Sussex), The politics of EU accession in Bulgaria and Romania. Arts C233.

4.15pm Anthropology seminar: Robert Simpson (Durham), Universal dreams and schemes: The case of bioethics. Arts C233.

MON 19 FEB
1pm Geography & IDS seminar: John Humphrey (IDS), Global production network & the Chinese economy. Arts C175.

4.45pm Language and Linguistics seminar: Bethan Davies (Leeds), Institutional apologies in UK higher education: Getting back into the black before going into the red. Arts D440.

5pm Education seminar: Sue Hallam (Institute of Education), Pupils’ experiences of ability grouping in schools. Arts £1:19.

TUE 20 FEB

FRI 23 FEB
2.15pm Freeman Centre seminar: Kevin Anderson (Tylland Centre), title TBC. G2/452 Freeman Centre.

4pm South Asia seminar: Soumhya Venkatesan (Manchester), Conversations, humour and talk in a south Indian town. Russell Building 27.

4.15pm Russian Society seminar: E.J. Minter-Gulland (Imperial), Problems of preservation in the former Soviet Union. Arts A135.

Arts events

PERFORMANCE

Tue 13 Feb
5pm & 7.30pm Catherine Wheels Theatre Company – Lifeboat
A true story of courage, survival and enduring friendship. Gardner Arts Centre (GAC).

Wed 21-Sat 24 Feb
8pm Sypmonkey – Bless: Miniature Stories of the Saints
A miraculously divine comedy about the goodness in mankind. Age 14+. GAC.

FILM

Sun 11 Feb
4pm Deja Vu (12A). GAC.
7pm Casino Royale (12A). GAC.

Sun 18 Feb
4pm Flushed Away (U). GAC.
7pm A Prairie Home Companion (PG). GAC.

EXHIBITIONS

Until Sun 31 March
Will Nash – The Footprint Project
Sculptor Will Nash asked visitors to Stammer Park to mark their routes around it on a map. The 235 collected ‘route marks’ became the raw material for a new body of sculptures and prints. See www.footprintproject.co.uk. GAC.

Small ads

To let: 3-bed house, Elm Grove. £1.150. Mrs Khan on 558337 or 07718 992697.


For sale: Wooden cot + mattress: £35. 2 area highchairs: £8 each or both for £15. 2 push-along walkers + wooden bricks, bit scratchy: £4 each. To on 07736 439412 or E penny.17@hotmail.com.

Wanted: 2-double bed G/F flat (or with lift) to rent in B’ton or Hove for family, soonish. E s.teuteberg@sussex.ac.uk.

To let: Rottingdean flat. Newly refurbished, large private bedroom + communal space shared with 1 other professional. Suit visiting lecturer or research fellow. £400 pcm incl. E v.hunt@virgin.net.

For sale: Indesit H645V stainless steel cooker. Electric fan-assisted oven + gas hobs instruction manuals. 2 yrs old. Can deliver. £120 ono. Luke Terrill: ext. 7687 or E l.o.terrill@sussex.ac.uk.

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