Open day draws the crowds

Thousands of potential students and their parents flocked to campus on Saturday (13 October), as the University held its annual autumn Open Day.

The day gave visitors to campus a rounded picture of Sussex as they finalise their decisions on undergraduate applications: scores of academics from all departments were available for consultation in Bramber House, student volunteers took campus tours, and most student residences were open for viewing.

Demand in the Conference Centre peaked over lunchtime, with prospective students and parents keen to talk to academics about their subjects at Sussex. "This is the most important element in students' decision-making," explained Rob Read, Director of Communications.

The weather stayed dry, vital for allowing visitors to get a feel of the campus. They were particularly keen to see the new accommodation at Swansborough.

The regular free coach tours to Brighton also proved popular, as the 'Brighton factor' plays an important role alongside the academic and campus offering from Sussex.

Daniella Salvage from Student Recruitment Services (SRS), who co-ordinated the event, praised the work put in by all the staff and students involved: "We gave a strong and positive impression of the University and the academic and social opportunities here. This good first impression of Sussex is key for our future recruitment."

The team will be emailing follow-up forms to all those who attended, to gain feedback on the event and keep up their interest in Sussex.

SRS will also review the event and see where further improvements might be made, to ensure it continues to provide a showcase for Sussex.

For those unable to come on the day, the weekly campus tours run by SRS continue throughout the year and can be booked online.

Ambitions for the future

The new Vice-Chancellor, Professor Michael Farthing, has launched a consultation with students and staff to establish the University's ambitions for the next ten years.

As part of this debate, the Vice-Chancellor has published a discussion document (www.sussex.ac.uk/vc/ambition), which includes 12 key questions based on the University's mission and values and on its teaching and research strategies.

The questions cover issues such as the international reach of the University, its research ambitions, the nature of Sussex graduates, and the extent of future partnership working.

The aim is to draw a picture of what activity at Sussex could look like in 2015 in relation to teaching and learning, research and enterprise; the academic size and shape of the institution; and the Sussex 'experience'.

Writing in this issue of the Bulletin (page 3), the Vice-Chancellor says: "These changes should be played out against a background of steady sustainable growth, not contraction. We should be looking to increase income but at the same time becoming even more financially efficient. Most importantly, the University's development must be academically led."

The Vice-Chancellor is urging students and staff to read and respond to the discussion document by Monday 12 November.

The initial ideas from this debate will then be taken to Council (the University's governing body) at the end of November before receiving further input from Senate (the academic body).

The strategic plan that derives from this work will set out the University's direction and priorities for the next 8–10 years.
BOOKMARK

Stephen Burman
(Reader in American Studies)
The State of the American Empire: How
the USA shapes the world
Earthscan, £12.99 (paperback)
ISBN: 9781844074280

The publisher says: "Covering a wide range of topics
from Wall Street to the War on Terror - The State of
the American Empire traces the USA's attempts to
balance national interest and global responsibility. It
measures America's true effect on world trade and
security, locates sites of resistance and levels of antagonism, and, looking
ahead, considers the sustainability of its imperial role."

Mark Davies
(Senior Lecturer in Law)
Medical Self-regulation, 
Crisis and Change
Ashgate, £70 (hardback)
ISBN: 9780754644590

The publisher says: "Self-regulation constitutes an
important aspect of the regulatory and oversight
process governing professionals. This book focuses
directly on medical self-regulation in the context of
both the wider regulatory framework and that of
other regulatory models."

Daniel Feakes
(Research Fellow, SPRU)
and Ian R. Kenyon (eds)
The Creation of the Organisation for the Prohibition
of Chemical Weapons: A case study in the birth of an
Intergovernmental organisation
T.M.CASSER Press, £50 (hardback)
ISBN: 9789067042413

The publisher says: "This book summarises the history of the development
and use of chemical weapons. The authors describe the regulation of the
Chemical Weapons Convention and the work of the Preparatory Commission
for OPCW. They review the first ten years of operation of the Treaty and the
organisation."

Daniel Hough
(Senior Lecturer in Politics),
Michael Koss and Jonathan Olsen (eds)
The Left Party
in Contemporary German Politics
Palgrave Macmillan, £50 (hardback)
ISBN: 9780230019072

How the Left Party came into existence, why it has
been successful and where it is likely to go - in
programmatic, strategic and electoral terms. It
contributes to wider debates on how, when and why parties "de-radicalize" as they become more
embedded in a political system.

Clive Webb
(Reader in North American History)
and David Brown
Race in the American South
Edinburgh University Press, £18.99 (paperback)
ISBN: 978074861355

The publisher says: "Anyone who wants to understand the links as well as the
discontinuities of race in the region should begin by reading this book and
consulting the superb bibliographical essay of sources."

Research investigates migrants’ money

New research to be undertaken by two Sussex geographers will
explore the money that migrants earn abroad and send home.

This money is known as 'remittances' and
is one of the most important effects of
international migration, especially for the
countries of origin.

Albania is one country where migration
and remittances have had vital
importance in recent years. Since 1990
Albania has "lost" one in four of its
population through emigration, mainly to
Greece and Italy, while remittances
currently bring in an estimated 1 billion
dollars.

Professor Russell King and DPhil student
Julie Vullineri are embarking on a one-
year study of Albanian migrants in Greece
and of "remittance households" in Albania
to explore the dynamics of this process.

Using questionnaire surveys, household
interviews, life histories and focus groups,
they will seek answers to questions about
control and decision-making over
remittances.

For example, who sends the remittances?
Who receives them? Who decides how they
are spent or invested? More often than not, it is men.

Russell explains: "Albania remains a
rather patriarchal society where gender
roles are sharply defined and men hold
dominant positions in family structures.

"When a woman marries she becomes the
'property' of her husband and of his
family. When a married couple emigrate
and work abroad, the remittance income
earned by the woman is channelled to
support her husband's family (his parents,
siblings, etc.), not her own. So in this
case, remittances are very clearly
gendered."

The research is receiving funding from the
United Nations International Research and
Training Institute for the Advancement of
Women (UN-INSTRAW).

Parallel research is being carried out by
other consultants in the Dominican
Republic, Morocco, Senegal, Lesotho and
the Philippines (all countries of high
emigration).

New research centre focuses on
higher education and equity

Sir David Watson, Professor of Higher
Education Management at the
Institute of Education in London,
will give the keynote lecture at the launch
of a new research centre on campus.

Sir David, who was formerly vice-
chancellor of the University of Brighton,
will be speaking on 15 November at the
opening of the Centre for Higher
Education and Equity Research (CHEER).

Located in the Sussex School of
Education and directed by Professor
Louise Morley, CHEER has been
established to consolidate and promote
higher education research and
scholarship at Sussex.

The Centre aims to develop theory and
inform practice on equity in higher
education; conduct research and produce
publications; contribute to policy debates,
offer expertise and consultancy; promote
networks and academic links; and build
research capacity for junior researchers
and postgraduate students.

Attendance at the launch – in the Terrace
Room, Bramber House – is by RSVP only:
contact Carol Taylor (cat23@sussex.ac.uk).

For information about regular seminars
hosted by CHEER, see
www.sussex.ac.uk/education/cheer
RAE deadline looms

The University is now in the final stages of preparation for the Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) 2008, with the submission deadline of 30 November approaching.

The University is likely to make submissions in 27 "Units of Assessment" (the technical term for the subject areas in which submissions can be made) — compared to 28 in 2001 and 30 in 1996, with fewer submissions in modern languages but with social work and medicine added. The average for the 1994 Group of universities is 24.

Professor Bob Allison, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research), has been spearheading the work since his arrival in September 2006. He is pleased with the progress that has been made: "I would like to thank all colleagues who have worked so hard in ensuring the University has the best possible entry. There is some important work still to go, but we are nearly there."

Bob confirms that final steps are progressing well. The important text commentaries for each unit of assessment, the RAE forms, that go with the statistical data are almost complete. Final data checking is now going on for up-to-date information such as grant income and postgraduate student numbers.

Decisions have also now been made by the Vice-Chancellor’s Executive Group about which staff are included in the submission. These decisions follow recommendations from the RAE Strategy Group (chaired by Bob and including Professors Judy Sebba, Kevin Davies, Peter Nichols and Geoff Cloke).

Bob says: "The good news is that the vast majority of our staff who engage in research will be entered."

The RAE team who have been co-ordinating work for Sussex will soon be in the process of tying up loose ends, such as making sure final publications that are just out or just about to appear are indeed in the public domain.

For background information on RAE preparation at Sussex, see www.sussex.ac.uk/spg/rae

Setting the scope of our ambition

I want us collectively to raise our sights to the next ten years — looking to 2015 and beyond. In teaching, research and external engagement, what should our ambitions be for that future?

My first piece for the Bulletin on 21 September set out some of the immediate challenges and opportunities that are facing us.

The response from the campus community has been heartening and I already have a sense that most of us accept that there is a job to be done.

I reflected that Sussex was founded in the 1960s as a campus and aspirant institution. In the University’s approach to research and teaching, and campus buildings, Sussex set a new direction for higher education.

We face a challenging higher education environment, with Sussex sitting in a complex, international network of providers. I believe we can face it with confidence and determination, if we do so with a clear set of goals.

But before developing the detail of our practical plans, it is important first to establish the extent of the institution’s ambition and to look forward to the broad characteristics of the university we wish to be in 2015.

My executive team and I are meeting with the deans, other academic colleagues, the professional services teams and students’ representatives over the coming weeks to initiate this debate.

As part of this debate, I have launched a short discussion document for the whole campus. Based on the mission and values of the University, and the teaching and research strategies agreed by Council and Senate last year, we have framed 12 key questions in the discussion document about our ambition, including the following:

• Do you agree that the University must operate at an international level, rather than focusing solely on being a strong regional and national player?
• Is the University prepared to focus disciplinary research onto a number of broad-based challenges upon which it can build its international reputation?
• Does the University wish to attract and teach students to become critical, entrepreneurial and self-reliant thinkers?
• In matters of resourcing and development, is the University prepared to be selective and switch resource to areas of potential growth, withdrawing from areas of weakness and decline?
• To what extent is the University prepared to ‘share its brand’ and work in partnership with others to deliver its vision, aspirations and goals?

I also want us to try together to draw a picture of what Sussex could look like in 2015 in relation to:
• how we deliver teaching and learning
• how we manage research and enterprise
• the academic size and shape of the institution
• the Sussex ‘experience’ for staff and students.

Although by 2015 we may be in a different position from the one we can now envisage, we will cope better on the journey if we have a road map to steer by. Overall, I would suggest that these changes should be played out against a background of steady sustainable growth, not contraction. We should be looking to increase income but at the same time becoming even more financially efficient. Most importantly, the University’s development must be academically led — which means we all have a responsibility to contribute to shaping the journey ahead.

The responses to this document will help us create a strategic framework for Sussex that will allow us to make the right choices about the opportunities that lie ahead.

You can find the discussion document in full at www.sussex.ac.uk/vc/ambition and respond online or in hard copy. I urge everyone, staff and students alike, to read and respond to it. I am asking for these comments by Monday 12 November.

We will take our initial ideas from this debate to the 22/23 November meeting of Council (our governing body) and, after further input from Senate, finalise the University’s strategic plan in the spring.

The strategic plan that derives from this work will set out the future direction and priorities of the University for the next 8-10 years, providing a compass that will help steer our future decision-making. In shaping this plan, we very much want to draw on the ideas, enthusiasm and energy of our staff and our students.

As I said in an article for the Argus last week (12 October), I’m proud to be the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sussex. I think that as an academic community we should have the belief and confidence to engage in this important discussion about the next chapter in the Sussex story.
The convenience store in Bramber House has reopened, following a revamp by retailer McColl’s.

The shop had been closed since late June, when the lease on the existing Mace store came to an end. After a review of options for the site, the University embarked on a tendering process to identify a new tenant.

McColl’s is offering a wider range of foodstuffs, including fresh fruit and vegetables, freshly baked items and hot coffee.

The company has put substantial investment into fixtures and fittings: the refurbished store is air conditioned and has more chiller cabinets, which means that it can offer a wider range of frozen and chilled food.

McColl’s has also increased the shop’s opening hours.

Charles Dudley, who is responsible for retail provision on campus, said: “It is good to have additional food provision for our customers, especially as we now have more students living at Falmer than ever before.”

McColl’s have signed a short-term lease on the shop. Plans for long-term use of the space – as well as other areas of Bramber House – will form part of a five-year strategy for retail and catering provision on campus.

The strategy will be informed by the findings of a review of retail and catering that was conducted this summer, with advice from an external consultant. In the coming months students and staff will be invited to presentations on these findings and on the longer-term plans.

“We’re keen to improve retail and food provision across campus,” said Charles. “And we’re delighted to have McColl’s in Bramber House while we look at the long-term options for the building.”

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The heat is on

Staff and students across campus will be feeling snug this winter thanks to the new heating system, which was switched on this month.

The £6 million, two-year project to install a reliable new heating system began in summer 2006 with the laying of 7km of pipelines under paths, roads and soft ground.

During the second phase, this summer, two new boilers were delivered to the central Boiler House. They were hooked up to the new pipework, which in turn was connected into 49 plant rooms in each of the core buildings on campus.

Landscaping work still needs to be done outside a small number of these plant rooms and staff in Estates and Facilities Management (EFM) expect this work to be completed by the end of October.

The new boilers will act in conjunction with a new combined heat and power (CHP) unit, which is due to be delivered to the Energy Centre at the end of this month. Once the CHP unit has been installed, this energy-efficient system will generate around 20% of the University’s electricity at only marginal cost.

If you experience any problems with the heating in your building (too cold? too hot?), contact the EFM Helpdesk on ext 7777, E efmhelpdesk@sussex.ac.uk.
VC gets fit

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Michael Farthing, tried out the newly refurbished fitness room at the Falmer Sports Complex last week.

He also visited the new, smaller gym at the Sport Centre, as well as the other sports facilities at both sites.

"The Vice-Chancellor was very impressed with the standard of the facilities and equipment," said Simon Tunley, Deputy Head of Sport.

"Sussex now has one of the most up-to-date gyms in the higher education sector," he added. "Our strength and conditioning equipment is state of the art and our machines for cardio-vascular work include integrated TVs and FM radios."

The fitness facility at the Sport Centre also now incorporates equipment that enables individuals and groups to do circuit-based exercises.

Membership and usage of the two gyms has already exceeded expectations. "The general feedback from students and staff has been really positive," said Simon.

Sussexsport are offering all staff a seven-day free trial card; to get yours, contact Sam Fuller on ext 8229 or email s.n.fuller@sussex.ac.uk.

Fantastic new gym

I would like to thank Simon Tunley and his team from Sussexsport for improving the gym facilities at the Falmer Sports Complex.

It is now full of new resistance and aerobic machines and a squash court has been modified to take heavier free weights.

These improvements hopefully should now attract many more staff, students and the general public. Well done.

Alex Burns, Life Sciences

Thanks from Pam

I would just like to thank everyone for my cards, gifts and good wishes on the occasion of my retirement. I enjoyed my time at the University and will miss my colleagues and friends in the telephone exchange and the Uni. Kindest regards.

Pam Lammiman (former switchboard operator)

Has anyone lost a white dove?

Has anyone lost a white dove? This dear little bird has adopted the Sussex Institute (SI) as its home. It is very tame and is being bullied by our (now notorious) seagulls. It is also at risk of being trodden on as it likes to peck around the back door of the SI Cafe. Is anyone willing to rescue it?

Val Orringe, Sussex Institute, Essex House

New and revamped teaching facilities

Two of the University's flagship lecture theatres were upgraded for the start of the new academic year.

Arts A1 and A2, which were designed by architect Sir Basil Spence in the 1960s, have been carefully refurbished with the approval of English Heritage.

The main features include all-new seating; improvements to the ventilation system; complete redecoration; and new flooring throughout. There are also new whiteboards, screens and projector equipment, combined with improved sound systems.

And on level 2 of Bramber House, students and academic staff are benefiting from 16 new seminar rooms, an area of flexible teaching space and an open-access computer cluster.
Professional Services Review delivers first outcomes

The first fruits of change from the Professional Services Review (PSR) are beginning to make themselves known beyond the Sussex campus, as job ads appeared last week in the Guardian and the THES for recruitment to a number of new posts in priority areas for the University.

They include new leadership posts in Student Support & Experience and in Academic Support. Both of these teams are part of the newly created Student and Academic Services division, which will be the principal unit supporting many of the strands within the University’s new Teaching and Learning Strategy.

Academic Registrar Owen Richards will be leading the new unit. He said: “The Teaching and Learning Strategy has set the framework and given us the targets to work with. I am looking forward to recruiting to these leadership posts, as well as helping to shape the services we provide to students and staff and the support we provide to academic units in order to achieve the objectives in the Strategy.”

Other posts have also been advertised in international student recruitment, IT Services, and Strategy, Planning and Governance, with further recruitment planned for a second phase later in the autumn.

Alongside this new investment, the PSR outcomes have made the professional services more efficient overall, achieving the 4% savings targets set by Council on annual expenditure of around £24m. Savings come from a mix of pay, non-pay and additional income. They are not focussed in one particular area, but come from creating the right structures for the future and bearing down hard on costs in all areas.

Underpinning these outcomes is a lot of detailed work in each area of the professional services, supported by the PSR Board and approved by Council (the University’s governing body) in June.

The development and implementation of this work will take time but, says the Registrar & Secretary, Dr Philip Harvey, getting it right is vital. “Overall, this review is about getting the right structures, services and leadership in place to support the academic mission of the University. The first phase of the PSR has laid the foundations for that.”

Significant developments will include over time the creation of new service level agreements for all areas, which will ensure that academic units understand exactly what can be expected from the professional services.

And the new structures should enable better focus on key services. For example, the creation of Residential, Sport and Trading Services enables its director to focus on the large residential development programme and the outcomes from reviews of sport and catering (both due for report this autumn).

Direct benefits of the review have already been seen with, for example, better finance services provided to incoming students by Student Accounts. A new set of web pages explains the role and purpose of each area of the Professional Services; see www.sussex.ac.uk/professionalservices. Over time, new pages will be created for each set of services.

An up-to-date summary of the PSR, showing key developments and outcomes, is also available; see www.sussex.ac.uk/vc/psr.

A piece of work co-authored by Suzy Bray, Professor of Social Work, won first place in September in the e-learning awards of the Association of Learning Technology (ALT). ‘All in a Day’s Work’ is one of a suite of 10 e-learning resources written by Suzy and Michael Preston-Shoot for the Social Care Institute for Excellence and funded by the Department of Health.

Sussex science historian Dr Jim Endersby will find out in the first week of November if his book A Guinea Pig’s History of Biology has made it on to the shortlist of a major prize. The title is already on a longlist of ten contenders for the £10,000 Guardian First Book Award 2007.

The Institute of Physics has awarded its Chadwick medal for distinguished research in particle physics to Professors J. Michael Pendlebury (left), Research Professor at Sussex, and Keith Green, Visiting Senior Research Fellow at Sussex and Honorary Scientist at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory. The prize recognises their outstanding contributions to the measurement of the neutron electric dipole moment, and of other fundamental properties of the neutron.

Sussex composer scores film about opera house

University of Sussex composer Ed Hughes has written the music for a film about the striking architecture of a famous local opera house.

Glyndebourne opera commissioned Ed and a photo-artist, Sophy Rickett, to make the film, which dramatises the striking architecture of Glyndebourne’s auditorium through moving images, music and sound.

As part of the commission Ed and Sophy mentored six pairs of photography and music students from local colleges, who made their own slide-show films with music.

Both Auditorium and the pieces created by the students will be screened and performed at Glyndebourne in East Sussex on Saturday 17 November.
Innocent suspects
Changes to ID parades could improve reliability

Two simple changes to the way police run identity parades could improve their accuracy, says Sussex psychologist Dr Dan Wright.

Dan, whose recommendations have been submitted by the British Psychological Society (BPS) in response to a Home Office consultation exercise, points out that the current procedure leads to 20 per cent of witnesses choosing innocent people, which can lead to false imprisonment.

Based on research in the USA and the UK, Dan suggests using ‘double blind’ video identifications where possible, so that the person directing the ‘parade’ is not aware of the identity of the suspect. The procedure, already commonly used in medical research trials, would eliminate the possibility of the administrator inadvertently giving biased non-verbal cues.

Additionally, measuring how confident a witness feels over their choice immediately after the parade, but before the identification of the suspect is revealed, would give a more reliable outcome.

Dan, a member of the Memory and Law Working Party of the BPS, explains: “Police, judges and jurors use the confidence of witnesses to weight the reliability of their identifications. The problem is that if a witness is told either they identified the suspect or that they failed to identify the suspect, their confidence is affected. It is not possible to tell if someone is confident because they are accurate or just because they identified the suspect.”

Dan’s recommendations formed part of the BPS submission in response to a consultation exercise for the Police and Criminal Evidence ACT (PACE) Review.

“This consultation exercise provided the opportunity to make at least two procedural changes that are widely agreed to be beneficial by researchers in the area,” says Dan. “Neither of these changes should increase police work, but both will improve the reliability of identifications.”

The submission is available via www.bps.org.uk/polpar, and the summary of responses via www.tinyurl.com/2s5Y6.

Recommendations:
Two simple changes to the way police run identity parades could improve their accuracy, says Sussex psychologist Dr Dan Wright.

News in brief ↓

Give blood 22 October
The National Blood Service will be in the Sport Centre car park on Monday (22 October), from 10am–12.30pm & 2–4pm. Call ext 8228 to book.

Open staff forum
This term’s open meetings for staff will take place on Tuesday (23 October), from 2–3.30pm in the BSMS lecture theatre; and Wednesday (24 October), from 2–3.30pm in Arts A2. Staff will have the opportunity to discuss developments at Sussex with the Vice-Chancellor and other senior managers; for the agenda, see www.sussex.ac.uk/staff. To ask a question in advance, email internalcomms@sussex.ac.uk. Tea and coffee will be available before both meetings, which are open to all staff.

Hotel competition
‘Four Acres’ in Fulking is one of the hotels and guest houses with which the University has negotiated special rates: see www.sussex.ac.uk/about/hotels. To be in with the chance of winning a night’s accommodation for two, name two of the property’s ‘green’ credentials. See www.fouracres.org.uk. Email your entry to hotelcompetition@sussex.ac.uk; include your name, designation (staff/student/graduate) and contact details. The closing date is 31 October.

Retirement party for bookshop manager
Kristian Bergreen, the bookshop manager, has recently retired from the University after 37 years’ service. Kristian’s retirement party is on Thursday 1 November in the Gallery Room, Conference Centre, Bramber House from 4–6pm. To attend, RSVP by Monday 29 October to Pam Babington, e.p.babington@sussex.ac.uk. You can sign a retirement book for Kristian either at the bookshop office from 15 October or at the party.

Stammer church to close?
Representations for or against plans to close Stammer church are due by 19 November. For details, contact Canon Andrew Robinson, Anglican Chaplain at Sussex and priest in charge of Stammer.

All articles are also featured on the internet at www.sussex.ac.uk/press_office/bulletin
Academic events ↓

MON 22 OCT

3pm International Relations seminar: Jim Whittam (Bradford), The governance challenges of technological convergence. Arts C233.

4.15pm Anthropology seminar: David Zeitlyn (Kent), Rediscovering the Carhomeronian studio photographs. Arts C233.

WEB 24 OCT

2pm Politics seminar: Jack Nagel (Penn State), Centre-party strength and major-party diversity in Britain, 1945–2005. Arts C233.

4pm Anthropology Society: Kate Fox (author), Writing pop anthropology. Russell Building 2.4.

5pm Migration seminar: Nicola Mai (London Metropolitan), The migration of Romanian (and Romanian Roma) children and young people to Italy. Arts C233.

THU 25 OCT

2pm World Environment seminar: Tim Haughton (Birmingham), National preference formation in the new EU member states: Drawing lessons from the Czech and Slovak Republics. Arts C233.

4pm Psychology seminar: Kim Plunkett (Oxford), The role of labels in infant categorisation. Pevensey I, 1.183.


FRI 26 OCT

4pm South Asia seminar: Paul Boyle (Institute of Education, London), Men who have sex with men in India and the cultural subject of HIV prevention. Arts A7.1.

MON 29 OCT

3pm International Relations seminar: Speaker and title TBC. Arts C233.

4pm Economics seminar: Maia Gueli (Edinburgh), Intergenerational mobility and the informative content of surnames. Russell Building 28.

5pm Education seminar: Paul Dowling (Institute of Education, London), Sociology as method: Departures from the forensics of culture, text and knowledge. Arts E419.

TUE 30 OCT

12.30pm Life history seminar: Jenna Bailey (freelance author, formerly Sussex), Turning a Life History Master's thesis into a Faber publication. Russell Building 2.4.

5pm Biochemistry seminar: Nigel Savery (Bristol), Molecular mechanism of transcription-coupled DNA repair. Medical School Lecture Theatre.

2pm SEI seminar: Lucia Quaglia (Sussex), Financial services governance in the EU. Arts C233.

3pm Bill Epstein

Memorial lecture: Peter Franckel (former Controller, BBC European Services), The murder of the German Jewish Consul at a Samurai, IDS.

4.15pm Anthropology seminar: Signe Howell (Oslo), Relations with the imagined child: The emotionality of becoming an adoptive parent. Arts C233.

6.30pm Founding Historians' lecture: Keith Meldrum (Sussex), Perspectives within the EU: Diversity or double vision? Medical School Lecture Theatre, RSVP essential: ext 7707.

WED 31 OCT

1.15pm Law seminar: Sally Sheldon (Kent), Reproductive technologies, parenthood and the tenacious hold of the sexual family. Russell Building 12.


THU 1 NOV

4pm Psychology seminar: Dinkar Sharma (Kent), tile TBA, Pevensey I, 1.183.

FRI 2 NOV

2pm World Environmental History seminar: Jose Augusto Pedra (Rio de Janeiro), European colonialism and tropical forest destruction in Brazil. Russell Building 33.

Small ads ↓

For sale: 2003 Peugeot 307, 2.0 5 dr diesel estate, Tax & MoT May 08. 44k miles, £5,995. T 383690 or 07931 304166.

For sale: VW Golf 1.6 CL, 1995 M reg, MoT Sep 08, tax & ins 08, 84k miles, PSH, £1,290 ono. T 812762 or 07776 184929.

For sale: Ethernet cable, 20m: £10. Apple iMac (bought 2002), OS 10.2, Word, Excel, speakers, CanoScan N7500 A4 colour scanner: £120. E cieder@sussex.ac.uk.

To let: Room in Victorian family house, Lewes. Own bathroom, garden. Baby grand piano. £380pm incl. T Sarah or Ted on 471323.

To let: Room in shared house on Lewes Rd. £73 p/w. E chsrulest@hotmail.com or T 07870 822332.

For sale: Apple eMac G4/700MHz, 765MB SDRAM, 40GB HD, 24X CD-RW, GeForce2 MX graphics. 17" CRT display, MacOS X 10.1.4, Keyboard, mouse, £75. T E.jackson@sussex.ac.uk, ext 8102.


To let: GF Bedset + en-suite shower/bath, in Lewes, Sur PGT female. £400pnm (£393/e incl. T 477319, E abagave11@ukonline.co.uk.

For sale: Apple eMac G4/700MHz, 765MB SDRAM, 40GB HD, 24X CD-RW, GeForce2 MX graphics. 17" CRT display, MacOS X 10.1.4, Keyboard, mouse, £75. T E.jackson@sussex.ac.uk, ext 8102.