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FALMER

happy birthday

sussex
In this, the 35th edition of Falmer, we acknowledge the past, and look forward to the future. The University celebrates its’ 40th anniversary this year, and we have an interview with the very first person to receive a degree from the institution, Ann Donnelly (née Baker). Her tales of life at the newly-created University of Sussex will strike a chord with many. We also welcome the graduates of 2001 who will be reading Falmer for the very first time. As new members of the Alumni Society not only will you receive this magazine, free of charge, twice a year, you will also be able to benefit from the great services offered by the Society. Services such as discounts on postgraduate courses (see feature on page 21), career development, networking groups and much much more! Turn to page 14 for some reassuring words about life outside the campus cocoon!

Historically Sussex has had very strong links with South Africa, and so we are delighted to announce that former student, Professor Norma Reid, has been appointed as Vice-Chancellor of the University of the Witwatersrand in South Africa. Norma spoke to Falmer about her plans for the institution, and the role that Sussex played in her career.

Dr Brian Bates of CCS thinks that Nelson Mandela has the most beautiful, expressive face in the world. Read all about his (and John Cleese’s) pioneering work into the face and facial expressions in “Face Facts” on page 13.

We are launching a new campaign to record as many alumni email addresses as possible, especially for those of you who live overseas. Senior members of the University travel around the world and would like to meet up with alumni, but the length of time it takes to make contact by post often makes this unfeasible. Please stay in touch and have a good summer.

With best wishes,

Clark

Happy Birthday, Sussex! Digital artwork by Henry Hyde of H A Wired. Original photos © photodisc.com
Films and Fellowships: as usual, Sussex alumni are making their mark

Alumni Fellowships
The presentation of the annual Alumni Society Fellowships at the Winter Graduation Ceremony in the Gardner Arts Centre proved to be a glittering affair. Family and friends turned out to watch the recipients receive their Fellowships from the Vice Chancellor Professor Alasdair Smith.

The Alumni Fellowships are awarded by the Alumni Society Management Committee to alumni and former members of staff who are considered to have made a significant contribution to the community and/or the University of Sussex. The recipients were:

- Dr Michael Burton, Director of Psychological and Counselling Services at the University of Sussex
- Mrs Iris Avis, retired member of catering staff and responsible for providing all the floral arrangements at Graduation Ceremonies
- Lord Bassam (SOC 1973-75) serves in the Whip’s office in the House of Lords
- Dr Brian Smith, Emeritus Reader in Experimental Physics at the University of Sussex

Care Standards Commissioner
Professor John Spiers (ENGAM 1965-68), Chairman of the Alumni Society, has accepted an invitation from the Secretary of State for Health to serve for the next four years as a board member of the new National Care Standards Commission.

The remit of the Commission is to improve the quality of social care services and ensure that independent healthcare is delivered to safe and consistent standards.

Mr. Producer
David Hardwick (SCIENCE 1977-78) has executive produced the film An Urban Ghost Story. Starring Jason Connery it is a supernatural drama set against a Glaswegian backdrop of urban decay and poverty and is based upon reported events. The film which is released simultaneously at the Odeon, Leicester Square, London and Glasgow, will be screened countrywide in Autumn of 2001.

Dean of Coventry Cathedral
The Rev’d John Irvine (1967-70 SOC) has been appointed Dean of Coventry Cathedral. Interviewed in The Times about his impending move from a Kensington parish, Reverend Irvine described his student self as “a typical product of that generation, questioning everything, throwing red paint at anything that moved.”

The Sussex Graduate Network
Carolyn Morris, Director of the University’s Career Development Unit writes:

Hundreds of you are already part of the Career Development Unit’s (CDU) Sussex Graduate Network. To you, many thanks. Your readiness to help current students is much appreciated.

The Network is a contact group, run by my colleague Cathy Beatty in CDU. It began as a one-to-one contact network, enabling current students to get in touch with their predecessors and benefit from their experience. Over the years the scope of activities has broadened, with fantastic help to the CDU team.

Helping CDU help students
The one-to-one help goes on, and it is really useful. Students at the stage of debating which career path they want to embark on, and those with a clear career aim, learn a lot from the opportunity to talk informally with someone in the work they’re thinking of.

One of the big benefits we see is a boost to students’ confidence. Remember your own early career steps, your first interviews? Things you take for granted now are often daunting to students. You can help them deal with their qualms. And with their misapprehensions. Some come back from a talk with a graduate having decided that career isn’t for them. But that’s valuable too. Saves many a false start.

We try to ensure students have researched the fundamentals before they come and see you. But often it’s only the horse’s mouth stuff that really makes a career option come alive. That’s why talking to someone actually doing a job can be so revealing.

A word about that word “career”
Now in case you’re thinking, “I’ve never had a career, just a succession of jobs/ spells at home/volunteering,/freelancing/self employment... they won’t want me.”

I’m using the word neutrally, not as a progress through a hierarchy, conventional success measured in pounds and suits. The sequence of paid and unpaid work and learning, throughout an individual’s lifetime, seems a more inclusive definition to me, and that’s how I’m using “career” here.

Practicalities
- You can see the occasional student we put in touch.
- Or you can choose to come and chat about your career at a Career Briefing here.
- You can raise your organisation’s recruitment profile here in a presentation or in a more low key way: host a drop-in in Falmer Bar.
- Skills training: become involved in the University’s work to develop Sussex students’ personal skills.
- We’re happy to tell you more.
- Careers we particularly want more of on the Network include primary school teachers, conference/exhibition organisers, workers in development organisations and NGO’s. But all are welcome.

Helping you
And if we can help you fill vacancies, we’d be delighted.

Nowadays that means local part-time vacancies as well. Did you know 70% of students work in term time? You may have been here in the days when that was frowned on, or at best benevolently overlooked. It’s different now.

CDU is merging with the University’s pioneering Student Employment Office so we can provide a seamless service to students and employers.

To support your own career planning, the CDU website is a brilliant tool. Visit http://www.sussex.ac.uk/Units/CDU/

Want to know more or offer to help? C.M.Beatty@sussex.ac.uk or John Ross, our Employer Relations Adviser J.Ross@sussex.ac.uk
Or write to us at CDU in Falmer House.
Sussex has become one of the first universities to sign up for the FANS scheme (Free Access to National Sports People). The scheme, which is supported by Sport England, offers any current nationally selected sportsperson free training facilities across the South East region.

The University already offers free use of its sports facilities to Olympic athletes as a result of its accreditation with the British Olympic Association. Olympic rower Guin Batten, who won a silver medal at the Sydney games, was the first sportsperson to take advantage of that scheme when she began training on campus in March.

Sport at Sussex has undergone a number of positive changes in recent years with the development of new facilities, increased programmes for staff and students and a wider focus on health and fitness activities. Provision and support structures for talented sportspersons has been an area which both the Sports Service and Sports Federation are keen to improve.

In addition, links created with Brighton Bears basketball team and Lewes Hockey Club have seen the creation of four sports bursaries for Sussex students of between £500 and £1,000 for talented players of the two sports.

The Alumni Centre is helping to support some additional bursaries from next year. Applications for support have already started to come in and the number of enquiries from potential students who have accessed the information on the sport website (www.sussexsport.com) have been very promising.

Medical School bid successful

The Universities of Sussex and Brighton were told on 30th March that their joint bid to create an undergraduate medical school had been successful.

The Government’s announcement means that the new Brighton and Sussex Medical School for 128 trainee doctors is expected to be up and running by autumn 2003.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Alasdair Smith said: “The new school will be firmly based on the established strengths of the two universities in educating and training health professionals and in science teaching and research. Both institutions are committed to innovation in teaching and provide an ideal base for a forward-looking approach to medical education.”

The University of Brighton will provide the professional aspects of the course through its faculties of health, sciences and engineering, while Sussex will provide the biological science teaching.

The joint bid team

Asa Briggs at 80

A dinner was held on the 9th May 2001 to celebrate the 80th birthday of Asa, now Lord Briggs of Sussex. Asa was one of the university’s founding fathers as Dean of Social Studies, and became Vice-Chancellor in 1967. Because of the relatively small numbers of students and staff during his time at the University, Asa knew most of them personally, and many were sorry to see him go when he left Sussex in 1976 to become Provost of Worcester College, Oxford. Later, he became Chancellor of the Open University.

The university Chancellor, Lord Attenborough, invited Asa to be his special guest of honour at a Chancellor’s Society dinner to celebrate his 80th birthday. The two are old friends. They met while the young Attenborough was making Oh! What a Lovely War in Brighton and he persuaded Asa to lend him most of the students of the day as extras.

Over 300 family, friends and former colleagues attended the celebration. Lord Attenborough spoke warmly of his friend’s many achievements. Lord Briggs then delighted his audience with stories about the early days of the University.

We Kant believe we got top Marx!

Philosophy staff are celebrating at Sussex after scoring a maximum 24 out of 24 in the latest Subject Review by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA). The QAA review team praised the quality of the teaching and learning at both undergraduate and postgraduate level and commended the philosophy subject group on many aspects of good practice.
Psychology of cancer

One of Britain’s leading cancer psychologists, Professor Lesley Fallowfield (BIOLS 1978-80, SCIENCE 1984) brought her 11 strong team, including Dr Hazel Beveridge (SCIENCE 1991-92, BIOLS GRC 1990-92) and Dr Valerie Jenkins (BIOLS 1986-89, DPhil 1992-96), to the University in February. Professor Fallowfield, Director of the Cancer Research Campaign’s Psychosocial Group, arrived at the Trafford Centre to continue her pioneering work with cancer patients and specialists. “This is going to be a wonderful opportunity to expand the research areas in which I am interested,” said Lesley, who trained at Guys Hospital in London and was a nurse at the Royal Sussex County Hospital before gaining a BSc and a DPhil in experimental psychology from Sussex. Professor Anthony Moore, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, said of Lesley’s arrival: “We are delighted to welcome her back. She is an established figure in the growing field of psychological research and she and her team will further consolidate the University’s position in medically related research.”

You need friends

Research by Schools & Colleges Liaison with first-year Sussex undergraduates Liaison from the UK revealed that 68% had heard about the University before beginning research for their UCAS application. Sussex had been recommended to 74% of freshers (55% by a friend, 23% by a teacher and/or 20% by a relative) and 66% said they knew someone (usually a friend) who had studied or was currently studying here.

Chaplain’s Silver jubilee

More than 180 staff and students from the last 25 years joined the Rev Canon Andrew Robinson on 2 December 2001 to celebrate his silver jubilee as Anglican chaplain for the University.

The principal celebrant at a special communion service in the Meeting House was the Rt Rev Eric Kemp, who is retiring as Bishop of Chichester and from his place on the University’s Court. The sermon was given by the Rev Dr Colin Thompson, former University Chaplain. Also at the service was the retired Bishop of Truro, Michael Ball, who joined Sussex at the same time as Andrew.

Appointed as senior Anglican chaplain both to the University and what was then Brighton Polytechnic, Michael was also priest in charge of the parish of Falmer and Stanmer. When he left in 1980, Andrew became priest in charge and now has pastoral responsibility for five farms, two universities and two villages.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh made his first official visit to campus for 35 years on 29th March, when he accompanied the Queen on a royal tour of the new city of Brighton & Hove. Escorting by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Alasdair Smith, the Duke’s visit began with a tour of the Sussex Innovation Centre by its award-winning director, Mike Herd.

The royal visitor then heard a presentation by Dr Adrian Thompson (COGS) on the latest advances in artificial intelligence and saw a demonstration of the new breed of biologically inspired robots, including ‘Maggie’, named after Professor Margaret Boden from COGS. The Duke, who seemed slightly bemused by the creature, said: “It’s a very jolly toy, but what are you supposed to do with it?” Adrian explained that the machine helps to study evolution.

Moving on to the Meeting House, the Duke met the University Chaplain, the Revd Dr Gavin Ashenden, who explained the multi-faith nature of the Meeting House and introduced him to the University’s denominational chaplains – Anglican, Roman Catholic, Methodist and Baptist.

In addition, Prince Philip talked to staff and students about the various ways the University supports the physical and emotional needs of its students. Pro-Vice-Chancellor Dr Mary Stuart introduced him to representatives of the Students’ Union, Student Support Unit, Student Employment Office, Career Development Unit and Assistive Technology Centre (ATC).

The Duke joked with students who are supported by the ATC about his own lack of technical know-how. He said: “The one thing they never tell you about televisions is the one thing you need to know, and that’s how to switch it on. You end up with the thing on the floor with a torch in your mouth and the instructions, trying to work it out.”

Language centre back

More than £250,000 has been spent on the centre during the past few months to refurbish the rooms and equip them with 21 new computerised digital work stations, each with internet and satellite TV access, CD-ROM, DVD, video playback facilities and CALL (computer assisted language learning) programs. The Language Learning Centre, which is open to members of the public as well as staff and students at the University, has learning materials for more than 50 languages. Satellite TV channels are available in English, French, German, Spanish and Russian. The centre also produces worksheets and study guides for independent learning.

Sussex staff honoured

Professor Bryn Bridges, director of the Medical Research Council Cell Mutation Unit, was awarded an OBE in the New Year Honours list. Other Sussex figures receiving honours included Dr Richard Jolly, Emeritus Fellow at the Institute for Development Studies, who has been made a Knight of the Order of St Michael and St George (KCMG) for his contribution to international development. Jim Brailthwaite, a lay member of Council, received the CBE.
BIOLS
- Behavioural ecologist Dr Karen McComb has proved the old adage that an elephant never forgets. Research by Karen found that African elephants have complex social networks and can recognise the calls of more than 100 of their friends even after a number of years. Such extensive networks of vocal communication have not been demonstrated in any other mammal, Karen believes.
- It may come as a shock to the England cricket team coaches but new research has shown that the best batsmen take their eyes off the ball before knocking it for six. It takes just half a second for a fast ball to reach a batsman. Yet within 200 milliseconds of the ball leaving the bowler’s hand, the batsman is already looking ahead to the point at which he has calculated the ball will bounce. This enables him to prepare his shot. The findings were made by Professor Michael Land and Peter McLeod from the University of Oxford after analysing the eye movements of a professional cricketer, a good amateur and a Sunday morning enthusiast.

CCS
- The Bard Graduate Center for Studies in the Decorative Arts, Design and Culture has honoured Professor Craig Clunas with an Iris Foundation Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Decorative Arts. In recommending him for the award the Bard faculty pointed out that Craig has almost single handedly brought the field of Chinese cultural history into the Western intellectual mainstream.

COGS
- The winner of the first philosophy prize in COGS is Tristan Garrick. The prize is awarded for high undergraduate research achievement in dissertations.
- Professor Maggie Boden was one of the dozen people to be invited by the British Psychological Society to write an intellectual autobiography for their centenary volume Psychology in Britain: Historical Essays and Personal Reflections.
- A new research project led by Dr Yvonne Rogers and Dr Mike Scaife has received just under £1 million funding from the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC). Known as, Equator: Technical Innovation in Physical and Digital Life, the six year interdisciplinary research collaboration involves eight universities and has a total budget of £10 million.

CPES
- Professor Sir Harry Kroto has been elected president of the Royal Society of Chemistry, with effect from July 2002.
- Andrew Liddle, Professor of Astrophysics, has been awarded a Philip Leverhulme Prize for outstanding young scholars of substantial distinction and promise aged 35 or under.
- Over 160 students will be attending the very successful international summer school this year, taking 30 different courses.
- Scott Gleneden, a research student in the final year of his chemistry DPhil is £1000 richer with the award of the Edward Boyle prize, which is given annually to a Canadian student in the UK who is outstanding in his or her research activities and personal qualities.

EIT
- Professor Terry Clark and his team in the Physical Electronics and Instrumentation Group have won funding to look at how a super quantum interference device (SQUID) could form the component parts of circuits working millions of times faster and more powerfully than any computing machine available today. This new technology is vital because current manufacturing techniques are reaching the limits of what can be achieved using classical physics.
- Undergraduate Panagiotis Stavropoulos scored a hat trick of prizes at the EIT presentation ceremony held at the end of January. His third year project in mechanical engineering won him the Farnell Components Prize, and two prizes from the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (I MechE). Christopher Afia, Matthew Cleveland and Lydia Thanasou also came away with prizes from the I MechE.

EURO
- Professor Mike Dunford has been elected to the Academy of Learned Societies in the Social Sciences.

SEI
- Professor Helen Wallace has been elected to the Academy of the Learned Societies in the Social Sciences.

SMS
- Geoffrey Clarke, Emeritus Reader in Statistics, has been awarded the Chambers Medal by the Royal Statistical Society for his outstanding service to the Society and the Institute of Statisticians for over 25 years.

SOC
- Professor Peter Smith has been elected President of the International Association of Cross-Cultural Psychology.

Professor Michael Nicholson has been elected to the Academy of Learned Societies in the Social Sciences.

SPRU
- This year’s prestigious Faraday Lecture Series, entitled Smart Living@Home with Technology will be written by Professor David Gann and Tim Venables of the SPRU Built Environment Programme. The lectures will explore the way emerging information and communication technologies will shape the homes of the future and the way that we live in them. The lectures will take place in 12 locations across the UK between November 2001 and February 2002 and will reach thousands of schoolchildren and lay individuals. Further information can be found at www.faraday.org.uk
- Alister Scott was employed by the Swedish Government during its presidency of the European Union to help organise a high level conference on ‘Bridging the Gap’ between research and policy on sustainability. Alister, who was Assistant Director of the ESRC Global Environment Change Programme, is now a DPhil student at SPRU. Details of the conference are at www.bridging.environ.se
- Professor Ben Martin, Dr Sylvan Katz and DPhil student Alexandre Caldas have been involved in a Science Foresight project in collaboration with DEAR, the UK Defence Evaluation and Research Agency. The objective of the project is to identify emerging and potentially important research areas using internationally recognised experts selected by co-citation analysis. Information about the project is available at www.sussex.ac.uk/spru/foresight
Roger Kemp (ENG 1965-68)
Group Safety Director
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My course at Sussex, Applied Science, covered everything including the structure and property of matter, chemistry, metallurgy and industrial sociology. Writing lab reports or sociology essays and discussing problems in tutorials (two or three students and a member of faculty) was excellent training for later life where it is no good having brilliant ideas if you can’t explain them to others.

I started my career designing electronic control systems for steelworks, worked in the railway industry, the motor industry, and in 1981 went back to the railways where I have stayed ever since. In the 33 years since I left Sussex I have worked in electrical, electronic, mechanical, civil, software and control engineering, and diverse projects such as the Eurostar, the Docklands Light Railway, heavy freight locomotives for African mineral haulage and high speed trains in Australia.

As Group Safety Director I have been involved with trying to extricate the railway industry from its post-Hatfield trauma, and a few months ago was in Australia auditing the safety management of a suburban railway system. I am a visiting professor at Lancaster University where I lecture on safety management in high-hazard industries.

The best part of my work is that I feel it is a ‘worthwhile job’. When I travel on Eurostar, or Line 4 of the Seoul subway I feel proud to have been associated with the project. I wouldn’t feel the same if I had spent my life in financial services or designing computer games! The downside is having to deal with small-minded bureaucrats whose priority is to ensure that no blame attaches to them, and consultants who may produce fantastic PowerPoint presentations but have a tenuous grasp of scientific principles!

When I graduated I had never envisaged becoming embroiled in major international infrastructure projects or helping to manage the fall-out from an ill-conceived privatisation. I took opportunities and challenges as they were presented to me, tore up my 30-year linear career plan, and have never regretted it.

Louise Barden (EURO 1978-82)
Life Coach,
Louise Barden Associates
Email: louise@louisebarden.com

When a colleague came back from the hairdressers claiming that she had found the perfect job for me I didn’t know what to think! She had read in a magazine about life coaching, and as I had a reputation for being a good listener, she thought it would be right up my street. At the time I was a French teacher, having previously run after-school French clubs and worked as a charity fundraiser, but the thought of becoming a life coach sounded enticing and the more I researched into it, the more I thought that it sounded right for me.

I work from home and the core of my business is coaching clients by phone for half an hour per week. People usually come to coaching at a time of transition in their lives. They may feel dissatisfied with their career and want to change, or they may want to create a better work and home life balance. A client usually comes to coaching with a very clear agenda but often what they perceive to be a problem is merely a symptom and it is getting to the real source that is so interesting.

I fit my other work around the coaching calls. I check my website every day and prepare articles for the email newsletter that I send out. I also try to get a booking to speak at least once a week at a breakfast or dinner meeting. As coaching is such a new profession speaking to groups helps to raise its profile.

I can’t say that I always wanted to be a coach as I hadn’t heard of it until three years ago! However my time at Sussex made me into a very independent thinker and learner and the huge choice of courses to study made me consider very carefully what I wanted from my university education and where it would lead me. I thought that I would spend my career in the fields of charity and education, but coaching has proved to be an extension of the kind of profession I always hoped I would be involved in, namely bringing out the best in people.
Making waves

Sussex New Media Group

Alumni were out in force to help celebrate two special events in February.

First, there was the launch party of Queer About Campus, an exhibition exploring the secret history of lesbian and gay life at Sussex. The party was held jointly with Unisex who were celebrating their 10th anniversary at Falmer Bar.

Meanwhile the 25th anniversary party of University Radio Falmer (URF) took place on 24th February at Falmer Bar and the Hothouse.

Cittie slickers

The Cittie of Yorke, an ‘olde worlde’ pub in the heart of London was the venue for the meeting of the Alumni Society London Club on 31st November 2000. It was standing room only as over a hundred alumni enjoyed a night of fun, food, booze and, of course, intellectual discussion.

All generations from Sussex were represented and there were screams of recognition as old friends re-met. Some had come alone hoping to spot someone they knew, others came with friends, all felt welcome. Networking opportunities abounded and useful contacts were made, suddenly London didn’t seem like such a big place.

Organiser of the event, Claire Simons (ENGAM 1992-95), who works at the Alumni Centre commented, “It was so nice to see everyone enjoying themselves. The London Club has a strong and loyal following and the events are always well supported. I was asked so many times when the next event was going to be I think I had better start planning another one straight away!”

Kiss 100 in London said, “URF gives you complete freedom to develop as a presenter and to be creative. Thanks to URF, I knew myself as a presenter inside out by the time I got into professional radio, which meant I had the insight to make the right career decisions.”

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U30’s London Club

Threats of a tube strike, a World Cup qualifier, and election fever could not deter young alumni from attending the re-launch of the Under 30’s London Club. Held at that perennial Sussex favourite, the Cittie of Yorke pub on 6th June, over 40 former students came to enjoy conversation, networking, some booze and bites, and a bit of respite from all that electioneering! The next event is being planned now so if you’d like to get involved please get in touch.

world events

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The event was deemed a great success and thanks must go to the organiser and co-ordinator of the group Cathy whose enthusiasm and commitment ensured the event was so well attended.

Germany

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Pakistan

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Dates for your diary

Reunion for 1976
Entrants
Sat & Sun, 1st & 2nd September 2001
Campus
If you started at Sussex in 1976 then this reunion’s definitely for you! It’ll take place over a weekend and provide you with an unforgettable experience.

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If you started at Sussex in 1976 then this reunion’s definitely for you! It’ll take place over a weekend and provide you with an unforgettable experience.

Media Group
Friday 2nd November 2001
The Media Group will be hosting a glittering evening reception at the National Liberal Club in Whitehall Place. This prestigious venue is conveniently located in central London and will play host to alumni who work in the media.
Inspired by the feature on setting up overseas groups in the summer 2000 edition of Falmer, George and Wendy Scott are considering setting up an alumni group in Italy. They have recently bought a farmhouse near the Adriatic coast in Italy and intend to spend several months of each year there now that they are in semi-retirement.

George (MAPS 1966-69) came to Sussex with a Physics degree from the University of Glasgow. The two were married in the Meeting House in September 1968 and spent 1969-1970 in Ottawa, where George held a post-doctoral fellowship with the National Research Laboratories of Canada. George pursued a career in industrial research and technical management. He spent twelve years at the Philips Research Laboratories, Redhill, and then moved to BP at Sunbury-on-Thames, where he held a number of positions, including a coordinating role in corporate research before responsibility for research was devolved to the different companies in the BP group. Throughout his eighteen-year career with BP he promoted research into alternative forms of energy, in which BP was always a forward-looking oil company, and his ultimate role before deciding to take early retirement was as Technical Director of BP Solar. He now runs a successful consultancy on solar energy from the couple's home in Surrey.

Wendy, meanwhile, pursued a career in education, teaching French in secondary schools and a further education college, before moving in 1974 to Kingston Polytechnic, where she rose through the ranks to become Head of the School of Languages in the mid-1980s, by which time Kingston was designated a university. By the mid-1990s, after sixteen years at Kingston, Wendy was ready for a change and moved to the south coast as Deputy Director of Chichester Institute, which is now University College, Chichester. She, too, took early retirement two years ago and now runs a consultancy in post-retirement education and writes poetry.

Wendy and George have three sons. The eldest two work in the music industry and the third is taking A-levels this year and will go on to read Media Studies. So, with the family gradually leaving home, the couple are freer to come and go between two houses.

Their long-held dream of buying property in Italy came to fruition last summer when they toured the Le Marche region east of Umbria and bought an abandoned farmhouse on a hillside, seven miles from the sea and with views of the Sibilline mountains. The house is on twelve acres of land with sunflowers and olive trees and they will preserve this as farming land. They have now embarked on the long task of restoration and expect the house to be ready to live in some time next year. When they are spending longer and longer in Italy, they will be happy to co-ordinate a local alumni group there. They will be delighted to hear from anyone who is interested - and, indeed from any of their contemporaries with whom they have lost touch, at email address: wendyscott@nightingales73.freeserve.co.uk

We are starting a campaign to try and record as many email addresses of our former students as possible (particularly those who live overseas). There is no sinister motive to this: rather, it is because we often have difficulty in contacting alumni quickly to notify them of events that are taking place. Senior members of University staff visit countries around the world and would like to meet up with alumni. But the length of time it takes to make contact by post means it is often not feasible to try and organise anything. If we had email addresses, contact could be made immediately. So when you return your Membership Update Form please include your email address, otherwise you could be missing out on some serious entertainment, Sussex style!
Professor Norma Reid, who studied mathematics at Sussex in the early 1970’s, has been appointed as Vice-Chancellor of the University of the Witwatersrand, in Johannesburg, one of the top research universities in South Africa.

Witwatersrand, known affectionately as ‘Wits’, has 18,000 students and Professor Reid is the first female, and fourth foreigner, to head up the institution. It grew out of the South African School of Mines and achieved full university status in 1922. Wits has always been an ‘open’ university, it did not discriminate on racial, or any other grounds, and protested strongly at the Government’s enforcement of university apartheid.

The tolerant and liberal ethos appealed strongly to Professor Reid, her time at Sussex having sparked off a lifetime of commitment to equality of opportunity.

She remembers arriving at Sussex a naïve and scared 18-year-old having never left Northern Ireland before, but hungry for knowledge. Knowledge about the world in general but, more specifically, about the political situation in Northern Ireland. She left just before the Troubles started in earnest but recalls, “Northern Ireland at that time was a very closed society. I came from a very remote part but I was aware that something wasn’t right and I was desperate to find out what was really going on. I thought if I went away I could find out what was happening from the outside.”

At that time, in the early seventies, Sussex was considered a radical and modern university.

Professor Reid was attracted to it as, “It had as good an academic reputation as Oxbridge, combined with a political edge.” Her interest in South Africa was awakened and she saw parallels with the situation in Northern Ireland. “Understanding the situation in South Africa gave me lots of answers about the problems in Northern Ireland.”

Professor Reid made long lasting friendships at Sussex, not least with Morag Stalker (ENGAM 1970-73) who works at the University as Administrator in USIE. They lived in the all-female Halls of Residence when they first arrived at Sussex. Professor Reid recalls her desperate need to fit in: “I’d bought some fashion magazines and they were saying that the midi skirt was very fashionable. Of course, coming from an isolated part of Northern Ireland I had no idea what was ‘in’, and so I proceeded to make three of these skirts in a heavy tweed fabric. To my horror, when I arrived at Sussex I realised that everyone was still in the throes of ‘flower power’, so I spent most of my first term’s grant on buying a whole new wardrobe!”

Academic success followed after graduation with a post at the LSE and over the years Professor Reid took a number of senior positions, including Pro Vice-Chancellor at Coventry University and Deputy Vice-Chancellor at Plymouth, before being offered the Wits post. She describes the selection process as intense. “There were five days of interviews, presentations and meetings to get through. The connection with Sussex undoubtedly helped as it is a well-known university in South Africa. Indeed during the first large-scale public meeting, I used a slide of the Gardner Arts Centre and spoke of my political awakening while at Sussex.”

Professor Reid spoke warmly of her time at Sussex and, in particular, her former tutors Professor John Bather, Dr John Haigh and Professor Charles Goldie who have followed her career with interest. “They always remember me. I really appreciate the contact and it makes me feel that I am still part of Sussex.”

Professor Reid is due to take up her post in July, and relishes the challenges it will present. Along with developing Wits’ international reputation and building on its already strong history of research, she hopes to nurture young talent and concentrate research development on areas of actual and potential international excellence. New collaborations are planned with top universities in Europe and the United States and the continued development of Wits’ role as a cultural and intellectual focus for its city and region.
The University of Sussex celebrates its 40th anniversary this year. It opened in a blaze of publicity in 1961 with a modest home in Preston Road, and only 52 students. A far cry from today’s streamlined, modern institution that has over 11,000 students and 2,000 staff.

Ann Donnelly, who as Ann Baker was selected by a quirk of alphabetical fate as a history maker.

Ann takes up the story:

“Fifty two of us started at Sussex in the first week of October 1961. We gathered in a church hall on a sunny Monday afternoon opposite the two Victorian houses, 235 and 237 Preston Road, which were the University of Sussex. Presumably my husband of 35 years, Bob (ENGAM 1961-64), was in the room at the same time!

The first week went by in a whirl. There was a sherry reception at the Metropole Hotel, a formal dinner in the Royal Pavilion with various dignitaries, a tour of the building site at Falmer and other introductions to student life. Routine stuff to an unsophisticated school leaver!

Facilities in Preston Road consisted of a small but excellent Library, a Common Room with dart board, kettle and power point for the record player, a small work room, and a cellar with table tennis table. The nine Tutors (all male!) each had a study used for tutorials, which were often conducted one-to-one.

My course was Sociology and Politics in the School of Social Studies. There were nine students in the school, and larger numbers in the two other schools, European Studies and English and American Studies. Of the 52 students, females numbered 35, with 17 men and the rumoured existence of a post graduate.

Patrick Corbett awed my group of four philosophy initiates, and the significance of being tutored in a group of three by Asa Briggs (see page 4 for the review of Asa’s 80th birthday celebrations) did not catch up with me until later! Wearing undergraduate gowns we experienced our first and only leave-taking at the end of the first term. Chaired by the Vice-Chancellor a panel of Tutors issued their verdicts on progress so far. Ordeal by individual interview!

The student body rarely came together, though most assembled for special lectures such as the one by the Archbishop of Canterbury. There were meetings to form the Student Union and elect its first officers. Adrian Mugridge (ENGAM 1961-65) was the first President, with me as Treasurer.

There was a goldfish bowl feel about that first year. The emergence of a small community in the local, and national, media spotlight inevitably resulted in tensions as well as opportunities. Remember this was 1961, before student liberation. Looking back there were unwritten and unspoken expectations about student behaviour. One student was sent down during that first year for an apparent transgression and I and the others were unaware of any formal process or right of appeal. Student representation was a thing of the future.

I felt different, special if you like, but not part of an elite. The transfer to Falmer in October 1962 provided the long awaited arrival of 450 new students. Only Falmer House was open at this stage, so dramatic productions would still have to be staged elsewhere as The Glass Menagerie was in 1962. But midday refreshment was available on site so takings at the Preston Brewery Tap slumped.

Publicity seemed relentless right up to the official opening of the University and the installation of the Chancellor, Viscount Monckton of Brenchley, in June 1963. Prime Minister MacMillan spoke at a ceremony in the Dome as the Profumo affair broke (the famous ‘many went, few returned’ speech).

Graduation in June 1964 was in Falmer House. Was I nervous? Strangely, not until the very morning when I was summoned to a last minute rehearsal with the Vice-Chancellor.

With my husband Bob, I look back on our time at Sussex with affection, a sense of privilege and much humour. Relationships remain vivid and precious though we only have limited contact as we are hopeless at keeping in touch. The nature of my Sussex experience gave me something very special and enduring.”

Do Ann’s memories ring a bell with you? If so please get in touch, we’d love to hear from you and about the history of Sussex.
“Nelson Mandela has the most beautiful face in the world as it expresses honour, integrity and truth so clearly,” says Dr Brian Bates and he should know as he has published a book, and collaborated on a script for a TV series, all about the human face.

Brian, senior lecturer in psychology based in Cultural and Community Studies, and his close friend John Cleese (iconic British funnyman) were commissioned by the BBC to write a book and TV series called The Human Face, all about the importance of the face and facial expressions.

It was as a result of his book, The Way of the Actor, that Brian first met John. It was chosen as the subject for a weekend seminar at Kings College Cambridge to which John was invited. “We hit it off really well,” says Brian. At their second meeting John greeted Brian with, “So what’s the meaning of life then?” Brian says that they have been debating this ever since! John not only shared Brian’s sense of humour he also has a long-standing interest in psychology, having previously co-authored Families and How to Survive Them and the Sussex connection continued when John was appointed as Visiting Research Fellow in CCS from 1988 to 1991.

The Human Face project took 18 months. While John worked on the scripts for the programmes in California, Brian drafted the book chapters. Brian says, “We exchanged drafts by fax and the process worked very well. I spent a lot of my time in stitches as the scripts John produced were so funny.”

The BBC ploughed resources into the project and Brian was in the enviable position of being able to call on six researchers to source the images he wanted for the book. He had a wish list of 300 images, from a diagram of the 44 muscles of the face to a photo of Marilyn Monroe. The images he chose demonstrate that our faces really do give away our innermost feelings. For example, one of the images is of Margaret Thatcher when she was being questioned about the sinking of the ship the General Belgrano, during the Falklands War. Despite her years of experience of dealing with difficult interviews, when the videotape is slowed down and an image captured from it, it is possible to see a look of real rage on Baroness Thatcher’s face before it is once again covered by the veneer of the professional politician. Brian says that people can be trained to see these micro expressions, and they show how people really feel, no amount of training or experience can prevent the true feelings showing through.

The social and psychological development of the human face was examined through issues such as identity, expression and beauty. Notions of beauty may have changed over the years but it is possible to define certain characteristics that are always considered attractive, such as a symmetrical face. This can be traced back to the Stone Age when men were attracted to women with symmetrical faces as it indicated that they were healthy stock and likely to be fertile. Stone Age woman looked for a man who had status as that meant he could protect her.

This bias towards the good-looking continues today. Studies show that good looking people are consistently judged to be more intelligent, are offered jobs more readily, get paid more, and even get lighter prison sentences. Brian comments, “The day I walk into a company and see only unattractive people working there I will know that the company will be successful as they will have recruited on ability rather than looks!” However, when we look at a face we don’t simply ‘see’ it, we also look at it psychologically. There is a part of the brain called the fusiform which memorises every face we have ever seen. It puts faces into prototypes and then remembers the kind of experiences that we had with them. These experiences are then ascribed to everyone who fits the prototype. Clearly it is not rational to like or dislike someone based on what they look like, but the book argues that our responses are more primitive and deeply ingrained than we like to admit.

Similarly our reactions to celebrities have their basis in ancient times. There have always been celebrities: in the Stone Age they were the chieftains, warriors and shamans (or storytellers); nowadays they are politicians, sports stars and actors. We respond to celebrities in three ways: we identify with them; project positive attributes onto them that they probably don’t have; and finally project negative aspects of ourselves onto them. Hence we can see the “build ‘em up, then knock ‘em down” syndrome so beloved of the British tabloid in fact has its roots in history and not just in the dark psyche of the Sun journalist.

The book gave Brian the freedom to develop and investigate concepts that were only touched on in the TV series. He comments, “John always says that TV is a very slow way of putting ideas across.” Among other issues that the book addresses are, how does a person who can no longer recognise his parents cope, and what is the significance of blink rate when talking to someone? So next time you glance casually at someone, examine their face just that little bit longer to see if you can identify why you have made certain assumptions about them, and then blame your prehistoric ancestors!

The Human Face is published by BBC Worldwide priced £19.99
Especially for those of you who have just graduated. Chris Newlands (SOC 1993-97) talks to four recent graduates about what they are doing now, advice they would give to new graduates and finds out if there really is life after Sussex.

Lydia Christie
Age 25. (EURO 1994-98), Trainee Solicitor

Andrea Kapos
Age 25 (EAM 1994-97) Freelance film director

Jack Molyneux
Age 25 (SOC 1993-96) P.E. Teacher

Dominic de Terville
Age 26 (SOC 1993-97) On-line sales manager at SKY

What did you do straight after graduation?

Lydia: I went to Japan to teach English and ended up staying there for 18 months. I’d never been to Asia before and couldn’t speak a word of Japanese but living there was definitely one of the best experiences I’ve had.

Andrea: The hard slog of the final year meant I wanted some time off. I went to France but after a fantastic nine months I got itchy feet and felt the need to get on with what I really wanted to do, work in film. I took some unpaid work assisting on a short film and realised the only job I wanted to do was direct.

Jack: I worked in London at a German investment bank. Money was my motivation as I initially found London to be a financial drain. One pound-a-pint at the Escape seemed a world away.

Dominic: Keen to stay in Brighton over the summer, I descended upon the myriad of temping agencies (along with half the year ‘96) and ended up at a large financial institution in Hove. Here I could banter, listen to the radio and process data in order to finance my final summer extravaganza by the sea.

what did at Sussex what did you think that you were doing now?

Lydia: Although I knew I’d be going to law school at some point in the future, I hadn’t applied for the course by the end of my final year and I had certainly not started to think about applying for jobs. I wasn’t really thinking that far ahead.

Andrea: I knew I wanted to be involved in film or TV but I didn’t really know in which capacity. I thought that being a director was something you did if you were a man in your mid forties. I could not imagine that it was possible to be a professional director, young and female. I thought I would be working in the industry in some capacity, being useful to the directors or powers that be. Not doing it myself.

Jack: Teaching or practising law. I had always enjoyed teaching but had a secret thing for LA Law. Doing my teaching training now I think I made the right choice.

Dominic: I thought I would be working in TV, as an assistant producer/producer at the BBC or something like that.

What advice would you give to 2001 graduates?

Lydia: I would recommend travelling. I think there is a lot of pressure once you graduate to feel that you must start your career immediately. While I was away I was able to decide if law was what I really wanted to do and at the same time I learnt some Japanese and visited places I’d never been to.

Andrea: Don’t be put off by feeling that what you want to do is too ambitious, difficult or competitive. Somebody is doing the job and why shouldn’t it be you?

Jack: Go travelling. I didn’t. But I think that it helps you see the world through clearer lenses.

Dominic: Curry Night in the Refectory Building on a Tuesday will make the evening revision stint less painful (if it still exists). Three pints after an evening’s revision is one too many (especially the day before an exam!)

What is your fondest memory of Sussex?

Lydia: Summer in Brighton.

Andrea: The feeling of independence and excitement at getting the keys to our first proper house in the second year, roller-blading along the sea front, or long afternoons chatting and eating croissants at the Sanctuary café.

Jack: Going to the Escape with friends. It was always a guaranteed great night.

Dominic: Difficult! Achieving a 0.966 correlation coefficient in the economic model I built to analyse the demand for higher education was overwhelming but I would have to say Brighton summers and the monumental water-fight at Holland House during my first year.

What would you have changed or done differently at University?

Lydia: I think I would have stayed in France for longer than the year abroad and travelled more around Europe.

Andrea: With hindsight, I think I should have taken more advantage of the facilities – cameras, studio space, etc. and been less concerned with getting good academic results.

Jack: I would have studied a language and gone abroad for a year, although I have no real regrets.

Dominic: Probably a joint honours. Economics and French rather than straight Economics. I also would have dodged the Hothouse.

What did you gain from Sussex that you find vital in your life at the moment?

Lydia: The confidence to deal with difficult situations.

Andrea: Vital! My friends.

Jack: The social skills to be able to get on with a wide variety of different people from all walks of life.

Dominic: Above all some great friends.

Above all some great friends.
In this edition I shall be continuing the theme of student politics and the wonders of our Union democracy. We have had no quorate union general meetings since I wrote last, but we haven’t for at least twelve years or so and have yet to find a Union elsewhere that does. However, in our sabbatical elections we had the highest turnout for voting in ten years. The new team will shortly be taking over, full of enthusiasm and are promising, amongst other things, to get Union meetings quorate again. This is always a popular theme in elections, everyone canvassed says it’s a great idea and incredibly important, but won’t actually go themselves. That said, Sussex is still quite political, especially when compared to most students’ unions. Southampton, for example, does not have many policies against unscrupulous multinationals, but does have a ban on prospective MP’s coming to campus.

We, however have no such scruples, and so in the run-up to the General Election, the Union felt it would be a good idea to show to students those who wished to represent us in parliament, and why. We therefore invited a plethora of prospective MPs of all persuasions from the Brighton Kemp Town, Pavilion and Hove constituencies. These constituencies are where the majority of Sussex students live, and therefore we felt we could do no more than offer them up for some ritual humiliation. We had them do *The Weakest Link* with our very own Anne Robinson. Even our Union shop was in on it with ‘the cheapest ink’!

The Conservative was unanimously and enthusiastically voted off first, despite being easily the strongest link. Prior to the game, they only very reluctantly entered. They saw who else was competing and knew there would be a certain inevitability about any success they might have. It should be noted that no Labour candidate would come to the game: common sense perhaps, or don’t like to play with others? You decide. Harold de Souza, Liberal Democrat, tried to vote himself off. Honesty in politicians is so rare these days. Such honesty however could not go unpunished, he was of course turned down and the remaining contestants voted for him in the next round. The winner, Andy Richards of the Socialist Alliance, was not only a Sussex alumnus but also an ex-sabbatical of this Union.

I might add that I too was a contestant. I am not standing for election and have no aspirations to do so. As such, I sneakily survived several rounds before I too had to do the walk of shame. This was because the others were more interested in voting off the other politicians. So despite being the weakest link most rounds, I had a good innings and my walk of shame went unnoticed.

Many of the questions were of a political and educational nature (hence my great success). Most rounds ended up with no votes having been banked and few questions answered correctly. It is especially worrying when prospective MP’s do not know who the Chancellor of the Exchequer is! Oh dear. Surely a good enough reason for more funding into education?

The game was then followed by a more serious question and answer session, at which point the majority of students attending left. As I mentioned earlier, we are political, just not that political. The event in all was a success. Those who attended departed a little wiser and perhaps a little worried that the majority of MP’s they saw, although generally nice, were all a bit dim.
in memoriam

The Alumni Society regrets to have to report the deaths of the following people and extends its sympathy to their family and friends.

Marie Jahoda

Marie Jahoda, Emeritus Professor at the University of Sussex, and an outstanding Social Psychologist, died on April 28th 2001. In her long and eventful life as researcher, writer and teacher she inspired successive generations of students and colleagues with her humanistic ideals, her kindliness and her devotion to scientific methods in social research.

Marie worked at Sussex for nearly 40 years and remained the embodiment of the Sussex ideal of inter-disciplinary research and teaching and played a full part in the academic life of the university and of its governance.

After her official 'retirement' at the age of 65, she began a new period of very active creative work, choosing to participate in the interdisciplinary research of the Science Policy Research Unit (SPRU). Her work was recognised through being awarded the prestigious Kurt Lewin Memorial Award by the American Psychological Association and she was belatedly honoured by the German Social Democratic Party and by the Austrian Social Democratic Government.

He was asked to write a book based upon his doctoral thesis. Although hindered by a flare-up of the cancer, he was correcting the proofs of his book only days before he died. He bore his illness with great courage and grace. It was he who gave support to those around him. Harry died in May 2000. He enriched the life of those who came into contact with him. He is survived by his wife and his two daughters.

Judi Clarke

Judi Clarke, who worked at the University from 1972 to 1993 and was for many years School Secretary in EURO, died on 9 February 2001 aged 62.

Paul Watson

Paul (BIOLS 1994-97, USEG GRC 1997-98) was involved in a fatal accident when he was walking home in the early hours of Sunday 22nd October 2000. He was 27 years old. His family and friends were all shocked by his sudden death.

Paul really enjoyed his studies and he was the first person in his family to go to university. He was very sociable; he could be quiet with people he didn’t know but gregarious with friends. He would have them in tears of laughter over his funny anecdotes and his playacting out situations he’d got into.

It is hard to believe that the funny, loyal and loving presence who endeared himself to so many people is gone. The large number of his friends at the funeral was testimony to his popularity. Apologies to any friends who could not be contacted in time for the funeral.

Harry Defries

Harry Defries (ENGAM 1969-72) read politics and this became a significant element of his nature. As an undergraduate he was known for his incisive argumentation; always pursued in a friendly manner; often with his infectious giggle. He played a leading role in the University Jewish Society through which he will be recalled by many, partly as a fledgling politician, but mainly as a dependable friend.

After obtaining his BA Harry qualified as a Chartered Surveyor and subsequently built up a highly successful private practice. He became involved in local politics as an active member of his local Liberal Party and enrolled for a PhD at Royal Holloway University of London. It was at this time he was diagnosed with cancer. He worked determinedly at his research, while running the business and enduring a punishing treatment regime. He was awarded his PhD in 1998 and subsequently he became an Honorary Research Fellow of Royal Holloway.

Steve Harris

Steve Harris (MOLS 1973) died suddenly at the age of 52 in January of this year. Steve gained his PhD in MOLS working under the supervision of Dr Walton. Soon after this he moved to Ireland to work for Loctite, a company he left a decade or so ago to pursue his own dedicated research into the development of AIDS and cancer drugs. Late last year a company was formed in Dublin, AIDS/CARE Pharma Ltd, of which Steve was the product and technical development director. Clinical trials of the AIDS drug have now begun in Kampala, Uganda where Steve was involved with work for the Joint Clinical Research Centre with associate Dr Gerry Noble. It is hoped that, in time, thousands of AIDS sufferers in Africa and Asia will benefit from his legacy.
If any readers remember Steve and want to get in touch with me they are more than welcome. Steve leaves a wife, Janie, and daughter Roberta at home in Dublin.

**Sue Casey** (CCS 1986-89)

### Jill Selbourne

Jill (ENGAM 1967) recently passed away from cancer aged 54. Jill was a political activist who worked with London’s poorest communities and secured the biggest ever grant for community regeneration. She was a labour councillor for Westminster City Council and worked selflessly for the people of North Paddington.

**Shama Smith** (BIOLS 1995-99)

### Sandra Smith

To many the name Sandra Smith (AFRAS 1967-70) will conjure up smiles as well as sadness at the memory of her untimely death less than one year after graduating in 1971 while serving with VSO on Manus Island in Papua New Guinea.

On 5th September 2000, her parents, Guy and Rhona Smith, came to the university to see the new plaque installed in their daughter’s memory at the base of her memorial tree outside the Meeting House. The following day, September 6th, would have been Sandra’s 51st birthday – something that is hard to believe for those of us who knew her, despite our own advancing years.

Along with Jennifer Potter, I was on my way to visit her on Manus Island when the tragic news reached us of her murder. To help them make some sense of the terrible loss of their only child, Guy and Rhona Smith decided to visit Sandra’s grave on Manus later in 1971. There they established a lasting bond with the Sisters and the school where she taught, welcoming them to their home in Charlesworth near Glossop on a number of occasions.

When my daughter Jocelyn decided to go to Sussex one of the first things I showed her was Sandra’s tree and memorial plaque. John Higgins of Estates and Buildings has taken a keen interest in Sandra’s story and not only replaced the old wooden plaque with a new stone one sunk securely into the ground but was also on hand on the day of the Smith’s visit.

Guy and Rhona are due the greatest admiration for the dignified way in which they have borne their grief over the past 30 years. As Sandra’s friends we are pleased that we have been able in a very small way to help them maintain alive the memory of their much-loved daughter in such a positive way.

**Linda Bates** (AFRAS 1967-70)

### David Bunker

David Bunker, who suffered a heart attack and died on 26th March 2001, had served continuously on the University’s Court and Council for 28 years. A local solicitor, since 1973 he had served on most of the principal committees of the Council. He was also Chairman of the Careers Advisory Board from 1985-93, a trustee of the Mandela Scholarship Fund from 1990 and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Gardner Arts Centre from 1998, having been Deputy Chairman for several years. From 1991-96 David was Chairman of the steering committee for Enterprise in Higher Education and for the last year had been a member of the Estates Committee.

**Julius Carlebach**

Professor Julius Carlebach, who died on 17th April 2001 at the age of 78, taught sociology and Jewish studies at Sussex from 1968 to 1989, when he was appointed Rektor of the Hochschule für Jüdische Studien, an affiliated institution of the University of Heidelberg.

His pre-eminent role in the revival of Jewish studies in Germany was recognised by the award of the Grand Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany in 1994 and the Distinguished Service Medal of Baden-Württemberg on his final retirement in 1998.

In 1999, the University recognised his achievements by conferring on him the title of Emeritus Professor of German-Jewish Studies.

**Janetta Moore**

In the last edition of Falmer an obituary was published for Janetta Moore. Regrettably there were two errors contained which were not the responsibility of Julia MacKenzie, the author of the obituary. We are sorry for any distress caused and are happy to publish the amended obituary.

Janetta Moore (nee MacKenzie) (AFRAS 1971-74) died on the 26th October 1999 of cervical cancer in Rotherham, South Yorkshire, aged 47. Janetta was the daughter of Professor Norman MacKenzie who taught at Sussex. After graduation she trained as a teacher of the hearing impaired at Manchester University and, at the time of her death, was a much respected head of service for the hearing impaired of Rotherham. She was married to Damien Moore (HUMS GRC 1973-75) and they had two children, Dorothy and Geoffrey.

**Julia MacKenzie**

### Lyn Martin

Lyn Martin (SOC 1970-74), a leading figure in nursing and nurse education, died of breast cancer on 25th May 2001, aged 55. After leaving Sussex she gained an M.Sc. (Econ) and later a Ph.D. in Social Administration from the London School of Economics. From 1980 to 1987 she was Head of Department during the establishment of the new B.N. Degree in Nursing in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Southampton. In her subsequent career she had a variety of key roles in nursing including: Nursing Officer in the Department of Health; the Principal of Bloomsbury and Islington College of Nursing and Midwifery, and the Nursing Advisor to the Health Service Ombudsman. Lyn was a person of strong intellect, indomitable energy and superb organisational skills. Whilst at Sussex she married fellow student Steven Pinch, who became a Lecturer in Geography at the University of Southampton. Together in Chandleirs Ford they brought up twin sons, David and Richard.

**Steven Pinch** (AFRAS 1969-72)
The Alumni Society provides scholarships and equipment for students with disabilities, books for the Library, awards to promote excellence in teaching, and support for students who, through no fault of their own, get into financial difficulties. It does this by raising money through the Annual Fund, the purpose of which is to enhance the university experience and ensure students get the most from their time at Sussex. The fund relies upon donations from alumni, without which it cannot survive. That’s why your help is needed.

The Asa Briggs Award
On 9th May 2001, Asa Briggs, historian and founding father of this University, joined 300 family, friends and former colleagues for a celebratory dinner, see page 4. At the dinner, hosted by Asa’s old friend and University Chancellor, Lord Attenborough, the Alumni Society pledged to raise £15,000 to endow history prizes in his name as a permanent tribute to this remarkable man.

The prizes will take the form of awards and research bursaries, and will be awarded by the History Subject Group. Around £6,000 has already been raised, but there is still a long way to go and we need your help if we are to hit our target.

The target of £15,000 will establish a protected endowment fund to generate, in perpetuity, a range of index-linked Asa Briggs Awards. By supporting this tribute to Asa, your name will be inscribed upon a Register of Benefactors for later presentation to him.

The Jubilee Scholarships
These Scholarships help school children throughout East and West Sussex with severe physical and sensory disabilities to gain entrance to any UK university, and the life-enhancing benefits of a university degree.

Two years ago, the decision was taken to increase the endowment from £70,000 to £250,000, to better cope with the increasing number of applications caused by the expansion of HE student numbers and the increased availability of part-time degrees. With the enthusiastic involvement and help of University Chancellor Lord Attenborough, and former Chancellor the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, the Jubilee Scholarship Fund now stands at £221,000, leaving us just under £30,000 short of our target.

The Jubilee Scholarships are unique among British universities. To date, they have assisted eighty-five youngsters with serious disabilities. They fill a clear gap in existing provision, and accord with government policy to widen access to higher education. Above all, they change the lives of greatly disadvantaged people for the better.

The fund was established in 1986 to mark the University’s Silver Jubilee. With your help, we can hit our target this year and celebrate the University’s fortieth anniversary in style!

The Library Book Fund
Over the years, the Library Book Fund had added thousands of volumes to the collection. In particular, it has helped to ensure that crucial course books are available for the increasing number of students at Sussex.

Basically, every £25 you send to the fund will be put towards a new book in the area you specify. And each book will carry a customised bookplate acknowledging your gift and detailing your major and years at Sussex. You can also use the facility to commemorate the achievements of others or remember friends. Full details are available on the alumni website.

The Teaching Awards
Each year for the past five years the alumni society has funded awards to encourage improvement in teaching standards across the campus. Four winners are selected every year by a panel chaired by the Vice-Chancellor.

The awards are keenly contested. This year, for example, there are nine candidates on the short list.

The awards are presented at the summer graduation. Each award includes a scroll certificate and £1,000. They have been copied by many universities, and even by Government. Raising the standard of teaching is vital to the future development of the University. By supporting these unique teaching awards, you will be helping to maintain and improve the reputation of the University which, of course, is reflected in your own degree certificate.

How to make your gift
If you have access to the Internet you can make your gift to any of the above causes electronically via our secure online server (www.sussex.ac.uk and follow the Alumni Society links), where you will also find more details.

Otherwise, cheques should be made payable to ‘The University of Sussex – Alumni Fund’ and drawn on a UK bank account. Cheques drawn on an overseas account can incur swingeing UK bank charges, so overseas donors may wish to consider using a credit card instead. Please identify the project you wish to support on the back of your cheque.

The University is a charity, so if you are a UK taxpayer those nice people at the Inland Revenue will add 28p to every £1 you give. For example, a gift of £100, will actually be worth £128 to your chosen cause. Gifts from the UK, North America, and Canada, can all be made tax-effectively – details can be obtained from Robin Street in the Alumni Centre.

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New EU data protection intended to ensure that data is held and processed fairly and lawfully and with the data subject’s consent, are coming into force.

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From cricket in Thailand to Who wants to be a millionaire, all the gossip and news is here! Keep up to date with what your friends and contemporaries are doing now. To get in touch with anyone on these pages please contact the Alumni Centre.

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Howzat for a coincidence! Geoff Stearn (MAPS 1963-66) bumped into Michael Watson (MAPS 1967-70) at a cricket sixes tournament in Chiang Mai in Thailand. They are trying to form a Sussex alumni team to attend the tournament next April, and also to teach Kwik cricket to local schoolchildren. If you are interested in playing or helping to teach the children please contact Geoff at gstearn@triode.net.au. Cricket skills are of limited importance, you only need a basic understanding of the game.

The Revd. Michael Selman (SOC 1965-68) is now the Anglican Chaplain in Aquitaine, looking after five English-speaking churches in the departments of Gironde, Dordogne and lot-et-Garonne. The ‘parish’ covers an area almost as big as Wales! Michael would be pleased to hear from any alumni in the area.

Double whammy! Two Sussex graduates, Fiona Bjorling (EURO 1962-65) and Harry J. Whitlow (Science 1977-81) were installed as professors at Lund University in Sweden at the same ceremony in March.

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The Vice-Chairman of the Alumni Society Tez Quirke (AFRAS 1966-70), and former President of the Student Union (1968-69) has recently taken up the Secretaryship of the Courtauld Institute of Art, located in Somerset House. He has moved back to Bloomsbury from Wye and can be contacted at tez.quirke@courtauld.ac.uk

Brian Jenkins (AFRAS 1966-70) is principal at the Sholai school in India and has recently been awarded the Rashtriya Ekta Award from the Global Economic Council for outstanding individual achievements and distinguished service to the nation.

Brian Johnson (MOLS 1966-69), Laurie Fluck (MAPS 1966-69), Mike Bramwell (MOLS 1966-69), Ronnie Casson (ENGG 1966-69), Denis Mundy (MAPS 1966-69), Mick Finn (MAPS 1966-69) and Mike Dobbie (MOLS 1966-69) have kept in touch since graduation but were brought together again as a group by the 30th anniversary reunion held by the university in 1996. Since then they’ve got together for a weekend usually once a year and relive their student days.

Forget Big Brother! Philip Livingstone (CCS 1969-72) has recently been appointed head of international production at Celador charged with looking after the production of Who wants to be a Millionaire.

Larry Adar (SOC 1962-65) emigrated to Israel after graduating, and has lost touch with most of his contemporaries. He would love to hear from anyone who remembers him, and is particularly keen to contact Eva Bull (née Schwarz) (EURO 1962-66).

Lessons from an Angel (The Book Guild, May 2001) is the first novel from Sarah Dykins (CCS 1978-81). It is set in Brighton and tells the story of a woman’s escape from a stifling marriage. Since leaving Sussex Sarah has had a successful teaching career and now runs a property development business with husband Alan (SOC 1978-81). They have children Rachel and Chloë and live in the heart of Brighton. Sarah would like to hear from anyone who knew her well at Sussex.

Susan Baker (CCS 1973-76, COGS 1994-95) can’t keep away from Sussex! She has worked at the Student Union as a receptionist, studied here twice and has had various jobs in housing, welfare and student services. Her abiding memory however is of being persuaded to interview the Beach Boys after their concert at the Dome for student TV!
Searching for Stephanie. Deborah Mitchell (née Reid) (EURO 1975-79) is trying to trace Stephanie Geisen (née Aldritt). Stephanie married in 1980, and Deborah attended the wedding but lost touch after Stephanie moved to Canada.

Pauline Ripley (née Tear) (AFRAS 1972-75) would like to hear from Boniface Chibore (AFRAS 1972-75) who is pictured in the photo with his wife, baby Tambu, sister-in-law and Pauline. She is also keen to hear from other members of the very lively seminar group she was in, among them Humphrey Nurse (AFRAS 1972-75) and Charlotte, who is now a solicitor but won’t want to see her full name in print!

Alan Hancock (MOLS 1973-76) visited Argentina in October on behalf of the Diocese of Sheffield to look at social action projects and civil rights issues. If you’d like to know more about the trip and Alan’s work please contact him at alan@thurn.freeserve.co.uk

Raziuddin Ansari (SCIENCE 1978-83) is serving as director of the Nuclear Institute of Agriculture in Pakistan. He remembers with affection his days spent in the laboratory with Professor T.J. Flowers. He can be contacted at niatjam@hyd.pakent.com.pk

A mini-reunion was held last year by Sharyn Pacey (née Row) (EURO 1974-78), her husband Ross Pacey (AFRAS 1974-77), Dr Erik Arnold (ENGAM 1973-76, Science 1983), Jenny Aldridge (MAPS 1973-76), and Mick Reid (AFRAS 1973-76) when they visited Brighton from Australia where they live. Sharyn recalls that they were the very first occupants of 30 East Slope, sharing with two other first year students, known as Bert and Bottle. Where are they now?

Alastair Waugh (MOLS 1978-81) works in medical research, and has worked at Brompton and Guy’s hospitals, where he met and married his wife Chris. He also recalls with pleasure the 13 years he spent working at the MRC Cell Mutation Unit on campus.

Sussex was well represented at the wedding of Nicole Twena (BIOLS 1988-91) and Matt Knott (MAPS 1980-83, Science 1985) in December 2000. Among them were Dave Buck (BIOLS 1988-91) as best man, Dean Ward (ENGAM 1988-91), Lindsay Skinner (EURO 1988-92), Lisa Wright (née Dooley) (SOC 1988-91), Lizzie Massey (ENGAM 1988-92), Lindsay Pye (née Ratcliffe) (SOC 1988-91) and her husband Dave Pye (SOC 1988-91) and Janet Bourgeois (née Macaulay) (SOC 1988-91).

Artcritical.com is publishing a new column by David Cohen (ENGAM 1982-85). To subscribe please mail update@artcritical.com and type ‘yes please’ in the subject heading.

Corinne Sweet (CCS 1973-76, ARTS 1979) is a writer, broadcaster and agony aunt. She has just had published her latest book, Birth Begins at Forty (Hodder & Stoughton, June 2001).

Steve Hannon (MOLS 1986-90) would love to hear from former peers/students who remember him (for better or for worse). He now owns a successful travel agency/letting business in Yorkshire and is married with three children. Anyone out there from the old crowd please email info@casamia.co.uk

Lucy Payne (EURO 1987-91) and Dan Rathbone (MAPS 1987-93) married in 1998 and have a daughter, Alice, born in April 2000.

Hellenic hello! Peter Beech (EURO 1982-86) lives in Greece and would love to hear from any former Sussex folk living there too.

Peter Gray (ENGAM 1981-84) would be delighted to hear from any of his fellow students, particularly members of the hockey club. He can be contacted at peter.r.s.gray@ntlworld.com

Rachel Cox (COGS 1989-93) and Guy Davidson (MAPS 1987-90) held a grand Sussex reunion at their wedding in August. The full list of those who attended is too long to include here! However guests included Jason Handby (COGS 1988-92) as best man, Kathi James (COGS 1988-91), Jane Gomersall (BIOLS 1989-93) and Tania Pell (BIOLS 1989-92) as bridesmaids, and ushers, Dominic Devine (MAPS 1985-91) and Jaime Towns (MAPS 1986-89). Rachel and Guy are pleased to announce that their first child is due in May. They can be contacted at guy.davidson@hatcat.com or rachel.davidson@hatcat.com

Siân Lewis (AFRAS 1984-87) is due to get married in August and would like to get in touch with anyone who remembers her from her time at Sussex.

Sara Todd (ENGAM 1985-88) gave birth to twins Louis and Ella in September 2000. Providing wonderful pre- and post natal support was her friend Sophie Wade-Williams (EURO 1985-89) herself a mother to Ruby, 18 months.

As artistic director of The Rude Mechanical Theatre Co, Pete Talbot (EDUCATION 1985-86) is responsible for bringing quality theatre entertainment into rural communities. If you would like to hear more about Pete’s work please contact him at pete@yewdrasil.freeserve.co.uk
"Teacher’s pet! Catherine Ellisson (née Lake-Johns) (BIOLS 1994-97) who married Robert Ellisson in August is teaching at Colyton Grammar. She is thrilled to have seen her first A level student go off to study at Sussex and looks forward to hearing all the gossip!

Hong Shen (CDE GRC 1998-9) is just back to her life in Beijing after her one year trip to the USA where she was the visiting scholar at the University of Michigan, Harvard and Yale Universities. Hong would love to hear from all her classmates, housemates and other CDE students. Please contact her at shenhcass@263.net

Craig Jackson (ENGG 1990-94) married Sarah Davis (MAPS 1990-93, COGS 1993-4) in Aldershot, Sarah’s home town. They met in Sarah’s final year and having moved to London decided to get married, they were very pleased that a fair number of Sussex alumni were able to celebrate with them.

Andy Hawkings (BIOLS 1997-00) has formed a society called Batafon Arts, based in Brighton. It aims to spread cultural awareness through the traditional arts of dancing, drumming and singing.

Julia Statham (née Bray) (MAPS 1990-93) married Jason in September. Martine Lewis (MAPS 1990-93) travelled all the way from Canada to celebrate with them.

Samantha Brasini (EURO 1990-91) met her husband Charles Sultan (SOC 1990-93) during her erasmus year at Sussex. They married in 1995 and have a baby son Alessandro and would love to hear from anyone who remembers them at Samantha.Brasini@Tinyworld.co.uk

Location

Summer

Falmer
We Scotchtaped Cuban posters round the attic walls. The wretched of the earth made fists above us as we slept. On damp nights they peeled slowly off with a throat-clearing sound like a more tactful hint than we deserved. It was a house of all angles but right. All the junk shops in Brighton couldn’t find furniture odd enough to fit. Our chairs looked ill at ease, as if about to go.

When we pinned up our Indian bedspread, pre-faded like jeans, it could have been the clothes-horse tent I played house in before they invented the Sixties. Us, we’d never marry. We were outlaws lying low, unscrewing the legs of our bed against mother’s advice. Turning back from the smell of your body and mine newly moistened like parched earth I snuffed carpet dust and damp.

Nights made up most of that year. And that voice through the wall from next door where the curtains stayed shut. Unseen, endless and scourging: “Little bugger. I’ll learn you...”

She was our age or less, her four-year-old inaudible, nearly invisible even when we saw him and we had no words for this either so came round to not mentioning it but got into heavier music, Led Zep, Wishbone Ash, and got on with the loss of our childhoods, at leisure, urgently before our grants ran out. It never crossed our minds that we’d begun.

Alexandra Pratt (EAM 1992-96) came across the story of this expedition in a back copy of the National Geographic magazine and it caught her imagination.

Alexandra, a travel writer and adventurer, loved Canada, and had spent time there in her summer break from Sussex. She wanted to write about it but couldn’t find an angle until she came across the story, and she decided to re-trace the journey Mina had undertaken, almost a century before.

It took 18 months for Alexandra to prepare for the journey. She had travelled extensively before, and worked in the cloud forests of Costa Rica so was used to hostile conditions, but the preparations for this expedition were more intense as the climate in Labrador is one of the most challenging in the world. It is a sub-arctic area and the temperature can drop to as low as minus 40 degrees below in the winter, and rise to 35 degrees in the summer. As well as preparing physically Alexandra also had to arrange sponsorship, source equipment and supplies, and write a proposal for the book which was to be published about the journey.

The Labrador 2000 expedition started on 17th July 2000 at the waters edge immediately below the old Hudson Bay Company post (it is no longer in use and is now a museum). Alexandra was accompanied by her Innu guide, Jean-Pierre Ashini.

The first few days of the expedition started well, with regular updates received from Alexandra who had the use of a satellite phone. Regular updates were put on her website (details at the end of this article) so their progress could be followed.

Alexandra relished the geographical isolation of an area that saw many wolves and bears but few humans. The climate proved to be tricky, at the beginning of the expedition it dropped to freezing, yet while they were on the trail Alexandra and Jean-Pierre regularly encountered temperatures of above 30 degrees. This made paddling and portaging very hard as they were encased in two layers of clothing to avoid the thousands of mosquitoes and sandflies which plagued them throughout the journey.

By 20th July the team had covered 42 miles and were in good spirits despite the weather taking a turn for the worse. They were forced to set up camp and sit out the bad weather, but were soon able to re-commence their journey. A quote from Alexandra’s website eight days later states, "I spoke to Alex yesterday and morale was reasonable, though I got the impression she was very tired. They were about two kilometres shy of Seal Island and were tired after 6 days of portaging around fast water and rapids not marked on the map. Alex described a few close shaves where fast water nearly tore the canoe away from them while they manoeuvred it upstream from the shore using a rope."

Unfortunately the news on 3rd August was not so good. Alexandra and Jean-Pierre had had to be airlifted to safety and the expedition had ended. They had been unable to complete the intended route, as sections of the river had become impassable, due to surging rapids and dense forest preventing them travelling further on foot.

Although bitterly disappointed Alexandra consoled herself with the knowledge that they were the first team to attempt the journey in almost a century. As a result of the expedition Alexandra has won a number of awards, among them, the Captain Scott Society’s Spirit of Adventure Award, the Wilderness Award and the 2111 Foundation for Space Exploration. She is currently putting the finishing touches to a book about her adventure and has also been invited to give a lecture at Bristol University about her experiences.

At the present time she has no plans to attempt the journey again. Further information, and a discussion forum, can be found at www.labrador2000.co.uk, the expedition website.

In 1905 a woman named Mina Hubbard embarked on a canoe expedition from the Northwest River in Labrador to Ungava Bay in Northern Quebec, Canada. The journey took her 576 miles up the Nascaupi River, crossing the Height of Land and down the George River.

No one has completed the route since.
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