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The University of the New Millennium

The University Saw in the New Year with the Installation of its Fourth Chancellor, Lord Attenborough, at a special ceremony held at the Gardner Arts Centre. Guests and members of the University packed the auditorium for the ceremony. The Vice-Chancellor spoke of Richard Attenborough’s long and active connection with Sussex and of the “extraordinary energy and vitality” which he brings to everything he does for the University, as alumni who graduated at the 1998 Summer Ceremony will testify. Lord Attenborough conferred degrees with great, greening each gradand inderidudely and with great warmth.

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The inspections, of which this was one, are the first external

John Maynard Smith

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its quality teaching as the result of an inspection by the national Quality Assurance Agency at the end of January. The School's sole subject group was awarded an impressive 23 points out of a possible total of 24.

So far this year there has been a veritable explosion in skills activity

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 surprisingly of the thousands of books published, and most will never have been read. However, the superb publishing of the School of European Studies, SPRU, has a track record of publishing high-quality research.

The Sussex University Monet Final was sponsored by Donne Mileham & Haddock and held in the august court room of Lewes Crown Court. The judges were full of praise for the performance of all the mooters and only after much deliberation concluded that the winners of the Sydney Prevezer shield should be Rosie Lockyer and Bryan Scarratgood. The event was witnessed (so to speak) by an enthusiastic crowd of fellow students and members of staff of CLS. The evening was rounded off by the now-traditional party in the Lewes offices of Donne Mileham & Haddock.

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Smith has been awarded the prestigious Crafoord Prize for his contribution to the understanding of vision. The prize has enabled him to indulge his fantasy, and to test hand-eye co-ordination, with a fast new sports car.

The part-time MSc and Postgraduate Diploma courses in Cardiology, which gives a history

EAM

Historian Professor Alun Howkins is the anchor for a major BBC2 documentary series to be shown later this year. Alun wrote and presents the four-part series, Fruitful Earth, which gives a history of agriculture in Britain since 4500BC and is regarded by the BBC as a ‘landmark series’. Professor Howkins found the experience exciting, but far from glamorous, saying, “It once took us eighteen days and three-quarters of a film to produce forty-five seconds of footage.”

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Many students are fortunate in being involved in a discipline which offers such ready opportunities for practical work as law. Certainly, the School of Law has benefited from the work of various law firms in recent years, and the students have had the opportunity to work on a wide range of projects. This year, for example, the School has been involved in a project for the South of England Bar, which resulted in the publication of a guide to the law of professional negligence. The project, which involved a team of students working closely with the firm’s partners, was a major success and was widely praised by the clients involved.

As far as the students are concerned, the School of Law offers a wide range of opportunities for practical work. The School has a strong tradition of contact with the legal profession, and many students have the opportunity to undertake work placements in firms and other legal organisations. This year, for example, a number of students undertook work placements in the legal departments of large corporations, and others worked in the public sector, such as the local authorities and the Department of Social Security.

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OVERSEAS NEWS

BRUSSELS

The Brussels network of alumni continues to grow and develop, and is co-ordinated by Sharon Levy (EUIO 1988-94) and Chris Burghardt (EUIO 1992-95). The group met recently in the Masters in Contemporary European Studies course in June, when the students rented Brussels. As Falmer went to press, the group were compiling a web page of information about Brussels for visiting students, faculty, and alumni. This will be located on the alumni pages. You’ll never be stuck for somewhere to eat in Brussels, but check out the group’s particular recommendations if you live or work in Brussels but did not receive an invitation to the alumni/SEI gathering in June, let the Alumni Centre (alumni@sussex.ac.uk) know and you’ll be added to the mailing list for next time.

ISRAEL

Israel Appendix for Alumni students lives in Israel, and Deborah Black (EAM 1984-87) is keen to hear from all of them with a view to starting an alumni network. Contact Deborah by e-mail at Deborah_Black@msn.com or telephone (+972) 3 538 9118 (work) or (+972) 2 963 3723 (home).

JAPAN

University of Sussex Alumni Association, Japan

On 16th February, the association held a New Year party in Gura, Tokyo. Nineteen members, including four new members, who had returned from Brighton last year, attended. Sachiko Okinuma, President of the Association, sent congratulations to the University for the inauguration of Lord Ashbourne as the fourth Chancellor. We had a happy time together celebrating the New Year, and made resolutions to build stronger network of alumni.

On 3rd April, we hosted a welcome party for Meryl Dean, Director of the Centre for Legal Studies and an expert on the Japanese legal system. Twenty-nine people were present, including Mr Norio Taro, who gave a tour to Meryl. The party was on the 31st floor of the Keio Plaza Hotel, from where we enjoyed a beautiful view of Tokyo by night. We appreciated the financial support for this event from the University, it is encouraging for us to know that the University is committed to supporting overseas alumni associations.

The Association recently opened a homepage, on which regular activities and newsletter are posted. It can be found at http://www.gousaja.co.jp/ركزه/7248 [Japanese only]. The next general meeting and a party are planned for the first week of July, as Falmer goes to press. For information about future activities, please contact us at mrs@mosuja.co.jp.

Tatsuya Shimizu (MA Development Economics 1995-96)

LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles

On 7th March, the annual meeting of the Los Angeles chapter (and one prospective member of the class of 2017!) had dinner with Professor Rupert Wilkinson at the Empire Persimmon restaurant in Chinatown. In true Sussex style we stayed in the bar for almost two hours until we were shown (draggled?) into our own private dining room for a Chinese style dinner. The bar sistema allowed all to get to know each other and also served as a delaying tactic for those who were not aware that the restaurant and its parking were very sophisticated in the art of how not to be found!

The dinner experiences at Sussex ranged from the late ’60s to last year and represented several different schools with, not surprisingly, EAM providing the largest contingent. My thanks of a get-together of people with such different experiences both at Sussex and thereafter proved to be totally un岴nd as the conversations grew livelier and the topics more diverse. Towards the end of dinner, Professor Wilkinson talked about Sussex as it is today and some of the challenges it faces. By this time, the waiters had clearly decided that it was time for them to go home and perhaps it would be a good idea that they didn’t lock us in before doing so! It must have taken them half an hour just to get us out as we broke up into smaller groups, and amongst other things, ‘divvied’ up the food doggy bags! I hope everybody found their car and their way home! My thanks to all who came and made it a very enjoyable evening and particularly Professor Wilkinson for taking the time out of his gruelling itinerary and Gabrielle Kally (CCS 1967-70) for her help and input in organising the dinner. We will be planning future events and look forward to seeing everybody again next year. I could not consider ending this without also thanking Becky Reid for her wonderful support and coordination.

Marcus Whitley (MOLS 1970-73) whitley_MG@pillsburylaw.com

MALAYSIA

Malaysia

Sussex Malaysian Alumni had their first get together for 1999 on Saturday, 3rd April. It was great to be amongst friends again and also to see a number of fresh faces. The evening started with a brief presentation from three alumni. Chan Nam Kiong (EAM 1977-80), Michael Lim (EAM 1994-96) and Mark Talalla (SOC 1990-93) from the morning committee which was chaired, once aste, the task of selecting alumni activity here in Malaysia. A report was presented to the alumni and copies of the minutes from committee meetings were made available for alumni to peruse. The presentation provided an opportunity for alumni to express their views on the direction in which they would like to see our alumni movement develop. The feedback that was generated was invaluable and mutually beneficial to both the alumni and the committee. Present again were our University friends Dr Lionel Ripley and Dr Philip Baker. We were told that Philip may not be back in KL later in the year when Lionel returned. After the presentation we adjourned to another function room for a cocktail party. A more informal atmosphere ensued and alumni mixed about freely and I understand some business was transacted too! We made it a very enjoyable evening and particularly Professor Wilkinson who talked about Sussex as it is today and some of the challenges it faces. We appreciated the financial support for this event from the University; it is encouraging for us to know that the University is committed to supporting overseas alumni associations.

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NEW YORK

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Plans for future events in New York will include an open house for general networking and discussing further ideas, and a reunion at the United Nations. If you would like to help the current co-ordination of the group to plan and organise future activities, please contact Jessica Threeburn (EAM 1994-96) at jthreeburn.colin@gmail.com or contact Rebekah at the Alumni Centre at alumni@sussex.ac.uk.

PAKISTAN

Pakistan

If you’d like to help start alumni activity in Pakistan, Asad Naeqi (MA Environment Development & Policy 1996-97) and Mahine Raza (ARRS 1995-96) would be happy to hear from you. Please contact Asad at asad@hotmail.com and Mahime at mahinerizvi@hotmail.com or House # 86, 23 Street, Khyaban-Shehr, Karachi.

POLAND

Poland

The Polish Group got together for the first time in February. While dreaming up plans for a huge opening gala and a wide range of activities, we’ve held a few small, yet fun, meetings. We hosted Professor Peter Holyman of the Sussex European Institute, who gave a lecture at the Warsaw University. The lecture lasted well into the night, as we first moved from the faculty building to a restaurant and finally ended up in a pub. Three other meetings included a party at Andrew Ritchie’s (BIOIS 1979-82) place and a wonderful cycling picnic in Warsaw. Take a look at our website at www.sussex.ac.uk/UniAlumni/poland/index.htm for more pictures from these events and news of future events.

We hope to formally register the group as a Society under Polish law, stage a bicycle race and, most importantly, attract more Polish alumni and organise a formal launch event. We know there are many more of you hiding out there! Please get in touch.

Mateusz Szczerbucki (SOC 1996-97) mszczerbucki@twr.utc.pl

Sан Francisco

San Francisco

The Bay Area Alumni Group continues to grow. We celebrated our second event in late January, at Felipe Mc Gee’s, a bar in Silicon Valley’s Mountain View that’s become a hangout for many British expats. Felipe Mc Gee’s serves British and Irish beers and the kind of food that brought back many memories of our student days in Brighton – a particular favourite was curry and chips, almost impossible to find in a California restaurant. Many of the people who had attended our inaugural dinner in November were there, along with a lot of new faces, mostly from among the Bay Area tech industry. A further event at the wonderful Beach Chalet on Ocean Beach was held in May, and our next event will be a barbecue down in Half Moon Bay later in the summer. We are being contacted by more and more local alumni and our mailing list is now up to well over 100.

Chairman Cohen (EAM 1973-76) cohenph@juno.com

SWITZERLAND

Switzerland

Anybody interested in getting together with other Sussex alumni in Switzerland is invited to contact Sujan Zaiuddin (EENG 1981-84). “We hope to form by the end of August and would welcome alumni to contact us by the end of July. Activities will include yodelling, banking courses and cheese tasting! Just joking...mary.” Contact Sujan at: e-mail zaiuddin@klotz.ch or Tel (mobile): 0041 793287449 or Tel (office): 0041 323380766. Address: Schuetzengasse 114, CH-2012 Biel-Bienne

ALUMNI CONSULS

If you are willing to be available to chat to potential Sussex students in your country, then why not sign up for the Alumni Consults programme on our web site! Once 200 former students from more than 40 countries have so far joined, and are providing a valuable service to the University and to students wanting an impartial view of life abroad. We are especially keen to recruit consults from Cyprus, Hong Kong, India, Israel, Japan, Poland, Poland, Singapore, South Africa, Spain and Taiwan. If you’re interested, just e-mail the following information to us.

Your name, years at Sussex and School of study; your e-mail address; your telephone number (optional); and your city, state and country. Take a look at the growing list by accessing www.sussex.ac.uk/units/alumni/consults.html

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The Alumni Centre joined forces with Faculty to organise a unique reunion for the 1975-76 students of IMES and MFGS over the weekend of 10th-16th April 1999. Over ninety former students, guests and current staff attended our programme of academic and social events. Activities included subject talks and tours, a lively panel discussion on the student experience. Saturday evening was celebrated with a welcome reception hosted by the Vice-Chancellor Professor Alan Smith, and a dinner with speaker, founding University of Sussex Science Dean Professor Roger Blake. Following the formal dinner, a transfer ball was held in the mini-lounge at The Commune, followed by Saturday night’s programme. The Sunday programme continued with a Monday at the Garden Arts Centre on Sunday morning, when guests went back to their favorite schools to trend old and new.

Sussex, Sausages and the Summer Barbecue

Our annual Summer Barbecue for alumni is becoming something of an tradition. 50 local alumni hosted the event for this year’s barbecue, which featured live music at the newly refurbished Palmer Sports Complex on 4th June 1999. The Sports Complex, overlooking the South Downs, is usually the perfect setting for a summer evening, so we wanted to ensure that you were invited to next year’s event. So keep the “events in Brighton” box on the enclosed Membership Update Form.

Class of 1975 Reunion

On 8/9 April 2000 we aimed like a world away, but plans have begun for our 25th anniversary reunion for 1975. Further details will be sent to all 1975 entrants this autumn. We are looking for volunteers to help us organise the reunion, preferably in the Brighton/London area, so lend a hand if you can – this will ensure that the reunion is all you want it to be.

Media “Lunch”


The Last Resort: Child Protection, the Courts and the 1989 Children Act

He was fully aware that “every mathematical expression in a book is published by Oxford University Press (Clarendon), 1995” and ready to dive headlong into a whole range of examples including dice and card games, sport and television quiz shows.

Takings for the National Lottery was the inspiration for John to write the book. Suddenly the whole nation was talking about odds and chance. John watched whilst the press and respected financial analyst predicted that certain numbers would appear because they hadn’t shown up for a while. The fact that the sequence 3, 2, 4, 5, 6, 3 is equally as likely to turn up as the apparently more random 3, 4, 20, 38, 49, 49, is still widely disbelieved. Taking Chances sets out comprehensively and convincingly the flaws in these popular fallacies and leads the relaxing reader into the arcane world of lottery mathematics. The book does not end, and at Oxford Hughes could not tell us how to choose the winning number, and after working through John’s analysis, only the most unreasonable reader would set out to be the only one to ensure against being money to not play in the first place.

At least with Monopoly, we’re not putting our money on the line. Taking Chances reveals the secrets of winning the game, or more correctly, the ways to improve one’s chances of winning. Computer simulations helped to show that ‘Get To Jail’ is the most frequently visited square on the board. Few, this and Middle sneak streets, just 6, 7 and 9 steps after the Jail Square, are in prime positions for being hit for going to jail, because of the likely score that can be thrown on the two die. These properties are relatively less valuable, and pack a good punch when several houses or a hotel is built on them. One can then look back and think ‘it’s not all white’, of course, it all depends on the situation and the players you can choose to share your opponents in future games.

John Haigh is aökologist who researches games such as Monopoly, but when it came to writing the book that sold in other ways too. He needed the help of his sons to show him how to use the computer and his wife Ray was a willing player to try out some new strategies and make sure he was picking up at the right level for the mathematics. John is a sports fan, a former footballer and cricket player. The book has sections on racing, cricket, golf and tennis. So does his knowledge of probability spill over into sport? He didn’t think so, but did get up the refereeing because he felt he knew “too much”. Not surprising, since he can help a football player make a better picture – this is one of his Pfaffian points. The likelihood of an opponent scoring, the earlier in the game it’s worth committing the foul and risking being sent off. Dr Haigh points out through understanding the probabilistic arguments there’s no guarantee of picking a winner. “We just need to try to understand why we are wrong. Considering this worth factor, the subject is the highest level of interesting and educational read. In John’s words “some powerful ideas are surprisingly accessible. If you try”.


Class of 1976 Reunion

The alumni of Class of 1975 are planning to meet in a central London pub for drinks and chat later this summer. The London Club event is an excellent opportunity to get to meet other Sussex alumni in the City, meet up with old friends and make new connections. Please fill the box on the enclosed Membership Update Form to ensure you receive full details of this event and any future activities.

Class of 1979 Reunion

The London Club event is an excellent opportunity to get to meet other Sussex alumni in the City, meet up with old friends and make new connections. Please fill the box on the enclosed Membership Update Form to ensure you receive full details of this event and any future activities.
SUSSEX GRADUATE THABO MBeki (SOC 1962-66 & MA in African Studies 1966-72) secured an overwhelming victory in the South African elections on 2 and June and was elected Nelson Mandela as President. It was Mandela himself who decreed that Thabo should leave South Africa in 1962, rather than stay and risk death or imprisonment in his homeland. A place was found for him at Sussex and Thabo began what would amount to 28 years in exile as the first black South African student to study at the University. Thabo’s part in the ANC’s proclamation, Govan Mbeki, was imprisoned with Nelson Mandela and other leaders of the ANC following their arrest in the Rivonia Farm in 1983, just as Thabo began his second year at Sussex. During his time at Sussex, Thabo juggled a busy academic and social life with tireless campaigning on behalf of the ANC to mobilise the international student community against the regime of apartheid in his home country. In 1964, he famously lost a match from Brighton to Downsview Street, where he presented a petition of over 700 signatures calling on the government to put pressure on South Africa to release the ANC prisoners. Originally, Mandela and his fellow prisoners were sentenced to death but, under the weight of worldwide opposition, this was commuted to life imprisonment. The contribution of the University of Sussex to raising the profile of the prisoners was instrumental in averting a crisis, according to Thabo who, in 1995, said, “Nobody can take away from this University that what by all odds it did, it helped South Africa to draw back at the brink of what could have been a calamitous step of killing of if the unthinkable had happened and the most senior leadership of the majority of the people of South Africa had died at the hands of the executioner.” In 1995, the University of Sussex awarded Thabo Mbeki an Honorary Doctorate, and he described the University "as a place in which we were privileged to spend a few years," a place where he was overarched by support and friendship. In the midst of all the great issues that confronted the peoples of the world during the years we spent here as students," he said, "the University in all its parts and as an expression of a spontaneous collective will, decided that it would do what is best for my client?, and at times that does include helping him or her to manage the attention rather than running away from the inevitable. Sandra now finds that part of the reason she got referred to the press is she no longer needs to be referred to by the media. When asked how she reacts to criticism, Sandra replies, “I guess that is better than other generic references to divorce lawyers as ‘sex-attraction of a profession generally regarded as about as sexy as a bucket of cockroaches’!”
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SUMMER TERM is traditionally a quieter period on campus as students prepare for exams, academics mark assessed essays and administrators buckle down to planning for the coming year. Not so Summer Term '99.

During the first week of term, the Students’ Union was notified to hold an Emergency General Meeting, as 89 students who had yet to settle their fee accounts were in arrears. The Students’ Union Resource Fund, set up to assist students without grants, and the special account for Summer Term fees from those students who had not yet cleared their debts, was not sufficient to cover the arrears.

The occupiers quickly issued their demands:
1. No present or future students will be expelled for non-payment of tuition fees
2. There will be no repercussions for anybody involved in the present occupation

Whilst refusing to negotiate with the University over their demands, the occupiers notified the local and national media about the developing situation, who in turn came to sit on the grass outside Sussex House in support of the occupiers to eat lunch and practice their drumming.

On the second day of the occupation an eviction notice was served on the occupiers and the following day bailiffs from Brighton County Court arrived to inspect the building. The occupiers decided unanimously not to accept his offer. A quarter of an hour past the 5 o’clock deadline the Vice-Chancellor appeared on the scene, took some questions from the gathered students and then offered to take part in an organised meeting at a later date.

The major issue at this stage was the distribution of grant cheques. Since the occupation began, students had been unable to collect their grants or hardship cheques. The students felt that the cheques could quite easily be distributed from another point on campus. In turn, the University said that the conditions being offered by the occupiers for the collection of the cheques and essential supporting material from the occupied offices were unacceptable.

Meanwhile, the Student’s Union Executive Committee voted to support the demands of the occupiers but to remain a neutral body in the manner of the dispute, so that the University would not be put in the position of acting as the arbitrator.

The occupation caused a lively debate over the issue of fees amongst students, staff and the general public who learned of the occupiers’ actions. There was vocal support for the occupiers and their causes and for their actions. However, it soon became obvious that this situation was at a stalemate.

The occupation continued over the bank holiday weekend with a showing of Star Wars projected onto an outside wall, a party and a free meal provided by the Brighton based Anarchist’s Teapot.

Despite the eviction notice the occupation continued for 11 days, coming to a peaceful end on Friday 7th May. A one hundred and fifty strong crowd of students, staff and the general public gathered outside Sussex House to witness the event. The occupation was never intended as an end in itself – it is only the beginning of what we see as a nationwide campaign.
Matthew was a genuine one-off. His leather mini-skirt was so boldly worn and so much talked about that to ignore it would be to miss the point.

Matthew died on September 5th at the age of 78. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in history, philosophy, and ancient languages and continued his education at Cambridge University.

Professor Stuart Sutherland

Stuart Sutherland died last November, aged 71. He came to Sussex in 1964 and became the founding head of the Laboratory of Experimental Psychology. From the outset Stuart’s aim was to develop a department that would outrival even Oxford in its academic prowess and, by the mid 1970s, many would agree that he achieved that.

Sutherland suffered a nervous breakdown which effectively ended his involvement in active research, although he retained a frighteningly broad interest in a wide range of areas enabling him to ask penetrating questions to any speaker regardless of topic. His experience of depression led to the publication of *Breakdown* (CCS 1988-91), a candid account of *Breakdown*, a best seller now in its 4th edition.

Sutherland was a prolific writer and his work has been widely translated and his books have been used as textbooks in many universities around the world.

His contributions to psychology and the understanding of depression have been widely recognized and he was awarded the Royal Society’s highest honour, the CBE, in 1992.

Sutherland has left behind a legacy of work that has been instrumental in the field of psychology and his influence can still be felt today.

Sutherland’s legacy

Stuart Sutherland’s work has been widely recognized and his contributions to psychology and the understanding of depression have left an indelible mark on the field.

His legacy continues to influence the work of researchers and practitioners alike and his legacy will be remembered for many years to come.
### For the Record

**Eve Oppenheim (BIOLS 1975-89)** is in Glen Ridge, NJ, USA, with husband Bruce and two sons, Dan and Gino. Eve works part-time as a real estate agent at Maple Purpleton and would be happy to hear from her contemporaries. Reach Eve by e-mail at evophenning@yahoo.com or by telephone at (973) 592-0299.

**Guernere Peter-Oklon (MALS 1975-79)** was put in touch with Duncan Palmer (SOC 1975-79) thanks to the Alumni Centre. Guernere trained Duncan and his family in Los Angeles, where she became a Governor to Duncan's second son. Another Susan graduate, David Carter (ENGG 1975-79) via Goodfellow. Another coincidence was that the officiating priest was her Chaplain at Howard House, 1974-77. You can imagine the reunion we all enjoyed in California! After graduation, she worked at the American Museum of Natural History, a position at Pennsylvania State University in State College, before starting a career in the civil service. She is now an advisor to her friends around the world, from Wales to New Zealand, and married to two children. She would be delighted to hear from Susan graduates in the region.

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**Steven Sigerson** (MALS 1983-89) is in the money-making photographs of the oil tanker, the “Imperial Eagle.” He is back in the USA, living in Cambridge, MA, with two children. He would be delighted to hear from other Susan graduates in the USA.

**Nick Watkins (ZMS 1989-91)** has a permanent job at the BBC, as the Head of the BBC’s Archive Project. Nick has a degree in Computer Science and is a keen cyclist. He enjoys walking and hiking in the South Downs and would be happy to hear from any of his fellow PGCE students who knew her.

**David Osbon** (MALS 1986-91) was a multimedia manager at a major Norwegian publishing company. The couple moved to England in 1994 and now have two daughters aged 5 and 2 and one building a new home in Sussex (not yet finished). The couple have been married 17 years and have two children raised in Kent at Knutsford Andy. During their first year at Susan, Claire studied a music degree in journalism and continues to be a musician and a radio DJ. Claire’s music address is claire@radio.co.uk. She is back in the USA, living in Glen Ridge, NJ, USA, with husband Brooke and sons Davis and Gino. Eve works part-time as a real estate agent at Maple Purpleton and would be happy to hear from her contemporaries. Reach Eve by e-mail at evophenning@yahoo.com or by telephone at (973) 592-0299.

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Many CCE courses take place on the University campus; many are offered with our educational partners in East and West Sussex, and we have a programme of courses run in partnership with community organisations in Brighton and Hastings.

CCE offers a range of part-time courses, including conferences, accredited course, certificate and diploma programmes, part-time BA degrees and a range of postgraduate diplomas - many of which have a vocational focus. CCE’s programme caters for a wide range of student interests - from those with a first or higher degree (including many Sussex alumni) to students who have had very little formal education, and who may be updating their skills and knowledge, or had very little learning for its own sake.

Flexibility is a key feature of what we do. CCE courses are designed to be free standing. For example, a one day course can last just five or six hours, this may lead students on to a 10- or 20-week course, to an accredited course, to a one or two year certificate or diploma or to our new degree in Landscape Studies or the well-established BA in Cultural Studies.

Two of CCE’s students graduated in the summer of 1998 - our first BA Cultural Studies graduates. One student, having gained Certificates in Drama, Cultural Studies and Arts (Mediawise), decided to complete her studies by taking the degree. She admits the long journey by the mud bog after her first certificate and, on completing her degree, decided to take her studies even further. She is now studying for an MA in Shakespeare Studies at the Stanford-on-Sotheby Institute.

It is CCE’s policy to attempt to meet the learning needs of all in the student. Tutors recognise that students are adults and come with a wealth of experience but may not always have a background in academic skills, so we provide a range of support to ensure that they succeed with their learning. Students can take advantage of our free guidance service when they can talk through plans and discuss options. Learning support is offered when necessary and we have a well-resourced study room which offers students access to a range of learning materials, including books, videos and tapes, to help with their development.

All CCE faculty and tutors share the satisfaction of watching a tentative and apprehensive student develop from their first course at CCE to writing their final dissertation for their degree. One student recently commented: “I learned before I stopped, and it won’t for me, it’s what keeps my energy going, even if it doesn’t lead to further formal qualifications.”

Pat Boxendale, CCE Student

“I am taking the Certificate in Creative History course. Despite working at the University for some 10 years now, I have been taken somewhat by surprise by this re-entry into academic life and have, on occasion, found myself wondering what on earth I am doing it for. It has been many years since I read a ‘serious’ book and even more since I left school, so I am on a huge learning curve. I am told that the feelings of inadequacy, the inability to put pen to paper to write an essay, and the sense that I will never get through the reading list are all common worries haunting the ‘mature’ student. However, the course is thoroughly absorbing and I am really enjoying it. Some of the readings are absolutely fascinating and the seminars are stimulating, frustrating, and exciting all at the same time. It’s hard work starting an evening session after a full day in the office, but I always come away feeling glad I went. I am even beginning to get a sense of what I am supposed to be doing, which has been one milestone reached!”

For more information about CCE courses telephone (01273) 678040 for a prospectus.

Dear Rebekah,

Traveling north from Luang Prabang to Pak Mong is like a voyage in a time capsule. From the cocoon of our air-conditioned Japanese jeep, we watch women in gaily-colored pha taem (sarong skirt) working in the fields or walking on the side of the road, carrying heavy baskets of wood on their heads as they have for centuries. We round one corner to see a huge elephant traipsing along the middle of the road, reminding us that this country was called the Land of a Million Elephants not so long ago.

This is a privileged experience as I am traveling along northern Laos’ first modern road with the man who supervised its construction. Sangat, a lean, leathery public worker official, is telling me of the changes that have taken place since this former muddy track was turned into an all-weather highway.

Route 13, as it’s known, has brought isolated rural communities much closer to the former royal capital of Luang Prabang and given them life choices they never had before.

Rural-urban trade is mingling sharply, which means a lot to people who count themselves rich if they own a buffalo! Country folk have access, for the first time, to the jobs, schools and health facilities of a city. At Kilometer 28, in Somsanouk village, Sangat hails old friends, Chanhsouk and his wife Douang, who own and manage a large dry-goods store. Chanhsouk is a district administrative officer...
Sussex has been awarded £900,000 towards the cost of refurbishing Falmer House but has to find a matching amount to meet the full cost. You can help by contributing to this year’s Annual Fund – see page 16 for further details.

A Temple To The Gods

Basil Spence considered Sussex University his finest achievement. His first building for the new university was Falmer House. He designed it according to the architectural tradition of ‘appropriateness’, a tradition dating back to antiquity.

When the ancients built a temple to a god, it was built in a rocky place and given strong proportions and stout columns; if it was for a goddess, a pastoral setting and slender columns were more appropriate. Down the centuries, architecture has embraced this tradition. When Spence was asked to design the new university, he asked himself what would be appropriate for university students. He decided that the answer was a building to engage the mind. So he created Falmer House – a building with foundations firmly planted in tradition yet with a modern and challenging facade. Not a bad metaphor for the University itself.

Sadly, the past forty years have taken their toll on this Grade I listed building, but now the University has been awarded over £900,000 by HEFCE (the Higher Education Funding Council for England) – half the cost of the complete external refurbishment.

WHAT YOU SAY ABOUT FALMER HOUSE

“The Crypt was murky and a bit risqué – great for parties!”
Christine Pinder

“I was one of the first student union officers to be ‘baptised’ by being ceremoniously thrown into the moat. I still have a pebble from the moat to remind me of the fabulous fun we had in and around Falmer House.”
Barry Jackson

“The guitarist Peter Green performed with a steel-bodied guitar for free in the Debating Chamber. Oh to have had a tape-recorder!”
Roger Murray

“Admiral Brewer – a great character!”
Andy Andrews

“I remember the Who shaking the foundations of Falmer House. It really is quite a building.”
John Atkinson

“Having studied for various periods at four different universities, Falmer House was unique as a centre for political intrigue and social events.”
Roger Davies

“Falmer House is built around a quadrangle to make a complete entity, a little world of its own. I thought it should be simple and rather rugged, because if students are going to relax, they should feel that they are not spoiling things.”
The late Sir Basil Spence

MORE INFORMATION

If you’d like more information about projects supported by the Annual Fund, and you have access to the Internet, check out the Alumni Society website and click the HELP! item on the main Alumni menu. The site can be accessed from www.sussex.ac.uk by following the Alumni Society links.