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**HONORARY
DEGREES**

Dr. Henry Cleere, a Sussex resident and archaeologist of international repute will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters at a special ceremony to be held at Michelham Priory on 12 May.

Dr. Cleere was President of the Sussex Archaeological Society from 1987-92, an organisation which has been at the forefront of the study of the past in East and West Sussex since its foundation in 1848.

Michelham Priory, the venue for the ceremony, is one of the prime properties owned by the Society. Situated at the head of the Cuckmere valley, the site was chosen for an Augustinian Priory in the 13th Century and became a farmhouse after the dissolution of the monasteries in the 16th Century. The Sussex Archaeological Society was given the Priory in trust in 1959, and since then it has continued repairs to the house and undertaken archaeological excavations to discover more of the Priory's past.

Dr. Henry Cleere has made an enormous contribution to the development of archaeology and local history in Sussex, particularly through his studies of the Roman Wealden iron industry. His role as President of the Sussex Archaeological Society, an organisation with which the University has close links, evidences his support for archaeology and history in the two counties and he has also taught for the Centre for Continuing Education. Prior to his involvement with the Society, Dr. Cleere was Director of the Council for British Archaeology and his earlier career was in the iron and steel industry and in the service of international organisations such as the UN.

The person who currently faces a momentous task within that organisation is the High Commissioner for Refugees, Professor Sadako Ogata who will receive an honorary degree at the Summer cere-



One more link with the University's early days ended on April 30 with the retirement of Betty Chessell, a very familiar face to all in MOLS. Betty began working as a cleaner in the Physics building when the Falmer campus opened in 1962 before becoming a laboratory attendant in MOLS in 1968, and latterly she served in the MOLS stores.

"MOLS has always been my second family," said Betty, "particularly as there are so many other people who have stayed here while MOLS has grown, section by section. At times the work has been hard, but I've enjoyed every minute of it."

In recognition of her time here, Betty was given a gold watch at a special presentation by the Dean of MOLS, David Smith. And as for plans for her retirement, "I'm now on holiday!" she laughed.

mony. Mrs Ogata, Japanese Professor of International Relations, became the UN High Commissioner for Refugees at the start of 1991 after election by the General Assembly. Her path to this immensely challenging and difficult job after a distinguished academic career in the 1960s and 1970s was through the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations (Minister then envoy extraordinary), chairmanship of the executive board of UNICEF and representative of Japan on the UN Commission on Human Rights.

Professor Ogata, whose life has largely been devoted to the promotion of human rights, will receive the degree of Doctor of Letters at the afternoon ceremony on 13 July. Also in the afternoon, Dr. Martin Holdgate, Director General, International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, will receive the degree of Doctor of Science. At the morning ceremony Professor Sir Eric Ash, Rector of Imperial College, will receive the degree of Doctor of Science, and Dirk Bogaarde the Degree of Doctor of Letters.

What the papers say . . .

Sussex through the eyes of the press

The Evening Argus (24 April) carried details of the University's workshadowing scheme which involves over 100 second year students and is apparently the biggest scheme of its kind in Britain. Students spend a full day shadowing various individuals including the recruitment manager of American Express, a *Times* photographer and an assistant producer for *That's Life*.

The Vice-Chancellor takes the *Evening Argus* to task (27 April) for suggesting that University lecturers (and buildings) lie idle during the long summer vacation. The VC points out that during the vacation University buildings are devoted to conferences and short courses and adds that, contrary to popular belief, academics work a 45-47 week year devoting the summer to the pursuit of research.

Meanwhile, *The Daily Telegraph* (24 April), and numerous local newspapers, take delight in informing readers of research carried out by Dr. Lance Workman at Sussex University which suggests that birds may develop regional accents. *The Liverpool Echo* (25 April) comments "She loves you, chirp, chirp, chirp".

Finally, if you smell anything suspicious on campus do not hesitate to contact the police for the *Evening Argus* (23 April) reports that thieves laden with £5000 worth of perfume made their getaway to the University where their stolen Renault was found abandoned.

Exposed to Asbestos?

Anyone who, in the past, may have been significantly exposed to asbestos may find it helpful to make a formal record of these exposures by completing a questionnaire form which has been prepared for this purpose. Copies have been sent to those categories of staff who are more likely than other groups to have had significant contact with asbestos. However, if you think that at some time in the past, not necessarily at the University, you may have had a significant exposure to asbestos dust, please contact the Safety Office (ext. 8376) for a questionnaire form.

Dr. Peter Ballance
University Safety and
Radiation Protection Adviser

AROUND THE SCHOOLS

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PROFESSOR WILLIE LAMONT has been invited to give the address at the Commemoration Service on Cromwell Green, the lawn in front of the Palace of Westminster in the shadow of the Thorneycroft statue of Cromwell, on the anniversary of Dunbar, Worcester and Cromwell's death. The invitation has come from the Cromwell Association, an academic and historical society which works to encourage the study of Cromwell and the Civil War period and the preservation of surviving heritage from that era.

NEW VICE-PRESIDENT FOR CISAC: At its 38th Congress, Visiting Professor of Music, Dr. Donald Mitchell, was elected to the Vice-Presidency of the Confederation Internationale Societes d'Auteurs et Compositeurs (CISAC). This is a significant recognition of the importance of the UK contribution to this international organisation. Dr. Mitchell is President of Faber Music Ltd., and is the country's foremost authority on Benjamin Britten. An Honorary Member of the Royal Academy of Music, he received the Royal Philharmonic Society Award in 1992, which was conferred jointly on Dr. Mitchell and Philip Reed for their collaboration on the first two volumes of Benjamin Britten's *Letters from a Life*.

COGS

ROGER EVANS, ROBERT GAIZAUSKAS and LYNNE CAHILL of COGS have been accepted as participants in the fifth Message Understanding Conference (MUC-5) and have raised £22,000 in external funding from American and UK sources to support this 10 person-month effort. MUC-5 is a competitive evaluation of software systems which attempt to extract information from short natural language texts, in this case financial newswire stories concerning commercial joint ventures. The competition is sponsored by the American Advanced Research Projects Agency but is open to entrants from around the world. The Sussex team will be the first European team to take part in this increasingly high profile exercise. The system they will be entering derives from their work on POETIC (Portable Ex-

BRITISH CINEMA CONFERENCE: A season of classic British films is one strand in this year's Brighton Film Festival. To complement this, the Media Studies subject group is organising a one-day conference on Friday 28 May. Entitled *Identity Crisis: British Cinema and National Culture*, this will explore how anxieties about national identity have shaped the content and style of British films, and also influenced changing government policies on cinema. Pam Cook, Associate Editor of *Sight and Sound*, will take a new look at Gainsborough costume dramas like *Jassy* and *The Wicked Lady*. Andrew Higson, from the University of East Anglia, will report on his research into UK/European co-productions in the 1920s and 30s. Nick Haeffner (Sussex) and Michael O'Pray (University of East London) will discuss two aspects of the 1980s: the pre-echoes of Thatcherism in films like *Chariots of Fire*, and the more radical and experimental works of directors like Derek Jarman and the 'new romantics'.

The conference also ties in with a series of Cultural and Media Studies graduate seminars, which runs from 11 May until 8 June. These will examine different aspects of *Identity and Authority*. The speakers are James Donald (Sussex), Stuart Hall (Open University), Laura Marcus (Birkbeck), Bill Schwarz (East London) and Ali Rattansi (City). For details, please contact Angie Oxley (8019) or Liz Maxwell (2171).

tensible Traffic Information Collator), a DTI/SERC-sponsored project aimed at extracting traffic congestion information from police incident logs. The external bodies funding the research are the US Advanced Research Projects Agency, Racal Research Ltd., and Integral Solutions Ltd.

EDMUND ROBINSON has been awarded a two-year SERC Advanced Fellowship. It will free him from teaching and administration duties to pursue research into the semantics of parametricity in polymorphic programming languages.

MIKE SHARPLES and STEVE EASTERBROOK have both had (edited) books published in the new Springer *Computer Supported Collaborative Writing* series. Steve's is entitled *CSCW: Cooperation or conflict?*, and Mike's is simply called *Computer Supported Collaborative Writing*.

Mary Farmer 1952—1993

Mary was born in Hackney in 1952 and after securing a first class honours degree in Sociology she stayed on at the LSE in order to study for an MSc in Economics before coming to Sussex as a Lecturer in Sociology in 1975.

Initially based in CCS, Mary shifted into SOC where her background in both economics and sociology made her an absolute natural. She was always a major presence in the School, organising and teaching the first year course. *Foundations of the Social Sciences* and the *Analytical* option in the third year compulsory course, *Concepts, Methods and Values*, and serving as Sub-Dean (Student Affairs) between 1984 and 1988. Mary was an excellent and inspiring teacher: she produced extensive annotated reading lists; chaired seminars in a way that brought out the best in her students; in lectures she had the knack of making difficult themes and concepts accessible without using populist tricks of over-simplification; and she always returned student essays with full and helpful comments.

Mary chose to engage in genuinely interdisciplinary research, paying critical attention to the dominant paradigm within economics and questioning its utility as a way of making sense of social behaviour. Working across and between disciplines is never easy but Mary had built up a solid reputation within her field as evidenced by invitations to visit the Department of Sociology at Chicago and the Centre for Public Choice, and in the steady – and increasing – stream of publications and conference papers. It is very much to be hoped that colleagues will be able to complete her book, *The Rationality Totem*, on which she had worked so hard whilst giving unstinting effort to her teaching and administrative responsibilities.

When I became Dean of SOC I asked Mary to Chair the Social and Political Thought Graduate Division. This she did with her characteristic energy and enthusiasm, making viable an enterprise that could so easily have crumpled, and putting Sussex firmly on the international map as the place to come to study the kind of interdisciplinary concerns that were at the heart of Mary's own research interest. SOC intends to fund a Mary Farmer graduate studentship in Social and Political Thought as a small token acknowledging someone who gave so much of herself to us all.

John Dearlove, Dean of SOC



Swedish view of Sussex

In a series of articles comparing Swedish higher education to that elsewhere in Europe, the Swedish newspaper, *Dagens Nyheter* recently visited MOLS. The findings of the trip, published on the 17 April, reveal a great deal of admiration for the Sussex tutorial system: "The teaching method is Socratic; the tutor asks a question, receives an answer, looks doubtful, asks if everyone agrees, receives a new answer and then lets the students discuss and reason with each other". The beauty of tutorials, according to the article, is that "they encourage a work discipline and teach the students a critical and analytical approach".

The article found that, unlike Swedish students, undergraduates at Sussex are expected to be much more independent and to exercise considerable initiative in their studies. Karine Elihn, a chemistry student from Uppsala, observed, "there is less teaching here. One is expected to work much more independently". Her friend, Hanna Klasson, also from Uppsala, added, "we are forced to find much of the literature ourselves and that is good because it teaches you how to locate information".

Other differences commented upon were that a chemistry degree at Sussex is only 3 compared with 4 years in Sweden and that English students are much younger than their Swedish counterparts. The newspaper quotes the Dean of MOLS, David Smith, who claims that, despite this, education at Sussex is on a par with that on the continent: "when our students go to foreign universities they don't have any problems in keeping up with the teaching".

Research Opportunities

For information on any of the following call Louise Vincent, Research Office ext. 3761 or Email deeb@admin.

ESRC LOCAL GOVERNANCE PROGRAMME. Closing date for Phase 2, 22 June.

FUTURE ESRC PROGRAMMES. Global Economic Institutions is to go ahead, but we have no dates. The Nation's Diet, second phase, is due later this year. Economic Beliefs, and Risk and Human Behaviour are approved in principle. Possible future programmes are: parenting in the 1990s; the management of manufacturing operations; the Asian Pacific Rim; higher education studies; cognitive engineering. Register interest with John Farrant (8609).

GUIDELINES ON COLLABORATION BETWEEN SOCIAL SCIENCE & BUSINESS, published by ESRC: available for borrowing.

CLEAN TECHNOLOGY. SERC has announced new activity areas: Waste reduction and pollution prevention; Cities and sustainability; and Life cycle analysis.

BIOTECHNOLOGY, EC Second call for proposals: molecular approaches; cellular & organism approaches; ecology & population biology. Closing date 31 August.

EUROPEAN SYSTEM & SOFTWARE INITIATIVE. Call for proposals on application experiments, dissemination actions, and education and training, by 7 June.

HARKNESS FELLOWSHIPS 1994/95 for study, practical experience and travel in USA (but not for basic research or higher degrees) related to human resources in 21 Century, people in cities or promoting good health. Closing date 20 October.

Public Lecture

Chemistry in the Treatment of Disease

Since the earliest times, man has used chemicals to treat illness. The ancients used herbal and other plant products, the active principles of which were chemical compounds. These were refined and eventually the active compounds were used in chemically pure form. In more recent times, ideas on how chemical compounds interact with biological systems have led to a series of very successful drugs. Current research centres more and more on a rational approach to drug design, although there is still room for serendipity in drug discovery.

■ All this will be discussed by Douglas Young, Professor of Chemistry, at his Professorial Lecture, *Chemistry in the Treatment of Disease*, at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 11 May in MOLS Lecture Theatre.

What's on...

Monday 10 May – Sunday 16 May

Lectures, Seminars, Colloquia

Monday 10 May

12.30pm **Graduate History Seminar:** *Kipling and Imperialism: the complexities of imperialist ideas and their relation to the writings of Rudyard Kipling.* Sylvia Taylor, Arts C351.

1.00pm **Experimental Psychology Seminar:** *Human Memory Impairment Following Frontal Lobe Damage.* Alan Parkin, EP3.9, BIOLS.

1.00pm **IDS Gender Seminar Series:** *Local Government Women's Committees: Democratic Innovation?* Wendy Stokes (London Guildhall), Room 221, IDS.

2.00pm **Particle Physics Seminar:** *Dilution of the Dark Matter Density by Saxino Decay.* D. Lyth (Lancaster), PB2A1, MAPS1.

Tuesday 11 May

12.30pm **Mass Observation Seminar:** *A Social Semiotic Analysis of M-O Archive Writing.* Gunther Kress (London). Library Seminar Room.

2.00pm **Condensed State Physics Seminar:** *Defects in Diamond: Remaining Problems.* Dr. Gordon Davies (London), PB1A1, MAPS1.

3.30pm **SEI Research-in-Progress Seminar:** *Migration in East Europe.* Maria Durham and Malgorzata Suszczynska, (Szged University, Hungary), A70, SEI.

4.15pm **Biochemistry & Genetics & Development Seminar:** *A Closer Look at Nitrogenase.* Dr. David Lowe, EP4.9 BIOLS.

4.30pm **COGS Seminar:** *How to Design a Baby Mobot.* Dr. Julie Rutkowska, PB1A6, MAPS1.

5.30pm **Media and Cultural Studies Graduate Seminar:** *Carry on Dreaming: Identity, Subjectivity, Agency.* James Donald, Arts D630.

6.00pm **Public Lecture: Professorial Lecture.** *Chemistry in the Treatment of Disease.* Prof. Douglas Young, MOLS Lecture Theatre.

Wednesday 12 May

12.30pm **SEI Research-in-Progress Seminar:** *Transforming Socialist Economies – the Case of Poland.* Krzysztof Rybinski (Warsaw University), A70, SEI.

1.00pm **IDS Seminar Series:** *The Social Basis of Third World Capitalism.* Dr. Mick Moore, Room 221, IDS.

5.00pm **English Graduate Colloquium:** *On the Universality of Madness: Bessie Head's A Question of Power.* Jacqueline Rose (QMW), Arts D640.

Thursday 13 May

11.30am **Economics Research in Progress Seminar:** *Volatility in the Foreign Exchange Market.* Neil Michael, Arts D610.

12.30pm **Inorganic Discussion Group:** *Recent Developments in Powder Diffraction.* Dr. Jeremy Cockcroft (Birkbeck College), MS1, MOLS III.

12.30pm **Gender and Feminist History:** *Graduate Needs and the Aims of the Seminar.* A general discussion. Arts D421.

4.30pm **Experimental Psychology Colloquia:** *Evolution of the Human Brain Through Runaway Sexual Selection.* Geoffrey Miller, EP3.9, BIOLS.

5.00pm **Social and Political Thought Seminar:** *The End Justifies the Means: End Orientation and the Discourses of Power in Machiavelli's The Prince.* Maggie Gunsberg, Arts E419.

5.00pm **History Work-in-Progress Seminar:** *Gallantry, Gender and Englishness: The stoolball revival.* John Lowerson, Arts A155.

6.00pm **Meeting House Lecture.** *Studying New Religions in the West.* Prof. Eileen Barker (LSE), Quiet Room, Meeting House.

Friday 14 May

2.15pm **SPRU Seminar:** *How the Four Dragons Caught Up in Electronics.* Dr. Mike Hobday, Arts A103.

4.30pm **Philosophy Society:** *Human and Animal Consciousness.* Matthew Elton, Arts A155.

Centre for Continuing Education

Day Schools – Saturday 22 May

Exploring Historic Lewes on Foot. Explore the history and architecture of Lewes from the Saxons to the present with Graham Mathews (twice Mayor of Lewes). Fees £15/reduced £10/Minimum £4.

For further details and enrolment contact Yvonne Barnes, CCE, ext. 8527.

Open University Revision School – A 103

Revision of main blocks of A 103 led by OU tutors. For details contact June Walker, CCE, ext. 2093.

Gardner Centre

As part of the Brighton International Festival, dance and music feature prominently at the Gardner this month:

Slobhan Davies Dance Company.

A specially conceived composers programme from a major figure in British contemporary dance. Thursday – Saturday, 13 – 15 May, 7.45pm.

Voltaire.

An exciting programme from a dance company hailed for its ability to bring classical ballet into a contemporary context. Sunday 16 May, 7.45pm.

Tickets for both events £7.50/£5.50 (concs £1 off).

Chillingrian String Quartet.

The last concert series by the quartet as the Gardner's resident musicians. Three Sunday concerts beginning 16 May including works from Beethoven to Ravel, at St Georges Chapel, Kemptown. All performances 4pm. Tickets £8 (concs £1 off).

For details and tickets of all the above events contact the Gardner Box Office, ext. 685861.

Sussex University Women

The Sussex University Women's Group has organised a lunch and talk by Sachiko Okumura on Japanese women and society. Meeting House, Mon 10 May, 12.30 – 2pm. Please bring one dish with you – a main course or desert.

The Group has also organised walks, every Tuesday, (contact Verena Smith on 812335) and a gardening group (contact Pam Carlos on 515475).

Miscellaneous

Lunchtime Recital. Gavin Ashenden plays the flute and Richard Fox accompanies on piano.

Tues 11 May, 1.15pm in the Meeting House.

Scottish Ceilidh. An evening of Scottish festivities for International students and friends on Thurs 20 May, 8pm to 12pm.

Tickets £3.50, inclusive of Buffet, from the International Office, Sussex House.

Small Ads

NANNY SHARE OFFERED: Qualified child care available for 3 to 5 year old. FT or PT - negotiable. If you are interested in joining a nanny share, with a 3 and 9 year old, contact B'ton 553837. Stanford Avenue (Brighton) area. Non-smoking household.

ACCOMMODATION TO LET: Person wanted to share pleasant newly-decorated 2 person flat in Brighton. £50pw. London Rd station 5 mins. Contact B'ton 558947. **HOUSE FOR SALE:** On edge of Haywards Heath, overlooking the Downs, 15 mins from the University, 50 mins from London. 3 bedrooms, gas CH, garden with privacy and fruit trees, schools with excellent results, £65,000. Contact 0444 440393.

WANTED: Au Pair from beginning of June, any nationality, 20+ years old. Experienced with children, minimum stay 6 mts. Contact Sally Hooton – EDB ext. 8541.

FOR SALE: Ground Floor Garden Flat in Central Hove. Two bedrooms and large impressive living room. Long lease plus share in freehold (no management fees). Let down by a buyer, hence £53,000 or offers for immediate sale. Contact (0273) 726846, internal ext. 8530.

HOLIDAY LET: Dordogne Self contained and private wing of restored 17th century stone farmhouse in the Perigord Vert. Sleeps six. For further details contact 608508.

Bulletin

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