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OH! WHAT A LOVELY NEW CINEMA AT THE GARDNER



Lord Attenborough pictured with the Gardner Arts Centre Chairman, Reg Morgan, at the official opening of the Centre's new Film Theatre

Lord Attenborough, President of the Gardner Arts Centre and Pro-Chancellor of the University, opened the new 400 seat cinema at a Gala evening at the Gardner Centre last Friday 28 April. In honour of his many years' devotion, the Gardner's official opening film was *Oh! What a Lovely War*, which marked his directoral debut in 1968.

It was 26 years ago that a young Richard Attenborough arrived in Brighton and set up camp to start making the anti-war film musical *Oh! What a Lovely War*. Local people were treated to regular daily sightings of such stars as Laurence Olivier, John Gielgud, John Mills, Maggie Smith, Susannah York, Vanessa Redgrave and Dirk Bogarde.

Hundreds of Sussex undergraduates were involved as extras. This was the start of Richard Attenborough's long association with the University and the Gardner Arts Centre. He told a packed audience "For a number of sequences we needed to

portray the masses of young men who so cruelly lost their lives. The natural place to recruit such a cast was of course the University. And so I arranged to meet the then Vice-Chancellor, Asa Briggs."

Forthcoming films at the Gardner Centre include *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, *Forrest Gump*, *Schindler's List*, *Barcelona*, and *The Adventures of Priscilla Queen of the Desert*. Programmes are available at the Gardner Arts Centre and will be listed under *What's On in the Bulletin*.

Registrar hangs up his boots



In honour of services rendered to University football (and his 22 years as Registrar & Secretary), Geoff Lockwood, who retires this year, was invited to play in a farewell match last week. The match, between Sussex House and Estates took place on Monday 24 April at the Sports Pavilion. Sadly for the Sussex House XI, the Registrar's years of experience were not enough to stifle a lively Estates side who recorded a narrow victory of 8 goals to nil.

University Public Lecture

Norman Dombey
Professor of Theoretical Physics

Professorial Lecture

**FIFTY YEARS OF
NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

Tuesday 9 May at 6 pm
Molecular Sciences Lecture
Theatre

- All Welcome -

Successful Research in the Library

Two surveys of book availability have been carried out recently in the University Library. The first of these had among its aims to measure the extent to which Library users found the books that they wanted, and to quantify the impact of possible factors when they didn't. As a result of the findings, changes were made in Library practice. One of the aims of the second survey was to assess the impact of these changes.

A central, and cheering, result is that book availability (as measured by our methodology) was 71.7%, a significant improvement over the figure of 62.5%, measured during the first survey. Disentangling the possible reasons for this increase in availability is not easy, but there is some indirect evidence that the improvements to the computer catalogue screens, to Library signs, and to arrangements for reshelving returned books all played a part.

One innovation – the new arrangements for the Library induction of first year students – certainly had a significant effect: comparing the success rates at finding sought books for first year students only, in the first survey this was 61.9%, whereas in the second survey the success rate was up to 76.6%

It emerged from the first survey that some Library users seem to regard books in the Reserve Collection as unavailable to them, and the Teaching and Learning Development Fund is now financing a project to investigate students' and tutors' attitudes to, and use of, this facility.

Further information is available from Research Assistant, Neil Jacobs, to whom comments and suggestions may also be addressed.

What the papers say

A review of the new film version of Alan Bennett's play, *The Madness of King George* (*Telegraph* 21 March) included Professor John Röhl's explanation of the King's 'madness'. Responding to theories that the King may have suffered from a physical disease rather than mental illness, Professor Röhl refers to his discovery of 60 letters by Queen Victoria's grand-daughter describing the 'awful symptoms' of porphyria including 'paralysis of the legs, itching of the skin, constipation, abdominal trouble and....orangey dark-red urine'. As porphyria is an inherited condition, Prof Röhl's findings support claims that this was the cause of the King's raving.

In an article in *The Times Educational Supplement* (31 March), Dr Tony Binns stresses the importance of geography, and in particular development education, for the promotion of "global awareness and international understanding, as well as empathy and concern for others." He asks teachers to recognise the relevance of development-related issues within the national curriculum, and appeals to schools to give

these "vibrant and highly relevant" subjects greater respect and attention.

A paper presented to the British Psychological Conference by Professor Graham Davey attracted considerable press attention in early April. Researching into the disgust emotion, Professor Davey, and colleague Karen Barker from City University, discovered that the things that disgust humans fall into just five types: foodstuffs such as offal; the human body and body products such as greasy hair; invertebrate animals such as maggots; gastro-enteric products such as vomit; and sexual activities such as incest. The researchers concluded that disgust is primarily a food rejection response which prevents the spread of illness, disease and infection, with the category of taboo sexual practices representing a fear of activities that are culturally unacceptable. "But where in this list," asks Weasel in the *Independent* magazine (7 April), "is such an authentic trigger for the vomit reflex as the suffocating odour of hot bread, mistakenly pumped into shopping centres on the grounds that shoppers like it?"

CHANGING FACE OF CAMPUS

The following work is being undertaken by the Estates Division. You are requested to take care in the vicinity and to stay outside any safety barriers.

Work in Progress

- ENGG I: Major repairs: Anti-slip surfacing of workshop ramp, anticipated June.
- Refectory: Bookshop extension. Completion end of July.
- BIOLS: Car park. Greenhouse, anticipated completion end of May.
- Residences: Fire precaution works. Park Village, six new external fire escape staircases. Completion 19 May.
- Campus Lighting: improvements in progress. Minor disruption to roadways and footpaths due to installation of cables and new lighting columns, until July.
- External Decoration: Arts B, EDB and Kent House.

Road works by Local

Authority:

Knight's Gate Road, and Falmer: Widening of the road to the roundabout, and building a mini-roundabout at the sliproad from Lewes to ease

congestion at peak periods.

Planned Future Works for 1995:

- Essex House: Refurbishment. End of July until January 1996.
- MAPS I: Major repairs. June until September.
- IDS: Bar extension. Mid-May until mid-July.
- Innovation Centre (near CRPC): Mid-May until April 1996.
- Facilities for the disabled: COGS, new access door, and various other schemes to be programmed.
- Library: Repair and re-laying of entrance bridge paving and steps. Beginning of July to mid-August. Internal courtyard waterproofing. Beginning of July to end of August.
- External Decoration: Arts C, Sports Pavilion, Boiler House, Falmer House, BIOLS Teaching I.
- MAPS II: Alteration to

form new laser laboratory. Anticipated start at end of July for 10 weeks.

- York House & Lancaster House: Enclosure of external walkways, to comply with HMO legislation. Mid-July for 10 weeks.

Forthcoming Planning

Applications:

The following applications for listed building consent and/or planning permission are to be submitted to Brighton Borough Council. A copy of the applications may be seen at the Estates Building Reception:

- Arts A (Phase I, West): Safety infill work to edges of staircase.
- MAPS I (staircase to Bridge area): Safety infill work to edges of staircase.
- MAPS II (East): Blacking out of windows and location of laser coolers.
- Falmer House: Concrete repairs and roofing.

GOING GREEN

The University has made a clear commitment to environmental responsibility. In last week's Bulletin Pro-Vice-Chancellor David Streeter wrote about the University's environmental policy and the creation of a new post of Environmental Adviser. Penelope Chapple, holder of the post, talks this week about the appointment and her aim "to ensure that Sussex is at the forefront of environmental responsibility in higher education."

"Essentially there are three distinct aspects to the job:

- to reduce the environmental impacts of the campus operations; this will include issues such as energy efficiency, noise pollution, waste reduction and recycling;
- to promote environmental teaching and research
- to advise on any environmental problems facing the University.

"Since my appointment, I have been trying to assess what environmental initiatives have already been taken and what further issues people feel need to be addressed. It has been rewarding to discover just how much is already happening – from dedicated research groups through to environmental newsletters and localised recycling schemes. Even more exciting is the opportunity for further action – there is tremendous scope and soon I will be in a position to put together a prioritised action plan, in consultation with the Environmental Advisory Group.

"I am aiming to develop a comprehensive approach which will include all areas of the University. Fundamental to the success of this approach will be the development of an integrated environmental management system for the campus – essentially an environmental network of staff and students



Environmental Adviser Penelope Chapple

who will be responsible for the implementation of environmental activities in their own School/building. In addition, an Environmental Code of Practice is planned which will outline how everyone can help to protect the environment through individual action.

"Obviously none of this will be possible without the involvement of staff and students – this is an opportunity for everyone to get involved. My aim is to ensure, with your co-operation, that the University of Sussex is at the forefront of environmental responsibility in higher education."

SCANDAL

A new series of CULCOM seminars will this term investigate scandal as a genre, a particular type of event that happens in a number of spheres and reveals the shifting ground rules of social behaviour. Questions to be answered include: What makes a scandal? What is the role of exposure? What in the modern world is private? And if scandals are the contradictions of a changing social world, what is changing - norms, behaviour, awareness or tolerance? This Wednesday (10 May), scandal broker Max Clifford speaks on the role of the media. (4.30pm, Arts A1).

DEVELOPING GEOGRAPHY

DR TONY BINNS delivered his presidential address on *Geography in Development: Development in Geography*, at the recent Annual Conference of the Geographical Association held at the University of Lancaster (9-12 April). The theme of the conference was Developing Geography and was attended by over 1200 delegates from more than 20

different countries, including a large number of guests from Africa. The occasion of the conference was used as an opportunity to launch a new book, *People and Environment in Africa*, edited by Tony Binns.

The book contains 24 original case studies which consider the relationships between people and environment and attempt to dispel the popular

myth that African people are both victims of the environment and prime movers in the progressive exhaustion and degradation of environmental resources.

The book, which is published by Wiley and available from the University Bookshop, includes contributions from four former Sussex geography students.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

For more information, call Mylene Powell in the Research Office, ext 3812 (mornings only), email M.G.Powell@sussex.

USIS, UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX INFORMATION SYSTEM, accessible from any networked computer on campus, now has extensive information about sources of research funding, on the RESEARCH pages.

WOODROW WILSON FELLOWSHIPS IN HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES, based in Washington DC, normally for an academic year. Generous funding and facilities. Closing date 1 October 95.

SOCIETY FOR RESEARCH INTO HIGHER EDUCATION Small Grants for Younger Academics (normally under 40). No closing date given.

BBSRC HANDBOOK 1994/95, 204 pages, available in the Research Office.

Petition against closure of Neurological Unit

Ken Blanshard is organising a petition against the removal of neurosurgery from Hurstwood Park Hospital, at Haywards Heath, to two London Hospitals. Hurstwood Park has an international reputation, and serves all of Sussex and much of Kent. According to Ken, if patients requiring urgent brain surgery are delayed by journeys into London, the cost in quality of life and subsequent care may be very high. Surgeons have recently been advised that a bid for a brand new replacement unit in Brighton has been rejected.

Copies of the Petition are available for signature outside Ken's office in the Computing Service. But hurry - the Petition will be submitted by the weekend of 13 May.

Jim Hickman

We are very sorry to report the recent death of Jim Hickman, University Fire Officer 1974-83. Jim was always active and enthusiastic, whether training staff in how to fight fires, or when servicing the University's vast stock of fire extinguishers.

What's on...

Lectures, Seminars, Colloquia

Tuesday 9 May

1.30pm **Psychology @ COGS Research-in-Progress Seminar:** *The Function of Confusion*. M. Coulson (Middlesex) PB2A3, MAPS I.

3pm **Sussex European Institute:** *Why the French Government Signed the Treaties of Rome?* F. Lynch (Manchester) Arts A71.

4pm **COGS Seminar:** *Protocols for Reference Sharing in a Belief Ascription Model of Communication*. Prof Y. Wilks (Sheffield), PB5C11, MAPS III.

4.15pm **Biochemistry and Genetics & Development Seminar:** *Origin of Anterior-Posterior Polarity in Drosophila*. D. St. Johnston (Wellcome/CRC Research Institute, Cambridge), Biology Lecture Room.

6pm **Professorial Lecture:** *Fifty Years of Nuclear Weapons*. Norman Dombey, Professor of Theoretical Physics. Molecular Sciences Lecture Theatre. Admission Free. All welcome.

Wednesday 10 May

12.30pm **Environmental Science Research Seminar:** *Why Plant Physiologists Are Interested in Soil Salinity*. Prof T. Flowers, MS3, MOLS.

2pm **Engineering Lecture/Demonstration:** *The Quad Electrostatic Loudspeaker – the Technology of this Remarkable Loudspeaker, With Examples of Orchestral, Instrumental, Vocal and Choral Music*. J. D. Edwards, AS3, ENGG II.

4.30pm **CulCom Interdisciplinary Seminar:** *SCANDAL – Brokering Scandal: the Role of the Media*. M. Clifford, Arts A1.

Thursday 11 May

Joint Kent/Sussex Seminars at Canterbury: 3pm *Wavelet Methods in Statistics: Some Recent Developments*. B. Silverman (Bristol). 4.30pm *Statistics and Neural Networks*. M. Titterton (Glasgow). Details from J. A. Bather on 678595.

5pm **Geography Research Seminar:** *The Universal Register Office: The Problem of Information in the Eighteenth Century*. M. Ogbourne (Queen Mary College), EDB 302.

5pm **Social and Political Thought Seminar:** *Time, Globalisation, Global Culture*. B. Adam (Aberystwyth), Arts D630.

6pm **Chaplaincy Lecture:** *Becoming a World Citizen: Utopian Nonsense or Common Sense?* Bruce Kent (CND, Pax Christi), Sallis Benney Theatre, Grand Parade, University of Brighton. Admission Free. All welcome.

Friday 12 May

2.15pm **SPRU Seminar:** *Research on US Academic Engineering Research*. Prof R. Morgan (Washington), EDB 121.

4pm **Centre for Composition and Contemporary Music Research:** *Some Preliminaries to the Discussion of Music Temporality*. R. Adlington, Recital Room, Falmer House 120.

4.30pm **Philosophy Society:** *Intertheoretical Reduction in the Logic of Confirmation*. H. Bensusan, Arts A 155.

Cinema at the Gardner

Wednesday 10 May: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, 11.30pm.

Sunday 14 May: *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, 3pm & *So F***** What*, 6pm.

Tickets: £2.70 (Reduced £2.20 for University of Sussex students).

Monday 8 May — Sunday 14 May

Library Bank Holiday Opening

The Library will be open between 12.30 and 6.30pm over Bank Holiday including Monday 8 May. Usual weekend services available.

Exams and the Sportcentre

Exams will be taking place at the Sportcentre in Hall 2 from May 22nd - June 9th inclusive and from June 19th - June 30th. The Sportcentre timetable for the period will be altered. Full details in next issue of Sport magazine or contact ext. 8228.

Campus Opticians

Opticians on campus (attached to chemist at health-centre) carry out eye examinations, contact lens fitting and spectacle repairs most days during term at cheaper than off-campus prices. Appointments can be made via the chemist or contact 699883.

Housing for Students

Brighton Private Sector Housing Forum (Brighton Council) is holding a seminar on housing needs for students on Wed 17 May, 2-4pm, Terrace Room, Refectory. An opportunity to put forward your views. Details from Irene Browning on ext. 8149.

Secretarial Exchange

A Secretary working at the University of Adelaide is interested in an exchange for between 6 & 12 months. For further details contact John Gaunt, Personnel Office on ext. 3767.

Music on Campus

Lunchtime Recital

1.20pm Charles Macdonald (organ). Chapel. Tue 9 May. All welcome.

1.15pm Jo Bruggemeyer (violin), Ben Walton (piano). Recital Room 120, Falmer House. Thur 11 May. All welcome.

Walk for Life

Join thousands walking in cities and towns across the country in this year's biggest Aids awareness and fundraising event on Sunday 4th June. For registration pack and further details ring the Walk hotline on 0800 374437.

London – Brighton Bike Ride

An 18-strong University Staff Team is tackling the above ride on Sun 18 June. The event raises money for the British Heart Foundation and sponsorship is welcome. Contact Graham Curry on ext. 3914.

Barn & Farm Weekend

A Barn & Farm Weekend on May 12-14 at Mickelpage. All welcome. £25. Contact ext. 8217.

CCE Saturday Schools — 20 May

Victorian Society and the Arts

A consideration of Victorian values with particular reference to novels and paintings which illuminate aspects of Victorian behaviour and attitudes.

Downland and its Special Birds

A look at how birds adapt to downland habitats which are the result of human exploitation.

Tom Stoppard

A study of Stoppard's plays and an estimation of his overall significance and importance as a dramatist. Reduced rates for students and staff. Enrol with CCE on 678527.

Small Ads

FOR SALE: 1995 Season Ticket for Sussex County Cricket Club. Value £52.50. Unwanted prize. Offers welcome. Contact Lee on ext. 8216.

FOR SALE: Slimline Sunbed (6ft long, 6 tube wide). Excellent condition. Used only 3 times. £80. Contact ext. 3852.

FOR SALE: Woman's bike. 10 gears. £75. Contact ext. 3424 or 550968.

FOR SALE: Fitted kitchen including all units, double sink, dishwasher, fridge/freezer, double oven, gas hob, extractor. £1,500. Contact ext. 8527.

FOR SALE: Perigord cottage near Mussidan, France. 5 rooms, large garden. Excellent condition. £31,000. Contact 01903 236890.

FOR SALE: Epsom-Apex PC. 20MB. Mouse. Microsoft Windows. Good condition. £150. Contact 550476.

FOR SALE: Drytype Lettering Machine. Has the unique ability to produce professional lettering on tape at low prices. Has sticky back which gives great versatility (includes 7 letter discs with various fonts). Bargain £80ono. Contact the Sportcentre on ext 8228.

TOYS WANTED: Looking to buy Lego and Playmobil that your kids have outgrown. Contact 556384.

NANNY AVAILABLE: Qualified with 5 yrs experience. Available 2 days pw. Contact Sarah on 483812.

TO LET: Single room in comfy 2 bed shared flat. 5 mins Preston Park BR. £38pw excl. Suit faculty, p/g. Contact Gareth on ext. 3060 or 566790 (eves).

TO LET: Outstanding room in Central B'ton for n/s who would be willing to pitch in with various tasks. £45pw incl. (negotiable). Contact 705397 (eves).

ITALIAN CONVERSATION: Offered at modest rates by qualified teacher (French also available). Contact 705397 (eves).

TRANSLATIONS: Technical & scientific English/French/English translations. Contact P. Bernard (French Tutor) on ext. 2640 or 687013.

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