Welcome to another set of interesting activities and news of fellow members.

Please note the fairly tight booking deadlines for activities.

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de la Warr Pavilion, Bexhill-on-Sea: building tour and lunch
Wednesday 2 June 2010

We now have a firm date for this event, first advertised in the last Newsletter.

• Private group tours of the de la Warr Pavilion are by appointment only, and this date has been booked exclusively for Suss-Ex Club members.
• Lunch is booked for 1.00pm in the first floor restaurant overlooking the sea, followed by a tour of the building. The two-course lunch will include fish, meat and vegetarian options, all ingredients fresh and locally-sourced.
• The cost of the lunch and tour is £20 per person. If you would like to join the group, please send your name(s), email address or phone number and a cheque made out to S. Bullock (sue.bullock@hotmail.co.uk, 01273 682133, 104 Bonchurch Road, Brighton BN2 3PH) to reach her by Tuesday 18 May. All bookings and final arrangements will be confirmed.
• The tour will last approximately an hour. There will also be an opportunity to visit the bookshop and exhibition galleries during our visit. Exhibitions will include Modern Times: Responding to Chaos – drawings, prints and films selected by artist and film-maker Lutz Becker; a new painting installation by Tony Bevan; and an installation of Anthony Gormley figures.
• The de la Warr Pavilion is on the seafront at Bexhill-on-Sea, with a large car park adjoining and free parking on the seafront.
• It may be possible to arrange lifts if car drivers would let Sue know when booking whether you are able offer seats and if so from where and for how many people. Anyone who would like a lift, please contact her with your details and she will try to put you in touch with someone with a spare seat.
Theatre Trips

Here are the latest suggestions for possible Suss-Ex theatre trips. The plays are:

- Oscar Wilde, *Salome*, directed by Jamie Lloyd for Headlong Theatre, June 15-19; tickets £19.
  ‘The brutal power of ancient myth collides with twentieth-century decadence in Oscar Wilde’s dazzling verse tragedy… a vivid contemporary production of this rarely seen masterpiece.’

  ‘In a magical tour de force, Simon Callow… tracks down the real William Shakespeare, bringing to life both the man and his unforgettable characters – lovers, kings, soldiers and clowns’.

  ‘Ayckbourn’s ingenious comedy shines a brilliant spotlight onto the trials and tribulations of suburban marriage.’ – ‘Reduces the audience to blissful tears of laughter’ (*Telegraph*)

We can usually get a group reduction on the price of tickets for the performances listed if at least ten people want to go, and it is that price which is quoted for *Salome* and *Bedroom*, but there are no reductions for *Shakespeare* - so for that tickets are more expensive, but there is no problem about numbers. Dinner together beforehand, or after a matinee, will be booked at Carluccio’s for those who want it.

If you are interested, let Jennifer Platt know by May 18th (preferably by e-mail to j.platt@sussex.ac.uk - or phone 01273 555025, post to Freeman Centre [n.b. no longer Arts D] on campus, or 98 Beaconsfield Villas, Brighton BN1 6HE). A booking needs to be made promptly to ensure that tickets are available, and your money then has to be sent in time for the total bill to be paid in advance. Please use the slips on the last page: just mark all days/times which would be OK, number those when you are free in order of preference, and indicate the number of tickets wanted and whether you would like to join dinner before (evening) or after (matinee). You will be notified of the outcome very soon after May 18th.

Stephen Medcalf

The Spirit of England: Selected Essays of Stephen Medcalf, edited by Brian Cummings and Gabriel Josipovici, will be launched at 3pm on Saturday May 15th in the Meeting House. All are welcome.
The book includes essays on topics from Virgil and the Bible to P. G. Wodehouse and John Betjeman, as well as Stephen’s piece on finding a baby in a telephone box.
Campus nature walk

David Harper and David Streeter will lead a campus nature walk on Tuesday 25 May. Readers of their Bulletin column will know that the campus has a considerable range of items of interest, even in such apparently improbable areas as the car parks. The walk will start at 16.00 from outside the John Maynard Smith [Biology] lecture theatre - map reference TQ 347108! (By about 18.00 the group should have reached the Swan, so any late-comers could make their way there.) It would be useful if those coming could let Ken Wheeler know in advance: kenneth.wheeler@ukonline.co.uk, Tel. 01273 478426, 22 Cranedown, Lewes

Members’ 2009 publications and other academic activities

We know there are more than we have listed here – further contributions invited!

**Maggie Boden**
Wasow Visiting Scholar at Stanford, and gave two invited lectures.
Fifth Turing Memorial Lecture, ‘Turing and artificial life’, given at Bletchley Park, 2009

**Jim Hanson**
Synthesis and quantitative structure - antifungal activity relationships of clovane derivatives against *Botrytis cinerea*.

**Willie Lamont**

**Michael Lappert**
P. B. Hitchcock, M. F. Lappert, Gang Li and A. V. Protchenko, *Chem. Commun.*, 2009, 428-429, β-Diiminato complexes of arsenic including the formally As\(^1\) compound [As\(_3\)L\(_3\)] \([L = \{N(C_6H_3Pr_2\_2,6)C(H)\}_2\_CPh}\).
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W. M. Boesveld, P. B. Hitchcock and M. F. Lappert, Inorg. Chem., 2009, 48, 11444-11450. Varied reactions of [M(L)]₃ with HgCl₂, FeBr₂, CeCl₃, AgOTf; ligand transfer, nucleophilic attack with recombination and/or fragmentation [M = Li or Na; L = N(SiMe₃)₃C(H)N]₂SiMe₃].


Laci Löb


His book Dealing with Satan: Részô Kasztner’s Daring Rescue Mission was published in Finnish in January 2009, and is being translated into Hungarian and German. He addressed various meetings in Helsinki in January 2009.

John Nixon


**Sybil Oldfield**

Biography, Jeanie, an ‘Army of One’: Mrs Nassau Senior 1828-1877, the First Woman in Whitehall (2nd, revised edition).


**Jennifer Platt**

Conference papers:
‘Presidential addresses and global social enquiry’, and an invited contribution to a panel on 'The future of the research relationship’, British Sociological Association conference, Cardiff 2009.


Talk given: ‘Some popular methodological fallacies in egalitarian discourse on gender, race, and class’, University of Plymouth.

Doctoral thesis examined for Sydney university, Australia.

**David Smith**


**R. C. Smith**  
Invited talks:  
Mullard Space Science Laboratory (University College London), May 2007: Mapping the secondary stars in cataclysmic variables. (Repeated in updated form at the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM), in Ensenada, Baja California, August 2009.)  
Conference poster:  
A. Dunford, R. C. Smith, C. A. Watson, Roche tomography of RU Pegasi, presented at the 14th North American Workshop on cataclysmic variables and related objects, Tucson, Arizona, March 2009. Publication will be online.

**Donald Winch**  
Wealth and Life: Essays on the Intellectual History of Political Economy in Britain, 1848-1914. He is also giving the keynote addresses, based on the book, to the annual conferences organised by the History of Economics Society in Denver and in Fremantle, Western Australia.

See next page for theatre booking forms.
Theatre Trip booking forms

Please be sure to submit these forms by May 18 to:
Jennifer Platt
Emeritus Professor of Sociology
Freeman Centre
University of Sussex
Falmer, Brighton BN1 9QE

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