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CROQUET AFTERNOON

Monday 1st July 2013

Richard and Pat Jackson invite Suss-Ex members to visit the Sussex County Croquet Club in Kingston Lane, Southwick, one of the oldest and largest croquet clubs in the country. Participants, who may or may not have played croquet before, will have the opportunity to try out this interesting sport on good quality grass courts in pleasant surroundings. The simple version of the game is easy to pick up after about 20 minutes instruction.

Please assemble at the Club at 1.45 pm for a 2.00 start. There will be tea from 3–3.30 and time for more play 3.30–4.30. It should be possible to get away before the evening rush hour traffic builds up.

The Club will charge £10 per person for the use of courts and equipment, and tea. We need to know names and contact telephone numbers of participants, but there is no need for advance payment. In the event of inclement weather we could postpone or cancel the visit during the morning. Visitors need to wear flat-soled shoes or trainers, and comfortable clothing.

If you would like to come please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter and return it by Monday 24th June to Richard Jackson, 20 Glen Rise, Withdean, Brighton, BN1 5LP, send an email to R.A.Jackson@sussex.ac.uk or telephone him (01273 501483).

Possible future Theatre Trips

With the Brighton Festival under way we may all feel too busy to think of more theatre outings. However, when the Festival is over we have a novel problem—too many attractive possibilities, which makes it hard to choose which to offer next. So, democracy? Below the candidates are listed, and if you might be interested you are asked to let Jennifer Platt [J.Platt@sussex.ac.uk] know right away which ones you might be interested in as a later offer. This will not commit you to anything, but will help to determine which plays are offered later. Thank you for your help!

June 24–9 The Pitmen Painters, a National Theatre production

June 1–6 Relative Values, Noel Coward comedy prior to West End, starring Patricia Hodge, Caroline Quentin and Rory Bremner.

July 17–20 Shakespeare’s Globe on tour with the three Shakespeare Henry VI plays [under their original titles]; each on twice, with all three a special offer on the Saturday. Assuming we would go only to one, which one?
Recent Suss-Ex Activities

Twenty-two people enjoyed the wine-tasting hosted by James Hirschfeld in the Pevensey Building on 8 March. His recommendations on red and white wine from Southern Italy can be found on his website, alongside discussion of the combinatorics of finite projective spaces and coding theory. We thank James, Charles Goldie and his helpers, who organised the event.

Research Contributions by Retired Staff

For several years we have collected in January a list of retired members’ research activities for the previous year. Many Suss-Ex members are notionally retired but still active in research and contribute to the work and reputation of the University. We publish the contributions during 2012 so that these are not forgotten.

Tony Binns

Book

Book chapter

Articles
Peter Bushell
Article

Leslie Fielding
Book

Tony Fielding
Book

Charles Goldie
Professional service
Continues to chair the Scientific Committee of the British Mathematical Colloquium (BMC), the annual meeting of UK pure mathematicians.
Conference
Invited discussant at the international meeting “The Mathematics and Statistics of Quantitative Risk Management”, held from 29 January to 4 February 2012 at the Mathematisches Forschungsinstitut Oberwolfach, Germany.

Vivienne Griffiths
Books
Article
Report
Professional service
Conference organizer, At the Crossroads: new directions in teacher education conference, Canterbury Christ Church University, 16–18 July.

John Haigh
Book

Jim Hanson
Continues as Deputy Editor of the Journal of Chemical Research and sits of the editorial board of five other international journals.
Article

**Mike Lappert**  
**Article**  
M. P. Coles, P. B. Hitchcock, M. F. Lappert and A. V. Protchenko, ‘Synthesis and structures of the crystalline highly crowded 1,3-bis(trimethylsilyl)cyclopentadienyls [MCp"3"3] (M = Y, Er, Yb), [PbCp"2"2], [{YCp"2"2(μ-OH)}2], {(ScCp"2"2(μ-η2:η2-C2H4)}, [YbCp"2"2Cl(μ-Cl)K([18]-crown-6)], or [{KCp"3"3}′′′, *Organometallics*, 2012, 31, 2682–2690.

**Margaret McGowan**  
**Award**  
University of Sussex 50th anniversary honorary fellowship.  
**Papers given**  
March: Leopold Delisle lectures delivered at the Bibliothèque nationale de France.  
May: Bergamo conference—paper on Henry IV’s political manipulation of royal entry ritual.  
**Book**  

**Roger Morgan**  
**Articles**  
A number of book reviews in *Times Higher Education*.

**Jennifer Platt**  
**Awards**  
British Sociological Association Distinguished Service to British Sociology Award, 2012.  
Sarton medal of the University of Ghent Faculty of Political and Social Sciences for the academic year 2012–13, for research in the history and philosophy of social science.  
American Sociological Association Section on the History of Sociology, Lifetime Achievement Award, 2012  
**Articles**  
‘Making them count: how effective has official encouragement of quantitative methods been in British sociology?’, *Current Sociology* 60: 690–704, 2012.  
Reprinted  
**Book review**  
**Conference paper**  
International Sociological Association’s Research Committee on the History of Sociology, ‘The International Library of Sociology and Social Reconstruction and British sociology.’  
**Professional service**  
Continues as Vice-President for Publications, International Sociological Association; particularly active on issues of ‘Open Access’ for the journals of international learned societies.
Mike Ramsey
Articles
http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.apgeochem.2011.05.022
Royal Society of Chemistry L S Theobald Lectureship 2012 winner.

David Smith
Article

Robert Smith
Article
Book review
Conference paper

Mike Wallis
Articles

Donald Winch
Award
Elected to Honorary Membership of the European Society for the History of Economics, award made in St Petersburg, May, 2012


Obituaries

The following obituaries have appeared recently in the Bulletin.

Peter Ambrose 7 December 2012
Brian Easlea 7 December 2012
John Golds 4 January 2013
Sandy Grassie 30 November 2012
Jonathan Harvey 7 December 2012
Barbara Lloyd 12 October 2012
Peter Mayo 26 October 2012
John Mepham 5 October 2012
Reg Mutter 4 January 2013
Lisa Smirl 1 March 2013
Ronald Taylor 4 January 2013

All can be accessed from the University website

Either go to www.sussex.ac.uk. Click on A-Z, then S, then Staff – The Suss-Ex Club (former staff). Scroll down to Miscellany and click on the first item to get an alphabetical list, which also gives links to obituaries published in national and international newspapers and journals.

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Roy David Guthrie 1934–2013

R. D. Guthrie, whom everyone knew as ‘Gus’, was appointed as a member of staff at Sussex in 1963. He was a graduate of King’s College London and before coming to Sussex had worked at the Shirley Institute (for the study of textiles) in Manchester and as a lecturer at the University of Leicester. His research in carbohydrate chemistry, particularly on the introduction of amino groups into sugar structures, was a hot topic of the 1960s. Much of his work was done in the group that he built up at Leicester and Sussex. He was co-author of a major text, which later became known as “Guthrie and
Honeyman’s *Introduction to Carbohydrate Chemistry*, and ran to several editions. He became the first editor of the series of Royal Society of Chemistry specialist periodical reports covering this area.

He was a consummate organiser (he confessed one day that he would have liked to have been a senior civil servant) and someone who saw the academic community to which he belonged as a whole, rather than as a group of entrepreneurs, each doing their own thing. It was not surprising therefore that soon after his arrival there was a Guthrie Committee on Teaching, and that the report it produced strongly influenced the development of the undergraduate degree. Instead of courses from the usual carefully guarded organic, inorganic and physical divisions of chemistry we had programmes delivered by teams from all three branches, with strong student participation in problem sessions and workshops, and much discussion between staff. He also organised the first Sussex 'crash course' on stereochemistry that provided a model for similar courses on other topics. These were popular with students but had to be abandoned because of administrative constraints.

Although Gus never appeared to be angry or overbearing, he nearly always got what he wanted. He had remarkable skill in persuading his colleagues to help him in his enterprises. He was given responsibility for the organisation of the annual Royal Society of Chemistry three-day jamboree at Sussex in 1966. It was important to a young university, attempting to establish its claim as a thriving place for learning and research, that this went without a hitch, even when there was a postal strike. Gus managed to make everyone feel important and to showcase both the new university facilities and the existing civic buildings like the Royal Pavilion in Brighton.

The qualities that we saw in him as a young senior lecturer at Sussex came to fruition after he left in 1973. He first became founding dean of the faculty of science at the newly established Griffith University in Australia and later became the university’s first vice-chancellor. He had a long-lasting influence on the development of science in that country. From 1982–1985 he returned to the UK as Secretary General of the Royal Society of Chemistry, the person routinely asked to comment on Government policy relating to the subject. Four separate learned societies, the Royal Institution of Chemistry, the Faraday Society, the Society for Analytical Chemistry and the Chemical Society had joined in 1980 and Guthrie oversaw the amalgamation of the different aims, qualification structures and membership conditions to make a new organisation called, as it still is, the Royal Society of Chemistry.

He then returned to Australia to become the president of the New South Wales Institute of Technology. During his period of office this became the University of Technology, Sydney. As vice-chancellor, he was responsible for the later amalgamation with Kuring-gai College of Advanced Education and the Institute of Adult and Teacher Education. His contributions to education were recognised with the award of the Order of Australia. After he retired in 1996, he set up a consultancy in university governance and made significant further contributions to higher education in Australian, New Zealand and Middle Eastern countries. He also founded the Coastal Caring Clowns organisation and took on the role of Charlie the Clown in visits to sick and elderly patients in hospitals and care homes. He died on 12 January 2013 after a struggle with cancer during which he was treated with the aminoglycoside antibiotic gentamicin. He had studied the structure and synthesis of this drug many years earlier in his research at Sussex. He is survived by former wives Ann and Lyn, three sons, David, Richard and Jonathan, and a grandson, James.

*Jim Hanson and David Smith*
SUSS-EX CLUB CROQUET AFTERNOON

1 JULY 2013

To Richard Jackson 20 Glen Rise, Withdean, Brighton, BN1 5LP
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Please reply by Monday 24 June 2013

I should like to come to the croquet afternoon on 1 July.

Name

E-mail address

Home address

Telephone number
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Booking Details (to be returned no later than 23rd May)

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