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Christmas Party

12.30–2.30pm, Thursday 15th December 2016

The Christmas buffet lunch for Suss-Ex Club members, their guests, and USPAS former staff will take place on Thursday 15th December, from 12.30–2.30pm. (USPAS members will receive a separate invitation via the USPAS Office and should reply to Tracey Llewellyn.)

The party will be in the same venue as last year: The Terrace Room, 3rd floor, Bramber House. There is a lift in the lobby of Bramber House to take you to the 3rd floor.

If you are driving to the University and would like to collect a parking notice to display in your car, so that you do not have to pay for and display a parking ticket, please collect the parking notice on your way in, from the Reception Desk in Sussex House. You may park in any of the University car parks.

The cost to Suss-Ex Club members is £7 per person (guests are welcome) and includes a buffet lunch, wine, soft drinks and tea or coffee. The closing date for bookings is Wednesday 30th November.

Please print and complete the booking form at the end of this Newsletter and return it with a cheque or credit/debit card details to Jackie Fuller, 21 Pelham Square, Brighton BN1 4ET.

NB Please do not send card details by email.
Recent Suss-Ex activity:  
a joint event with the Cambridge Society of Sussex

Suss-Ex members joined the Cambridge Society of Sussex, the club for Sussex-based alumni of the University of Cambridge, for an evening event on the Sussex campus on 5th October. After a buffet meal we heard Professor Sir Richard Jolly give a talk entitled UN ideas that changed the world. Sir Richard directed the Institute of Development Studies from 1972 to 1981 and served the UN in many senior roles thereafter.

Those present enjoyed an interesting and convivial evening, with a good fit between the Suss-Ex and the CamSoc styles for a meeting of this sort.

The Suss-Ex tour of the Brighton Sewers arranged for 13th July was unfortunately rained off, a great disappointment to organiser Colin Finn and to those who booked and came.

How Open is Open Access?

Those retired academics among us who are still publishing may nonetheless not have kept up with the changes going on in the journal system. I assumed that, as in the REF, one could not be included if one was no longer employed by the University, so the question of which mode to choose did not arise for us. I am happy to say that I was wrong: for some purposes the university affiliation implied by an emeritus title is sufficient, and using a University e-mail address helps. The University has made a deal with Springer, the publisher for the journal in which an article by me is appearing, which covers my situation—and maybe yours?—and means that it can be given open access without my being required to pay.

But whatever is happening now is not the same for every publisher or university, and further changes may still be made, so one should not assume that what one knows already will remain the case. Helen Webb of the Library has kindly provided this note:

The University supports Open Access (OA) publishing, and Sussex-affiliated researchers are able to make their research OA free of charge by depositing a copy of their accepted manuscript in Sussex Research Online. The Library also enables Sussex researchers to publish Gold Open Access at a reduced cost through a number of institutional memberships and publisher initiatives. Find out more here: http://www.sussex.ac.uk/library/goldoadeals. Each publisher will have different eligibility criteria and if you are uncertain whether you would qualify for a discount please contact openaccess@sussex.ac.uk before committing to publish Gold OA.

Jennifer Platt
A.A.H. (Tony) Inglis
Tony Inglis, Senior Lecturer in English until his retirement in 2001, died on 22nd July 2016 aged 80.

Tony came to Sussex from a research position in Edinburgh in 1964, after Cambridge and national service in the Navy. He was one of several lecturers in English in those pioneering days of the university who had been born and bred in Scotland: these included the late David Daiches, founding father of Sussex English, the late Patricia Thomson, Michael Jamieson and Angus Ross. Like them, he brought clarity, intellectual breadth and a strong sense of civic engagement to teaching and writing.

Tony’s interests and his range of knowledge and expertise were extraordinary, extending to painting, music and intellectual history as well as literature. He was as much at home in teaching the literature and culture of the English Civil War or the eighteenth-century as he was in teaching the literature and culture of the Victorian period or modernist poetry and fiction or the popular interdisciplinary course on ‘Literature, Politics and Society in the 1930s’. His special interests included the work of Virginia Woolf, on whom he wrote a number of important essays, D. H. Lawrence (whose essay-collection *Phoenix* he edited for Penguin) and Walter Scott. His substantial Penguin edition of Scott’s *The Heart of Mid-Lothian* (1994) and his Edinburgh University Press edition of *Woodstock* (2009) show to the full his rigorous scholarship, historical understanding and cultivated sensitivity as a literary critic.

Tony was a much-admired colleague, generous in the support and valuable scholarly assistance he gave to the work of others, respected for his dedication to his students and to the life of the English Subject Group, as it was called then. He was always willing to devote time, critical acumen and creative energy to unglamorous but important activities such as syllabus revision. Like many of his generation, he had responded positively to the influence of F. R. Leavis on English studies when he was at Cambridge, but he moved on from there, keeping abreast of developments in the discipline and making sure the university library did the same. His engagements as teacher and scholar-critic with theories of reading and interpretation were valued additions to the distinctive style of teaching and research associated with Sussex English from the 1980s onwards. His wife Bet and his daughter Kitty have also contributed enormously to the intellectual life of the university. Bet Inglis was a distinguished member of the university library from 1968 to 2000, and Kitty Inglis has been Librarian at Sussex since 2008.

A long-standing and active member of the University of Sussex branch of the Association of University Teachers, Tony’s experience, advice and support were greatly appreciated by colleagues in the School of English and American Studies and in the university as a whole.

Tony was diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease and Lewy Body dementia in 2009, which he bore with dignity. He is survived by Bet, his three daughters and three grandsons.

Peter Boxall, Alistair Davies, Norman Vance

An edited and shortened version of the above obituary, plus a photograph, appeared in the University’s online *Staff Bulletin* of 28th October 2016.
Brian Taylor: 18th March 1950–1st September 2016

February 2019: this obituary has been temporarily removed on account of issues that have been raised about it.

Low Thomson, 1936- 2016; Emeritus Senior Lecturer in Physics
Dr Alexander Low Thomson sadly died on 10th September 2016 after a long illness.

Low was born in Dundee in 1936. He tragically lost both his parents when he was a teenager and was brought up with his two sisters by an aunt and an uncle. He attended Dundee High school and read Natural Philosophy at the University of Dundee. His undergraduate degree was followed by his PhD work at Duke University, North Carolina, where he was introduced to the mysterious and wonderful world of low-temperature physics by the inspiring Horst Meyer.

Low came to Sussex in 1963 as a research fellow in Douglas Brewer's research group and so became one of the founding members of Physics at Sussex. He carried out valuable work in the mysterious world of liquid helium, investigating its strange properties when it is confined in small spaces and when it is rotated. After high-temperature superconductors were discovered in 1986, it was a natural move for him to work in this area, where he made valuable measurements of their magnetic properties.

Low was a delightful colleague. He was always full of enthusiasm and gave enormous support to his colleagues and post graduate students. Every year he met up for a reunion with his earliest post-graduate students. He loved teaching and found his forte running, for many years, the first year undergraduate practical laboratory. Visiting US pre-med students were inspired by his introductory course on physics for medical students.

Low was at his jovial best helping to run summer schools for sixth formers and he was always to be found cooking on barbecues at the associated parties.

Above all Low was a family man. He was a devoted husband to Alison, father to Vivienne, Jennifer and Charles and he was never happier than when he was with his grandchildren.

Colin Finn

An obituary of Low Thomson by Douglas Brewer, plus a photograph, appeared in the University’s online Staff Bulletin of 7th October 2016.

The Suss-Ex Club maintains a list of obituaries of deceased colleagues at http://www.sussex.ac.uk/suss-ex/Obituaries.html. This is also linked from the Club homepage (see below).

Two books

The Inheritance Powder
corruption, arsenic poisoning and the dilemmas of love. It can be ordered through
bookshops or online as print or e-book. Further detail can be found via

**Willie Lamont: History Man**
Another book with major involvement of Suss-Ex members is *Willie Lamont: History
Man* (Linda Lamont, 2016), which gained the following accolade in a ‘What are you
reading’ article in *Times Higher Education*, 3rd March 2016, from Geoffrey Alderman,
Professor of Politics and Contemporary History, University of Buckingham:

> “William M. Lamont is an authority on 17th century Puritanism, but also
> on how teachers should teach history. As he was prevented by illness
> from completing his autobiography, his wife has put together essays
> from his many students and colleagues. I was delighted to be asked to
> contribute to this Festschrift with a difference, into which one can dip
> again and again for inspiration and enlightenment.”

Linda Lamont, whose e-mail is linda.m.lamont@gmail.com, writes “I would like
to say that people can telephone me (01273 470940) or send me a cheque for £10 to
cover postage in the UK to 4 East Street Lewes BN7 2LJ. I have a few copies left but
unless there is an amazing response I do not expect to get more printed. However my
excellent printers will always do a run of at least 10 copies if I should need them; one of
the benefits of the electronic age!” Meanwhile, the University Library holds a copy, in
Special Collections.

Linda adds that Willie, though frail, still remembers his colleagues with affection.

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**Suss-Ex: the website and the Committee**

**The website**
More information about Suss-Ex is available on its webpage at
http://www.sussex.ac.uk/suss-ex/. ‘Suss-Ex Club’ in Google will get you there, as will
http://tiny.cc/sussex, or you can find us in the A–Z on the University’s homepage. The
website has copies of past Newsletters.

**The steering committee**
Suss-Ex activities are organised by a steering committee, which currently comprises:
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**Ideas for the future**
We are always seeking ideas for social occasions when we can meet former colleagues. Please let us have your suggestions, or volunteer to join the committee. We meet once a term, when practicable immediately before a Suss-Ex event.
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Booking Details (to be returned not later than 30th November 2016)

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