



## HONORARY DEGREES TO BE CONFERRED ON TEN DISTINGUISHED PEOPLE

LEICESTER University is to confer honorary degrees on ten people of national and international renown in July.

The honorands are drawn from the worlds of academia, music, medicine, science, and industry. Among them are former Leicester students as well as Dr Ken Edwards who is due to retire in September 1999 after 12 years as Vice-Chancellor.

Returning to the University will be Mr Chris Moon who is an active campaigner against the use of land mines, having lost an arm and a leg on a mine-clearing mission. Scientists to receive degrees include Dr Philip Campbell, Editor of *Nature*; Professor Fred Leckie of the Department of Engineering, University of California at Santa Barbara, USA; Professor Sir Keith Peters, FRS, Regius Professor of Physic at the University of Cambridge; and Mr Tim Appleton, Manager of the Rutland Water Nature Reserve.

Professor Gillian Beer, FBA, King Edward VII Professor of English Literature at the University of Cambridge is among the honorands; as are Professor Sir Anthony

Wrigley, Master of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge; the former US Ambassador to Britain Mr Raymond Seitz, now Vice-Chairman of Lehman; and the industrialist Sir Richard Sykes, Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive of Glaxo Wellcome.

The Vice-Chancellor Dr Ken Edwards said: "Degree ceremonies are very important events in our calendar and the July ceremonies in particular represent the culmination of the academic year. Our own students, who will be graduating at these ceremonies, can enjoy their success and can share the occasion with our honorary graduands who have achieved distinction in their lives in a wide range of activities. These include academic life, business activities and public life; they range from local services to international contributions. By honouring such a variety of activities the University

### I N S I D E

**SPACE FOR MEETING:** Dr Helen Sharman, first Briton in space, talks with University Students. Page 7.



**TOP APPOINTMENT:** Leicester graduate is Britain's senior representative in India. Page 13.

**SWEET CHARITY:** Cakes for Comic Relief. Page 14.



demonstrates its wide commitment to society.

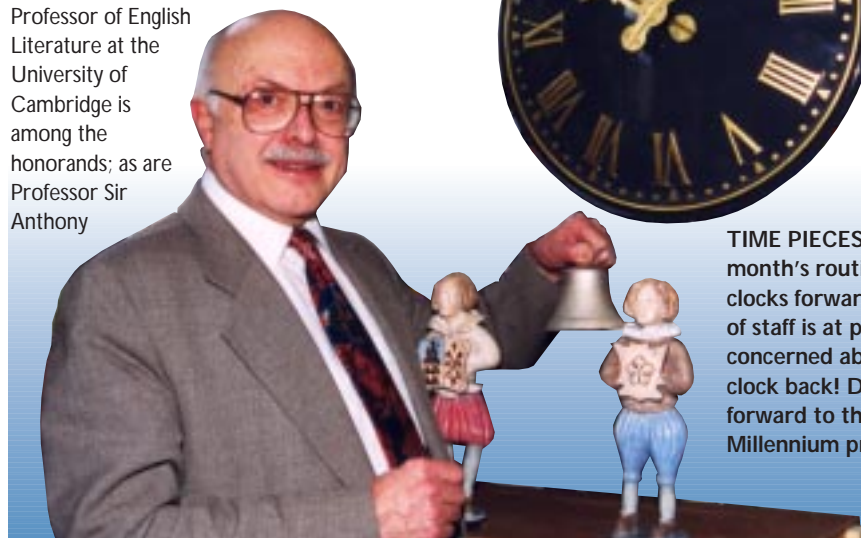
"Accounts of the achievements of our honorary graduands which will be presented by the public orators will, we hope, stimulate our own students who are graduating at the same

ceremonies to look forward to fulfilment and achievement in their own lives and careers."

• Full details of honorands on pages 19 to 20.



**TIME PIECES:** Despite last month's routine of 'putting the clocks forward', one member of staff is at present more concerned about putting the clock back! Dr Allan Mills looks forward to the completion of a Millennium project. Page 18.



## VOLUME 31 NUMBER 7

APRIL 1999

NEWS.....	1-8
BUSINESS.....	9
ALUMNI.....	10
INTERNATIONAL.....	11-13
OUT & ABOUT.....	14-15, 18
ARTSTOP.....	16-17
FEATURE.....	19-20
TEACHING INITIATIVES.....	21
CUTTINGS.....	22
BOOKS.....	23-24
PEOPLE.....	26-27
NOTICES.....	28-29
SPORT.....	30
CROSSWORD.....	31
PHOTOSTOP.....	Back Page

### RESEARCH GRANTS SUPPLEMENT INSIDE BULLETIN

#### SOMETHING TO SHOUT ABOUT?

Press and Publications Office will be pleased to receive news from individuals and departments via the following email address:  
pressoffice@le.ac.uk

The closing date for the next issue is **Wednesday 14 April** for publication in the first week of May. The Editor reserves the right to amend or abbreviate copy without notice.

The *Bulletin* is edited in The Press and Publications Office.

Small advertisements (up to 30 words in length) should be accompanied by cheques, payable to University of Leicester, at the following rates:

House sales and lettings: £5.00  
Other sales and services: £2.00

Prices for display advertisements are available on request. Please contact Chris Walters, Marketing Officer LUSU, extn 1150. Private, non-commercial announcements are carried free of charge, subject to space.

Editor: Ather Mirza (Ext 3335)  
email: am1m@admin.le.ac.uk

Deputy Editor: Barbara Whiteman (Ext 2676)  
email: ara@le.ac.uk

People, Books, Research, Cuttings, Notices, Artstop.

Reporters: Judith Shaw/Jane Pearson

Design and layout: Paula Curtis, Graphics Studio

Pictures: Central Photographic Unit,  
Leicester Mercury, and members of staff.

Cartoons: Barbara Whiteman

Printed by Central Reprographic Unit.

• Special colour cover courtesy of  
Central Reprographic Unit.

Leicester University • University Road  
Leicester LE1 7RH

E-mail: [pressoffice@le.ac.uk](mailto:pressoffice@le.ac.uk)  
Newsline: 0116 252 3335  
Advertising: 0116 223 1168

## BLINDED BY SCIENCE?

A RECENT report in *Nature* by Dr Edward Gaten and Dr Peter Shelton of the Department of Biology has highlighted the damage being caused to the eyes of deep-sea shrimps by the searchlights of submersible craft.



INSIGHT: Dr Peter Shelton.

The shrimps in question live around hydrothermal vents along the mid-oceanic ridges. In this inhospitable habitat, consisting of very hot sulphurous water, the vent shrimps thrive on a diet of sulphur-oxidising bacteria.

In place of the compound eyes found in other species of shrimp, vent shrimps have evolved a remarkable thoracic eye composed of a naked retina covering up to one third of the back of the animal. During a trip to two mid-Atlantic vent sites, Dr Peter Herring (Southampton Oceanography Centre) found that some of the vent shrimps had pink eyes whilst others of the same species had white eyes.

Subsequent analysis at Leicester has shown that the white eyes display total retinal breakdown typical of light-induced damage. The pink eyes show normal structure although there is evidence of the start of retinal breakdown initiated during capture.

Hydrothermal vents are found at depths of greater than 1000m so the only bright lights they have ever been exposed to are those of the submersibles used by scientists exploring the vents. As a result of this, every vent shrimp that has ever been seen is now permanently blind. This may not be the catastrophe it first seems as earlier research by Dr Shelton's group on Norway lobsters blinded by sunlight suggests that they survive, grow and reproduce as well as fully-sighted individuals. However, the long-term effects of the mass blinding of vent shrimps are impossible to predict. The evolution of such a remarkable eye would not have occurred unless it conferred some significant advantage on the vent shrimp. It remains to be seen how the irreversible loss of this organ affects the shrimps.



EYE FOR DETAIL: Dr Edward Gaten.

## ROYAL THANKS

THE Private Secretary to HRH The Duke of Edinburgh has written to the Vice-Chancellor asking for the Prince's thanks to be conveyed to all those involved with Royal visit on 26 February.

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis said that the Prince was 'absolutely fascinated' by the various aspects of the Space Research Centre's work and, had there been time, would have liked to have spent more time at the Centre.

The Duke's appreciation at receiving the model of the XMM Satellite was also expressed in the letter.

The University of Leicester *Bulletin* includes advertising to offset production costs. It should be noted that the University of Leicester does not necessarily adopt or endorse the products and services advertised in the *Bulletin*. The *Bulletin* cannot accept responsibility for any errors in advertisements and inserts. The Editor reserves the right to refuse or amend any advertisement.

## ON-LINE BULLETIN

Issues of the *Bulletin* are accessible on CWIS via the following web address: <http://www.le.ac.uk/bulletin/>

## CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER BACK ON HOME TERRITORY

THE Government's Chief Medical Officer, Professor Liam Donaldson, returned to his former University where he officially opened a new Unit as well as met up with former colleagues.



**ROLE:** Dr Richard Baker is to be the Director of the CGRDU.

Professor Donaldson, a former senior lecturer at the University, toured the University's Department of General Practice and Primary Health Care, which is based at Leicester General Hospital.

While in the Department, Professor Donaldson officially opened CGRDU – the Clinical Governance Research and Development Unit. Clinical Governance is the new framework within the NHS to ensure high quality in all aspects of patient care.

Professor Robin Fraser, Professor of General Practice at the University, said: "The principal remit of the new Unit is to

research, develop and disseminate effective methods of clinical governance in primary health care, and at the interfaces of primary care with secondary and community care.

"The Unit will succeed the Eli Lilly National Clinical Audit Centre and will build on, and extend, the activities and achievements of the Lilly Centre.

This new Unit is the result of an ongoing and close partnership between Leicester University and Leicestershire Health Authority in

medical research, leading to better patient care. The CGRDU will be funded by the Health Authority with substantial pump-priming support from Eli Lilly and Company Limited.

The work of the CGRDU will include:

- research into effective methods of implementing change in professional behaviour and performance
- determination of methods for the professional development of individuals and teams
- development and evaluation of ways of involving patients in clinical governance.

Professor Fraser added that he was delighted that Professor Donaldson had found time to visit his former University: "Professor Donaldson and I worked closely together, both within the University and at the Uppingham Road Health Centre, during his time in Leicester. He is also the architect of the clinical governance initiative within the NHS."

Professor Donaldson, who succeeded Sir Kenneth Calman in September, was educated at Rotherham Grammar School and Bristol, Birmingham and Leicester universities. At Leicester, he was appointed to a lectureship in community medicine in the Department of Community Health in 1977 and he was subsequently appointed as senior lecturer in Epidemiology in the Department in 1981. He gained his MD from Leicester in 1983.

- Full story and pictures of the visit in May *Bulletin*.



**DELIGHTED:** Professor Robin Fraser worked closely with Professor Donaldson.

## PIONEERING TECHNIQUE SUCCESS

A **TECHNIQUE** pioneered at Leicester has led to the country's first kidney removals using keyhole surgery being performed at Leicester General Hospital.

A mother from Desborough was one of three people to have the operation when she gave a kidney to her 20-year-old son.

The procedure of removing kidneys in this way for transplant is being pioneered in this country by Professor Michael Nicholson and Mr Peter Veitch, of the University Department of Surgery, who went to Baltimore in the USA to enhance their skills.

Professor Nicholson explained: 'There is no sense of touch. You look at a TV screen during the procedure. We have a spiral CT scanner which gives you a three dimensional picture of the donor's kidneys which can be rotated on the screen in front of you.'

Professor Nicholson added: 'I think it is potentially a very important advance.'

## NEW CENTRE SPANS THE WORLD

THE Department of Economic & Social History is taking part in a new international research initiative – The International Centre for Convict Studies – based at the University of Tasmania, Hobart.

Six researchers from the Universities of Leicester, Tasmania, Barcelona and Edinburgh have set up the interdisciplinary project that is designed to promote teaching and research into convict studies, particularly on non Anglo-Celtic convict labour streams. Penal transportation from North America, South Asia, the Caribbean, Mauritius and the Lusophone and Hispanic-speaking world will be central to the project.

The Centre's first move will be to set up a website through which members can access on-line material, for both undergraduate and postgraduate teaching.

Leicester is then set to host a major "convict studies" conference on 9-10 December 1999 that will be attended by delegates from across the world.

Dr Clare Anderson, the lecturer from the Department of Economic & Social History involved in the project said: "This is a really exciting opportunity. It will bring Leicester to the forefront of studies into convict transportation."

## TOP RUSSIANS JOIN THE FAST-TRACK

A DELEGATION of top Russian police academics visited the Scarman Centre from 20-26 March.

The senior Russian officers, who lead key branches of Russia's network of Law Institutes, were in Leicester to discuss a new module in Public Order for fast-track police recruits.

The course has been specially designed by the Scarman Centre to meet the demands of Russia's new democratic state. Adrian Beck, Lecturer in Security Management at the Centre, explains: "Issues of crowd management need specialist policing skills and tactics. An important part of any human rights agenda is the ability to hold peaceful demonstrations and to organise other mass events".

The highlight of the Russian visit will be a trip to the Riot City police training centre in London to experience the British approach first hand. The officers also watched demonstrations of dog training and firearms training at West Mercia

Police Headquarters.

The Scarman Centre has forged strong links with Russia and Ukraine. Other projects in the region include a module on Comparative Policing in Western Europe, and further work is being planned around training in community policing and crime prevention. Seven more senior Russian visitors are due to arrive in May for an intensive Human Rights course, backed up by a bespoke programme of English language training at the Language Services Unit.

Ian Woodward, the University's Director of Professional Development, believes that the links will support democratisation and economic reform in Russia: 'By developing a better understanding of how crime and public order is dealt with in other countries, police in Russia and Ukraine will be better equipped to face these problems in their own particular environment'.



DEVELOPING UNDERSTANDING: Ian Woodward, Director of Professional Development.

## TAKING ACTION ON VIOLENT ASSAULTS

THE Scarman Centre hosted a conference dedicated to tackling work-related violence. National and international experts on violence gave papers which outlined new research about the causes and impact of violence at work and looked at a range of solutions.

Papers showed that violence is now becoming a feature of many occupations, with many more people than ever before at risk of assault. While many other types of reported crime are falling, violent crime is still at a concerning level.

Indeed one study presented at the conference indicated that, in a six month period, 27% of bus drivers from one transport company were physically attacked whilst on duty. Sadly, only a quarter of those victimised went on to report the assault through official channels.

Dr Claire Lawrence, Lecturer in Psychology and Security Management, has researched work-related violence for almost ten years and has seen an increase in awareness and concern.

'Violence is a problem which must be managed at every level of the organisation. In particular, it is always important continually to evaluate procedures and systems to make sure that they are as effective as they can possibly be,' says Dr Lawrence. The Scarman Centre is increasingly being called on to provide advice and support for organisations wanting to improve their systems for dealing with violence.

Topics covered by the conference included legal responsibilities, effective monitoring systems, staff training and post trauma care. There were sessions on bullying in the workplace, causes of violence and a chance to discuss the problem of managing violence with people from a wide range of organisations. Papers reported on work carried out with the NHS, bus drivers, pub landlords, retailers and a range of other occupational groups.

## CONTINUED COLLABORATION

FOLLOWING two highly successful visits last Spring from senior South African civil servants concerned with law and order, the Scarman Centre played host to a delegation from the Department of Safety and Security within the Free State Provisional Government.

One of the delegates visiting the Centre was the Provisional Minister for Safety and Security and she was accompanied by two of her senior colleagues. The aim of the visit, funded by the British Council and the Department for International Development, was to provide insights into current UK thinking about policing and criminal justice, covering topics such as relations between the police and the public, racial harassment and violence, community safety and support for victims of crime.

Programme organiser, Kate Broadhurst of the Scarman Centre, explained: "In the light of the recent report into the Lawrence inquiry, this visit comes at a crucial time for British policing. In South Africa, the transition from the apartheid era has been remarkable and although the country still faces enormous challenges, there is every reason to feel hope for the future. We are honoured to have been given this opportunity to contribute to the process of redevelopment".

The visitors undertook an intensive series of visits, including to Leicestershire Police Headquarters, the Racial Harassment Project at the City Council, the Home Office, the Police Complaints Authority and the Racial and Violent Crime Task Force at New Scotland Yard.

Leicestershire Constabulary has played an important role in facilitating the programme. The South African officials will meet senior personnel from the constabulary and visit police headquarters to examine technology and specialist departments.

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE OF LEADING HISTORIAN

THE life of a leading historian, who played a pivotal role in locating and developing as a tourist attraction the site of the Battle of Bosworth, was celebrated at the University.

Dr Danny Williams, of the Department of History, died on 25 November last year. Colleagues organised a Celebration of the Life and Work of Dr Danny Williams on 10 March consisting of readings, mini-lectures and a musical interlude.

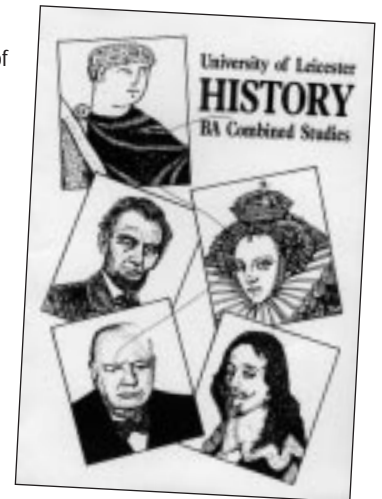
Dr Williams, a specialist in medieval history, had been associated with

Leicester University since 1968.

Along with the commemorative celebration, the Department has established a Memorial Prize Fund, which has reached £1,500, for the best undergraduate work in Medieval History.

• Pictured gathering for the Celebration are, from left, Professor Richard Bonney, Head of

History, Alexander Williams, Christopher Williams, Mr Rupert Evans, Amy Crowhurst (third-year undergraduate), Sue Howlett (Past MA Historical Studies student), Professor Norman Housley, Dr Paula Dobrowolski (former History research student) and, front, Dr Babette Evans and Dr Marilyn Palmer.



## ISLAMIC FOCUS FOR LECTURE

A LEADING Muslim who has made a major contribution to Muslim-Christian-Jewish relations delivered the annual lecture in an important series promoting dialogue between followers of different religions.

The Centre for the History of Religions, Inter-Faith Dialogue and Pluralism chose Sheikh Dr M A Zaki Badawi, the Principal of the Muslim College and the Chairman of the UK Council of Imams and Mosques, to give the public lecture 'Islam in a Multi-Faith Society' on 17 March.

It was the second 'Sir Sigmund Sternberg Lecture' for the Centre and marks a further step in its work in mutual understanding and goodwill between peoples.

Sheikh Badawi is the co-founder of The Three Faiths Forum with Sir Sigmund Sternberg – an organisation that has already made great strides in Muslim-Christian-Jewish dialogue.

Professor Richard Bonney, Director of the Centre, commented: 'There can be few more critical issues in the world today than the relationship between Islam and the West and the way in which the sizeable Muslim presence in Europe is to be regarded by others.'

'For much of the twentieth century, the issue has been anti-semitism. This has now been confronted, at least in the main west European democracies, even if it has not yet been totally defeated. But now the issue is what a recent report has termed 'Islamophobia'.

'It is how Muslims are to be treated within our society. Are they to be made welcome and their traditions respected?

Or are they to be treated with suspicion, hostility and rampant prejudice, purporting to be justified by the fear of 'Islamic fundamentalism'?

'These are complex issues for a tolerant, multi-faith, society to confront and on which guidance is required. One of the most respected voices who can act as a guide is Sheikh Dr Zaki Badwai.'



RESPECTED VOICE: Sheikh Badawi with Professor Bonney, left, and Dr Edwards.

## APPEAL FOR HELP IN COMPILING UNIQUE 'PEOPLE'S HISTORY'

A UNIQUE People's History is to be compiled in Leicestershire recording social change and the major events that touched people's lives across the community.

The University, in partnership with Leicester City Council and Leicestershire County Council, is planning the exciting new project. The aim is to create the first large-scale oral history archive in the region to generate wide understanding of the people's history since the 1930s.

Professor Peter Clark, Director of the Centre for Urban History, said: 'The partners have identified hundreds of existing recordings in Leicester and Leicestershire – but they would still like to hear from organisations or individuals who may have tapes or videos which could be deposited in the archive.'

The project is headed by the Centre for Urban History at the University, and backed by the museums, libraries and archive services of both Leicester City Council and Leicestershire County Council. The expected budget for the project is about £400,000.

Professor Clark said: 'The first stage of the bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund will ensure the preservation of existing oral history and make it more accessible to schools, students and the general public on CD ROM

and tape.'

Material will be available across the city and county via schools, museums, archives and public libraries

In addition to large oral history collections at the Leicestershire Record Office, the City Council's Living History Unit and the Mantle Oral History Project at Coalville, the material already identified includes research for student dissertations, village histories or publications to mark the anniversaries of different local organisations.

New material would be generated during the second stage of the project, to chart major events in City and County, and add to the record of social change during the 20th century.

Professor Clark added: 'As the new Millennium approaches there is a real danger that people's memories of the 20th century will be lost forever. This is an important and challenging project which will involve all aspects of the area's community and will be a beacon for the future'.

Anyone who has material to contribute to the archive, or would like more information about the project should contact Mrs Cynthia Brown, Museum Education Officer, Jewry Wall Museum, St Nicholas Circle, Leicester, LE1 4LB, telephone: 0116 262 7898.



**CHALLENGING PROJECT:**  
Professor Clark.

## LAW STUDENTS WIN BOARDROOM BLITZ

THE University Law Faculty has managed to record another national triumph in a major competition by winning the Berwin Leighton – Boardroom Blitz competition.

The competition, only in its second year, is aimed at teams of second year law students. The teams are responsible for running their own fictional companies, manufacturing an imaginary product. The game involved manipulating a range of variables on a period to period basis in order to achieve the most profit. Variables include the price of the product in different sales markets, production, transportation and consultancy costs, research and development outlay etc.

Over fifty faculties competed in this year's competition with the best five teams going through to the final which was held on 7 March, at Berwin Leighton's offices in London. The initial stages of the competition involved competing against four other faculties, over a period of three months, to achieve a place in the grand final. The five winning teams with the highest cumulative profit after six rounds, made it through to the final.

The Leicester team made up of Richard Hansen and Hemanth Kissoon, assisted by Ravi Showan and Jyoti Vasdev and coached by Salim H Mukaddam, easily made it through to the final by achieving the highest profit difference between themselves and their nearest rivals in the entire competition; knocking out two Oxbridge colleges in the process.

The final took place over an entire day, and consisted of another six period decisions, this time with only half an hour to make the relevant choices per period. The teams were informed of their relative positions at the half way stage, but were kept in suspense as to their final ranking until the presentation later that evening. The presentation made during a dinner reception at the Globe Theatre, and was attended by various members of Berwin Leighton staff, the managing partner Bob Jones, representatives of *The Lawyer* newspaper (who had sponsored the competition) and the special guest, Terry Leahy, Chief Executive of Tesco plc.

The results placed Sheffield University fifth, Hull University in fourth place, Manchester University in third, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford in second, and the University of Leicester as clear victors. The prizes awarded by Terry Leahy, were the Boardroom Blitz 'jigsaw trophy' for the faculty, and a 3Com Palm Pilot III Personal Organiser, (worth £300 each), for every member of the winning team. The event turned out to be a total success enjoyed by all, and further stabilises Leicester Law Faculty's position as one of the best in the country.

**Conference Service**

**We look forward to meeting you here**

**Call us today**

Rebecca Myatt  
Conference Sales & Marketing Manager


Leicester University  
Conference Service  
Standard Hall  
Leicester LE1 7RH

Tel 0116 271 9933  
Fax 0116 272 0752  
<http://www.le.ac.uk/conference/>

A peaceful setting, away from the hustle and bustle of the city. Professional conference facilities. Efficient, friendly service. What more could you ask?

- Excellent value for money
- All inclusive – no hidden extras
- Landscaped grounds and botanical gardens
- Free car parking
- Easy access by car, bus and rail

For more details about holding your conference at Leicester University, contact our Conference Service now.



**Leicester University**

COMMERCIAL SERVICES

## INSPIRATIONAL VISIT FOR STUDENTS

A GROUP of students from Leicester have got the stars in their eyes.

The thirteen students, who are all from the Department of Physics and Astronomy, were participating in the Youth Space Centre's Workshop near Moscow in Russia from 3-12 April. The Centre is a Russian organisation catering for young people with an interest in the space industry.

Highlights of their trip included visits to Star City, the Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Centre, a Mission Control Center, MIR and the International Space Station control rooms, aerodynamics and rocket propulsion laboratories, and museums displaying lunar probes, rovers, space suits, life support systems and early rockets,

Their action-packed tour also offered a chance to meet and talk to a

range of key Russian and other international personnel involved in all areas of space research, including cosmonauts, space station crew members and flight controllers. There was also a presentation on the International Space Station.

Professor Ken Pounds, Department of Physics and Astronomy said: 'Although the Russian Space Programme is suffering from the economic problems of the country, much of the infrastructure and many of the key engineers and cosmonauts survive from what was the world's largest space programme. It should be an inspiring and educational visit for our students.'

## ARTEFACTS FROM OUT OF THIS WORLD

HONORARY graduate Helen Sharman, the first Briton in space and a trustee of the National Space Science Centre millennium landmark project, was in Leicester to receive a selection of Russian space artefacts which were given to the NSSC.

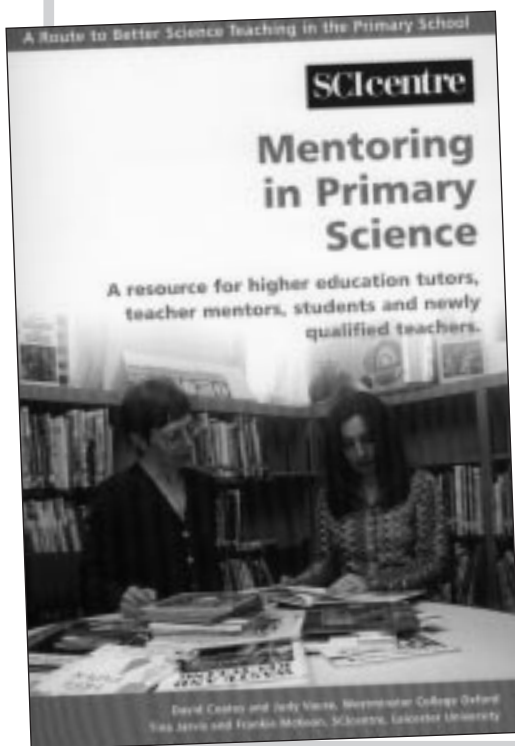
The artefacts, which include a space suit like the one Helen Sharman would have worn on her mission, a space toilet, the couch into which Ms Sharman was strapped for takeoff to Mir, a space headset and some documentation, are the first pieces of space memorabilia to arrive at the National Space Science Centre. They will be on display at the centre once it opens in Spring 2001, along with other dramatic pieces of space hardware.

Dr Sharman also visited the University and met staff and students in the Department of Physics and Astronomy.



**PLEASED TO MEET YOU:** Cosmonaut Helen Sharman welcomes the NSSC's first space artefact – a space suit identical to the one she wore on her mission to Mir in 1991.

## COMMUNICATING SCIENCE



THE National Centre for Initial Teacher Training in Primary School Science has completed its second year.

The Centre – known as SClcentre – is based at the School of Education at Leicester and at Homerton College, Cambridge.

SClcentre aims to encourage mutually beneficial collaboration between organisations involved with initial teacher training to increase the output of good newly qualified primary school teachers who can promote effective, appropriate and stimulating science learning.

A number of publications, mentoring video and teacher pack have been produced to achieve this. SClcentre is core funded by Society of Chemical Industry.

## SET FOR SUCCESS

DR RICHARD Evans, from the Department of Cell Physiology and Pharmacology, and Dr Declan Bates, lecturer in electrical engineering from the Department of Engineering, represented the University at a SET exhibition at the House of Commons.

The reception at the Commons was for excellent young scientists and consisted of poster-style presentations. SET 99 was Britain's sixth national week of Science, Engineering and Technology and the University organised a spate of activities to mark the event.

## TAKING CONTROL OF THE SKIES

AEROSPACE experts converged on the University in March to discuss the latest advances in flight and engine control of air vehicles ranging from helicopters to vertical take-off and landing fighters and unmanned aircraft.

The Department of Engineering is a world leader in the development and application of advanced control techniques for flying. Now a new network has been launched to encourage transfer of ideas, methods, techniques and challenges in Aerospace Control between academic groups and industrial companies.

Dr Declan Bates, lecturer in electrical engineering, said: 'Aerospace Control systems relate to all aspects of flight and engine control of a wide variety of air-vehicles – from aircraft and helicopters to spacecraft, rockets and satellites.

'Specifically, 'Control' in the context of aerospace applications entails the use of on-board computers to support/enable the pilot to fly the aircraft. The resulting 'fly-by-wire' technology allows the pilot to directly control the states (velocity, flight path etc) of the aircraft via the Flight Control System (FCS), rather than controlling the aircraft control surfaces (rudder, tailplane etc).

'Computerised flight control systems offer many advantages including better aircraft flying qualities, decreased pilot workload, more efficient use of aero-engines etc. Indeed many new high performance aircraft are designed in such a way that they cannot be flown manually and are completely reliant on FCS technology to stay in the air!'

Dr Bates added: 'The Control Systems Research Group at the Engineering Department has for some years been a world leader in developing and applying advanced control techniques for aerospace applications from 'fly-by-wire' helicopters to Harrier Jump-jets. Strong



**HIGH FLIERS:** Technologies developed at Leicester have been successfully tested on a new experimental helicopter.

research links have been established with many of the UK's leading aerospace companies such as BAe, Lucas Aerospace, the Defence and Evaluation Research Agency (DERA) and Rolls-Royce.'

Partly as a result of its strong research record in this area, the head of the group (and Department) Professor Ian Postlethwaite was recently successful in his bid to set up a research network in the area of Aerospace Control, based at Leicester. The network, which is supported by the UK Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC), includes the control and aerospace research groups from the universities of Leicester, Cambridge, Sheffield, Glasgow, and Cranfield. Important links have also been established with Continental Europe through the participation of Delft University of Technology and the Netherlands National Aerospace Laboratory. All of the major UK Aerospace Companies are also members of the network.

The first technical workshop of the network brought together leading academics and industrial researchers in the field, and provided a valuable overview of the current state of UK research in this key technology area. It also provided a forum for industrialists to evaluate the relevance and direction of academic research with respect to their own technical experience.

## RESEARCH BATTLE AGAINST KIDNEY FAILURE

ONE of the University's prestigious medical lectures focused on new research for kidney disease.

Dr Nigel Brunskill, Honorary Senior Lecturer and Wellcome Trust advanced research fellow at the University's Faculty of Medicine & Biological Sciences, delivered the annual Frank May Prize Lecture on 24 March.

'Cell Signals: The Key to Turning the Tide of Kidney Failure' was based on Dr Brunskill's research observations which suggest possible new treatments for early kidney disease aimed at preventing the progression to dialysis.



**RESEARCH EXPLAINED:** (front row) Dr Brunskill (centre), with Dr Edwards (left), Dr May (right). Back row from left, Mrs May, Professor Harris, Mrs Brunskill.

'In the UK the number of patients with kidney failure who require dialysis is rising steadily,' he said. 'In Leicester there are about 500 patients on dialysis and 500 with transplants. In addition, others with kidney disease are currently likely to need dialysis.

'Although dialysis treatment is able to keep these individuals alive it is a poor substitute for native kidney function. It would therefore be preferable to prevent kidney failure from developing, but treatments directed towards this goal have so far been largely ineffective. Indeed, even minor disturbances in kidney function often progressively worsen culminating in the need for dialysis with no treatment being possible.'

Dr Brunskill explained that patients' kidney problems were often detected initially by urine testing.

'The presence of blood and especially protein in the urine seems to identify individuals particularly at risk of developing kidney failure,' he said.

'My research has indicated a crucial role for urinary protein in the development of kidney disease. Proteins present in the urine are able to damage the cells in the kidney by stimulating messages or signals within these cells. The function of these cells is then disturbed leading to kidney damage. These observations suggest possible new treatments for early kidney diseases. Using preventative medicine it may be that dialysis is not necessary.'

Dr May is an honorary graduate of the University and a member of the University's Council.

Business Bulletin examines some of the main business stories from the University, and is compiled each month by LUCENT and Press & Publications Office. Any stories or ideas should be sent to LUCENT.

(ext 2696, email: lucent1@le.ac.uk).

# BUSINESS

## EXCELLENT PARTNERSHIP

A PREMIER East Midlands organisation that promotes Business Excellence is to work alongside the University which has been invited to become one of its honorary members.

The East Midlands Quality Club (EMQC), which moved to the University at the beginning of February, is a not-for-profit organisation that promotes and supports business excellence and quality improvement throughout the East Midlands.

The EMQC, which was launched at the first regional World Quality Day Conference in November 1989, will be based in the Management Centre alongside its President, Professor Tony Bendell, who joined the University in October last year.

The Club has over 100 members from all areas of the East Midlands who take advantage of a leading-edge programme of presentations, 'ideas exchanges', site-visits, conferences and workshops. Membership is drawn from all sectors: service and manufacturing; public and private; and is open to small, medium and large organisations.

As an Honorary Member, staff from the University are eligible to attend the various seminars and events run throughout the East Midlands, most of which are free of charge. Other Honorary Members include Midlands Excellence, the Regional Supply Office, the Government Office for the East Midlands, and the Institute of Quality Assurance.

The EMQC offers the opportunity for local organisations to network

on a regular basis, and provides a forum for the transfer of skills and techniques, education, sharing experiences, developing quality improvement initiatives, and informal discussion.

Linda Mee, Business Manager of the EMQC

said 'I am delighted that the Club has moved to the University of

Leicester which has a reputation for pioneering excellence across a range of activities.

'We look forward to welcoming members of staff to our forthcoming events. I believe that this association will prove to be mutually beneficial to both the Club and the University and am excited by the prospect of establishing close links with the various departments'.

Forthcoming topics include: 'Integrating Self-Assessment into Business Planning', 'Knowledge Management', 'Introduction to the Intranet', 'Supply Chain Management – Exploding the Myth', and 'Stress Busting'.

## Business Bulletin



**BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP:** Linda Mee, Business Manager of the East Midlands Quality Club, based at Leicester University, holding the trophy awarded by Midlands Excellence to the winners of the Midlands Quality Award.

# 15% off

# .home & motor insurance

**home insurance** 0800 86 86 86

Includes: 24 Hour Emergency Assistance Line  
Please quote ref: PDUNLEI

**motor insurance** 0800 44 55 88

Includes: 24 Hour Breakdown Assistance (outside a 1 mile radius of your home)  
(Comprehensive only) Please quote ref: PDUNLEI

for University  
of Leicester  
Employees



Call now and you could win a European Break for two\*

**Lines open: 8am–8pm Mon – Fri, 9am–1pm Sat.**

To improve our service, telephone calls are recorded and randomly monitored.

Cover and premiums are subject to individual assessment. \*No purchase necessary. Full Terms and Conditions available on request.

NB: This service is only available in England, Scotland and Wales excluding the Channel Islands and Isle of Man. Zurich Municipal is a trading name of Zurich Insurance Company. A limited company incorporated in Switzerland. UK branch registered in England. No BR105. UK Head Office: Zurich House, Stanhope Road, Portsmouth, Hampshire PO1 1DU.

  
**ZURICH  
MUNICIPAL**

# ALUMNI

## ALUMNI PROFILE: JO HAYWARD – TV JOURNALIST

I'D wanted to be a journalist since I was a child, so that gave me a head start when I began looking for work experience in Leicester while I studied English. I'd already manoeuvred my foot in the door during my gap year by working as a Production Assistant in the World Service sports unit.

First stop was the odd article for *Ripple* (which I still have listed on my CV!) and then weekends working for BBC Radio Leicester doing everything from reading the racing results to reporting from the radio car. I left Leicester for a year to complete a postgraduate journalism course before returning to the city to freelance. After a lot of hard work I secured a staff job at Radio Leicester as a reporter, covering everything from murders to fluffy dog stories.

Moving to regional TV was the next step and I now work as a reporter

for both East Midlands Today and BBC News 24 based in Nottingham.

In January I'm heading to Bosnia on attachment with my husband (another BBC journalist) to run a TV training course for journalists in Sarajevo. This will be followed by a three month stint in Russia before returning to Nottingham in July.

I can't believe nearly ten years have passed since I first went to Leicester, but my job often takes me back to the campus to cover the latest research and discoveries.

My advice to anyone wanting to get involved in broadcasting is to get cracking with work experience as soon as you can and do a degree you really love. Get involved with the university paper and check out the local radio stations.

In my experience Leicester proved a great place to get started.

*Jo Hayward (née Black)  
English Literature 1992*



## WILLIAM RUDDICK RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

THE late Bill Ruddick (BA English 1960, and a former Chairman of Convocation) bequeathed a substantial sum of money to Leicester University Convocation, which decided that it should be used to assist postgraduate students in the Faculty of Arts.

The endowment will produce sufficient income to award two William Ruddick Scholarships each year, one to a research student in the Department of English and one to a research student in one of the other Departments in the Faculty of Arts. The first competition for the scholarships will take place in November 1999 and awards will be made by a panel of trustees chaired by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts.

The Faculty of Arts has expressed its profound appreciation of Bill's benefaction and the encouragement it will give to Arts research students.

## CONVOCATION

CONVOCATION is the officially-constituted organisation charged with responsibility for looking after the interests of all University alumni and is the statutory channel of communication between them and the University's governing bodies. Its importance is underlined by provision for Convocation representation on both the University Council and Court.

A major part of Convocation's activity is the maintenance and development of contacts between alumni and their alma mater and with each other. This is done through the twice-yearly Leicester Graduates Review, which is sent to all alumni whose current address is known to the University and by an annual reunion and other social events held during the year. Convocation also supports alumni activities organised on a departmental or Faculty basis throughout the University and promotes regional social gatherings both in the UK and overseas.

A wide-ranging review of the role and purpose of Convocation is currently underway with plans for expansion of activity in providing additional services and benefits for alumni, including the development of professional and career networks.

The day-to-day work of Convocation is carried out by the Alumni Office, the staffing of which is due to be enhanced in order to deliver the projected expansion of services. The Office is guided and advised by the Standing Committee of Convocation, whose members are elected at the Annual Meeting in September each year. This meeting, which forms part of the main annual reunion weekend, is attended by the Vice-Chancellor, who delivers his annual report on the current state of the University.

The Alumni Office is always grateful for information from former students, both about themselves and others known to them. The Office can be contacted on 0116 252 2931/2195 or by email: [cdi1m@admin.le.ac.uk](mailto:cdi1m@admin.le.ac.uk). The Alumni web-site can also be visited on <http://www.leicester.ac.uk/alumni>.

## CALLING ALL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, LEICESTER STUDENTS FROM 1940-1950



FOLLOWING a very successful reunion in 1997, Audrey Cooper (B.Sc. Mathematics 1948) and Audrey Simons (BA English 1945) are organising another event – this time extending over a weekend – at

Rag Day, 40s-style.

Beaumont Hall, for students from the 1940s on 10-11 April 1999.

Invitations have been sent out to as many alumni for the 40s as are known to the organisation, but if for any reason this is the first you have heard of it, and would like to take part, either of the Audrey's would be delighted to hear from you.

### Contacts:

Mrs Audrey Cooper  
19 Shanklin Drive  
Leicester LE2 3RH (0116 2703066)

Mrs Audrey Simons  
9 Paddock Close  
Quorn Leics LE12 8BJ (01509 413 483)

International Focus provides an in depth analysis and stories with an international dimension. Any stories or ideas should be sent to Jane Pearson, Press and Publications Office, ext 2440, fax 2485, e-mail: [jhpl@le.ac.uk](mailto:jhpl@le.ac.uk)

# INTERNATIONAL FOCUS

## DIPLOMATS ATTEND UNIVERSITY WORKSHOP



IN March Leicester University hosted a workshop on International Negotiation Techniques.

Diplomats converged on the campus to take part in the workshop which was organised by the Centre for the Study of Diplomacy, Department of Politics. They included representatives from Nigeria, Qatar, Denmark, Malta, Netherlands, Turkey, Lesotho, Ireland, Malta, Bosnia and Poland.

Different negotiation techniques were examined, including diplomatic negotiation, bilateral negotiation and negotiating within the European Union.

## LABOUR MARKET STUDIES NEWS

PRAISE has been heaped on two members of the Centre for Labour Market Studies by the ESRC for work that stemmed from a project in Singapore

Professor David Ashton and Mr Johnny Sung have been awarded the top grade of "Outstanding" by the ESRC in the evaluation of their project, "Education, Training and Economic Growth: A New Model of Skill Formation". The project was carried out jointly with Professor Francis Green, now of Kent University, and Ms Donna James.

In the words of the ESRC, the Outstanding grade is awarded for "high quality research making an important contribution to the development of the subject. An Outstanding grade indicates that a project has fully met its objectives and has provided an exceptional research contribution well above average or very high in relation to the level of the award."

The original ideas for the project came from work conducted by Professor Ashton and Mr Sung on skill formation in Singapore, a direct result of their development of the masters course in Training.

The results will be published in April by Routledge, in a book entitled, "Education and Training for Development in East Asia".

## TAKING THE INITIATIVE IN HONG KONG

DURING a recent trip to Hong Kong, Dr Simon Bennett of the Scarman Centre for the Study of Public Order, spoke on how passenger aircraft can be 'hardened' against the effects of explosive devices of the type that destroyed a Pan Am jumbo jet over Lockerbie in 1988.

At a high-profile lecture at the British Council, Dr Bennett, Lecturer in Risk Studies, addressed delegates who included representatives from the British Consulate, the Hong Kong Police Service, the new airport at Chek Lap Kok, local airlines and aviation journalists. Delegates were treated to a lecture on commercial aircraft bomb-proofing, and the lecture featured a video presentation of bomb tests conducted by the Defence Evaluation and Research Agency at Bruntingthorpe Aerodrome, near Leicester. For the sake of nervous fliers the lecture was preceded by a health warning!

The lecture, which attracted approximately thirty security and safety managers, was hailed by the British Council's Assistant Director of Educational Exchanges as one of the most successful ever and resulted in many delegates expressing interest in the distance-learning degrees offered by the Scarman Centre. They showed particular enthusiasm for the MSc in Risk, Crisis and Disaster Management and the MSc in Security Management.

During his trip, Simon Bennett also launched two new initiatives. The first, with the Hong Kong Urban Services Department, will see Risk staff from the Scarman Centre running a training course in crowd management, a priority with the imminent approach of the Millennium celebrations. Sadly, Hong Kong is no stranger to crowd-crushing incidents, which adds to the urgency of such a mission.

The second, with one of Hong Kong's largest banking conglomerates, will involve Risk staff running a three-day course in Business Risk Management, in which topics such as business continuity planning and disaster mitigation will be addressed. The experiences of companies resident in the City of London during the IRA bombing campaign will be used to alert business leaders to the importance of forward planning. It will be emphasised that by applying the lessons of



**INFLUENTIAL STUDENTS:** Dr Bennett's class of Public Order Distance Learning students at the School for Professional and Continuing Education (SPACE) in Hong Kong, listening to a lecture on "Cognitive Tunnel Vision at Hillsborough".

past disasters, the effects of future incidents can be mitigated.

Dr Bennett said: "Such initiatives help to maintain the Scarman Centre's reputation as a centre of excellence in risk and security management. They also generate income for the Centre and University."

Dr Bennett also delivered lectures to distance learning students at Hong Kong University's School for Professional and Continuing Education. Topics ranged from the Piper Alpha and Hillsborough disasters, to essay and dissertation writing skills.

"Given that many Scarman Centre students occupy positions of importance and influence in the business, social and economic life of the Hong Kong community, such lecture trips are vital for maintaining the Centre's profile and momentum in the Far East," Dr Bennett said.

# INTERNATIONAL FOCUS

## SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION

### *Custom-Designed Courses for the Co-op Movement in Africa*

FOR the first time new distance learning programmes have been developed by a United Kingdom university that are designed for the co-operative movement.

The Leicester University Management Centre's Unit for Membership Based Organisations has designed pioneering programmes in Co-operative Management and Organisational Development specifically to meet the needs of the Co-operative Movement.

The initial research project was funded jointly by Leicester and Loughborough Universities and covered co-operatives in 26 countries.

In the second year of operation these programmes have attracted funding from the Department for International Development (DFID). The £120,000 funding is expected to run for three years in support of management programmes for small and medium-sized co-operatives in Africa. The Unit for Membership Based Organisations hopes that this will be seen as a pilot project and further funding will be forthcoming for similar initiatives elsewhere in the world.

The Postgraduate Certificate, Diploma and Master's Degree programmes in Co-operative Management and Organisational Development were developed as part of growing international recognition that these programmes can play an important part in boosting the effectiveness of co-operatives in promoting the economic and social justice within the market economy.

The programmes have been launched in the context of an international debate on the direction of the co-operative movement and its identity, management and governance.

The MA course, designed for all general line and human resource managers, has registered students from across Africa, including Namibia, Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda and South Africa, as well as in the Far East, North America, the West Indies and the UK itself.

The Co-operative College at Moshi, Tanzania, led by Principal Professor Suleman Chambo, has agreed to assist Leicester University in the administration and development of the programme in the African context. In collaboration with other Co-operative Colleges in East, Central and Southern Africa, it is now the Regional Tutorial Centre for the Co-operative Management Postgraduate Certificate, Diploma and Master's Programmes.

In promoting these programmes Dr Peter Davis, director of the programmes and founder of the Unit for Membership Based Organisations, travelled to eleven different countries to present papers and conduct workshops on the problems of co-operative management and co-operative identity into the 21st century.

His results are published in two papers in *The Discussion Papers in Management Studies* series.

In recognition of this work he has been appointed as one of 14 special advisors to the Development Trust established in 1998 by the International Co-operative Alliance global office in Geneva.

He said: "Co-operatives provide vital business structures, enabling the



**CO-OPERATIVE HANDSHAKE:** The opening ceremony of the Management Centre's Regional Tutorial Centre for African Co-operatives. (Left to right) The Hon Minister for Agriculture and Co-operatives, Paul Kimiti; Dr Peter Davis, Director of the Unit for Membership Based Organisations, Leicester University Management Centre; and Professor Suleman A Chambo, Principal, Co-operative College, Moshi.

small farmer to gain access to the marketplace on something like a level playing field. Properly managed co-operatives can ensure better return for the farmer and better quality for the consumer, while providing a good income and working conditions for those employed in the agricultural sector.

"But the African, Asian and East European Co-operative Movements desperately need management development to address the many pressing issues of business and organisation development that confront them. This is happening against the background struggle by governments to modernise their economic policies and deregulate their economies."

- The Unit for Membership Based Organisations has also just celebrated the registration of its 100th student.

## INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS

FORTY-five international scholars from 13 countries received scholarships from the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Kenneth Edwards, in February.

Before presenting the certificates, the Vice-Chancellor congratulated all the scholars and spoke of the pride the University took in its international links. He acknowledged the tough financial commitment international students and their families had to make in order to study in Britain and was pleased to be able to offer a selection of bursaries to help in this way.



**SUCCESS:** The Vice-Chancellor with a group of Malaysian students who were awarded scholarships.

## PINNACLE OF SUCCESS

A LEICESTER University Graduate has been appointed as the new British High Commissioner to the Republic of India.

Sir Rob Young, KCMG, who took up the post and presented his credentials to President K R Narayanan at Rashtrapati Bhavan in January



**CONGRATULATIONS:** International Officer, Tricia Norman – also a Leicester Graduate – greets Sir Rob Young at the University's exhibition stand in Delhi.

1999, graduated from the University of Leicester in 1967, with the degree of BA (Hons) in French and Latin.

His move to Delhi follows a period as Chief Clerk and Deputy Under Secretary at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, which he joined directly after leaving university. His distinguished diplomatic career has predominantly been spent between the Middle East and Western Europe. He also had two spells in Paris, before and after the Cold War.

Looking back over his career in an interview for the Leicester *Graduates' Review*, he said: "I have to say that it was wonderful to have the opportunity to learn Arabic and then have two postings in the Middle East. Getting to know the politics, economics, culture and people of a new area was absolutely fascinating, and still is. Western Europe was much more familiar, of course, especially France, where I had two

postings. I'd spent a year of my four years at Leicester in France, learning French. And being married to a French woman meant that living in Paris wasn't really any hardship."

Sir Rob believes the Commonwealth plays an important role in promoting democracy and human rights. He sees it taking on a new priority under the present British Government and believes its influence extends beyond the member countries themselves. "When Commonwealth countries agree on, say, economic co-operation, freer trade, or environmental work, they carry a lot of weight in trying to push those policies into a wider world."

He emphasises the importance of maintaining a network of resident diplomatic posts around the world to provide a wide knowledge and understanding of other nations' customs and politics, which can lead to greater co-operation and less confrontation.

Looking back over his time as a Leicester University undergraduate, he described it as: "the most intensive period of intellectual stimulus I've ever had" and said that he looks back on it "with enormous pleasure."

He concluded: "At Leicester I had the time to explore some of the moral and ethical issues which the demands of one's career afterwards make it more difficult to sustain. I think the biggest lesson I learned from those studies was the supreme value of the individual in society. And that has been a constant pole for me in my development and in my professional life."

The University is justly proud of its graduates. Among a long list who have gone on to distinguished careers in different fields are:

- Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health Liam Donaldson
- Leading London business woman, Carol Galley
- Astronomer and broadcaster Heather Couper
- Broadcasters Sue Cook and Pete McCarthy
- Novelists Malcolm Bradbury and CP Snow
- News broadcaster Michael Nicholson
- Diplomat Aytug Plumer, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Representative in New York.

The Vice-Chancellor, Dr Kenneth Edwards, said: "I am delighted that another graduate of the University has achieved distinction in a successful career. It is particularly appropriate that a Leicester graduate should be the senior British representative in India in the light of the City's and University's links with that country."

## EDUCATION LINKS WITH HANOI

**BARBARA** Thornton, Lecturer in the School of Education, recently visited Hanoi, Vietnam, as part of a training link between Leicester University School of Education and Vietnam National University.

Funded through the English Speaking Union and the Centre for British Teachers, the training course entitled "Mentoring Skills for Teacher Educators" was run by Barbara Thornton assisted by a local trainer, Jacky Dyer.

The course addressed the teaching practice component of teacher education and the role of the mentor in that process.

Participants were all teaching practice supervisors from Vietnam National University.



**TEACHING THE TEACHERS:** Barbara Thornton, School of Education (left) with Hanoi trainer Jacky Dyer and students on the "Mentoring Skills for Teacher Educators" course.

# OUT & ABOUT

## Out & About

### RAISING MORE THAN A SMILE

Raising money for charity was the driving force behind some curious behaviour on Red Nose Day in March – and University staff were out to prove that there is also more than one way to support Comic Relief...

#### Hair today, gone tomorrow

Howard Baker, a stalwart of the Library's issue desk, publicly sacrificed his beard for Comic Relief on Friday 12 March. Friends and colleagues gathered round in the main library to see him bare his chin for the first time in nearly 25 years. As a result, he will be able to

send over £300 to Comic Relief. Howard's wife and children had never seen him without a beard, so it was to be an unforgettable moment for them. "It feels rather cool!", said Howard afterwards.



#### Stop me and buy one!

Morag Clarke (Reprographics) decided to make an effort to support Comic Relief this year. She bought the official Comic Relief cookbook, *Five Go Mad in the Kitchen*, and chose the No-Bake Mini Cakes recipe. "As it was a Jane Asher recipe, I thought I could not go wrong", she says. Although she only mentioned her idea to a few people, before she knew it she had a total of 150 cakes to make. After many hours in the kitchen, helped by her 6-year-old daughter, she finally put a smartie on the last cake. It was however all worthwhile as she managed to raise £104.62 for Comic Relief. Does she still like chocolate? "No thank you", says Morag.



*Bulletin* is pleased to receive contributions from across the University for **Out and About**.

Send information about what's happening in your department/unit to

**Out and About**, *Bulletin*, Press and Publications Office.

email: [ara@le.ac.uk](mailto:ara@le.ac.uk)

### Dare to be different

Staff in the University's Finance Section donned 'silly slippers' in aid of Comic Relief. They reasoned that everyone had a pair of slippers and that it would be silly to wear them at

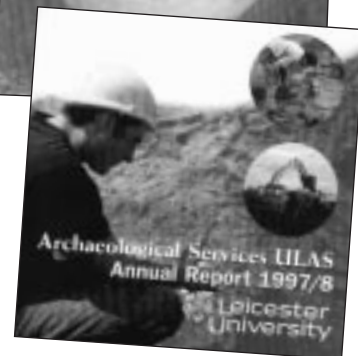


work. "I got some odd looks during a visit to the Post Room", said Rachel Hyams from the Accounts Payable section, "but it was certainly worthwhile as the end result was £71 for the charity". Money from two competitions was also added to this total.

### RECORD OF WIDE-RANGING PROJECTS

Just published is the third Annual Report of the Leicester University Archaeological Services (ULAS). The Report contains details of Archaeological projects during 1997-8. Its introduction – by Professor David Mattingly – highlights the professionalism, quality, customer service and enthusiasm that ULAS brings to any job from start to finish.

The ULAS team has a long track record of work in the East Midlands, with an ever-growing expertise in its landscapes, archaeological sites and finds, combined with a thorough knowledge of the available archaeological and historical resources needed to provide clients with the appropriate advice. ULAS now offers state-of-the-art geophysical survey and computerised processing of results, and its premises at the University include an impressive suite of laboratories and find processing areas.



- The relationship between ULAS and the School of Archaeological Studies is seen by both sides as a very positive one, embedding the professional archaeological contractors in the cutting-edge intellectual climate of a University department. The School is a top rated research unit (Grade 5), with an international reputation for Landscape Archaeology and Historical Archaeology (with urban archaeology an important sub-theme).

## THE CHAPLAINCY LISTENS

The Chaplaincy is hosting three lunchtime events during the Summer term which will offer staff the opportunity to voice their concerns in a listening environment.

At a recent lunch at The Gatehouse – the home of Leicester University's Chaplaincy – one member of staff commented that "this is a place in the University where I get to meet members of staff from other departments". Other staff value lunchtimes here for a chance to unwind in the midst of a busy day, and the value of the Chaplaincy as a quiet space where one can come and talk through stresses and pressures is already recognised.

The lunchtime events will take place on Wednesday 12 May, Tuesday 25 May and Thursday 10 June – all at 12.30 pm. You are welcome to call in to meet other colleagues.



## News from Economic and Social History: HISTORY WITH A DIFFERENCE CONFERENCE

The second annual 'History with a Difference' Conference was held at Rugby School in March. Organised by Huw Bowen, the Conference offers school and college students a taste of Economic and Social History, as well as updates on the latest thinking on central A-level themes and topics.

This year, the Conference focused on Britain during the nineteenth century, and an enthusiastic audience of 140 students, teachers, and trainee teachers from across the Midlands listened to a series of lectures delivered by leading economic and social historians from departments at Leicester, Manchester, and Sheffield Hallam Universities.

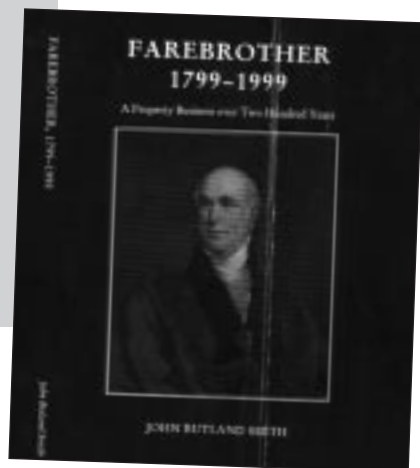
## BOOK IS THE BUSINESS

The Economic and Social History Department is delighted that one of its part-time postgraduate students, John Smith, has ventured into print. John, a retired chemical engineer, has built upon his research interests in urban history, by producing a specially commissioned book-length study of a 200-year-old firm of chartered surveyors.

This business history of the firm of Farebrother traces the rise and development of a property company who have had great influence at the very heart of the City of London since they were founded by Charles Farebrother, a future Lord Mayor, in 1799.

The Department warmly congratulates John on this notable achievement, the work for which he undertook during his spare time!

Clare Anderson



## News from the School of Education: SCHOOL WELCOMES POLISH VISITORS

A group of ten honorary visiting scholars from Poland came to Leicester for a two-week course in February, as part of an on-going link between teacher training colleges in Silesia and Leicester University's School of Education.

During their time here, they worked with staff from the School to produce materials to help teaching practice supervisors in their area. The visit also included a programme of social activities. Some of the visitors stayed with local families and some in College Hall.

The link is administered through the British Council in Warsaw. In June, Wasyl Cajkler and Barbara Thornton will go to Poland for a follow-up meeting.



SUCCESSFUL VENTURE: Polish scholars with Leicester staff outside the School of Education in University Road.

Barbara Thornton



## UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER

### medieval research centre

#### WALL MARK LECTURE

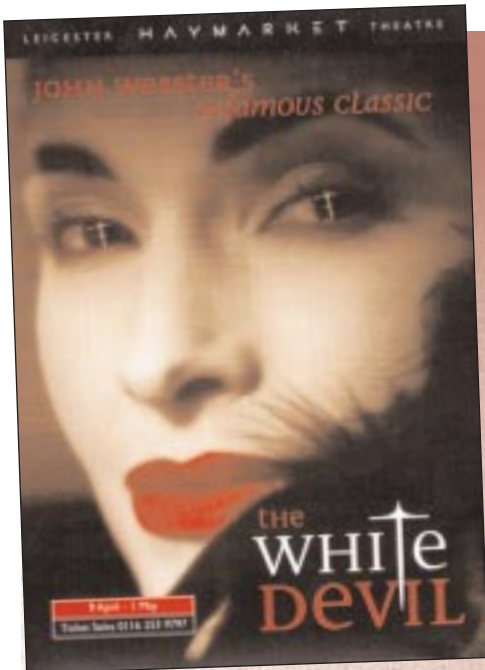
On Thursday 13 May at 6.00 pm, Professor Graham Caie is the invited speaker at the annual Medieval Research Centre Public Lecture. In *The Bible on the Wall: Wall Paintings and Drama in Medieval Europe*, Professor Caie will take as his starting point a remarkable series of wall paintings in Danish churches.

His illustrated lecture will examine the literary, artistic, and religious sources of the scenes and stories depicted, and what the images tell us about lay literacy and lay knowledge of the Bible in the period.

Professor Caie will also illustrate how the study of the paintings may help us to a better understanding of medieval religious drama which utilised the same iconographic materials in its representation of biblical material.

The venue for this lecture is Lecture Theatre 1 of the New Building.

Continued on page 18.



### IRRESISTIBLE SENSATION

The *White Devil*, Webster's infamous classic, is an exotic tale of bloody revenge, money and power gained by ambition, blood and lust. The *White Devil*'s spiralling journey to damnation is charted. Is she a woman wronged?

An innocent pawn in a game of power? Saint or sinner? Now at Leicester's Haymarket Theatre.



**CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED:** Ian Pepperell plays a lead role in *The White Devil* – theatre-goers will not have forgotten his deliciously playful Richard in the Haymarket's exhilarating production of *Richard III*.



**JOURNEY THROUGH SOUND:**  
Jon Hargreaves returns with more music.

### TRANSPORTED BY MUSIC

A Rush-Hour Concert, organised by the Music Department, on Friday 7 May at 5.15 pm in the Charles Wilson building (10th floor) features **Jon Hargreaves** and friends. Modern jazz and originals should be just the ticket for an enjoyable and stress-free hour away from the traffic.

- Jon Hargreaves has just completed a quartet for members of the Liverpool Philharmonic. Last summer, one of his compositions was included in the Edinburgh Festival Fringe event. Previously a member of the Leicestershire Schools Symphony Orchestra, Jon is the son of David Hargreaves, formerly at Leicester as a Reader in the Psychology Department.



### LOOKS GOOD

Leicester Museums' 150th anniversary this year will be marked by anniversary events and activities – phone 0116 255 4100.

### CYBER DANCE

**Random Dance** – one of the country's most vibrant and exciting companies – take a fresh look at dance and technology in a new performance event at Phoenix Arts on 29 and 30 April. Stunning digital backdrops combine with the dancers' bodies, radically altered with the latest animation software, to produce a truly multi-media experience.



### EARLY THIS IS

Evelyn Gle... and an hon... the Richard... Centre for... the Arts, w... performing... on Thursd... 7.30 pm.

- Tickets... a chan... artist a... be obt... 0116 2...

### MOVING PICTURES

At De Montfort Hall until 17 April – is **Telling Times**, an exhibition which f... representing and reclaiming the past

- For full details and opening times... Box Office on 0116 233 3111.



### VOCES INTIMAE RE-FORMED

For almost forty years, the violinist... part in the musical life of the Univer... Now, only four months after his death, the Quartet that he founded... the 60s, **Voces Intimae**, has re-formed.

It plays for the first time on the ev... of 5 May in a concert planned by An... Pither and Kenneth Page last spring... is Schumann's wonderful Piano Quin...

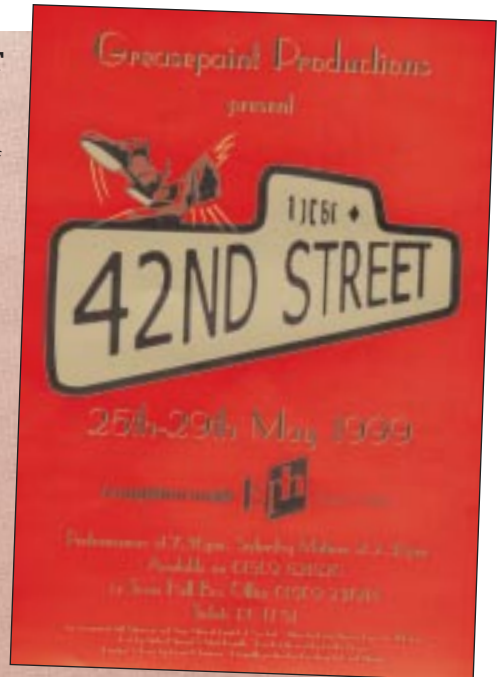
**al Journeys** – a City  
y exhibition exploring the  
ilities of digital imagery  
gh the work of two artists  
n view until 25 May in the  
n Suite of De Montfort

n the Victoria Suite Corridor – is  
ocuses on the issues involved in  
voices of Black History.  
, check with the



**VERSATILE VENUE:** De Montfort Hall, close to the University, is currently the venue for two Art exhibitions.

**42ND TREAT**  
'Come and meet those dancing feet' on that ever-popular 42nd Street. This famous Broadway musical, packed full of dazzling tap routines and memorable musical numbers including 'We're in the money' and 'Lullaby of Broadway', will be performed by Greasepaint Productions at the newly-refurbished Loughborough Town Hall from 25 to 29 May.  
\* For details and tickets, phone 01509 821820 or Loughborough Town Hall on 01509 231914.



## SNAPPING UP A SNIP OF SHAKESPEARE



Family tickets to a tongue-twisting production by the **Reduced Shakespeare Company** were won by Kim Wilkins (Examinations Office), who entered last month's Wordsearch Competition draw.

## FURRY NICE DAYS

Leicester's Costume Museum holds an **Easter Bunny Day** on Saturday 3 April. Activities include egg painting, competitions, and an Easter bonnet parade – all free and with at least one fluffy bunny! Phone 0116 247 3042 for details.



Share ninety minutes of slapstick, magic, music and fun, ending with a spectacular ultra-violet circus show, with **Goldilocks and the Three Bears** at De Montfort Hall on Saturday 24 April. To book, phone 0116 233 3111.

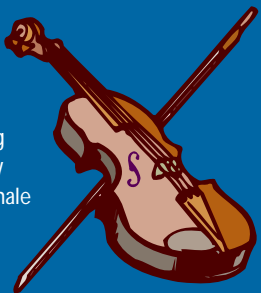


## ...AND FLIGHTS OF FANCY

The makers of the BBC show, **Playdays**, bring Whybird, Poppy and Peggy on their latest adventure to the stage of Nottingham's Theatre Royal from 27 April to 1 May. This brand-new show for 1999, full of music, songs and audience participation, is suitable for children aged from two to seven years.

## ARMED

Kenneth Page played an integral part in the city.



## BOOKING ADVISED – LIKELY TO BE A HIT!

...mie, world-famous percussionist  
...orary patron of  
...d Attenborough  
... Disability and  
... will be  
...g at the Centre  
...ay 20 May at

...s, which include  
...ce to meet the  
...afterwards, can  
...ained by ringing  
...52 2455.



# OUT & ABOUT

## News from the International Centre for Management, Law and Industrial Relations: SITE AT THE CENTRE

John Williams, Centre Administrator, in collaboration with the University's Central Photographic Unit, has further developed the Centre's newly-designed web site with the help of up-to-date technology.

Instead of the conventional portrait for the website, the administration staff were photographed within the main office with a digital camera. This allowed each member of staff to view and choose the photograph they preferred within minutes. Digital images were then sent by e-mail attachment to the web designer for inclusion on the Centre's website. John comments, "the quality and versatility of the digital camera is amazing and has improved considerably. This website development illustrates the International Centre's commitment to modern technology to promote the paperless society".

Additionally, photos taken at two of the Centre's residential weekends now appear on the site, together with a short description of each event by the course leader. John, whose enthusiasm for photography stems from his days as a professional photographer with the RAF, first consulted CPU photographers Ian Paterson and Colin Brooks before making a photographic record. The resulting pictures and story were then



**PIPED MUSIC:** One of the pictures appearing on the Faculty of Law's International Centre's web pages is of Pipe Major Iain Grant, piping in the haggis in Edinburgh. The photo, taken at a recent residential weekend organised by the Centre – was then emailed direct to the web maintainer for inclusion in the Centre's website.

emailed direct to the web maintainer for inclusion on the website before the students returned home.

The Centre's website can be accessed via <http://ic.law-web.co.uk>

John Williams

## A TICK FOR MILLENNIUM PROJECT

As we approach the new Millennium, Dr Allan Mills (Geology) has been preparing for a 'timely' celebration.

He has been working on a project dubbed the 'Time Trail', which will demonstrate time and methods of timekeeping throughout the centuries. The project, which has received an award from the Millennium Commission, will include a replica of the automaton clock on All Saints' Church, Highcross Street.

Incorporated within the automaton clock, were two figures that moved to strike the quarter hours. The two Jacobean figures, which are thought to date back to 1610, disappeared from the All Saints' Church in 1982 and have not been recovered since. The Leicester Mercury launched a hunt for the figures last year – to no avail. It is thought the figures were stolen to order.

Local craftsman Ken Rose has joined the project to restore the automaton clock and has been working on the replicas of the Jacobean figures. Working from photographs, the figures were first modelled in clay. These models were then made into vinyl moulds from which came the fibreglass figures. The original figures, made of carved oak, were thought to be weak at the ankles, so, as a precaution, the replica figures have steel rods threaded through the legs.

The finished replicas are in the care of Dr Mills until the restoration of the clock is complete. The figures look very authentic and care has been taken to ensure that every detail is taken into account. The replica of the clock will be controlled by a microprocessor, and although the figures will look as though they are moving to ring the bells on every quarter hour, a small hammer inside the bells will actually perform this action.

Dr Mills is very excited about the project as it nears completion. He is hoping it will be completed by June this year. Once restored, the 9ft replica clock will be housed in the courtyard of the City's Guildhall.

Shafina Murji

- Photostop (back page) features the replica figures.

## News from the Centre for Labour Market Studies:

### MONITORING TRAINING

The Centre has successfully carried out the first of a series of annual surveys of Training and Human Resource Development Managers for the Institute of Personnel and Development.

The results of that work will be presented at the IPD's Human Resource Development Week in London. CLMS, in conjunction with the IPD, will be carrying out the same survey in other countries. The aim is to provide continuous monitoring of the state of the Training/HRD profession, and to provide the first international comparative study of training activities in companies.

David Ashton

## ADVERTISE IN THE BULLETIN

Small advertisements, maximum thirty words, are welcome for inclusion in the *Bulletin*. A charge of either £2 or £5, depending on the item advertised, is made for each advertisement submitted by a member of staff or a student of the University. The cost to other *Bulletin* readers is either £5 or £10. Departments wishing to take a page or more in the *Bulletin* can do so at a cost of £50 per page exclusive of Graphics charges.

Pat Bone, Press & Publications Office (0116 252 2415, [pblm@admin.le.ac.uk](mailto:pblm@admin.le.ac.uk)) will be pleased to receive advertisements.

## HONORARY DEGREES: JULY CEREMONIES 1999

THE following are recipients of Honorary Degrees from Leicester University at the degree ceremonies to be held in July 1999:

Mr Tim Appleton	Master of Science
Professor Gillian Beer	Doctor of Letters
Dr Philip Campbell	Doctor of Science
Dr Ken Edwards	Doctor of Laws
Professor Fred Leckie	Doctor of Science
Mr Chris Moon	Master of Laws
Professor Sir Keith Peters	Doctor of Science
Mr Raymond Seitz	Doctor of Laws
Sir Richard Sykes	Doctor of Science
Professor Sir Anthony Wrigley	Doctor of Letters

### Mr Tim Appleton (MSc)

Mr Tim Appleton is the Manager of the Rutland Water Nature Reserve. In his early career he worked at Westbury Wildlife Park and was asked by Peter Scott to become Warden at the Peakirk Wildfowl Trust. He then became Deputy Curator at the Slimbridge Wildfowl Trust. In 1975 he was appointed as Manager of the Rutland Water Nature Reserve and whilst his main interests are ornithological, he has developed the Nature Reserve in very many other ways. He is an adviser to the Wildlife Trust and has been elected to the Council of the British Ornithological Union.

### Professor Gillian Beer, FBA (DLitt)

Professor Gillian Beer is the King Edward VII Professor of English Literature at the University of Cambridge and President of Clare Hall, Cambridge. She was educated at St Anne's College, Oxford where she was awarded an MA and BLitt and became an Honorary Fellow in 1990. She then studied at Cambridge where she gained a LittD. She was appointed Assistant Lecturer at Cambridge in 1966 and became Professor of English in 1989. She was a Fellow of Girton College between 1965 and 1994 and is Vice-President of the British Academy.

### Dr Philip Campbell (DSc)

Dr Philip Campbell has been the Editor of *Nature* since 1995. He was educated at Bristol University, Queen Mary College, London and the University of Leicester where he was awarded his PhD in ionospheric physics. He was a postdoctoral research assistant in the Department of Physics between 1977 and 1979 and then became Assistant Editor of *Nature*. He is a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society and a Fellow of the Institute of Physics.

### Professor Fred Leckie (DSc)

Professor Fred Leckie is Professor of Engineering at the University of California at Santa Barbara, USA. He has had a long and distinguished academic career having been appointed to a lectureship in Cambridge in 1958 and became Professor of Engineering at Leicester University in 1968, his major interest being high temperature design for pressure vessels. In 1979 he went to the University of Illinois and subsequently moved to Santa Barbara as Head of Mechanical Engineering. Professor Leckie returned to Leicester for a short period in 1997 as Honorary Visiting Professor in the Department of Engineering.

### Mr Chris Moon (LLM)

Mr Chris Moon is a graduate of the Scarman Centre, having been awarded an MSc in Security Management and Information Technology in 1996. He was formerly a Captain in the Royal Anglian Regiment until he lost his lower right arm and a leg on a mine clearing mission in

Mozambique in 1995. Since then he has run several marathons wearing an artificial leg and in 1997 completed the 144-mile Sahara Marathon. He was captain of the team running for the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund at the 1998 London Marathon. He lit the torch at the Winter Olympics in Japan and in 1997 received the Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation's People of the Year award. He is now running his own security business in London.

### Professor Sir Keith Peters, FRS (DSc)

Professor Sir Keith Peters has been Regius Professor of Physic at the University of Cambridge since 1987. He is also a Fellow of Christ's College, Cambridge. He became a Member of the Royal College of Physicians in 1964 and a Fellow in 1975. Prior to taking up his present appointment, he held posts at the United Cardiff Hospitals, the Welsh National School of Medicine and the Royal Postgraduate Medical School where he was Professor of Medicine and Director of the Department of Medicine from 1977 to 1987. He was Knighted in 1993.

### Mr Raymond Seitz (LLD)

Mr Raymond Seitz was educated at Yale University where he was awarded a BA in History. He was the US Ambassador to the UK between 1991 and 1994 being the first career diplomat to be appointed to that position. Prior to that appointment his distinguished career included positions as Executive Assistant to Secretary, George P Schultz in Washington between 1982 and 1984 and Minister and Deputy Chief of Missions for the US Embassy in London between 1989 and 1991. He was Senior Managing Director of Lehman Brothers between 1995 and 1996 and has been Vice-Chairman since 1996. He was awarded the Benjamin Franklin Medal, RSA, in 1996.

### Sir Richard Sykes, FRS (DSc)

Sir Richard Sykes has been Chairman, since 1997, and Chief Executive, since 1993, of Glaxo Wellcome and was Deputy Chairman between 1993-7. He was Knighted in 1994. He is a member of the Council for Science and Technology, the Advisory Committee on Human Genome Research and the Advisory Council for Save British Science, the Trade Policy Forum, the Council for Industry and Higher Education, and was a member of the Dearing Committee. He is Chairman, since 1994, of the Taskforce for Inward Investment in the UK Pharmaceutical Industry, a member of the CBI's President's Committee, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Natural History Museum and Vice-President of the National Society for Epilepsy.

### Professor Sir Anthony Wrigley (D Litt)

Professor Sir Anthony Wrigley is Master of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, and has been Professor of Economic History at the University of Cambridge since 1994. He was educated at King's School, Macclesfield, and Peterhouse, Cambridge, where he was awarded an MA and PhD. In 1953 he became the William Volker Research Fellow at the University of Chicago and was Lecturer in Geography at the University of Cambridge. He was a Fellow of Peterhouse, Cambridge, between 1958 and 1974. He held various positions during this time and was also Co-Director of the Cambridge Group for History of Population and Social Structure. In 1979 he became Professor of Population Studies at the London School of Economics. In 1992 he moved to All Souls College, Oxford, as Senior Research Fellow and was Academic Secretary between 1992 and 1994. He has been President of the Economic History Society since 1995. Publications include: *Industrial Growth and Population Change* (1961), *Nineteenth-Century Society* (1972), *People, Cities and Wealth* (1987), *The Industrial Revolutions* (1994).



GRADUATE: Chris Moon to return to the University.

# FEATURE

## Dr Ken Edwards (LLD)

Dr Ken Edwards has been Vice-Chancellor of the University of Leicester since 1987. He was Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals (CVCP) from 1993 to 1995, and is currently a member of the Council of CVCP and Chairs its Medical Committee and its Research Policy Committee. He is President of the Association of European Universities (CRE), Chairman of the Governing Body of the Institute of Grassland and Environmental Research (IGER), a member of the Governing Body of Sheffield Hallam University and a member of the Council of the Open University. From 1991 to 1994 he was a member of the Trent Regional Health Authority and from 1994 to 1998 he was a member of the Council of the Association of Commonwealth Universities.



## DEGREE CONGREGATIONS, JULY 1999, DE MONTFORT HALL, LEICESTER

**Wednesday 21 July, 3 pm**  
Faculties of Science, Medicine and Biological Sciences

Honorary Degrees : Professor Sir Keith Peters  
Dr Philip Campbell

**Thursday 22 July, 11 am**  
Faculties of the Social Sciences and Law

Honorary Degree : Mr Tim Appleton

**Thursday 22 July, 3 pm**  
Faculties of Arts and Education and Continuing Studies

Honorary Degree : Professor Gillian Beer

**Friday 23 July, 11 am**  
Faculty of the Social Sciences

Honorary Degrees : Mr Chris Moon  
Mr Raymond Seitz  
Professor Sir Anthony Wrigley

**Friday 23 July, 3 pm**  
Faculties of Arts and Science

Honorary Degrees : Dr Ken Edwards  
Professor Fred Leckie  
Sir Richard Sykes



## KPMG TAX AND PERSONAL FINANCIAL ADVISORY SESSIONS

FREE INITIAL ADVICE is available on personal tax, investment planning and any area of personal finance.

For an appointment at KPMG telephone David Norman on 0116 256 6000

**KPMG - Accounts and Business Advisers**  
Peat House, 1 Waterloo Way, Leicester LE1 6LP

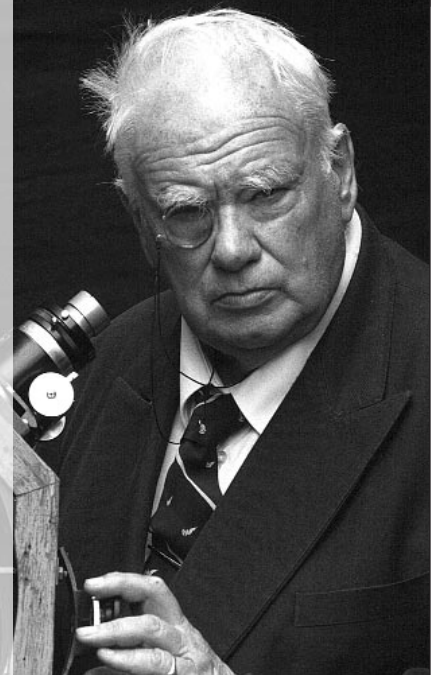


KPMG is a trading name of KPMG Peat Marwick which is authorised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales to carry on investment business.

## Bulletin Discount Voucher

This voucher entitles the holder to £1 off tickets to Patrick Moore's presentation, *The Great Universe*, on Friday 30 April at 7.30 pm in Leicester's De Montfort Hall. Tickets £10 and £8 (concessions £9, £7). Box Office: 0116 233 3111.

*Please bring this voucher with you.*



# TEACHING INITIATIVES

## THE FUND FOR NEW TEACHING INITIATIVES

The Fund encourages departments and individuals to pursue opportunities in their own disciplines or areas of work, and this has been reflected in the broad range of initiatives under development, from the authoring of resource packs for the teaching of seminars to the exploration of 'virtual' tutorials. The Fund is managed by the Teaching & Learning Unit on behalf of the University's Teaching & Learning Committee. The following projects were funded at a recent meeting of the New Teaching Initiatives Approvals Group.



Department has been favourable and it is hoped to extend this practice further through the development of additional learning and teaching resources attached to particular modules. The objective is thus to enable a large number of staff to set up and run web-based learning resources regardless of their current level of computer ability. This will require the development of a law school template offering students a helpful interface to web-based materials which will

support the material to which they have been exposed in lectures, tutorials and seminars. It is hoped that students will be able to add value to their own learning from taught sessions and discussion. They will also be able to develop facility in the use of the web as a learning resource and source of information.

£3,350

- For details of how to apply for funding to develop a project, contact Richard Clark (5232, [rpc3@le.ac.uk](mailto:rpc3@le.ac.uk)) or Annie Grant (2716, [ag2@le.ac.uk](mailto:ag2@le.ac.uk))
- For general enquiries about the resources and services provided by the Teaching and Learning Unit, contact [teach.learn@le.ac.uk](mailto:teach.learn@le.ac.uk)

### ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL HISTORY

#### The Management and Manipulation of Historical Data

Dr Richard Rodger

The aim of this project is to develop a module which will encourage historians to make greater use of datasets and develop their confidence with quantification. A particular feature of the project will include the development of a workbook of weekly units designed to demystify statistical concepts and manipulative techniques, presenting these in an accessible language. It is hoped that, through worked examples in class and weekly assignments, students will be encouraged to embrace the potential which these sources offer as a complement to more traditional literary accounts. Building on a simple introduction to IT taken by all students in Social Science, the module will become a compulsory element for second year economic and social history students.

£2,859

### SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

The development of a teaching video and manual for use on undergraduate and postgraduate courses in the School of Education

Dr Rosemary Sage

The project aims to produce a twenty minute teaching film that will give teachers a model framework for developing effective communication in the classroom. The framework, called the Communication Opportunity Group Scheme (COGS) is based on a researched model of practice developed in Leicestershire and originally supervised by the Department of Psychology. The COGS facilitates language, thinking and communication in a developmental way, and has been found to be useful in developing the skills for learning by improving behaviour, relationships, academic standards and confidence. The project aims to film groups of children in schools already using the system to improve school effectiveness. The film will be punctuated with teaching points that cover the assessment of pupil skills and methods used to improve performance. A manual will accompany the film and provide follow-up material and the outline and detail of the teaching method.

£3,638

### LAW

Supporting student learning through personal web pages

Mr Ian Snaith and Professor Robin White

The aim of this project is to equip around a quarter of the teaching staff of the Department with the ability to design and use effectively personal web pages to supplement traditional teaching methods and to support student learning. Student response to existing web-based resources in the



**IRONSIDES**  
SOLICITORS

## LEGAL ADVICE BUREAU

Had an accident?

Tenancy dispute?

Family or relationship problems?

Thinking of buying or selling property?

Credit problems?

Making a will or suffered a bereavement?

Free initial advice is available on campus at  
Ironsides Legal Advice Bureau on Tuesdays  
between 12 noon - 2.00 pm.

For your appointment call 0116 252 3334  
In emergencies call Ironsides direct on 0116 251 5253  
and ask for Mike Jarrett

Ironsides Offices at:

Macaulay House, 10 Friar Lane, Leicester LE1 5QD  
76 High Street, Oakham, Rutland LE15 6AS  
Arneliffe House, 9 Spencer Parade, Northampton NN1 5AH

## WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

Hundreds of cuttings pour into the Press Office at Leicester University from around the world chronicling the activities of staff and students. Jill Horsley, a BA Economic and Social History student, on work experience with the Press Office, reviews a selection of newspaper cuttings from recent weeks.

THE current pattern of British weather would even turn an Inuit back to his igloo. The hardy British seem able to survive, but the daffodils look sad in the wind and wet.

Remember that infamous field trip when it rained? If you are a geography student, you have no more worries.

*The Geographical Magazine* (March 1999) reports that field trips are going to be a thing of the past, as virtual reality will be your answer. Researchers at Leicester University are currently developing the software that will allow students to look at their chosen destination in detail, without even setting foot away from a computer.

What springs to mind when someone says Leicester? De Montfort Hall, the Tigers and Foxes, Snibston Discovery Park, Foxton Locks? Thomas Cook or Daniel Lambert? Sadly, some people are not aware of Leicester's vibrancy and cultural attractions, either city or countywide. A letter in the *Leicester Mercury*

(February 1999), from Mr and Mrs Milnes, who reside in Canada yet are Leicester born, highlights the fact that their friends don't know where Leicester is situated.

Promoting Leicester in terms of

heritage, ethnic festivals, sporting achievements, and food specialities (Melton Mowbray Pork Pies and Stilton cheese, for example).

At the heart of a diverse city is Leicester University. A survey conducted by the University's Academic Office concluded that students love Leicester (*Leicester Mercury*, February 1999). From

particularly in violence towards staff and pupils, was featured in *Local Government Executive*, (February 1999). There was a resulting need for greater security in schools.

The Scarman Centre has also been looking at the insurance business. Its survey, reported in *Sainsbury's Magazine* (March 1999) suggests that one person in ten fiddles their insurance claims. The main reason given was that it was their first

claim after years of paying premiums, and a desire to get something back for their money. This was one one reason why insurers are often

reluctant to pay out in full. Or could it be because insurance companies' profits have fallen dramatically in recent years?

The theme of safety and security at sports venues is highlighted by an investigation into non-league football (*The Guardian*, February 1999). As part of a Radio 5 report, it found a growth in violence, particularly of a racist nature, in non-league soccer. According to John Williams of Leicester University's Football Research Centre, it seems that smaller, more affordable venues attract hooligans.

Research into music preferences by Leicester psychologists Dr Adrian North and Jennifer McKendrick is again in the news, with the *Loughborough Mail* (February 1999) now taking up the story. Their survey of Leicester people nearly always indicated a preference for music, but revealed widely-ranging tastes from Vivaldi and Beethoven to Meatloaf and Garbage. Perhaps the weather has something to do with it. More time indoors could mean more time to listen to music.

### MUM AND SON IN PIONEERING OP

### EPIDEMIOLOGY & NURSING: THE MELTON MOWBRAY PROJECT

the Environment City and National Space Science Centre is natural. The couple argue that a fresh approach is required to

the 660 undergraduate students that were canvassed, 80% of students enjoyed living here and had come to know the area,

### SCIENTIST SHARES EXPERTISE

### TV PRESENTER HAS SOME GOOD NEWS OF HER OWN

create a wider knowledge of an attractive city and its location. Leicester is rich in terms of its

despite having no knowledge beforehand. The student population gives a boost and a vote of confidence to the city, as they utilise shops, restaurants and pubs that increase the area's prosperity.

The *Leicester Mercury* (February 1999) featured research at the University on the importance of proper schooling for later life. Professor Ken Fogelman of the University's School of Education found that truancy didn't pay. Truants are more likely to be unemployed, divorced and criminals. Also, without a good education, you would not be able to taste University life! A report by the Scarman Centre for the Study of Public Order, identifying a growth in school crime,



**BRIGHT PROSPECTS:** The University's Undergraduate Prospectus for 2000 entry highlights many of Leicester's attractions.

# BOOKS

## FIELD FLORA OF THE BRITISH ISLES

Professor Clive Stace, Department of Biology  
Cambridge University Press, March 1999, £15.95  
(paperback)

Available from the Bookshop

ISBN 0 521 65315 0

*Field Flora of the British Isles* provides a portable, comprehensive guide for those wishing to identify plants growing in the wild in the British Isles.

Based on the author's now standard work *New*

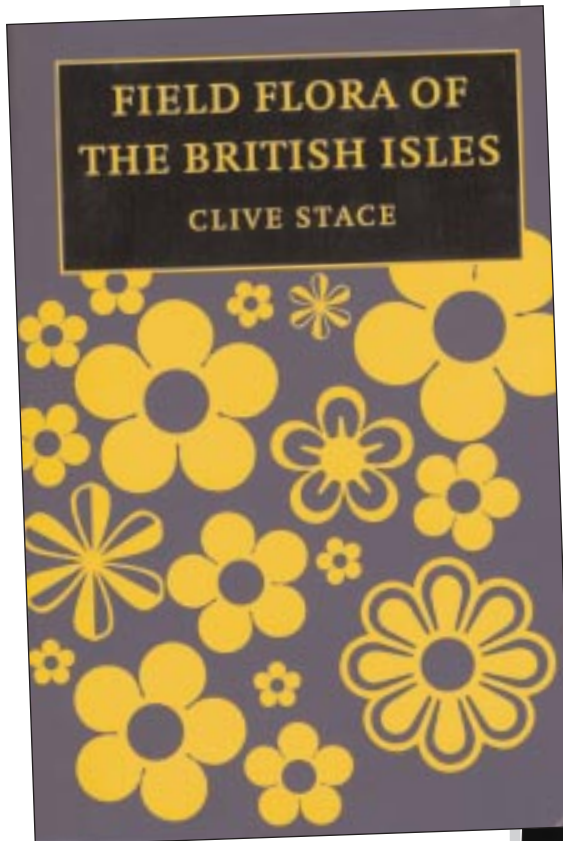
*Flora of the British*

*Isles* (second edition, 1997), this abridged version offers the same complete coverage and user-friendly features in a compact format that is particularly suitable for use in the field.

The reduction in the length of the book has been actively achieved by omitting the separate descriptions and many of the illustrations, while leaving the determination keys intact. Additional information on growth habit, habitat and distribution is provided as each taxon is identified. Where appropriate, information has been

updated, but no taxonomic changes or extra taxa have been incorporated. Twenty-seven pages of essential illustrations are included to aid the user, together with a comprehensive glossary and a concise index.

Clive Stace is Professor of Plant Taxonomy at Leicester University, where his research work involves the taxonomy, evolution, breeding behaviour of diverse groups of flowering plants ranging from European grasses to tropical American Combretaceae. He has a special interest in hybridisation, and edited *Hybridisation and the Flora of the British Isles* (1975). He is author of the textbook *Plant Taxonomy and Biosystematics* (1980, 1989) and of *New Flora of the British Isles* (1991, 1997), which became the standard *Flora of the British Isles* soon after its first appearance.



## MEDICAL CELL BIOLOGY MADE MEMORABLE

Dr Robert I Norman, Department of Medicine and  
Dr David Lodwick, Department of Medicine  
Churchill Livingstone, March 1999, £15.95  
(paperback)

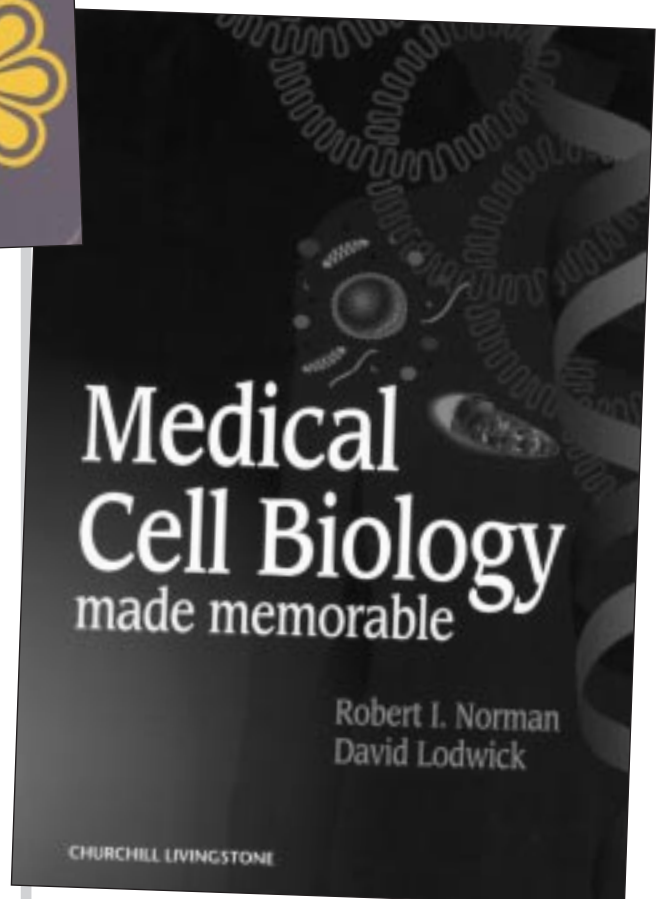
Available from the Bookshop

ISBN 443 05815 6

Over recent years medical education has been changing, with much greater emphasis being placed on student-centred learning. Medical students now ask for succinct source materials from which they can quickly gain an overview of a topic, to provide a start point for more detailed reading of relevant material in larger dedicated textbooks and to facilitate their revision for course assessments.

This book provides a condensed synopsis of cell biology to meet the needs of medical undergraduate students and other students studying cell biology for the first time. Subject material is organised into two-page spreads, comprising a page of short notes supported by a facing page of figures to facilitate learning. Related subject matter is well cross-referenced and topics of direct clinical relevance are highlighted. Most chapters conclude with a short list of suggested additional reading and tutorial sections containing revision questions with short answers.

- Dr Norman is a Senior Lecturer in Medical Biochemistry, and Dr Lodwick is a Lecturer in Molecular Biology.



## LET THE BULLETIN COVER YOUR BOOKS!

The *Bulletin* welcomes news of recently-published books written or edited by University staff. The book cover, together with any other relevant details, should be sent to Barbara Whiteman, Press & Publications Office (2676, ara@le).

# BOOKS

## DIPLOMATIE: RADERWERK VAN DE INTERNATIONALE POLITIEK [DIPLOMACY: ENGINE ROOM OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS]

Edited by Jan Melissen, Department of Politics  
Van Gorcum, February 1999, fl.49.50 (paperback)  
Available from the Bookshop  
ISBN 90 232 3425 1

The second half of the twentieth century has shown an enormous growth of diplomatic activity. The ways in which states are dealing with one another has changed more in the past decades than in the 350 years since the Peace of Westphalia.

These two books give an insight into a transforming diplomatic landscape and the changing modalities of contemporary diplomacy. *Innovation in Diplomatic Practice* builds on the analysis of more familiar topics in the introductory literature on diplomacy. The thirteen chapters deal with a wide range of issues, including topical ones such as the impact of IT on diplomatic practice, the use of contact groups in international mediation (like the six-nation contact group dealing

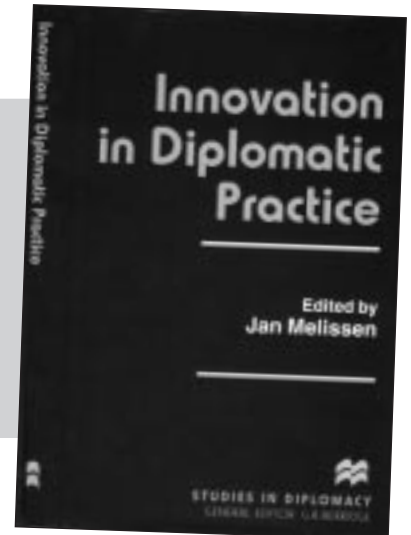
## INNOVATION IN DIPLOMATIC PRACTICE

Edited by Jan Melissen,  
Department of Politics  
Macmillan, February  
1999, £45.00 (hardback)  
Available from the Bookshop  
ISBN 0 333 691222 9

with Kosovo), and unofficial intervention in ethnonational conflicts. For this volume Jan

Melissen, a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Politics, drew contributions from scholars from nine countries in Europe, North America, Africa and the Middle East.

Dr Melissen, who takes over as Director of the Centre for the Study of Diplomacy in September, also edited and co-authored the first comprehensive study of diplomacy in Dutch. *Diplomacy: Engine Room of International Politics* is an interdisciplinary research volume, with contributions from fields such as law, history, and politics, as well as chapters by practitioners from the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the OSCE. The book deals with a number of central themes and breaks new ground with topics such as diplomacy and human rights, European diplomacy, and economic diplomacy. At the time of publication, the book was adopted as the main text for courses at several institutions of higher education.



## SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF TROPICAL CATCHMENTS

Dr David Harper, Departments of Biology/Adult Education, and Dr Tony Brown, University of Exeter  
John Wiley and Sons Ltd, January 1999, £75.00 (hardback)

Available from the Bookshop  
ISBN 047196914 1

Tropical agriculture faces many problems in its tasks of providing both protein and income to people in regions of erratic rainfall, high erosion and often unsuitable terrain and poor soils. Sustainable methods of agriculture require an understanding of the basic ecological processes, as well as the sociological context in which different forms of agriculture are practised.

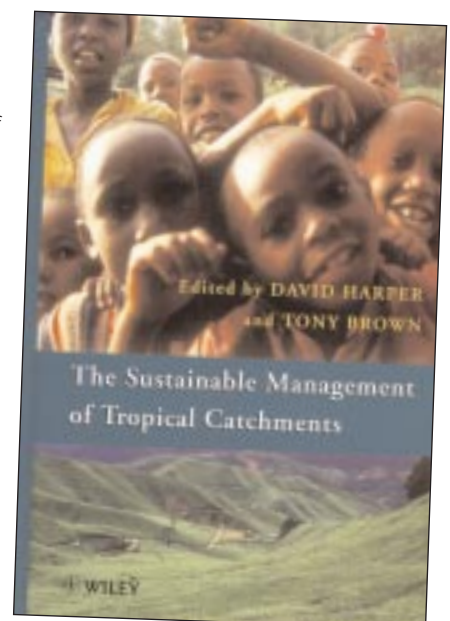
This volume provides an up-to-date review of the current research in the sustainable management of tropical areas. It is compiled of studies of tropical catchments carried out in all three continents – Central/South America, Africa and Asia – in the 1990s, mostly through the support of the EU Science and Technology programme.

Each chapter reflects on a particular aspect of the seemingly intractable problem: achieving and understanding tropical rural development without

compromising longer-term sustainability of the soil and water systems which underpin it. The studies encompass examples of erosion management; of scaling measurements from plots to estimates for catchments; of erosion control and conservation techniques at soil and ecosystem levels; of the limits of uses of the fragile tropical soils; of the effects of runoff combined with regulation on rivers and reservoirs; of the importance of indigenous people in the development processes and of the value and limitations of modelling at scales from soils to catchment.

*Sustainable Management of Tropical Catchments* presents ideas, techniques and case studies, knowledge of which will help researchers in many scientific and social disciplines to understand

the complexities better, the politicians and bureaucrats to understand the consequences of development decisions and learn from previous failures.





## PARTNERS 1ST SHORT BREAKS WITH JARVIS HOTELS

*John Williams – Lead Buyer for hotels*

I mentioned in the January edition that we would be issuing details of the short breaks deal negotiated with Jarvis Hotels. That information is now available and is set out below.

**Partners 1st Short Breaks** is a specially discounted weekend breaks programme that's available for all University employees to enjoy during weekends.

The offer is based on a minimum 2 night stay over a weekend (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) and includes a comfortable bedroom with ensuite facilities, and full traditional cooked breakfast.

A full list of participating hotels and prices can be sent to you.

Partners 1st short breaks are available to **all** employees and pensioners.

Call the dedicated Lo-Call number on **0845 7 581 237** quoting University of Leicester and 'Partners 1st Short Breaks'.

**Great value weekend breaks throughout the UK from just £19.99 per person per night, Bed & Breakfast with special deals for children.**

Your booking can be confirmed in writing or over the telephone by quoting your credit card number to the Jarvis Reservations Centre.

"I will continue to negotiate with other hotel groups to ensure that all departments of the University receive the best possible rates and special deals where appropriate. Talks with other hotels are progressing well and a schedule of rates for preferred suppliers is anticipated for the next edition. Work is also underway to construct a web site with links to individual hotels used by the University".

## GREAT VALUE WEEKEND BREAKS THROUGHOUT THE UK

from just £19.99

per person per night bed & breakfast



Save at least 20% and as much as 45%  
off our normal leisure bed and breakfast rates



# PEOPLE

## STAFF DISTINCTIONS

Staff distinctions are published in the *Bulletin* after they have been before Senate and Council.

**Professor R J Bonney (History)** has been invited to deliver the keynote address at the Prinz-Albert-Gesellschaft Conference on Religion and Politics to be held at Gotha in September 2000.

**Professor M N Shaw (Law)** has been invited to join the Advisory Council (Public International Law Section) of the British Institution of International and Comparative Law.

**Professor N B Standen (Cell Physiology and Pharmacology)** has been invited to serve on the Projects Grant Panel of the British Heart Foundation for three years commencing Spring 1999.

**Dr H S A Fox (English Local History)** has been elected President of The Medieval Settlement Research Group.

**Dr D G Lambert (Anaesthesia and Pain Management)** has been elected to the editorial board of The British Journal of Anaesthesia.

**Dr P K H Maguire (Geology)** has been elected to the Committee of the British Geophysical Association and as Secretary to the Crustal and Upper Mantle Structure Sub-Commission of the European Seismological Commission.

**Dr M J Sutcliffe (Chemistry)** has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry.

**Ms D Hansson (Scarman Centre for the Study of Public Order, Department of Politics)** has been awarded the degree of PhD by the University of Cape Town.

**Ms M McGuinness (Scarman Centre for the Study of Public Order, Department of Politics)** has been awarded the degree of PhD by the University of Leeds.

**Mrs K M W Shipton (Faculty of Arts)** has been awarded the degree of PhD by University College London.

### Council Member Appointed to Top Health Service Post in Lithuania

Stuart Morgan, a member of Council and Court and a Leicester graduate (Master of Arts in Law and Employee Relations, 1991), is to

advise the government of Lithuania on health policy and primary health care issues. For the last two years, he has been working in Estonia for PricewaterhouseCoopers, the management consultants, as the European Union's resident Health Policy Advisor to the government.

## OBITUARIES

The University has learnt, with regret, of the death of the following:

### MRS N CUFFLIN

Mrs Noelle Cufflin, formerly a student on the Post Graduate Certificate Course in the School of Education (1995 to 1996) died on 15 January 1999 after a long illness.

Mrs Cufflin came to the School of Education after graduating as a mature student from De Montfort University. She is remembered as a conscientious and most courteous student, with a clear and generous commitment to English and its teaching.

Following her PGCE year, Mrs Cufflin taught English at Northampton School for Girls. She was held in great affection by her pupils there and continued to correspond with them until shortly before her death. The school has established a memorial prize for English in her name.

Roger Knight



### PROFESSOR A N HUNTER

Professor Arthur Hunter died on 28 February 1999. Professor Hunter joined the University as an Assistant Lecturer in the Department of Physics in 1947 and left to take up the Chair of Physics at the University of Nairobi in 1961. He returned to the United Kingdom as Professor of Environmental Sciences at the University of Lancaster, where he remained until his retirement.



**TOKEN OF APPRECIATION:** Surrounded by her friends, Pat Pell receives a retirement gift from Dr Peter Sheldon.

## RETIREMENT

### DRAWING FROM MEMORY

Pat Pell, a Technician in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, retired on Friday 26 February, after just over 25 years' service. To mark the occasion, the Department held a farewell reception for her, during which she was presented with a gift from all her friends in the Department.

Pat started work at the University in October 1973 before the Medical School was built. She was in the MRC Microbial Systematics Unit on the lower ground floor of the Adrian Building. Mike Sackin is the only person still in the Department who was here before her. Her first task was to help Dorothy Jones to draw up, by hand, a taxonomic matrix – Pat had previously worked in Drawing Offices and was a 'dab hand' with Indian Ink! This was a time when computers worked with punched-hole cards.

Later, she was involved in Peter Sneath's work to produce Identification Matrices to identify atypical bacterial strains by computer. Pathology labs would send profile results with a request for the most likely strain to fit those results to be determined. By this time the Medical School had opened and she commenced work for Peter Sheldon, where she has been ever since.

Pat has seen five Heads of Department – and countless students and postgraduates, who she still thinks of as twenty-something, though they must be middle-aged by now!

Sheila Mackley

# PEOPLE

## Obituaries continued

### LORD MENUHIN, O.M.

Yehudi Menuhin, the distinguished violinist and conductor, died on Friday 12 March 1999, aged 82. At the Leicester University Degree Ceremony in 1965, he was awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Music. Another honorary graduand later that year was Benjamin Britten, who had on a visit to Germany twenty years earlier, played with Menuhin to the surviving inmates at Belsen in 1945.

Menuhin was a child prodigy, a public performer on the violin at seven, who was making records from the age of 13, including the classic Elgar Concerto with the composer in 1932. During the Second World War, he played more than 500 concerts to the Allied troops.

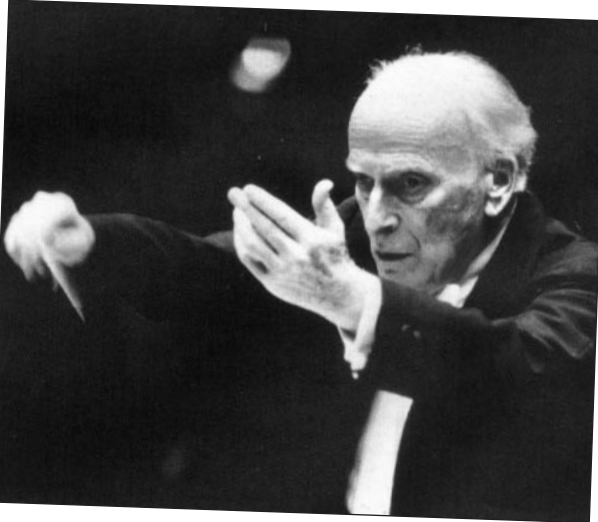
In 1959 he made his home in London, and subsequently was the inspiration behind the festivals at Bath, Windsor and Gstaad. He began conducting in the 1950s, and remained active in this field until his death.

Throughout his life he was a prominent supporter of human rights and green issues. He was also a philanthropist, particularly generous of his time and support to young musicians. In 1962 he founded the Yehudi Menuhin School in Surrey, where Nigel Kennedy was an early prizewinner. It was typical of him, that when approached to contribute to the establishment of music scholarships for talented students at Leicester University, he responded in generous fashion by sponsoring three years of violin lessons for a student from 1998-2001.

Yehudi Menuhin was due to present and conduct three concerts of music particularly associated with his career, with the Warsaw Sinfonia and soloists of his choice at Symphony Hall, Birmingham in April.

### DAME IRIS MURDOCH, D.B.E.

Dame Iris Murdoch, novelist and philosopher, died on 8 February 1999, aged 79. She was born on



15 July 1919. In 1982 she received the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters from Leicester University.

Whilst reading Mods and Greats at Somerville College, Oxford, she met the poet, Philip Larkin. In 1947, after work in the Treasury and for the United Nations in displacement camps abroad, she was awarded the Sarah Smithson Studentship in philosophy at Newnham College, Cambridge, and she studied there for a year before returning to Oxford as a tutor in philosophy and



Information about the death of a member of the University's staff or a student (past or present) should be given to Vivienne Paul, the Registrar's Secretary, who will ensure that the details are disseminated throughout the University via CWIS. Her telephone number is 0116 252 2411.

fellow of St Anne's, where she was to remain for the next 15 years. At the age of 35 she turned her hand to writing novels.

Critics mostly felt that she was at the height of her powers in the 1960s and early 1970s, with works such as *A Severed Head* (1961), *The Italian Girl* (1964), *A Fairly Honourable Defeat* (1970), *The Black Prince* (1973) and *The Sacred and Profane Love Machine* (1974). Several of these were made into plays and films.

A prolific writer, she received many honours in her life. She was appointed CBE in 1976 and advanced to DBE in 1987. She was six times shortlisted for the Booker Prize, and won it in 1978 with *The Sea, the Sea*.

In 1956 Iris Murdoch married John Bayley, later Warton Professor of English Literature and a fellow of St Catherine's College, Oxford. John Bayley cared for her with devotion and tenderness throughout her final years when Alzheimer's disease took an increasingly tenacious grip upon her once fine mind. He charted the cruel progress of the illness in his poignant and unflinchingly honest memoir *Iris*, published last year. He survives her. There were no children.

## QUESTION

**Where on campus can you find all the following services during the Easter vacation?**

- A bar with a relaxed atmosphere for a day time or evening drink.
- Newspapers, magazines, snacks, cold drinks, stationary, greetings cards, toiletries.
- Professional assistance with your travel plans, both national and international.
- Print and copying facilities

## ANSWER

### The Students' Union

We will be open during the Easter break\* offering you the usual wide range of services

\*The SU building will be closed from April 1st to April 9th

# NOTICES

## ADVANCE NOTICE OF CONFERENCE:

### Women and Urban Life in Eighteenth-Century England

On 29 May 1999, a conference, *On the Town: Women and Urban Life in Eighteenth-Century England*, will examine in detail aspects of the public role of women in towns, women and business and women and urban leisure. Supported by the University's Centre for Urban History and the Economic and Social History Department, speakers include Hannah Barker, Helen Berry, Bernard Capp, Elaine Chalus, Kathryn Gleadle, Penelope Lane, Sarah Richardson and Roey Sweet.



- For further information contact Penny Lane or Roey Sweet at pl25@le.ac.uk, 0116 252 5069 or rhs4@le.ac.uk, 0116 252 2855.

## RACE FOR LIFE

Imperial Cancer Research Fund's Race for Life is a national series of sponsored 5km walks and runs exclusively for women of all ages and fitness abilities, raising money for research into cancers which affect women.



In 1999, this series will be staged in 54 towns and cities throughout England, Scotland, Wales, the Channel Islands and Northern Ireland. Abbey Park, Leicester is the local venue, and the date is fixed for 1 August at 11.00 am.

- For those interested in taking part (singly or in groups), becoming race day volunteers, or displaying posters/distributing leaflets, more details and entry forms can be obtained by ringing the Information Hotline, 0990 134 314.

## Promoting High Quality Learning and Teaching in Higher Education

### A One-Day Workshop for Heads of Departments on 30 April 1999

Run by the Centre for Higher Education Studies (CHES), Institute of Education, this Workshop is intended for departmental heads (and deputies) who are keen to explore ways of improving teaching and learning in their departments. Specially designed to address issues linked to staff development and the new quality assurance arrangements, the course offers the opportunity to explore in discussion with invited speakers:

- what we mean by quality in teaching
- recent developments in student/adult learning
- departmental policies to encourage improvement and innovation
- alternative departmental practices with colleagues from diverse disciplines and institutions
- recent developments in quality, enhancement, audit and assessment

The Workshop, to be held at the CVCP Offices in London, will also address developments arising out of the Dearing Committee's Report, particularly those concerning accreditation of teachers in higher education and the new Institute for Learning and Teaching.

- For enrolment details, phone Mrs Janet Harding at the Institute of Education on 0171 612 6362.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### A MORE COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF EVENTS IS AVAILABLE ON CWIS

#### APRIL

##### Saturday April 24

Human Communication International Day Conference on Inter-Cultural Communication. Principal Contributors Dr Martin Cortazzi, Leicester University; Lixian Jin, De Montfort University; Yvonne Howell, Sandwell Healthcare; Anindita Bose, Mrittika Arts Ltd. 9.30 am to 4.00 pm. Fraser Noble Hall, Leicester University. For further information please contact Reception, School of Education on 0116 252 3688.

##### Tuesday April 27

Royal Society For Chemistry Lecture for Schools: 'A.L.L. – You Need to Know'. Antonie Laurent Lavoisier – The Father of Chemistry. 10.30 am and 1.45 pm. Bennett Lecture Theatre 1. Suitable for students aged 13 to 16. Booking essential – ring Jacky Wetzig on 0116 252 2674 for details.

##### Wednesday April 28

A forum on Isotopes in Palaeoclimate Research. To be hosted by Leicester University in association with the NERC Isotope Geosciences Laboratory (British Geological Survey). For further information please contact Melanie J Leng, NERC Isotope Geosciences Laboratory, Keyworth, Nottingham, NG12 5GG, Tel: 0115 9363527, Fax: 0115 9363302, email: M.Leng@nigl.nerc.ac.uk

##### Thursday April 29

Centre for Mechanisms of Human Toxicity MRC Toxicology Unit Lecture: *Integration and destruction of signals through protein kinase C*. Professor Peter Parker, Head of Protein Phosphorylation Laboratory, Imperial Cancer Research Fund. Sponsored by Andy Gescher. 11.00 am. Seminar Room, Level 5, Hodgkin Building. All welcome.

##### Friday April 30

Centre for Mechanisms of Human Toxicity MRC Toxicology Unit Lecture: *Organelle-specific pathways to apoptosis*. Dr Robin Brown, Glaxo Wellcome Research & Development. 11.00 am. Middle Seminar Room, Level 5, Hodgkin Building. Sponsored by Gerry Cohen.

#### MAY

##### Tuesday May 4

School of Historical Studies – Holocaust Studies Lecture: The Seventh Elchanan and Miriam Elkes Memorial Lecture: *The Singularity of the Holocaust: its distinctive nature and meaning*. Professor Seven Katz, University of Boston. 5.30 pm. Lecture Theatre 1, New Building. Professor Katz will also be conducting a Faculty Seminar on Wednesday 5 May on *Rethinking the Issue of Jewish Resistance During the Holocaust*. Sponsored by The Stanley Burton Centre for Holocaust Studies and the Elchanan Elkes Association for Intercommunity Understanding. Open to the public and free.

# NOTICES

## Tuesday May 4

Leicester Early Modern Seminar: *Nuns' Tales: Narrative and Self-Expression in the Convents of Early Modern Venice*. Mary Laven, University of Cambridge. 5.30 pm. History of Art Slide Room, Attenborough 1707.

## Wednesday May 5

Leicester University Open Day: Medical School Information Day. For more information telephone 0116 252 2674.

## Thursday May 6

Department of Psychology – The Sluckin Lecture 1999. *Reflections on Mirrors*. Professor Richard Gregory, Emeritus Professor of Psychology, University of Bristol. 4.30 pm. Lecture Theatre, Astley Clarke Building.

## Tuesday May 11

Scarman Centre for the Study of Public Order/Professional Development Unit One Day Conference: Planning and Learning from High Risk Situations. Guest Speakers include Keith Jackson, Yorkshire Electricity; Professor Brian Toft, J & H Marsh & McLennan; and Chief Inspector Nicholas Gargan, Leicestershire Constabulary. Further details and booking forms from Professional Development Telephone 0116 252 3332, Fax 0116 252 2028.

## Wednesday May 12

Royal Society of Chemistry Lecture: *Control of Relative and Absolute Stereochemistry in Heterocyclic Synthesis*. Dr Steve Marsdon, Imperial College, London. 2.00 pm. Lecture Room C, Department of Chemistry.

## Wednesday May 12

Department of History Centre for the History of Religions, Inter-Faith Dialogue and Pluralism Lecture: The Third Geza Vermes Lecture in the History of Religions, in association with the Leicester Sikh Cultural and Welfare Society. *The Khalsa in Sikh Tradition, 1699/1999 CE*. Professor J S Grewal, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee. 5.15 pm. Rattray Lecture Theatre One.

## Thursday May 13

Centre for Mechanisms of Human Toxicity MRC Toxicology Unit Lecture: *Transcriptional Regulations by Steroid Hormone Receptors*. Dr Malcolm Parker, Head of the Molecular Endocrinology Laboratory, Imperial Cancer Research Fund. Sponsored by Ian White. 11.00 am. Seminar Room, Level 5, Hodgkin Building. All welcome.

## Thursday May 13

Annual Medieval Research Centre Lecture: *The Bible on the Wall: Wall Painting and Drama in Medieval Europe*. Professor Graham Caie, University of Glasgow. 6.00 pm. Lecture Theatre 1, The New Building.

## SMALL ADS

### QUALIFIED WP/TYPING SERVICES

CVs, Reports, Theses, Essays  
NOTHING TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL  
TELEPHONE 0116 277 0205 AFTER 4.00 PM

### VICTORIAN (3 bedroom) HOUSE FOR SALE in Aylestone

1 mile LRI & University. FGCH, double glazed.  
2 sitting-rooms, galley kitchen; 1st floor: Double bedroom with walk-in original wardrobe; 3rd bedroom; Bathroom: white bath (shower over), bidet; 3rd bedroom with fitted cupboard; Stairs to 2nd floor and 2nd large double bedroom. All carpets, curtains, blinds etc. included. Tel. 0116 244 0364 to view; or fax 244 0733; email cm33@le.ac.uk. (Ms) Chris Mawer

### FOR SALE

Alto Majestic Saxophone for sale, good condition, excellent tone, almost new case, £600. Telephone 0116 252 2501 or 0116 271 4563 (evenings).

### QUALITY CHILDCARE

6 weeks to 5 years • Experienced staff • Small and friendly • Approved by Ofsted • Registered with Social Services  
THE JOLLY NURSERY 205 Knighton Road, Leicester LE2 3TT  
Tel: 0116 270 6916.

### LEICESTER INTERVARSITY CLUB

Leicester IVC is an informal club whose members organise a wide range of activities including speakers, meals, walks, badminton, cinema, and theatre trips. For more information contact Jan on 0116 273 5306.

HOST FAMILIES REQUIRED FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS  
ATTENDING ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES IN SUMMER  
1999. ANYONE INTERESTED IN HAVING PAYING GUESTS  
FOR SHORT PERIODS, PLEASE RING 0116 281 0786.

**Social Circles** PO Box 5392  
Wigston LE18 3ZH

Are you new to the area?  
Would you like the opportunity to expand your circle of friends?  
Do you find the demands of modern day living leaving little time for arranging a social life?  
Do you enjoy eating at various restaurants, attending sporting events and general social gatherings?  
Social Circle organises events including:  
Dinners, Wine Tasting Evenings, Race Events, Theatre Trips,

**If interested call Social Circles on 0116 2813232 for more details.**

## CANOEING IN NEW WATERS

A number of University Sports Bursaries are awarded each term, enabling students to complete a training or instructor's course in their chosen activities. Biology student Andrew Nicoll was the happy recipient of one such bursary. He relates his canoeing experiences last summer...

MY success at the team trials secured me a place on the British under-23 canoe slalom team. Consequently I had the opportunity last summer to compete at international races in Norway, Sweden, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and finally at the World Student Games at Metz in France.

In August I flew with the team to Oslo, and from

a strong French team. I was delighted to finish seventh in Sjoa, despite a number of mistakes.

From Sjoa, we drove to Bjorbo – in Sweden – for the second stage of the Nordic cup. After a few days training, I came third in the race, winning a Bronze medal for the GB team.

On returning home from Sweden, the pressure was still on. I had less than a day in which to pack the car and head out to the Czech Republic. The Trojan Horse race is held in

Prague every year and brings together many of the best paddlers in the world.

Representatives from Australia, USA,

Austria, France and many other nations were competing. I finished in thirtieth place. From here we went on to Bratislava and raced for the Danubia cup. I was pleased to qualify for the race final, and happy with the result.

From Bratislava, we drove to Metz, where we were accommodated close to the slalom course on the university campus. The University World Championships is a high-profile event which is held every four years. Our French host looked after us extremely well. I was the only British C Paddler to qualify for the final! In the final I was racing against the best in the world, but managed fifteenth place. The importance of the event took me by surprise and was brought home to me afterwards when I was interviewed by French television (in French!), and some spectators asked me for my autograph!

Andrew Nicoll



**ROCK AND ROLL:** Andrew Nicoll canoeing on the Colorado River as it runs through the Grand Canyon.

there we went by coach to the small town of Sjoa, five hours from the airport. After five days of intensive training, the race day dawned. The river cut through a mountain gorge, and the scenery was magnificent. We were competing against teams from seven different nations, including



- The Students' Union Sports Association also made a contribution towards the World Student Games in Metz, in which Andrew took part.

## SALAD DAYS

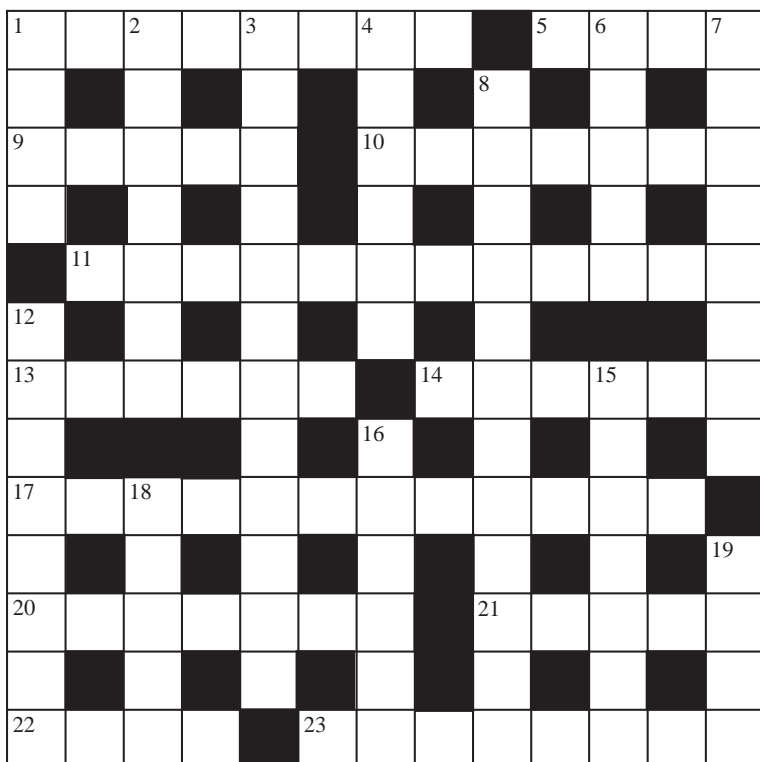


BULLETIN COMPETITIONS ARE OPEN TO ALL READERS  
EXCEPT THOSE INVOLVED IN ITS PRODUCTION.  
ONLY ONE ENTRY PER PERSON OR GROUP IS PERMITTED.

# CROSSWORD

## PRIZE CROSSWORD 33 by Seivador

FOUR PRIZES: First correct entry from draw – a three-course lunch for two in the Carvery, donated by Leicester University Catering Services, second correct entry – a £15 book token, donated by the University Bookshop, third correct entry – a bottle of wine, courtesy of the *Bulletin*, fourth correct entry – a Leicester University bookmark, key ring and coaster, donated by the Students' Union shop.



Entries (in a sealed envelope) clearly marked to  
PRIZE CROSSWORD COMPETITION,  
PRESS & PUBLICATIONS OFFICE,  
FIELDING JOHNSON BUILDING.

BY NO LATER THAN NOON ON WEDNESDAY 14 APRIL

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPT: \_\_\_\_\_

EXT. NO: \_\_\_\_\_

### Winners of Prize Crossword No. 32:

Lunch for two in the Carvery, donated by Catering Services – Joel Nicholas, Mathematics; £15 book token, donated by the University Bookshop – Roger Scoppie, Research; bottle of wine, donated by the *Bulletin* – Linda Duncan, Estates; a Leicester University bookmark, key ring and coaster, donated by the Students' Union Shop – Bob Atkinson, Chemistry.

### Clues Across

1. Something to constitute example? Right! (8)
5. Dirty talk must change! (4)
9. Henry's first encountered spirits, briefly (5)
10. Present of foreign metal tender (7)
11. Main tune got a variation in fugal device (12)
13. One piece of poetry is ill-disposed (6)
14. Concoct a volume, internally of a certain size (6)
17. Shop could supply hash with rye bread? (12)
20. Relationship between les adultes? (7)
21. Left a retreat, and charged (5)
22. Swindle the man on board (4)
23. They control draughts over the water (8)

### Clues Down

1. Thirteenth character to receive my trophy (4)
2. Get warm with excitement, then sue (7)
3. Local office-holder is after a concubine! (12)
4. One plane adapted for high-altitude existence (6)
6. Legal expert in civvies (5)
7. Giacomo's last tutor, and composer (7)
8. Squiffy in local? Och, no – with such a drink! (3-9)
12. Graduate composer to return for function (8)
15. Shorten by a link (7)
16. Meal includes a start on fresh course (6)
18. Excellent villain for hire (5)
19. The responsibility is ours (4)

### PRIZE CROSSWORD 32 SOLUTION

**Across:** 1 Anaemic. 5 Pampa. 9 Mot. 10. Rue. 11 Eel. 12 Article. 14 Renal. 15 Springiness. 17 Penny-farthing. 20 Articulated. 23 Cacti. 25 Unscrew. 27 Ave. 28 Pen. 29 Old. 30 Taste. 31 Tacitly.

**Down:** 1 Amass. 2 Nor. 3 Attar. 4 Credit account. 5 Percentiles. 6 Menisci. 7 Pea. 8 Allying. 13 Candy stripe. 16 Pie. 17 Polecat. 18 Nuances. 19 Nee. 21 Tarot. 22 Dowdy. 24 Ava. 26 Ell.

THE first five years of the Hubble Space Telescope's mission produced some stunning images. This Hubble Telescope photo shows giant gas clouds (hydrogen gas and dust) in the 'Eagle Nebula' about 7,000 light years away – of scientific interest as regions where new stars are presently forming.

- A current exhibition at The Yard Gallery, Wollaton Park, Nottingham (open daily 10 to 4 pm until 16 May) displays similarly fascinating images taken by the Hubble Telescope.
- Staff from the University's Physics and Astronomy Department regularly use the Hubble Telescope for their research. Professor Martin Ward is currently leading a team within the European Space Agency to design an advanced camera for the New Generation Space Telescope (NGST). NGST is a joint US/European Mission intended to succeed the Hubble Telescope when it ceases operation in a few years time. It will be significantly larger and more powerful than the Hubble Telescope and will allow observations to be made of the very earliest stars and galaxies formed when the universe was only one tenth of its present age.
- ...And a larger-than-life image, the distinguished astronomer Patrick Moore, CBE, will be in the vicinity on 30 April – at De Montfort Hall – presenting his angle on space entitled *The Great Universe*. Patrick Moore received the honorary degree of Doctor of Science from Leicester University in 1996. A voucher entitling the bearer to £1 off the cost of tickets to this event can be found on page 20.

## STRIKING FIGURES

REPLICAS of Jacobean figures complete the restoration of a local automaton clock, which will be housed in the courtyard of the City's Guildhall later this year. Full report in *Bulletin's* Out & About section, page 18.

