

LEICESTER RESEARCH GRANTS AND BOOKS

Press Coverage of Research Grants

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ARCHAEOLOGY AND ANCIENT HISTORY

Dr M Pluciennik
RA11044
Fifth World Archaeology Congress
£353 *British Academy*

Dr M Pluciennik
RA11045
Archaeology of Torricoda Valley, Enna Sicily
£2,328 *British Academy*

BIOCHEMISTRY

Professor D Critchley
RM31030

Supplement: Role of Cytoskeletal Protein Vinculin in focal adhesion dynamics and cell motility
£41,451 *Cancer Research UK*

Dr D Leys
RM31101
Time-resolved structural studies on biological redox systems
£269,958 *Royal Society*

Dr J Norman
RM31083
Supplement: Kinase control of avB3 integrin recycling
£5,584 *Wellcome Trust*

Dr A Willis
RM31090
Supplement – DNA microarray analysis of differential mRNA utilisation for translation during apoptosis in mammalian cells
£2,500 *Wellcome Trust*

Professor D Critchley, Dr C A Pritchard
RM31032
Supplement – Analysis of the function of the cytoskeletal protein alpha-actinin 1 using gene disruption
£6,226 *Wellcome Trust*

Professor D Critchley
RM31107
Biochemical properties of the cytoskeletal protein talin
£204,686 *BBSRC*

Professor I Eperon
RM31106
Nuclear factors that are involved in restoration of SMN pre-mRNA exon 7 disnucleotide containing a splicing enhancer motif EMBO Fellowship – Dr A Malygin
£5,326 *European Molecular Biology Organization*

Dr A Fry
RM31041
Supplement – Validation of NEK2 as a new cancer gene target
£8,968 *Cancer Research UK*

Dr A Heery
RM31DMD
Supplement – Function of transcriptional coactivators in nuclear receptor-mediated transcription – Senior Research Fellowship in Basic Biomedical Science
£44,485 *Wellcome Trust*

Dr A Munro, Professor N Scrutton, Dr M Sutcliffe, Dr D Leys
RM31105
Elucidating enzyme mechanism and physiological role of a key P450 enzyme (CYP121) from *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*
£196,872 *BBSRC*

Professor G Roberts, Dr A Munro, Professor P Cullis (Chemistry)
RM31102
Industrial biocatalysts by design: rational re-engineering of flavocytochrome p450 BM3 for chiral chemical synthesis
£243,929 *BBSRC*

Professor G Roberts
RM31GCB
Supplement – Structural models of human cytochrome P450s
£75,000 *Janssen Research Foundation via Univ of Dundee*



Professor N Scrutton, Dr M Sutcliffe, Dr D Leys
RM31103
Quantum mechanisms for enzyme catalysis – beyond the transition state theory paradigm
£383,354 *BBSRC*

Professor N Scrutton, Professor G Roberts, Dr G Aldo
RM31104
Isothermal titration calorimetry: novel and established applications in redox enzymology
£29,252 *BBSRC*

BIOLOGY
Dr D Harper
RM48059
Flamingo Conservation, and ramsar site management at Lake Bogoria, Kenya
£131,151 *DEFRA via Earthwatch Institute*

CANCER STUDIES AND MOLECULAR MEDICINE
Dr S Ablett
RM60008
Supplement: High Risk Neuroblastoma study of SIOP Europe
£24,094 *Cancer Research UK*

Professor J Lunec
RM60006
Supplement: Measurement of oxidised LDL by immunoassay
£22,721 *Randox*

CARDIOVASCULAR SCIENCE
Professor L Ng, Dr S Khan (Fellow)
RM61004
Risk stratification of myocardial infarction using cardiac hypertrophic inducing peptides
£86,719 *British Heart Foundation*



Dr N Brindle
RM61006
Role of the ABIN family of proteins in control of endothelial activation by the receptor tyrosine kinase Tie2
£122,363 *British Heart Foundation*

Dr A Gershlick, Dr S Vennila
(Medicine and Therapeutics)
RM61005
Scoring system to stratify risk in patients undergoing percutaneous coronary intervention
£4,699 *Glenfield NHS Trust*

Professor N Samani
RM61009
Studies into the genetics of coronary heart disease
£12,000 *Heartsearch*

Dr D Tincello, Dr R Elliott
RM60018
A study of the effects of carbonated soft drinks and cigarette smoking upon detrusor muscle function
£9,250 *British Society of Urogynaecology*

CELL PHYSIOLOGY AND PHARMACOLOGY
Dr B Billups, Professor I Forsythe
RM36057
Reciprocal interactions between vesicular glutamate concentration, mitochondria and neurotransmitter release
£189,032 *Wellcome Trust*

Dr B Billups, Professor I Forsythe
RM36056
Reciprocal interactions between vesicular glutamate concentration, mitochondria and neurotransmitter release
£286,321 *Royal Society*

Professor S Nahorski
RM36020
Supplement: Regulation of Ca²⁺ + Mobilising G-Protein coupling receptors in neurons
£54,772 *The Wellcome Trust*

Dr M Hamann, Professor I Forsythe
RM36061
Interactions between sub-threshold conductances and their functional relevance at auditory synapses
£213,258 *The Wellcome Trust*

Dr J Mitcheson
RM36024
Supplement – HERG Potassium Channels – Mechanism of Block
£109,920 *Pfizer*

Dr A Tobin
RM36001
Supplement – Identification, cloning and characterisation of inositol polyphosphate-regulated protein kinases and their protein substrates
£9,681 *Wellcome Trust*

CHEMISTRY
Dr M Wheeler
RP10091
Non-Covalent Interactions
£14,994 *Royal Society*

Professor A Hillman
RP10093
Conference Grant
£860 *The Royal Society*

Dr A Stuart, Professor E Hope
RP10092
Case Studentship – Mr D Duncan
Fluorous pincer ligands for palladium catalysis
£21,000 *GlaxoSmithKline*

ECONOMICS
Dr M Hernandez
RS10029
ESRC Postdoctoral Fellowship – The development and application of mixture and switching models in micro and macroeconomics
£27,489 *ESRC*

EDUCATION
Dr C Comber
RE10044
Evaluation of developing school effectiveness by improving the strategic leadership of ICT
£15,204 *BECTA*

ENGINEERING
Professor A Ponter
RM12047
Supplement: Stability and shakedown analysis of soil and pavement structures
£3,004 *EPSRC*

Professor I Postlethwaite, with University of Reading
RP12074
Shape Performance Improvement in Metal Rolling using a Knowledge-Based System
£23,174 *DTI/ALCOA GB*

Professor A Cocks
RP12076
Engineering the Green State of Powder Products
£79,657 *EPSRC*

Dr M Pont
RP12075
Distributed fault-tolerant software architectures for X-by-wire Case Studentship – Timothy Edwards
£19,200 *TRW*

GENETICS
Dr R Borts
RM33050
Supplement: Molecular and genetic analysis of the interaction between RecQ helicases and mismatch repair proteins
£75,809 *Cancer Research UK*



Dr Y Dubrova
RM33046
Supplement: Transgenerational instability in the germline and somatic tissues
£5,266 *Wellcome Trust*

Professor Sir A Jeffreys, Dr A Gutierrez (Biochemistry)
RM33059
Supplement: Active L1 retrotransposons and the generation of human genetic diversity
£1,143 *Wellcome Trust*

Dr M Jobling
RM33GZA
Supplement: The Y chromosome as a marker for the history & structure of human populations
£84,345 *Wellcome Trust*

Dr E Louis
RM33039
Supplement: Telomere structure, function and architecture and their role in genome stability
£12,596 *Wellcome Trust*

Professor E Louis
RM33053
Supplement: The role of helicases in nuclear architecture and genome stability in *Saccharomyces* – prize studentship for Esther Males
£1,910 *Wellcome Trust*

Professor E Louis, University of Oxford
RM33013
Supplement: Long range analysis of chromatin composition and structure in yeast
£6,894 *Wellcome Trust*

Professor R Trembath, University of Birmingham & University of Leeds
RM33020
Supplement: National Antrozygosity Mapping Resource NAMR
£23,232 *Wellcome Trust*

Dr M Jobling
RM33006
Supplement – Surnames and genetic structure: A molecular analysis using y-chromosomal DNA polymorphisms – Prize Studentship Ms T King
£2,262 *Wellcome Trust*

Professor R Trembath
RM33001
Supplement – Molecular genetic analysis of the common skin disorder Psoriasis
£27,777 *Wellcome Trust*

Professor R Trembath
RM33025
Supplement – Genomic approaches to the molecular pathology of AHO syndromes
£9,520 *Wellcome Trust*

Professor R Trembath R Prof, Dr N Morrell (Cambridge)
RM33070
Molecular mechanisms of BMPR-II dysfunction underlying primary pulmonary hypertension
£203,149 *British Heart Foundation*

Professor R Trembath
RM33071
A clinical and molecular genetic study of dyggve melchior clausen syndrome
£139,946 *MRC*

Dr C Tufarelli
RM33072
Mechanisms of antisense-RNA mediated DNA methylation in mammals
£189,257 *Royal Society*

GEOGRAPHY
Professor M Bradshaw
RP13018
A new Russian Heartland
£45,592 *ESRC*



GEOLOGY

Dr G Jenkin
RP14043

Unravelling depositional isotope signatures from Neoproterozoic Ethiopian carbonates – travel expenses
£4,111 *The Royal Society*

Dr I Hill
RP14044

Feasibility study for the application of new integrated technology to the detection, delineation and characterisation of archaeological sites with potential for mineral development
£60,591 *DEFRA*

Dr K Jeffrey
RP14045

Aggregates Drilling for Improved Characterisation Testing (ADICT)
£36,876 *DEFRA*

Dr K Jeffrey
RP14046

Aggregate Deposit and processing simulation to optimise waste utilisation (AGSIM)
£43,089 *DEFRA*

HEALTH SCIENCES

Mr A Sutton, Professor D Jones, Dr Abrams
RM62006

Studies of chemical workers: revised systematic review and meta-analysis
£34,864 *American Chemistry Council*

Ms R Hancock
RM62013

Paying for long-term care for older people in the UK: moving forward by modelling the costs and incidence of a comprehensive set of options
£29,142 *Nuffield Foundation*

Dr C Minelli
RM62010

Meta-analysis of genetic studies: overview of the methodological issues and proposal of guidelines
£150,706 *Department of Health*

Ms J Peters
RM62009

Development of methods for generalised synthesis of evidence: application to epidemiological and toxicological evidence in environmental standard setting
£145,461 *Department of Health*

HISTORY

Dr C Prestel
RA15026

New Jewish Women in Germany between Submission and Revolt, 1900-1933
£13,153 *AHRB*

Dr J Coffey
RA15028

The Assassination of Archbishop Sharp
£743 *British Academy*

INFECTION, IMMUNITY AND INFLAMMATION

Dr C Beardsmore
RM12AGD

Supplement: Respiratory function in infants following ECMO
£13,000 *Eastern Leicestershire PCT*

Professor W Schwaeble
RM631001

Molecular pathways of complement-mediated effects in the pathophysiology of shock
£3,230 *British Council Germany*

INFECTION, IMMUNITY & INFLAMMATION (CLINICAL)

Professor M Barer, Professor A Wardlaw (Infection, Immunity & Inflammation)
RM63013

A more intensive approach to diagnosis and management of asthma in primary care. A randomised controlled trial
£19,500 *National Asthma Campaign*

Dr C Beardsmore, Professor S C Koenig (Mathematics and Computer Science)
RM63010

Equipping the infant lung function laboratory
£30,180 *The Charles Wolfson Charitable Trust*

LABOUR MARKET STUDIES

Professor A Felstead, Professor L Unwin
RS141010

Learning as Work: Teaching and Learning Processes in the Contemporary Work Organisation
£1,037,448 *ESRC*

Dr J Sung
RS141011

Evaluation of Training Survey of Members (2003-4)
£14,814 *CIPD*

MANAGEMENT CENTRE

Professor G Hanlon
RS101002

Shaping Knowledge Through Dialogue: Analysing Corporate Social Responsibility
£149,819 *ESRC*

MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Dr J Marsh, Professor S Koenig
RP15055

Supplement: Actions of the Braid Group on derived categories of representations of simple Lie algebras
£4,271 *EPSRC*

MICROBIOLOGY AND IMMUNOLOGY

Dr P Freestone
RM15021

Supplement: The effects of catecholamine stress hormones, ionotropes and their metabolites on the physiology and virulence of coagulase-negative staphylococci
£6,779 *Wellcome Trust*

MODERN LANGUAGES

Dr S Penn
RA14005

Esotericism in Latin American Literature
£650 *British Academy*

MUSEUM STUDIES

Professor E Hooper-Greenhill
RA17022

Evidence of the Outcome and Impact of Learning
£80,000 *Resource*

Professor E Hooper-Greenhill
RA17023

Evaluation of the DCMS Strategic Commissioning 2003-2004: National/Regional Museum Education Partnerships
£119,196 *Department of Culture, Media and Sport*

ONCOLOGY

Dr G Jones
RM47023

Supplement – PhD Studentship (Gabriela Martinho de Almeida)
Studies into the genetics of coronary heart disease
£8,040 *Portuguese Ministry for Science and Technology*

ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY

Professor W Harper
RM18CEB

Supplement – Randomised placebo-controlled trial of daily oral vitamin D and calcium for the secondary prevention of osteoporosis related fractures in the elderly (RECORD)
£829 *MRC via University of Aberdeen*

PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY

Dr J Pye
RP16109

Supplement: MIRI Project
£46,152 *PPARC*

Professor A King, Professor J Pringle (Cambridge)
RP16091

Supplement – UK Astrophysical fluid facility – support for a national service for astrophysics
£7,623 *PPARC*

Professor T R Robinson
RP16120

SPEAR Operations Phase
£587,963 *PPARC*

Dr R Willingale, Professor G Fraser (Physics, King's College London, CCLRC)
RP16121

Basic Technology – Practical X-ray Interferometry
£93,649 *EPSRC*

POLITICS

Dr R Saull
RS30007

The War on Terror and the American Empire Workshop (BISA) 2003
£3,231 *ESRC*

PSYCHOLOGY

Dr F Bolger, Dr R Gillett
RM43016

News, moods and consumer confidence
£47,125 *ESRC*

Scarman Centre

Mr J Garland, Mr N Chakraborti
RS301036

Racism in rural Warwickshire Research Project
£15,000 *Warwickshire Police*





Managing People

Alison Hall
Open University Press, October 2003, £21.99 (paperback)
ISBN 0 335 20993 9

► The most important asset of any university or college is its staff, yet the majority of line managers in higher education institutions are not appointed on the basis of their experience of, or expertise in, managing people. This book is a practical guide to people management for these managers.

With contributions from Professor Robin Middlehurst, Tom Kennie, and Catherine Simm, Alison Hall guides readers through the employment cycle, from recruitment to parting company, addressing en route those issues that cause line managers to

lose most sleep.

Illustrated throughout with case studies and examples of best practice, the book provides a guide to:

- effective (and legal) recruitment and selection
- managing the crucial early days of an appointment
- leadership, team-building, measuring performance and appraisal
- managing tricky situations such as sickness absence, discipline, stress, harassment and grievances
- handling the end of an employment relationship fairly

Managing People is essential reading

for HE managers, staff in Human Resource departments, consultants and students and staff involved in HR courses.

• *Dr Alison Hall has worked in personnel since 1989 and is currently Head of Academic and Senior Staff Division and Deputy Head of Personnel at the University of Leicester. She has extensive experience of advising managers in universities on people management issues as well as industrial relations experience, including a secondment to the Universities and Colleges Employers Association.*



• *Contributors include Tom Kennie, Robin Middlehurst and Catherine Simm.*

Chemistry in Alternative Reaction Media

Dave J Adams, Paul J Dyson, Steward J Tavener
John Wiley and Sons Ltd, October 2003, £90 (hardback), £40 (paperback)
ISBN 0 471 49848 3 (hardback), 0 471 49849 1 (paperback)

► The use of organic solvents and their emissions has been the centre of major environmental concern in recent years, and there is currently a great deal of interest in finding alternatives to halogenated and volatile organic solvents for synthesis.

Chemistry in Alternative Reaction Media explores why solvents are used and the problems associated with them. It describes the state-of-the-art in solvent replacement technologies. Supercritical fluids, biphasic reactions, ionic and fluorous liq-

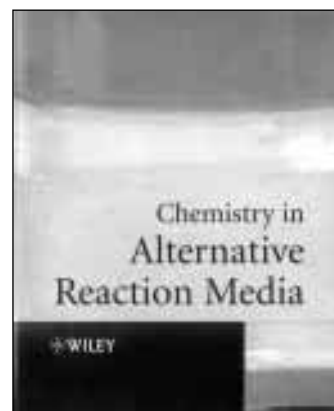
uids, and aqueous chemistry are brought together in a single textbook, which explains how they may be used to increase reaction efficiency, improve separation and catalyst recovery, and reduce emissions to the environment.

As well as describing the principles behind these methods, and the environmental, economic and chemical advantages that these alternatives can bring, numerous examples of applications are given including most major reaction types, and con-

sideration is given to potential scale-up and industrial use.

This book will appeal to anyone with an interest in organic synthesis, reaction chemistry, catalysis and process development, and to undergraduate and graduate students of organic chemistry, catalysis, green chemistry, clean technology and environmental chemistry courses.

• *Dr Adams is a Research Associate at the Department of Chemistry at the University of Leicester. Dr Dyson is currently working at the*



Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland and Dr Tavener is an Experimental Officer at the Department of Chemistry at the University of York.

Northamptonshire Stone

Diana S Sutherland
The Dovecote Press Ltd, October 2003, £12.95 (paperback)
ISBN 1 904349 17 X

► Northamptonshire's wealth of stone is reflected in its historic buildings – cottages and medieval churches as much as the glorious country houses. Though geologically an extension of the Cotswolds, Northamptonshire's Jurassic rocks have their own very different character, and few counties display such a rich variety of building stone.

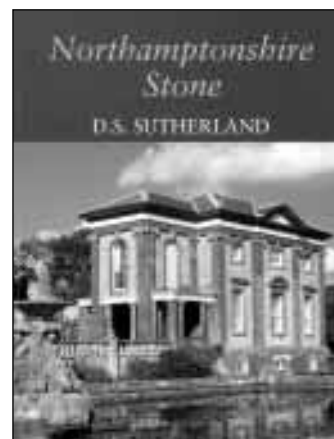
The villages and market towns are a visible record of the underlying geology, which includes fossil-rich

limestones, sandstone, and warm rust-coloured ironstone. Northamptonshire is known for its Collyweston stone-slate; also for the finest pale freestone from Weldon, quarried since the thirteenth century, and the brown Harlestone and Duston Stone. Quarrying was once widespread across the county – from Helmdon and Eydon to Oundle and King's Cliffe – and virtually every village had a local stone pit.

This is a book for anyone interest-

ed in stone buildings. Written by a geologist – scholarly, readable, often surprising and full of fascinating detail – it provides a key to the pattern of building across the country. As well as including a generous selection of maps, diagrams and photographs of buildings, the author has included close-ups of the various stones, some greatly magnified to show the subtle differences between them.

• *Dr Diana Sutherland is a Honorary*



Visiting Fellow in the Department of Geology at the University of Leicester.



Selling Security

The Private Policing of Public Space

Alison Wakefield
Willan Publishing, October 2003, £30 (hardback)
ISBN 1 84392 049 2

▶ Private security personnel play a large and growing role within public social life. Teams of private security officers now routinely patrol facilities such as shopping malls, leisure parks and transport terminals, which rely commercially on free, safe and reliable access by customers, service providers and the public at large.

Alison Wakefield conducted a unique study of security teams in three locations, each typical of the places where the public spend much of their leisure time. Examining a shopping mall, a retail and leisure complex and a cultural centre in turn, she addresses such

questions as:

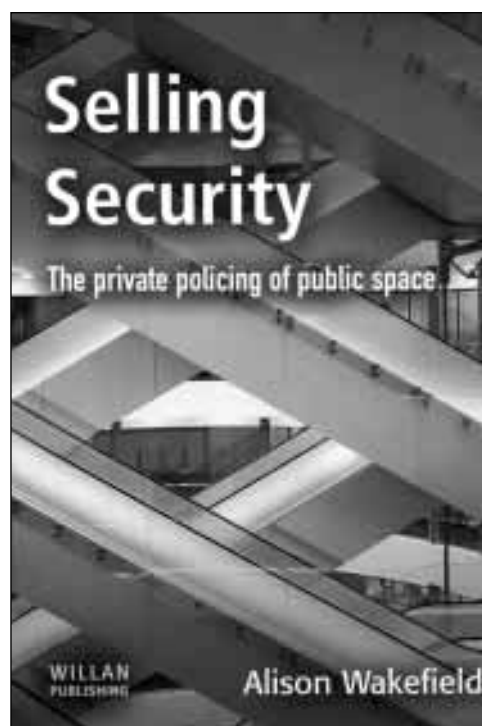
- How do centres respond to public needs for comfort and security in their design, management and security strategies?
- What functions are security officers expected to perform?
- What is the nature and quality of the relationship between private security and the police?

In *Selling Security*, Wakefield provides a detailed account of trends in urban planning, public policy and the commercial world that have promoted the expansion of private security. She considers changes in retail and leisure patterns leading to the

emergence of large, multi-purpose developments, the implementation of town centre planning strategies to create more attractive and secure high street retail and leisure facilities, and the extension of CCTV and security patrols as tools for managing social settings.

The book also takes account of the challenges posed

by these developments to conventional law enforcement agencies, most notably the erosion of the state's virtual monopoly on policing and the need for governments to develop new strategies that harness the efforts of alternative policing agencies. At the same time, *Selling*



Security makes an important contribution to theoretical debates about the role of private security in the late modern era.

• *Dr Alison Wakefield is a Lecturer in Security and Risk Management at the University's Department of Criminology.*

'An empirical study that is full of subtlety and nuance that only careful observation and great familiarity can provide ... an important and a significant contribution'

PROFESSOR CLIFFORD SHEARING, AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Drafting and Assessing Poetry

A Guide for Teachers

Sue Dymoke
Paul Chapman Publications, January 2003, £17.99 (paperback), £60 (hardback)
ISBN 0 7619 4855 4 (paperback), 0 7619 4854 6 (hardback)

▶ *Drafting and Assessing Poetry* offers a range of teaching strategies for developing students' poetry writing skills and guidance about assessment. Critical commentaries

combine with illustrations of successful classroom practice to consider this essential but under-explored aspect of English teaching. Based on theory but with a practical

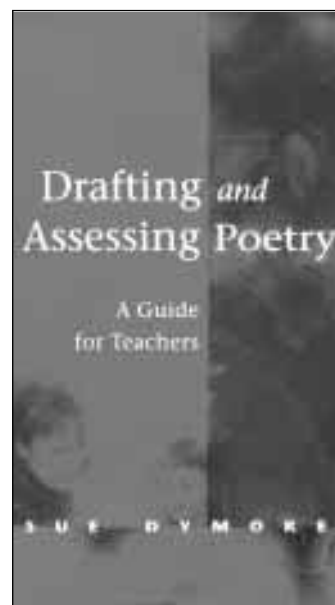
dimension, the book engages readers in current critical debates about poetry teaching and its place in an assessment-driven curriculum.

The contents include:

- the development of poetry writing in the classroom
- poetry in the National Literacy Strategy, the Key Stage 3 Strategy and the National Curriculum
- drafting strategies and the roles of teacher and young writer
- progression and how to develop drafting skills
- commentaries in writing portfolios
- assessing students' poetry
- using ICT to draft
- using poets' drafts and other recommended resources
- the role of the visiting professional poet

'Every English department should buy this remarkably comprehensive book. Sue Dymoke draws upon her extensive experience as a poet, English teacher and researcher to explore the place of writing poetry in English lessons and examinations. Her unique insights into both the writing and teaching of poetry should prove invaluable to English teachers.'

DR MARK PIKE, UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS



This book is recommended reading for PGCE students and provides experienced teachers and higher degree students with a valuable overview of this important area of English teaching.

• *Dr Sue Dymoke is a Lecturer at the University's School of Education.*



Re-searching the Iron Age Leicester Archaeology Monographs No 11

Edited by Jodie Humphrey

School of Archaeology and Ancient History, University of Leicester, October 2003, £12 (publisher's introductory offer)
ISBN 0 9538914 5 3

► This book is a contribution towards the debates in British Iron Age archaeology that have been taking place in recent years. It comprises a selection of papers presented at the first three conferences of Iron Age Research Student Seminars – an established annual academic forum for the presentation of new and inno-

vation research.

This collection of papers covering material culture, settlement and landscape studies assesses the fundamental, economic and social strands underlying these phenomena. Contributors include Justin Claxton (who also wrote the Preface), the editor, and John Thomas (University

of Leicester Archaeological Services).

• *Jodie Humphrey (now Jodie Nicol) is a PhD student (part-time) in the School of Archaeology and Ancient History.*

• *Leicester Archaeology Monographs are available from Dr A D McWhirr, School of Archaeology and Ancient History, email adm3@le.ac.uk*



Triple Accolade for Historians

► Three academics from the University's School of Historical Studies have been awarded prizes for books they have written.

Richard Rodger, Professor of Urban History, who has written a book entitled *The Transformation of Edinburgh: Land, Property and Trust in the Nineteenth Century* has been awarded the Frank Watson Prize for the best book in Scottish history, literature or culture published in 2001 and 2002. He has been invited to give a lecture at the University of Guelph in Canada in October and receive the prize on this occasion.

The book is based on the physical expansion of Edinburgh between 1760-1914 and analyses and explains the making of urban Scotland. It has been described by reviewers as 'marvellous' and as 'a massive, remarkable and precise piece of scholarship.'

Harold Fox, Professor of Social and Landscape History in the School of Historical Studies

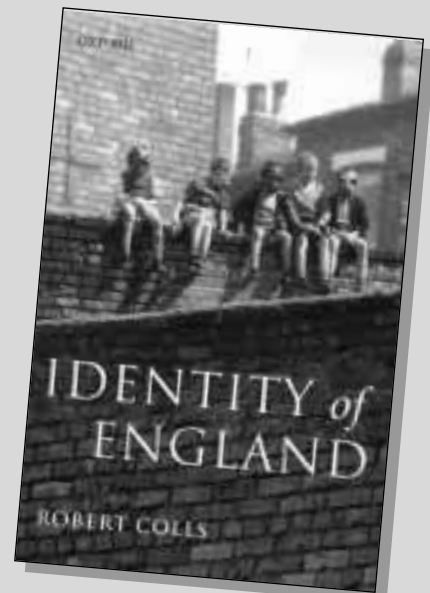
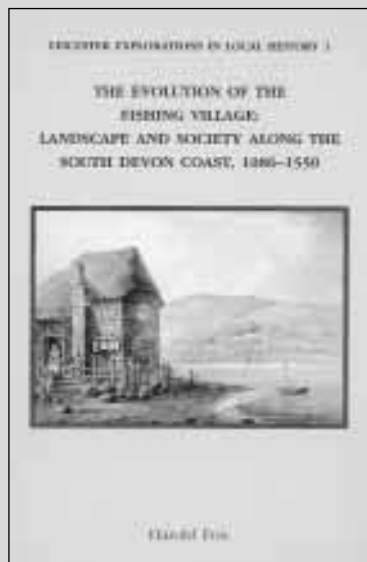
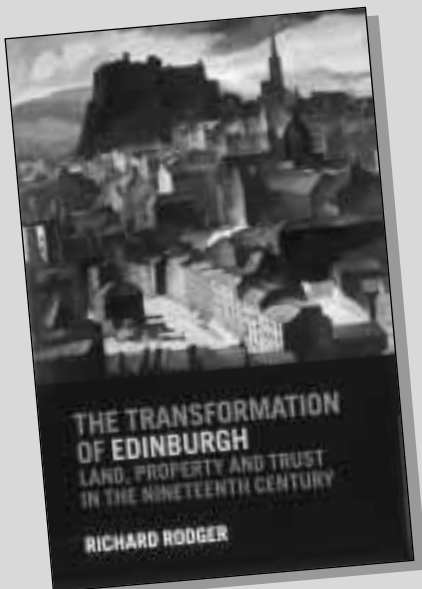
has also won a prize for a book he has written. His book, *The Evolution of the Fishing Village: Landscape and Society along the South Devon Coast, 1086-1550*, has won the Devon Book of the Year Prize – a competition organised by the Devon History Society and Devon County Council's Library Services. Along with winning a prize for his book, Professor Fox was invited to speak at a ceremony in Exeter, where a plaque was put up on the house where the famous University of Leicester historian, W G Hoskins, was born.

Professor Fox's book is the first full-length study of fishing families and settlements for any stretch of coastline anywhere in Britain. It deals with fishing as well as all other shoreline activities, the consumption and marketing of fish and with the lives of the fishermen themselves. Particular attention is given to settlements along the coast and to the evolution of the fishing village. The book is also number one in a series called *Leicester Explorations in Local History*.

Professor Fox regards his book "as an exploration into a medieval world which many historians thought was totally lost to us." He says that it "took many years to complete because the source materials were very difficult to locate and were scattered." It was also important to him to secure a subvention to pay for the printing costs of the book which has now sold out and is shortly to be reprinted.

Professor Rob Colls, also from the School of Historical Studies, is the third historian from the University to have won an award for a book he has written. The book, on British identities, was voted Melvyn Bragg's Book of the Year. In the book Professor Colls explores Englishness as an old and powerful relationship. He starts with Bede the Saxon Kings and continues right up until the present day, looking at the multicultural and multilateral world in which we now live.

All the books are available at the University of Leicester's Bookshop.





Obituaries

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

► **Mrs V V Burnham (née Harper)**

Viola Burnham died in a Miami hospital on Friday, October 10 after a long illness. A graduate of this University, she was awarded a BA in Latin in 1958.

Viola Burnham achieved notable success in Guyana in a wide variety of careers and accomplishments. She was a teacher, scholar, journalist, leader in the women's movement, farmer, minister of government, and devoted wife, mother, relative and friend. The wife of Guyana's first Prime Minister and Executive President, she gave support and advice to her husband in his career.

She was the recipient of many awards, including Guyana's Order of Roraima.

► **Dr N Tang**

The University has learnt, with regret, of the death of Dr Nelson Tang on Saturday, November 1. Dr Tang joined the Management Centre in 1993 as a Lecturer, before leaving in 2001 to take up a post as a Senior Lecturer at the University of Aston Business School.

► **Mr William Biggin**

Mr William (Bill) Biggin died on Wednesday, July 30, 2003 in Glenfield General Hospital after a

short illness.

Although Bill only joined the University on July 5, 2002, he very much enjoyed working as a cleaner in the Adrian Building. Bill was 62 when he joined the University. He wanted to work because he felt he was too young to retire. He got on well with everyone and got much pleasure from being in the company of his colleagues.

Jim Shaw

► **Mr G Goode**

The University has learnt, with regret, of the death in early October of Graham Goode. Mr Goode joined the University in September 1978 as a Gardener and Maintenance Assistant. He retired in August 1993.

► **Dr F H Perring, OBE**

Botanist, conservationist and author Dr Franklyn Perring died in Cambridge on October 11, 2003, aged 76. In 1989, the University of Leicester recognised his contribution to botany and in particular his work with the Botanical Society of the British Isles with the award of an Honorary DSc. Dr Perring also contributed to the teaching programme of the University's Department of Adult Education.

The present excellent state of knowledge of the geographical distribution of plants in the British Isles owes much to Frank Perring. As author and joint editor of more than

a dozen floras, wild flower guides and conservation texts, he is best known for the Atlas of the British Flora (1962), of which he was co-editor. His career as a professional botanist spanned almost the entire postwar period. He received his OBE following his retirement in 1987.

► **Mr M Robottom**

The University has learnt, with regret, of the death of Miles Robottom. Mr Robottom graduated with an MEd from the University of Leicester in 1980. The funeral service took place at St Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Grimsby on October 27.

► **The Rev M Pilkington**

Margaret Pilkington, died on Thursday, August 14 after a relatively short illness. She graduated from University College Leicester in 1951 with a BA in English, the following year completing a Diploma in Education Studies. In 2001, she attended the University graduates' Forties Reunion.

Margaret was born in Accrington in 1930 and educated at the Girl's High School. After her studies at University College, she embarked on a successful career teaching English. This included the Deputy Headship of a girls' school in Hong Kong, where she developed a life-long love of the people and all things Chinese, and culminated with duties as Deputy Head and Acting Head of Casterton School.

Following early retirement in 1987, she continued to lead an active life, travelling abroad and giving hospitality to Chinese students from Lancaster University and innumerable lectures on various aspects of China. The many aspects of her service to the community were demonstrated by her appointment as President of the Women's Institute local branch for three years and membership of the local Abbeyfield Committee.

A committed Christian all her life (she had earlier obtained a Diploma in Religious Studies) she first became a Reader in Kirkby Lonsdale's Team Ministry in 1989. In 2001 she was ordained as a Deacon and in 2002 became a Priest.

Margaret's life was rich and fulfilled. The wide diversity and the number of people – including University contemporaries – that attended her funeral service was a mark of the respect and love in which she was held by so many people whose lives she had touched.

Jean Chennell

► **Miss M T Claxton**

The University has learnt, with regret, of the death on Wednesday, November 5 of Mary Claxton. Miss Claxton worked in the Library's Cataloguing section from 1963 until her retirement as Head of the Section in September 2000.

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Inaugural Lectures

▶ The following Professorial Inaugural Lectures will be held in Lecture Theatre 1 of the Ken Edwards Building at 5.30pm on the date shown. These Lectures are open to the public and free.

Tuesday December 9

▶ When we Lived in Communities: Working-Class Culture and its Critics. Professor Robert Colls, School of Historical Studies.

Tuesday February 3

▶ The Life of a Clot: Why Platelets Are Important. Professor Alison Goodall, Department of Clinical Biochemistry.

Tuesday February 10

▶ Title to be confirmed. Professor John Hunton, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science.



Winter Degree Congregations

▶ The Winter Degree Congregations will this year be held at the De Montfort Hall on Thursday, February 5, 2004. The morning degree congregation will start at 11.30am and will be for postgraduate degrees awarded in the Faculty of the Social Sciences.

The afternoon ceremony will start at 3.30pm and will be for postgraduate degrees awarded in the Faculties of Arts, Science, Medicine and Biological Sciences, Law, and Education and Continuing Studies.

▶ A complete list of events can be viewed in Events Diary at <http://www.le.ac.uk/press/events/prevents.html>

DECEMBER

Wednesday December 10

▶ University Film Club: The Man Who Wasn't There. 7.30pm. Attenborough Film Theatre. For further details view <http://www.le.ac.uk/clubs/film>

Friday December 12

Centre for Urban History Seminar: Workplace Health Hazards and the Urban Environment: From 17th Century Italy to 20th Century USA (by way of Barking, Essex). Peter Bartrip, University College, London. 2.30pm. Centre for Urban History Seminar Room, 5 Salisbury Road, Leicester. For further information contact 0116 252 2378 or email cuh@le.ac.uk

Friday December 12

▶ MRC Toxicology Unit Seminar: Micro-array Analysis of the Transnational Control of Gene Expression During the Induction of Apoptosis. Dr Martin Bushell, Department of Biochemistry. 11am.

Seminar Room, Level 5, Hodgkin Building. All welcome.

Monday December 15

▶ Beagle 2 Mars Christmas Science Lectures: The Mystery of Mars. Professor Martin Barstow. Beagle 2 Mars. Dr Mark Sims. Mars Express. Speaker to be confirmed. 10am-12.45pm, Rattray Lecture Theatre. To register contact Mrs Pat Russell on 0116 252 3494, email par@star.le.ac.uk

Wednesday December 17

▶ The Leicester Literary and Philosophical Society Event: Lecture for schools – Living with Earthquakes. Professor James Jackson, FRS, University of Cambridge. Rattray Lecture Theatre. Admission by ticket only. For enquiries contact Jacky Wetzig 0116 252 2674.

Thursday December 18

▶ MRC Toxicology Unit Seminar: Stem Cells Lineage Specification and Leukaemia – A Transcriptional View. Professor Tariq Enver, Weatherall Institute of Molecular Medicine, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford. 12pm. Seminar Room, Level 5, Hodgkin Building. All welcome.

JANUARY

Monday January 5

▶ Department of Physics and Astronomy Event: Open Night at the Observatory. 7pm. Manor Road, Oadby. The open night is restricted to members of the University staff and their families. Numbers are also constrained by the size of the Observatory. Please make your booking through the Astronomy Group technician on 0116 252 2081. Next Open Night January 29.

Friday January 16

▶ The Vaughan Historical & Archaeological Society Event: The Old Trent at Hemington Quarry. Lynden Cooper. 7.15pm. Vaughan College, St Nicholas Circle, Leicester. Visitors are welcome to attend, a small fee is charged. For further information contact Ted Humphreys 0116 247 7898 or Gerry Stacey 01455 636 686.

Thursday January 22

▶ Department of Geography Research Seminar: Vernacular Ecologies in/for a Convivial City: Lessons from Royate Hill (Bristol). Professor Sarah Whatmore, Open University. 4.30pm. Seminar Room, first floor,

Bennett Building. For further information contact 0116 223 1777.

Saturday January 24

▶ Concert: Alison Print (violin) and Louise Clarke (oboe) play J S Bach's concerto in C minor with the University Sinfonia, conductor Michael Sackin. Arrangements to be confirmed. For further information contact 0116 252 2781 or view <http://www.le.ac.uk/music/>

Monday January 26

▶ The Leicester Literary and Philosophical Society Event: Women in Industrial Chemistry (1914-1950). Dr Sally Horrocks, Department of Economic and Social History. 7.30pm. Art Gallery of the New Walk Museum. For further information telephone 0116 271 4920.

FEBRUARY

Wednesday February 4

▶ Concert: The Lindsays. Music by Haydn, Bartok and Dvorak. Arrangements to be confirmed. For further information contact 0116 252 2781 or view <http://www.le.ac.uk/music/>