

**THE SUSS-EX CLUB**  
**NEWSLETTER No. 28, November 2013**

**Christmas Party, 17 December**

The annual buffet lunch for Suss-Ex Club members, their guests, and USPAS former staff, will take place on **Tuesday 17 December**, from 12.30-2.30, in the Meeting House Quiet Room. USPAS members will receive a separate invitation via the USPAS Office and are requested to reply to Tracey Llewellyn direct.

The cost to Suss-Ex Club members is **£7.00** each and includes a buffet lunch, wine, soft drinks and tea or coffee. The closing date for bookings is **Tuesday 3 December**.

Please print and complete the booking form and return with a cheque or credit/debit card details to

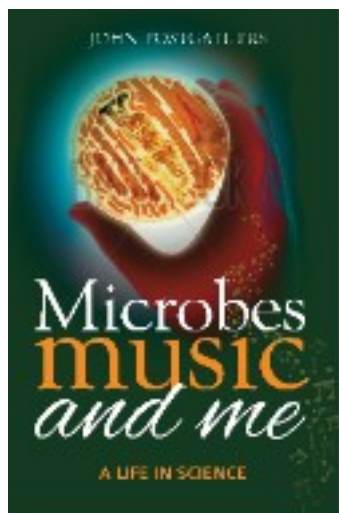
**Sue Bullock, 104 Bonchurch Road, Brighton BN2 3PH**, OR if you are paying by card, the form and card details may be returned by email to: [sue.bullock@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sue.bullock@hotmail.co.uk)

As usual, organising the event largely depends on volunteers, so some help will be needed during the party and with clearing up afterwards. Offers of help will be much appreciated: please contact Sue for details (email as above, or phone 01273 682133).

**Cheese Tasting, 21 February**

We are organising a Cheese Tasting evening on **Friday, 21 February** on campus. It will focus on local Sussex cheeses and you won't go home hungry... Save the date and there will be more information and a booking form early next year.

## Memoir



Microbiology and jazz music aren't a common duet but for Professor John Postgate they are the two subjects that define his lifetime.

John Postgate, brother of Oliver Postgate who created the beloved children's shows *Bagpuss* and *Clangers*, describes his autobiography as "a book about doing science" and describes in entertaining detail the account of his life in the UK and abroad as he rose to international prominence in the field of microbiology. John has notably contributed to the understanding of key microbiology processes including the sulphur cycle and nitrogen fixation and become well-recognised in the world of microbiology.

But John has also become prominent in another field, jazz music, having played cornet over the years with many musicians, some of whom who became prominent names in jazz. John also wrote articles and reviews on the subject, many of which were published in popular magazines such as *Gramophone* and *Jazz Journal*.

John Postgate's life is defined by his two great loves: science and music. In *Microbes, Music and Me – A Life in Science*, John looks back on a life filled with a fascination for microbiology and jazz in this entertaining autobiography.

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Price: £12.99 Format: Paperback

Available to buy at: Barnes and Noble, [amazon.co.uk](http://amazon.co.uk), Waterstones, Amazon.com, Google Books

## Miscellaneous

At the latest meeting of the Committee we discussed possible activities for inclusion in our programme of events. All information below is tentative, but we expect some events, possibly most, to be confirmed in due course. Any comments on this list, or suggested additions, will be welcomed by any member of the Committee.

- Further theatre visits
- Meal at the Sussex County Cricket Ground
- Visit to Down House
- Talk by a researcher at the Royal Pavilion
- Visit to the Keep
- Visit to Goodwood House
- Visit to the Attenborough Centre

## Suss-Ex: the website and the Committee

### Suss-Ex and its website

More information about Suss-Ex is available on its webpage at <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/suss-ex/>. 'Suss-Ex Club' in Google will get you there, as will <http://tiny.cc/sussex>, or you can find us in the A-Z on the University's homepage. The website has copies of past Newsletters, and also has a link to <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/suss-ex/Obituaries.html>, a list of obituaries of deceased colleagues.

Suss-Ex activities are organised by a steering committee, which currently comprises:

- Sir Gordon Conway, Chair [G.Conway@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:G.Conway@imperial.ac.uk)
- Sue Bullock [sue.bullock@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sue.bullock@hotmail.co.uk)
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**We are always seeking ideas for social occasions when we can meet former colleagues. Please let us have your suggestions, or volunteer to join the committee. We meet once a term, when practicable immediately before a Suss-Ex event.**

## Christmas Party booking form

**Booking Details** (to be returned not later than **3 December 2013**)

### YOUR DETAILS

Name(s) .....

Address .....

Telephone ..... Email address .....

Please book ..... place/s at £7.00 each

**Total £** .....

### Payment Details

I enclose a cheque for £..... (payable to **University of Sussex**).

Please charge my debit / credit / Maestro card with £.....

CARD TYPE (VISA, MASTERCARD, MAESTRO ETC) .....

CARD NUMBER.....

Valid from.....to..... Maestro issue number .....

Security Code.....(last 3 numbers on signature strip on reverse of card)

Name on card.....

Signed.....