

SUSS-EX CLUB NEWSLETTER No. 34, July 2015

This newsletter advertises three different future activities, and offers booking forms. This may seem rather early for some, but it is driven by providers' deadlines, and experience of the problems which can arise in getting tickets if application is not made promptly – and to give members early notice of plans may make it easier for diaries to be organised. The activities advertised overleaf are:

- Alan Bennett's Talking Heads at the Theatre Royal, August 11-13; booking forms needed by July 31.
- Brighton Early Music Festival, La Liberazione di Ruggiero dall'Isola di Alcina, the first opera by a woman, Sunday Nov. 8th; booking forms needed by Tuesday Aug. 18th
- Talk and supper with Nick Tucker: British Children's Books: a somewhat strange history, Friday 9th October; booking forms needed by Tuesday Sep. 18th (but why not get it done now?)



The most recent Suss Ex activity – a tour of new developments on campus:



Charles Dudley gave us a very interesting talk on the history of campus development, followed by a guided tour, from the Attenborough Centre to student accommodation, for two groups led by members of Residential and Campus Services staff; one group is seen in Colin Finn's photo above. We finished with an excellent cream tea. Many thanks to all!



Theatre Trip



Three of Alan Bennett's Talking Heads comic monologues, described as 'darkly comic, poignant and uplifting and widely regarded as modern classics', are coming to the Theatre Royal for August 11-15, starring Stephanie Cole. The ticket price for groups is £24.50 for evenings (this time there are no group reductions for matinees).

As usual, a trip will be organised if enough people (at least 10) sign up for one date for us to get the group reduction. Dinner together beforehand will be booked for those who would like it. This special summer-holiday treat is being organised at short notice, so prompt replies are specially important. If you are interested, let Jennifer Platt know **by the morning of July 31** (preferably by e mail to j.platt@sussex.ac.uk - or phone 01273 555025, or post to 98 Beaconsfield Villas, Brighton BN1 6HE). Please use the form provided if possible: just mark the days when you are free, numbering them in order of preference, and indicate the number of tickets wanted and whether you would like to join a group for dinner. You will be notified of the outcome, and asked for the money if we have got tickets, very soon after July 31st.

People who already have tickets from other sources, or would just like an informal social meal, have sometimes joined the party for a meal, and that is welcome. If you would like to do that, please let Jennifer know in good time so that a large enough table can be booked, and she'll let you know when the group is going.



Theatre Trip booking form



Please be sure to send this form to Jennifer Platt to arrive by the *morning* of July 31.

<u>Talking Heads</u>	Tues Aug. 11,	Weds Aug. 12,	Thurs. Aug. 13,
	7.45	7.45	7.45
Date & time OK?			
Preference?			
How many?			
Dinner?			

Name:

E mail and/or postal address if you do not have e mail:

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Talk and supper with Nick Tucker:
"BRITISH CHILDREN'S BOOKS: A SOMEWHAT STRANGE HISTORY"
Friday 9th October 2015, in Conference Centre, Bramber House.

Nick Tucker joined Sussex in 1969, and taught here until 2000. Starting out teaching Developmental Psychology, he was also a co-founder of the popular contextual course 'Images of Childhood'. His particular speciality is children's literature, about which he has written a number of books, including Suitable for Children: Controversies in Children's Literature, The Child and the Book, a Psychological and Literary Exploration and the Rough Guides to Children's Books and Books for Teenagers. He continues to review books, mostly for The Independent, for whom he has now taken to writing obituaries as well.

Welcome drinks will be served in the Conference Centre lounge from **6.30pm**; Nick's talk starts at **7pm**. This will be followed by a hot buffet supper (including wine/soft drinks), for those staying on. You are welcome to invite non Suss-Ex Club friends to this event.

Please complete this form and return with cheque or credit/debit card details **by 18th September** to Jackie Fuller, 21 Pelham Square, Brighton, BN1 4ET. If paying by card, the form with card details can be emailed to Jackie at: jkfuller21@hotmail.com. Any general questions about the talk or speaker to Arnold Goldman: a.goldman@cowbeech.f9.co.uk

Your Details *(all caps please)*

Name.....

Address [For card bookings, must be home address where card registered.].....

.....Tel. number..... Email address:

(Please print email address clearly)

Booking Details

Please book.....place/s at £25 (welcome drink, talk and buffet supper including drinks with the meal) £.....

Please book.....place/s at £5 (welcome drink and talk only) £.....

TOTAL: £.....

Any dietary restrictions?

Payment Details

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

Please charge my credit/debit card (indicate which) with £.....

Card Type (Visa, Mastercard etc)

Card number

Valid fromto

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

Name on card..... Signed.....

In case of any query, Jackie Fuller can be reached on 01273 688538 or jkfuller21@hotmail.com