

STAFF AND STUDENTS

David Gilbert served as external examiner for the Geography BA/BSc degrees at Kings College, University of London, 19-20 June.

Toby Butler was invited in May to give a talk to MA students at Ruskin College, Oxford about his research into a utopian community called Auroville in Tamil Nadu, India. An article about the experience is also due to be published in the London Arts Cafe magazine.

Cultural geographers might be interested in a new sound art/oral history installation that **Toby Butler** has been working on at the Museum of London. From 13 July a series of radio transmitters will be broadcasting edited interviews with ex-residents of houses that were destroyed along the route of the M11 Link Road in east London. A walking route map and receivers to pick up the broadcasts along the route are available from local libraries (Stratford is one) for free. The project has been organised by a sound artist called Graham Miller. **Toby Butler** was asked to give advice about interviewing to his team of researchers, and liase with the project on behalf of the museum.

Toby Butler is a PhD student doing a CASE studentship with the Museum of London on the cultural geography of the river Thames.

Rob Imrie was interviewed by the 'Bolingbrook Sun' (on June 17th), the daily paper of the city of Bolingbrook (Chicago, USA) about his research into visitable housing. A feature was published in the paper the following day.

Rob Imrie was interviewed (on July 14th) by a reporter from 'Disability Now', the newspaper of Scope, about his recently completed Joseph Rowntree Foundation project on 'The impact of Part M on the design of new housing'. The material from the interview will be published in the next issue of Disability Now.

Rob Imrie has been invited to join the ODPM Housing Research Network. The network is coordinated by Professor Roger Burrows, Centre for Housing Policy, University of York. The members of the network will: provide advice to ODPM on key housing research issues; participate in a small number of key research and policy seminars; assist ODPM researchers and officials to identify housing research priorities; and improve access to research results through improved dissemination.

Duncan McGregor acted as External Examiner for a University of Wales, Bangor PhD in the School of Forest and Agricultural Sciences (viva on 10 July 2003) on the effect of agricultural interventions on erosional and nutrient dynamics in the Middle Hills of Nepal. The thesis was passed with minor changes requested

David Simon acted as External Examiner for the Final Honours School in Geography, University of Oxford, 7-8 July.

David Simon gained experience in scenario planning as part of a specialist team working for Oxford Analytica during June-July.

Jude Hill will be giving two thirty-minute gallery talks at the British Museum; at 1115 on 15 August 15 and 9 October. Both are entitled 'The Power of Objects', and will focus on some of the anthropological objects on show in the *Medicine Man* exhibition, which runs from June 26th until November 16th 2003. This exhibition has been curated by the Wellcome Trust and explores 'the forgotten Museum of Henry Wellcome (1853-1936'- the latter is the subject of her PhD research.

Sue Adair successfully defended her PhD thesis 'Proglacial Fluvial Sediment Transfer Dynamics and Budget at Midre Lovenbreen, Svalbard' in a viva with Prof. Martyn Tranter (Bristol) and Dr Peter Nienow (Glasgow). Her thesis was accepted with only minor corrections. Sue is now working for the Environment Agency and is expecting a baby in September.

OUTSIDE ENGAGEMENTS

Peter French visited Farnborough College on 4 July to present a talk on Geography at University to AS Geography students, as part of their 'moving on' day.

Ed Derbyshire hosted a meeting of the Management Team of the International Year of Planet Earth (IUGS/UNESCO), in Hove on 23 and 24 June.

Rob Imrie gave a lecture to the Wandsworth Council Disablement Working Party (at Wandsworth Town Hall) on July 16th about his ESRC research on sustainable living environments for disabled people.

David Simon participated in the celebrations to mark the Centenary of the Rhodes Trust and the launch of the Mandela Rhodes Foundation, in London and Oxford, 2-5 July. He attended the formal launch at Westminster Hall, Palace of Westminster, addressed by Nelson Mandela, Bill Clinton, Tony Blair and Chris Patten; receptions at the South African High Commission, Rhodes House and Linacre College. As the first Rhodes Scholar at Linacre, David was invited to make the after dinner speech and propose the toast to the Trust and College.

David Simon was the external specialist on an appointment interview panel for a specialist researcher on the Great Lakes region, at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on 21 July.

Vandana Desai was invited by Lord Patel of Blackburn to the House of Lords on 8 July in Committee Room 4 to participate in discussion and review of the state of south asian culture and communities in Britain.

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CONFERENCES-FIELDWORK-OVERSEAS

Whilst on a field trip in West Runton, North Norfolk, **Prof. Jim Rose** met with the Geography Staff of Northgate High School, Dereham, Norfolk, who were on a field trip with students from their school, and they expressed an interest in receiving details on the Department and possibly visiting. Information on Undergraduate studies at the College has been forwarded to the school and an invitation to join the School Liaison Committee extended.

OTHER NEWS

The annual Geography/ Geology staff was played on Tuesday 22nd July at Nobles sport fields. The geographers arrived at the Theatre of Dreams to find that the pitch was not ready (in fact the groundsman had started to water one end of the pitch) and also find the highly practised Geology team limbering up in the nets. Due to the delay the geographers took the opportunity to reacquaint themselves with the equipment and undergo a vigorous warm up which ended with Elaine realising that the ball is actually quite hard.

The Geographers were inserted with Gilbert and Palmer accumulating runs steadily for the first five overs (48 being scored in this time). Palmer was eventually retired for 25 not out after a clatter of boundaries and well timed singles from the opening pair. The run rate slowed a little after this although Dave Gilbert was still batting well ably supported by Pete French, who was not going to give his wicket away without a fight. A flurry of wickets then saw the removal of these two and a large portion of the middle order. The skipper, Dolton, looked on hopelessly from the non-strikers end as the wickets tumbled. There was some highly professional bowling by the geologists, with two wickets taken in three balls by Vance, removing the much vaunted duo of Swindle and Turton. The skipper saw the innings home safely with a staunch 17, assisted by Hunter keeping the other end up. The innings closed at 97 for 7 leaving the geologists to chase 98 of 20 overs.

The opening bowlers, Dobbyn and Palmer worked well in tandem. Dobbyn firing a good consistent line and length, whilst Palmer was incapable of pitching the ball in the batsmen end of the wicket. Naturally he was taken for many runs in the first over and the captain took a bold decision to let him have another over. Dobbyn struck early with Pete French taking a good catch in the covers and Palmer was lucky to bowl the geologists south african opener with the first ball that was pitched up. McGregor took a fine tumbling catch at mid-off to make the geologists 20 for 3 of 5 overs. The geologists were well up with the run rate and yet losing wickets regularly, so both teams were in with a chance. Pete French and Mike Dolton bowled a consistent line and length which gradually stemmed the flow of runs, although after showing early signs of promise in the nets Gilbert seemed to have a release problem when bowling. A useful partnership developed in the middle of the geologists innings but tight fielding, particularly by Turton at square leg, kept the runs down and the batsmen frustrated. Dolton broke this partnership with the sucker ball (a long hop down leg side) with Palmer taking the catch at deep backward square leg.

The game entered its crucial phase and cometh the hour cometh the man or men. Up stepped Jon Lee, who by rights should not have been at the game but his flight to INQUA was delayed, and Ian Candy. Old wristy Jon spun the geographers to victory with a bamboozling array of leggies, flippers and googlies, which had the geologists in terrible trouble. The candyman behind the stumps ferociously removed the bails on a couple of occasions with geologists stranded down the pitch. It was enough to see the geographers home with the last geologist out with the score on 93 with four balls to go. A great game of cricket played in a tremendous spirit, with geography emerging on top. hurrah!

(Adie Palmer)