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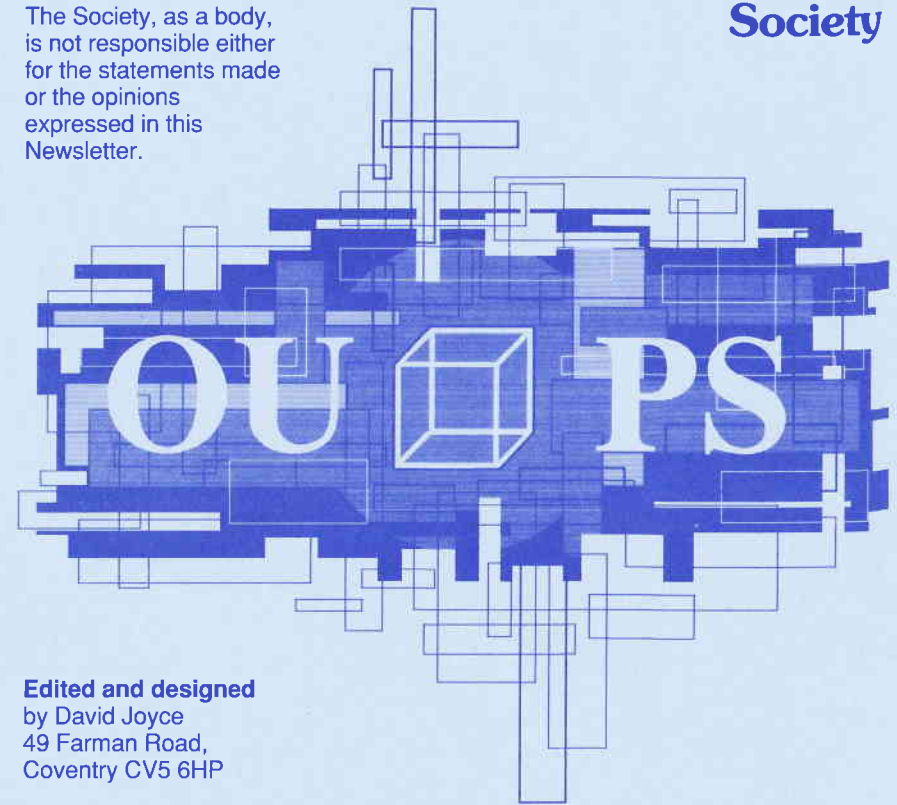
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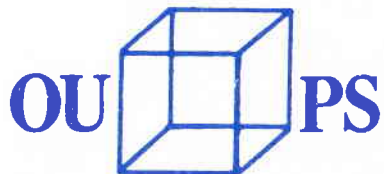
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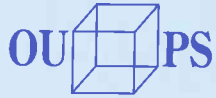
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So - What are we Celebrating?

Practically everyone knows that the University is 25 years old this year, and that OUPS is 20 years old. These pages will tell the story of OUPS and its association with the Open University through the reminiscences of those who were instrumental in setting the Society on its feet, and who have worked for many years to transform it into one of the most respected student societies in the country.

You will read about the work that went into gaining recognition for the University's psychology degree from the British Psychological Society. You will see what a difference this has made for the futures of our members. (The fact of Graduate Membership of the BPS is very much taken for granted today.) You will discover just how many famous people have addressed the membership over our 20 years - an achievement that few conventional universities can offer their students! I was myself surprised to learn that the inaugural meeting of OUPS took place in Birmingham (and not in London, as many believed). This fact produces another cause for celebration:

The wheel has turned full circle, in that the event billed as OUPS' contribution to the double anniversary is also being staged in Birmingham. The fact that a regional committee can now do this is certainly testament to the Society's maturity. While West Midlands OUPS is proud to present Philip Zimbardo, South Eastern OUPS is staging a major conference this year, exploring the future of psychology, with the assistance of some of the best known speakers in the country (if not the world). And what of the rest of the world? OUPS is already expanding into Western Europe; interest is being shown in Singapore, and we have even made tentative contact with Russia.

The wheel is now beginning its second revolution with the Open University and its graduates at the forefront. The courses we study have become bench-marks of excellence, and from an original situation of knocking on the door of the BPS for admittance, our own graduates are now in the process of setting up a new BPS Branch in the West Midlands!

Yes, we have a lot to celebrate!

David Joyce

A welcome to this Anniversary issue of The Newsletter of the Open University Psychological Society

MARY SHEPHERD

I am delighted to be able to welcome you to the Special Anniversary Edition of the OUPS Newsletter and to be celebrating 25 years of the Open University and 20 years of OUPS.

The theme of the newsletter is a joint one:

The development of the Open University in the context of Higher Education, and the development of OUPS in the context of psychology.

Looking through these pages, it is clear that OUPS has followed the University in its development. Its growth, in size, mirrors that of the university; the diversity of its programme reflects the diversity of courses offered by the University and, geographically, OUPS is now beginning to reflect the university's increasingly international student population.

As with any living organism over the early years of its life OUPS has had its fair share of teething problems and growing pains and the Society has occasionally teetered on the brink of crisis. It is a measure of the strength of the organisation and, in particular, the commitment of its members that OUPS continues to grow and that many of its members, having long since finished their OU degree, remain involved with OUPS, and continue to give of their time as tutors on OUPS courses, contributors to its publications, and as members of the regional and national committees.

As I come to the end of my term as chairperson, I have been reflecting both on my time in this role and on the other people



I have known who have taken this on. Most of us have had to be persuaded against our will (at the time), and certainly against our better judgement, to run OUPS. Although we are very different individuals with different styles of managing, we have all been able to facilitate the development of OUPS into ever bigger and more uncharted waters.

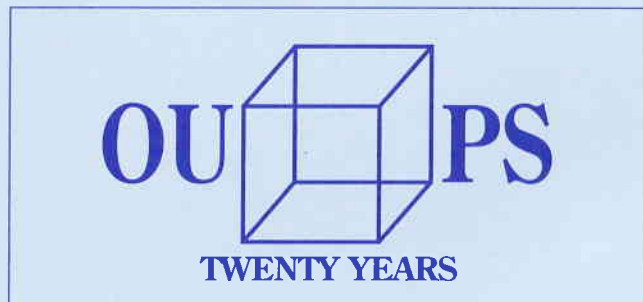
The revision and other weekends, the growth of the regions, (some of them bigger now than OUPS itself was when I joined in 1982), the journal and ever-larger, more professional newsletter and now the establishing of groups in Central Western Europe and an international newsletter - all of these things have only been possible because more and more members have given unstintingly of their time to support OUPS. Thank you all - without you OUPS would not be here.

I would like to say a special thank you to everyone who has contributed to the production of this special edition of the newsletter, racking their brains, searching memories and cupboards, to gather the information and material we needed. We had some hilarious moments remembering the good (and the bad) old days of OUPS, and some sad moments too.

I hope that the results underline the tremendous achievement that is OUPS.

I would also like to thank the editorial team who put this edition of the Newsletter together at such short notice; from idea to fruition in five short months.

Enjoy reading this anniversary issue. I hope you keep it for the next 25 years of OUPS and the Open University!



Professor Judith Greene

**to whom the Society owes
a debt of thanks for
negotiating recognition of
the University's psychology degree
for graduate membership of the BPS
and for her unfailing support.**



Congratulations ! to the Open University Psychological Society

**from
Professor Judith Greene
Pro Vice Chancellor of
The Open University
and
Vice President of OUPS**

I will start with a little history. When I first arrived at the Open University as professor of psychology in 1976, one of my first contacts was with the psychology students' society, even in those long-ago days known by its now familiar name - OUPS.

The main issue that had brought psychology students together was whether the British Psychological Society would recognise OU degrees. At that time DS261, the very first Introduction to Psychology, was around, but most of the other courses were still in draft form. I sent acres of paper to the BPS Standing Committee of Membership. After a certain amount of negotiation, the good news came through. The BPS would recognise a very tightly prescribed package of OU degree courses for Graduate Membership.

How long ago those days seem. Every new version of the courses has automatically been recognised, and literally hundreds of psychology graduates have become members of the society. When the more stringent Graduate Basis for Registration was introduced, the OU degree was one of the first four degrees to sail through. We have our own recognised Conversion Diploma for postgraduates. And I have just been contacting departments at some other universities who have been recommended to top up with OU courses to make their own degrees acceptable.

From grudging acceptance to becoming a bench mark for other degrees is progress indeed, and something of which all the past and present members of OUPS should feel justly proud. In more

recent years, OU psychology courses have been equally successful in a wider area. Students in Western Europe are enthusiastic about psychology courses. OUPS has naturally followed through, opening up its membership to European students and providing activities in Western Europe.

I have just returned from Singapore where students are taking OU degrees. They are keen to take our psychology courses and to introduce a degree programme in psychology. This is quite a new field in Singapore and will lead to the recognition of psychology as an established profession. It looks as if other countries that have partnerships with the OU will follow in their footsteps.

This is the present. But what about the future? Now that the undergraduate degree in psychology is so well established, we in the psychology department would like to explore the possibility of introducing Masters' courses in areas such as Psychological Counselling. But the future of psychology at the Open University relies on our students. We would be delighted to hear your views on new pathways that should be opened up.

I end by adding my congratulations to OUPS for its contributions to the success of the University in its first twenty five years -

And here's to the next 25!



OUPS - the first ten years 1974 - 1984

Dr. Elizabeth Cowne

It was Ann Humphries who had the vision to launch OUPS. She first wrote to Sesame, in November 1973, and again in April 1974, putting forward the idea of an Open University society for psychology students. Ann suggested that, as the first psychology course offered by the OU was about to start in 1974, this might be an appropriate time to found a society to foster interest in psychology. Initially, it would be for those taking the course.

In response to her first letter in Sesame, students wrote from all over the country. There were so many of these that she divided them up among the 13 OU regions and wrote to one person in each region, asking them to help contact others and set up local groups.

In her second letter to Sesame, in April 1974, Ann shared some of the ideas sent in by the people who had contacted her. Ann had

envisaged the Society as an association of local groups, each helping students to meet each other, and probably running events in conjunction with other local groups, universities, and others, who had psychology as a common interest. A national committee would co-ordinate general activities, such as a newsletter and, probably, an

annual conference which would be held in a different region each year. Affiliation to other OU societies was also a possibility (the eventual link with OUSA was in fact discussed for several years).

Affiliation to the British Psychological Society was also of interest, but this was not possible. The BPS allowed individuals to become Subscriber Members, but Student and Graduate Membership had to wait until the OU had enough courses on offer to lead to a degree that was, in effect, a psychology degree.

The inaugural meeting of OUPS took place in Birmingham on the 1st of June, 1974. All students on DS261 (Introduction to Psychology) were notified through an OU mailing. In October 1974 the first Newsletter was sent out. The Society was, it declared, run by students for students. It reported successful beginnings in some regions, and encouraged volunteers to come forward in regions not yet under way. At national level, there were plans for a dayschool in London, and later in Glasgow, the Midlands, and in Bristol.

The first Chairperson, Mary Winning, wrote describing the inaugural meeting that had brought Ann Humphries' vision to reality. All regions except two had been represented by staff or students. John Annett, the first OU Professor of Psychology, had expressed his support and helped to draw up a constitution. In characteristic OUPS style, there was a guest lecture, from Tom Singleton, Professor of Applied Psychology at Aston. Mary wrote:

"It must be stressed that OUPS is a student society, with the prime purpose of fostering and expanding student interests and activities."

The remainder of that first Newsletter provided short pieces of news from nine regions. The Newsletter was promised every three months, and has continued to be the main channel of communication with members throughout the 20 years of OUPS.

The original subscription for OUPS was £1. It rose to £2 in 1976, £3 in 1980, and £5 in 1983. One of the reasons the cost was so low was the generosity of the founder members - Ann Humphries, John Clapham, Len Brown and many others, centrally and in the regions - who carried so much of the true cost of the Society, either personally or through their businesses.



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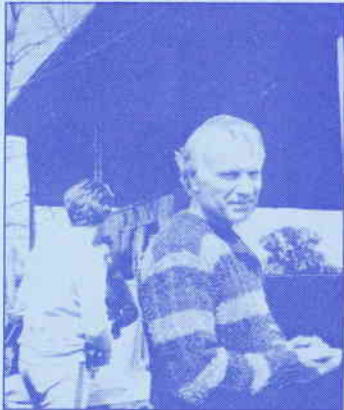
The regions soon began to flourish, and to hold regular events. I was a founder member of the London regional group, started by Vivian Milroy. Vivian was later joined as organiser by Margaret Green (now Chester) and myself. London started with social events, held in the University of London Union, in Malet Street or in Central London Polytechnic. We were supported through Vivian's links with the Association of Humanistic Psychology. He invited

the Chair of the AHP, John Rowan, to lead an encounter group as one of our first events. The humanistic thread has run through OUPS events ever since.

Malet Street became a popular venue, and the first OUPS National AGM/Psychology Day was held there, on 27 September 1975. At this AGM, Ann Humphries was elected National President; Judith Greene, Vice President; Mary Winning, Chairman; Len Brown, Secretary; and John Clapham, Treasurer. It was this group, especially Ann, Len and John, who were to run OUPS for the next few years, and whose energy and enthusiasm turned it into a thriving society which ran many conferences and day schools. Judith Greene, who was Professor Designate of Psychology in the OU,

was one of the guest speakers at the Psychology Day, and it was Judith who was to press the BPS to recognise OU degrees in psychology.

1976 saw the beginning of the Weekend Schools for which OUPS has become so well known. The OU offered D305 (Social Psychology) for the first time, but there was to be no summer school. OUPS, and others, put on three summer/autumn weekend schools to support D305, and the course team, including Richard Stevens, helped to run them all.



Richard Stevens

National OUPS continued to thrive. The original team were joined by Penny Woolf, Pat Lindley, Tricia Potheary and Ian Aitken. The Newsletter came out four times a year, and the Journal (edited for its first two issues by Ann Humphries) roughly every year. The Social Psychology Weekend became a regular part of the OUPS calendar.

In 1978, the University offered D303 (Cognitive Psychology) for the first time, and there were finally sufficient psychology courses to cause the British Psychological Society to take psychology in the OU seriously. BPS recognition took the form of offers of Graduate Membership to those who had obtained an OU degree with a particular combination of passes from a list of named courses. At first, this meant all the psychology courses that the OU taught, but later, it was enough to take certain core courses: Introduction to Psychology; Cognitive Psychology; Social Psychology; and a selection (amounting to one and a half credits) from the others.

The interest in links with the BPS continued, and for some years our General Psychology Weekend, in April, was organised so that it shared a venue with the BPS Conference. They offered us the chance to attend some of their lectures. As a result, we could offer our members both our own sessions and some BPS sessions, and we could meet BPS members socially.

The first of these General Weekends was held at York in 1978. Those students ready to apply for Graduate BPS membership, in particular, took a great interest in the "big brother society's" conference. Judith Greene pushed for some special cases to be recognised, and the first Graduate Memberships came through in 1978, with more to follow as the full list of courses became available. OUPS finally felt that it had grown up.

The London Branch, of which I was Secretary in 1979 with Margaret Green as chair, was beginning to blossom. We had run evening events for several years, and successful occasions covered topics and speakers ranging from Guy Claxton on Zen, to Peter Wason on problem-solving. Now, in May, we put on a large dayschool called 'Psychology Shop Window', at which practising psychologists told us about careers using psychology. Many other successes followed.

Lilli had joined the London committee as events secretary and we benefited from her talent for persuading eminent psychologists to share their ideas with us. We had a star-studded programme:

Michael Argyle, Donald Broadbent,
Richard Gregory, John Mayhew,
Jonathan Miller, Liam Hudson,
Basil Bernstein and John Bowlby,

were just some of the visiting speakers, together with a number of OU Tutors. Then, in July 1983, the pièce de resistance:

B F Skinner was persuaded by Lilli to come and speak to OUPS in the prestigious venue of the Royal Society. The photo of Lilli and Skinner became another landmark in OUPS history.....

In 1980, OUPS applied for registration as a Charity. Judge Brian Clapham, on the National Committee, was instrumental in rewriting the constitution in such a way as to be acceptable to both the



B. F. Skinner
with Lili

members and the Charity Commissioners. An Extraordinary General Meeting was held in May, at the Conway Hall in London, to approve the new constitution.

In 1982, Lilli was elected as National Chairperson, and I was elected as National President, roles that we exchanged in 1983. We worked together, with a team of many others, over several years. Our tasks included increasing the membership, encouraging the regions, and, most of all, putting on Weekend Schools; four or more in each year. The Journal was edited in turn by Pat Lindley, John Platts and LouLou Brown. Marketing of T-shirts, and other goods, continued. As always, the energy and generosity of committee members, giving freely of their time, (and often other resources), kept the Society going forward.

OUPS advertised regularly in Sesame, and in its own Newsletter, the editorship of which, in 1983, was taken over by Sarah Clevely, who used her design studio to see that it was typeset and printed professionally. OUPS put itself on show at OU Open Days as well. (One of these produced a particularly good exhibition on perceptual illusions by John Platts.)

By 1983, I had completed a Master's course, qualified as an Educational Psychologist, and was a lecturer at the Institute of Education in London. The skills I learnt chairing OUPS committees,

A proud day

Liz Cowne (as tutor)
with John Platts
at his graduation

Northampton 1986



along with all the other experiences and lessons from over 12 years of OU life, had equipped me for what I was to do next. I had learnt confidence and competence in the OU, and I would now try to pass this on to the others I would teach, as OU tutor, and work with, in the educational world.

Some of The Originals
at York University on Sunday 14th April 1985

Left to right (back row)
John Platts (national secretary) Angelika Sumpton (treasurer)
Sarah Clevely (newsletter editor) Cliff Unwin (regional development)
Jean Evans (minutes) Sylvia Hunt (publicity) Margaret Green (marketing)

Left to right (front row)
Liz Cowne (Vice president) Lilli Hvingtoft-Foster (president)
and Graeme Cooper (chairman)



The Psychologist's Story

Originally published in OUTLOOK

A magazine for OU Graduates
No. 5, Spring 1980

Recognition by the British Psychological Society that OU honours graduates with a certain combination of courses would be eligible for graduate membership in future was a welcome shot in the arm for the OU a year or two ago. Students taking social science and education courses could now plan their profiles with a view to becoming BPS members and therefore eligible for jobs and research posts in psychology.

1978 was the first year in which students could have achieved the package of four full credits necessary to qualify. Many still had to complete their honours degree. Among the first to do so were various active members of the OU Psychological Society (OUPS) which had aimed for several years at a recognised psychology degree.

The story so far of five of these psychology pioneers is reported below. They are all women; as yet few men have completed honours degrees with the necessary combination of courses. They are all going places, but their ultimate destination is not yet clear.

JAN MORRIS

graduated in '79 with a First, after specialising in psychology. President of OUPS this year, she is part of their own research team investigating the career patterns of OU psychology graduates.

"I should like to do research for a PhD. However, it's ironical that now I have more time than ever before, as my younger child started school recently, I'm unable to follow my desired course of action. In the interests of my husband's thriving career, we should move out of London within the next two years. In the meantime I hope to do some part-time lecturing in A level psychology or take a job as a research assistant. And I have been accepted to do a full MSc in child development."

ANN RATTUE

is married with two teenage children, present chairman of the London OUPS and has worked as a technician in medical research.

"The OU was a real second chance for me as I had ploughed a great big furrow through my first degree attempt in the '50s. They gave me two credit exemptions for that ... then psychology grabbed me. Behold! BPS recognition granted; I could graduate a psychologist. I obtained the first psychology post I applied for, lecturing in an FE College for A level. I have found the BPS recognition has given my degree credence both to interviewers and casual enquiries."

LIZ COWNE

has just been granted secondment from her job as head teacher of an infants' school, to let her take an MSc course in child development at the London Institute of Education. With clinical studies included it will be a four-term course, and though part of the study can be done part-time the practical clinical studies cannot.

"I took my present headship just before completing my pass degree. Studying for honours with BPS recognition while running the school and looking after my teenage family proved slower and harder going. My priorities have always been home and school, and then if there was time, study. One of my main reasons for wanting secondment is to enjoy the luxury of time to browse and structure my own reading to a greater extent and follow up some of those hunches. I set my heart on studying psychology while working as a remedial teacher some 20 years ago. Whatever the future, the experience of studying has been 100 per cent worthwhile."

PAT LINDLEY

also married, with two children in their teens, was teaching basic literary skills in a detention centre when she began OU studies, so was initially attracted by the Reading Diploma. Later she was appointed local co-ordinator for the Adult Literacy Project. After acquiring her ordinary degree she became deputy education officer in a high security prison, teaching basic reading and liaising between OU student inmates and staff outside. By this time hooked on psychology, she found that Cognitive psychology and the third module of the Reading Diploma went hand in hand with this work. Pat has now acquired a First with the OU and begun full-time study for a PhD at Hull University. Her subject is 'Cognitive processes



underlying inference and their relation to the comprehension of texts'.

"Perhaps the biggest tribute to the OU is that here in the department I am just another research student with the required first degree in psychology."

CHRISTINE PITTMAN

also an OU First, is hoping for a secondment from her remedial teaching job to enable her to take an MSc course in educational psychology, and in the meantime she is taking a diploma in counselling. She has long aimed at being an educational psychologist.

"I'm no nearer being one despite having a recognised degree. Last year I was offered a place to do the MSc which includes the professional qualification for educational psychologists, but couldn't get the money to take it up.

If a fairy godmother granted me a wish, I would now opt for a job in a polytechnic, counselling and lecturing in psychology, rather than becoming an educational psychologist. But neither is likely to be on offer.

When I've finished my counselling diploma I expect I shall do either an MA or a PhD part-time."

How many of these people will read this?

Liz Cowne has written elsewhere in these pages,
but what has become of the others?

Fourteen years is a long time. A lot will have happened.
If you recognise yourself, please write to the editor so that we
can continue your stories for the benefit of today's students.

If anyone else has a story to tell,
we would like to hear from you too

**Philip
Zimbardo
Stanford
University**

This will probably be the last chance to secure tickets for this incredible opportunity to hear one of the greatest names you will ever come across in the course texts.

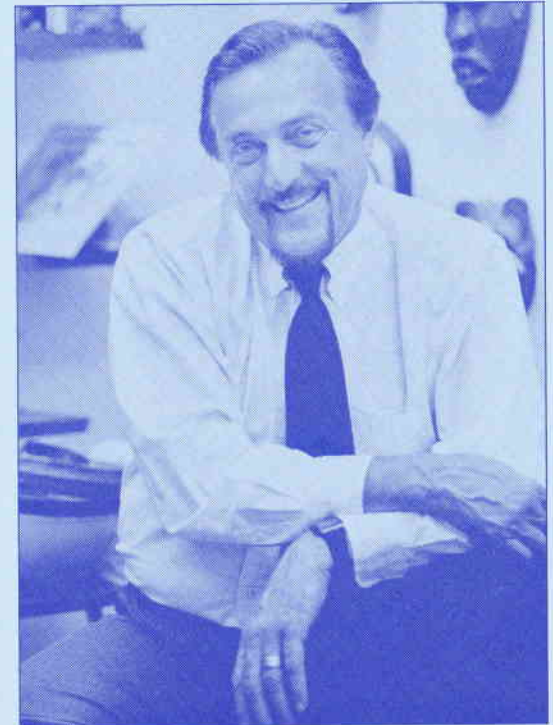
Telephone Maurice on 021 744 4688 to check availability.

We have been able to secure 50 more seats. If you want to attend, you will need to act quickly!

A good selection of accommodation can be offered in the area of Birmingham University, for those who might need to stay overnight - and this includes student rooms at the university. Some of those attending are staying en route to the Revision Weekend.

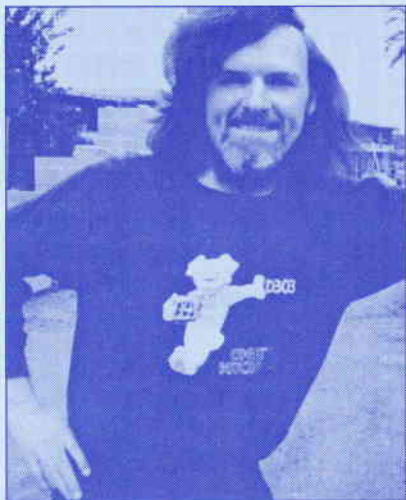
**Wednesday 21st September at
Birmingham University 7.30pm**

*Ticket price is £10, payable to WMOUPS (+SAE)
Write to Maurice Simpson
12, Baxterley Green, Solihull B91 1HP*



Fido rules..... OK! The D303 shirts

D303 must be one of the few (the only?) courses presented by the OU that has had its own garments specially designed for those attending its summer school. Fido was the hero of the course's Artificial Intelligence project. As can be seen, a somewhat inebriated one! None of the course texts mention the artist and creator, although he was doubtless present at Fido's (official) funeral when the course came to the end of its life



John Platts wearing his

No one will ever forget the SOLO computer programming language that had to be mastered before one of the famous T shirts could be purchased. These were so highly prized that one year a rumour went round the Sussex campus that they would not be on sale because stocks had run out. There was very nearly a student rebellion!

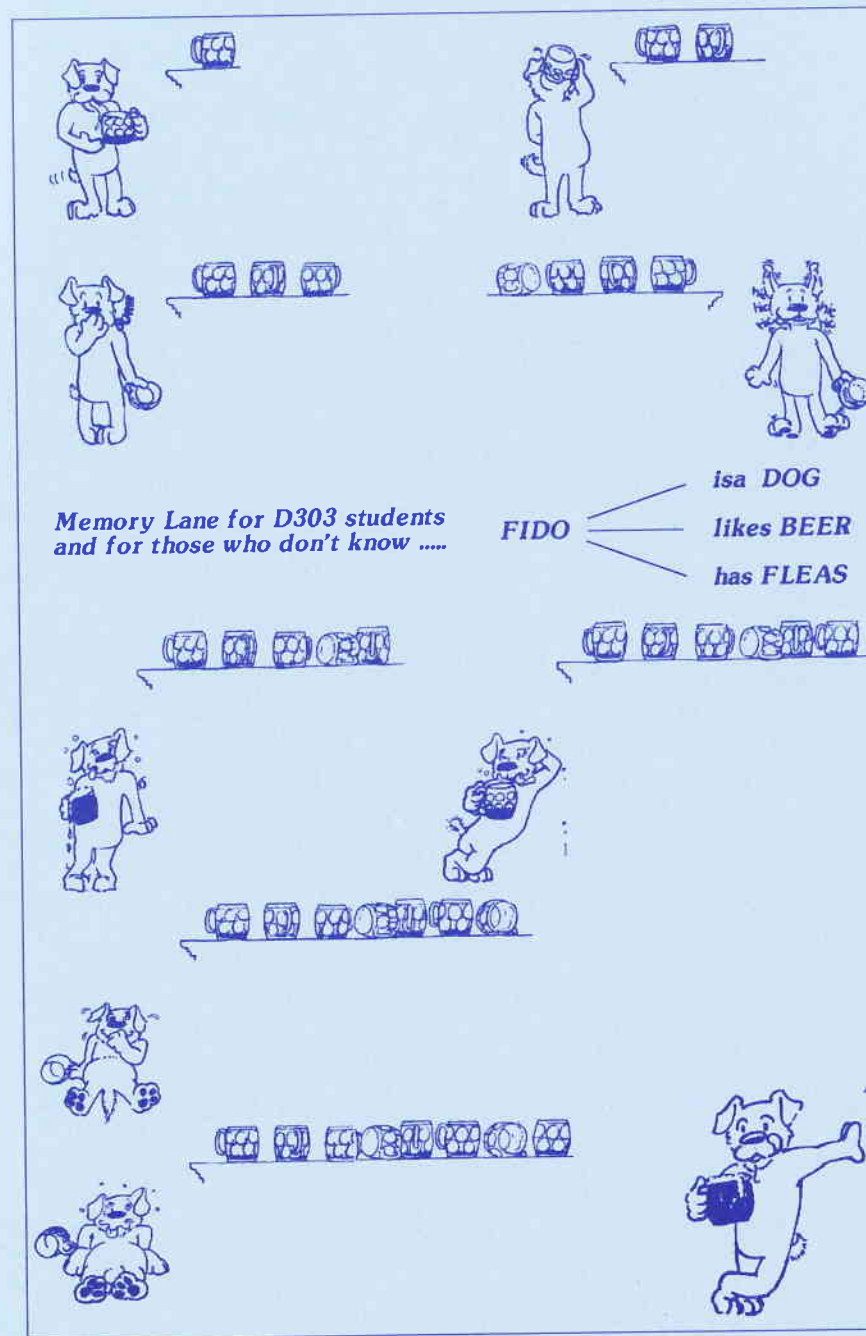
The summer school also contained a heavy experimental element, for which everyone was expected to act as an experimental subject at some stage.

To even things out, one had to collect a given number of FIDO stamps on a specially designed coupon. The stamps were doled out individually, by the tutors, on completion of each stint as subject.

The way they hung on to those stamps, one would have thought they had paid for them out of their own pockets. Their value to the tutors might well have been a matter for debate, but for the students, they were indeed at a premium. The completed stamp card had to be signed by a tutor and it had to be submitted later, along with the associated TMA. No stamps, no credit!

So how did the editor manage to escape with a whole sheet of them?

(Of which thirty two still exist).

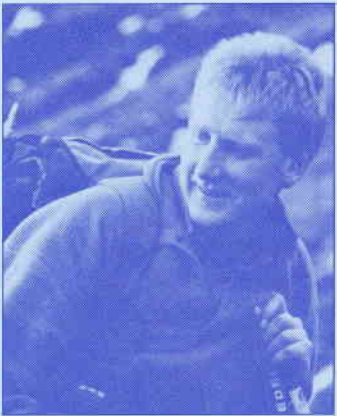


WHAT OUPS DID FOR ME! Katherine Pemberton

*I don't think it is any exaggeration to say that joining OUPS was a major turning point in my life.
Let me explain*

I started studying with the Open University in 1983. I was a full time wife and mother and rather lacking in confidence. However, it was an enjoyable year. I studied A101 - the Arts Foundation Course and I made many well loved friends, learned to write essays, had a fantastic summer school and regained the self that had been submerged in child-rearing for eight years! After that first year I yearned for new and fascinating studies so I joined the Introduction to Psychology Course with one or two others from my foundation year.

From the beginning I was hooked and determined to do well. After a mediocre start I began to get high grades and persuaded one of my friends from the study centre to enrol with me for a weekend revision school with OUPS in Nottingham to aid my chances of doing well in the course. That weekend was wonderful. A key personality (although he probably does not know it) was Chris Cullen (now Professor Cullen). He was a wonderfully encouraging tutor at the weekend and also an amusing, intelligent and delightful person, who told me that I could do very well and was a good student! It was just the spur I needed. I worked hard and gained a Distinction in the course. So the first thing OUPS did for me was increase my confidence. I obtained a part time job and continued studying



Chris
Cullen

The second thing was to increase self-knowledge. I met someone on the weekends who gave me a psychometric test and this gave me some insight into the sort of things I enjoyed doing and made me want to study psychology further. At that first weekend I was to taste something else. To this day I do not know how to describe it it was a delight in getting to know other people and in being in the company of strangers something that nurtured my ability to form friendships and relationships.

On our first evening we were all assembled in the great hall at Nottingham to listen to the OUPS organisers. One person stood out, by elegance, charm, and a certain something. It was Lilli! The rest of that weekend became a social and intellectual indulgence that I look back on as a time of great personal happiness.

Locally, things were happening too. I received a letter inviting me to attend a social OUPS gathering in Cambridge and there I met a friend who was to be a major influence in my life. It was Mary Shepherd! She persuaded me to help launch the Cambridge (06) Region of OUPS, which we did, in 1985. We put on lots of events together. (One of my favourite speakers was Fred Toates, who talked about Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder.) Mary's dynamic, strong, and vivacious personality, combined with her direct advice, encouraged me to strive for what I wanted. If I was diffident, Mary would scold and cajole me into boldness! So OUPS cultivated my drive to achieve too!

After a few years of studying, I was thrilled to have the opportunity to go to Cambridge University as a full-time student for a year to finish my psychology degree. Without OUPS I would never have had the drive and confidence to apply for the scheme.

In 1988, before going to Cambridge, I took a break from work by resigning my job at Addenbrookes Hospital to help my husband set up his business as an industrial design consultant, following redundancy. To give me something of my own to do I volunteered to help the National Executive Committee of OUPS and I was given the job of weekends booking officer. I enjoyed it very much (and received loads of bookings). At the same time, it gave me valuable experience of conference organising, and of liaison with Nottingham University Conference Office - even though Lilli forbade me to speak with Mr Jacovitti, the chef - because she said we wound each other up into an anxiety state! That year I learned so much about the protocol and politics of committees. This turned out to be of great benefit to me because a few years later I was offered a well paid job that entailed a lot of committee work plus conference organisation. I even received a letter of congratulation from the director after the first successful conference had been held. So, you see, OUPS helped me to advance my career too!

Finally, OUPS has helped me with my career as an OU tutor. I had been fortunate enough to have worked in the Department of

Experimental Psychology in Cambridge for a while, and during this time I was invited by the OU Regional Office in Cambridge to apply for the post of tutor for E362 - Cognitive Development in Language and Thinking from Birth to Adolescence. I applied. I got the job, which I hold on a part-time basis to this day. I attribute this solely to my OUPS involvement with Region 06 because I got to know the staff there through organising OUPS events.

Lilli had great faith in me and the committee employed me to tutor E362 at one of the famous Revision Weekends in 1990. It went very well. I learned as much from the students as they appeared to learn from me, and I still learn from them. They have taught me about training and tutoring, and this, in turn, has helped me to become a full-time training officer and into a career in management.

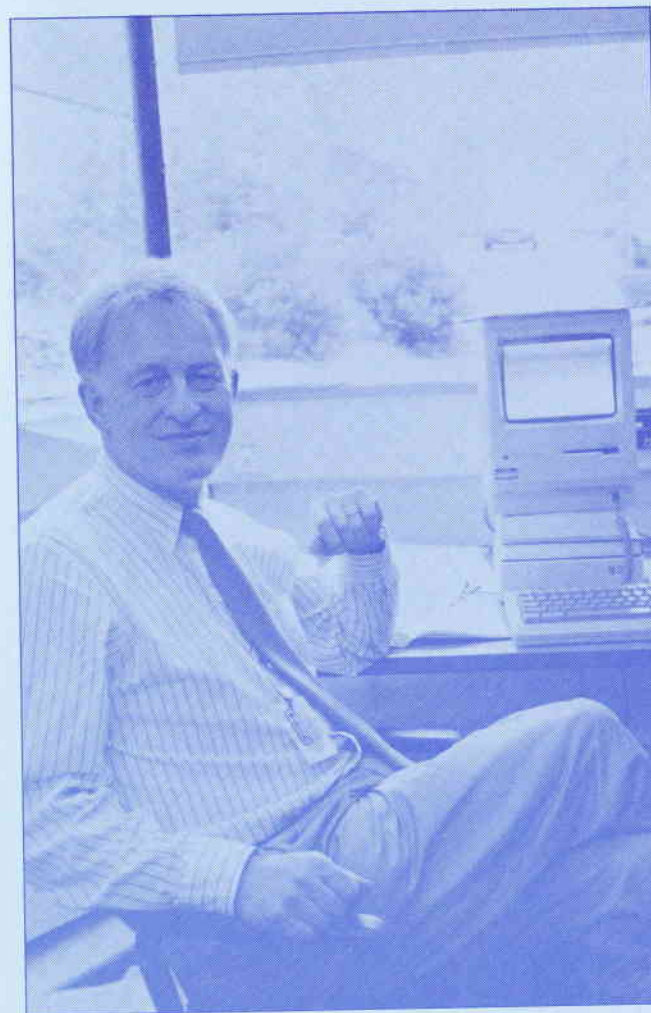
All in all, I am very grateful to OUPS. In the ten years since I joined I have made many new and well loved friends. I have learned a great deal, and my career has taken off. I cannot say that working with the OUPS committees, both nationally and locally, is an easy task - one has to work quite hard - but I can certainly say that I enjoyed every minute of it. I would recommend it to anyone.

Kathie Pemberton



Dr. Fred Toates

Over the years Fred has become a firm favourite with everyone he has met. His support for the Society has been second to none, both at National events, such as the Revision Weekend, and at a great many local events.



My Twenty Years with OUPS

Lilli Hvingtoft-Foster
President

This is a year of celebrations. It is the 25th anniversary of the Open University and the 20th anniversary of the Open University Psychological Society. This presents an opportunity to review the development of the Society, and to reminisce at some of the great events that the Open University Psychological Society has been able to present to its members.

Liz Cowne, an active President and Chairperson of OUPS for a number of years, will be reviewing our history elsewhere in this issue, but regretfully, Pat Lindley, Ann Humphries, Len Brown and John Clapham, who founded OUPS, and others who supported them, have long since found pastures new. We owe the existence of OUPS to these courageous people and I look back at them with admiration and thanks.



Lilli
Hvingtoft-Foster

Although enthusiasm and drive was plentiful in those early days, these founder members were indeed courageous, as they started OUPS without any money, or funding of any sort. Thus, the Society was really built by their enthusiasm and the membership fees. Not that the membership was very large in those days. Those studying psychology courses in the early 1970s were scarce by comparison with today. Psychology courses were equally few when the Open University first came into being, but once our Professor Judith Greene took charge of the faculty, in 1976, new courses soon came off the press. As students studying psychology courses increased so did membership of OUPS.

During those early years we all needed support from each other, because there were no previous psychology students to turn to for

advice, and no previous exam papers to peruse. Therefore, the creation of OUPS was (for we first psychology students) a lifeline. It gave OUPS members the opportunity to share, exchange and discuss views and knowledge with other students, whenever we met at OUPS events. It also brought the course tutors and guest speakers much closer to the students, who otherwise may have been, to them, just student numbers on a piece of paper.

We were therefore deeply grateful for this splendid, new, supportive Society and in return some of us felt encouraged to contribute whatever skills we had to develop it further. My contribution was a determination to bring the world's best to our members; to all those students, working in isolation, who were not so fortunate as those in conventional universities, where students and lecturers mix freely and are approachable at any given time.

I had been fortunate enough to travel around the world with an anthropologist, and I had been privileged to meet many esteemed psychologists whom I knew to be approachable and generous with both their knowledge and time. I was able to invite many of them as guest speakers at OUPS events when I first became an active committee member with London OUPS. Together with people like Liz Cowne, Ann Rattue, Margaret Green, John Platts, Julia Lee, Darryl Grisswood, LouLou Brown and other committee members, we were able to arrange some outstanding day and evening events.

Our events began to draw hundreds of students and, as OU students are mature students, no speaker escaped being questioned, provoked or criticised by the audience! I remember John Bowlby being challenged by LouLou Brown to such a degree that I felt I had to terminate the arguments. Whenever I met him after that, he would recall the incident with his subtle humour and assure me that his theories had often come under attack.

At the Parsifal College day events, the guest speakers would also challenge each other, causing the sparks to fly. While Liam Hudson was talking about the dichotomy between so-called hard and soft psychology (the title of his talk being, In Two Minds) Alice Heim and Anthony Gale decided to cross swords. Steve Duck spoke afterwards, about Friendship: Developing our Access to Other Minds! I cannot recall if he managed to open the minds of the earlier combatants to each others views. There were other memorable challenges too

At another event, where the great Richard Gregory was presenting his theories to a vast audience, that brilliant, crazy, and lovable John Mayhew dared to challenge him! The scintillating scientific duel between the two of them went right over most of our heads. It ended with an invitation for John Mayhew to visit Richard Gregory, in Bristol, where a degree of mutual admiration doubtless took place!

Other distinguished speakers who have honoured London OUPS with their presence have been:

Michael Argyle, Sheila Harri-Augstein,
Alan Baddeley, Basil Bernstein, Halla Beloff,
Donald Broadbent, Steve Blinkhorn, Guy Claxton,
Gillian Cohen, Roger Daldrup, Fay Fransella,
Sir Ernst Gombrich, Sarah Hampson,
Johnathan Miller, John Nicholson,
Desmond Nuttall, Maureen Pope, Rom Harré
Mildred Shaw, Peter Wason, and many others.

It became clear that the success of London OUPS ought really to be transferred to national OUPS, and at an AGM in the early 1980s Liz Cowne, John Platts and I became President, Secretary, and Chair, respectively. It soon became apparent that Liz and I were better suited for the other's role, and we ended up reversing them.

We inherited a Society with a committee that was far from healthy and a depressing financial situation, but thanks to our experience with London OUPS, and by sheer hard work on the part of the rejuvenated committee, we were soon attracting more members. With Angelica Sumpton managing the finances, and with sound legal advice from David Hardisty, we started out on a more promising path. I head-hunted at all of our events for those who would make good executive committee members or regional representatives. We eventually formed a reliable network of regional and national committees whose members were all dedicated to the Society.

One very lucky discovery was Sarah Clevely, who was able to use her expertise to transform a sad little news-sheet into a super Newsletter, which has been edited, since her time, by Martyn Dyer-Smith and presently, by David Joyce. Our journal, *The New*

Psychologist, was created and edited by John Platts and LouLou Brown.

We were delighted when 250 students attended the Revision Weekend in 1987. Today, we cater for nearly 800. Our membership has grown to almost 2000, making us the largest of the OU Societies. Our events are among the biggest arranged anywhere in the country, and more students attend the Revision Weekend than attend any OU Summer School. It is quite evident that what the many dedicated committee members have contributed to, and worked for, over the years has been more than worthwhile.

This growing success is achieved by hardworking people, who freely give their time and expertise to the organising and running of such events, all for the benefit of the members of the Society. No one is paid. No one has any office facilities other than that which they can provide for themselves.

Organising such events has become a major business. It involves stages of what Pointcaré (in creative thinking) calls; preparation, incubation, inspiration and verification and it involves these elements for months before such an event can be organised successfully. Four or five people have to give nearly all their free time and energy to organising a major event. We have every reason to be proud of our revision weekends and of the multitude of regional events, which are often equally complicated in their organisation.

One of the Society's most memorable events in the 1980s was the visit to OUPS of B. F. Skinner. This event, which took place in June 1983, filled the Royal Society to overflowing and hundreds of applicants were disappointed at not being able to get tickets.

While I was attending a Personal Construct Conference in Boston I decided to approach Skinner, at Harvard University, to try to persuade him to give a talk to our members when he next came to England. Imagine my excitement at having tea with Skinner at Harvard. Pavlov's and Skinner's names are among the first we encounter in the psychology units. Pavlov was long dead, but here was Skinner sitting opposite me drinking tea!

The event at the Royal Society was outstanding. We listened to his views on evolution and about the mind; his views on Greek

philosophers; on Tolman, Hull and Thorndike, and the evolution of behaviourism. He spoke of freedom and dignity, (the subject of one of his famous books). This was indeed an event to remember! As a memento, Skinner was aptly presented with a box. And inside were two pecking pigeons! - engraved on a cut-glass goblet. Skinner, to our delight, assured us that he had never before received a present with these symbols.

This truly memorable event was recorded by the BBC's Open Forum, and can still be heard, now and then in their programmes. Also often shown in their television programmes is the OUPS Chomsky event which Open Forum filmed when Noam Chomsky honoured us with his presence in April 1987. 550 people filled Senate House to hear Chomsky expound his political and psycholinguistic theories.

The opportunity to meet and to hear living legends such as Chomsky is rare. It was not surprising, therefore, that the audience consisted not just of our own members, but also of scientists from other disciplines and from other universities. I have a video tape of an edited version of this event, which members (by request before an event) can see at one of our weekend events. It is a necessarily edited tape as Chomsky actually addressed the audience for several hours.

Some of the other memorable speakers that have honoured OUPS by giving papers at our weekend events are:

Colin Blakemore, Geoff Beattie,
Robert Farr, Neil Frude, Johnson-Laird,
Nigel Nicholson, Estelle Philips,
Dorothy Rowe, George Sik, Janet Stockdale
and again, I could mention many many more.

For the Society to attract these great names as guest speakers demonstrates the high esteem in which the Society is held. For the Society to have developed so successfully, we owe thanks to so many past and present committee members, to a member who donated money to the society when we were in dire financial straits, and to all those people who have dedicated themselves to the cause and success of the Society.

We also owe thanks to the ever faithful and inspiring tutors who

lecture at our revision weekends. Peter Banister, Peter Barnes, Chris Cullen, Sandy Aitkenhead, Mark Coulson, Ken Onion, Robin Orchardson, Fred Toates and last but not least Judith Greene and Richard Stevens, who have contributed so very much to the development and success of OUPS. We must also look with gratitude (for the chance of our very existence) to the Open University, to the many academics, psychologists, creators, and organisers of course teaching materials, and all those anonymous individuals who turn the wheels behind the scenes at the Open University, and to OUSA, for their many support services, on which we have come to rely.

Finally, we must be thankful for the existence of OUSET, who are able to make such good use of our success in running the Society, (we are now able fund up to the value of eight free places at the annual Revision Weekend) for the benefit of those who would not otherwise be able to attend due to financial reasons.

For my 20 years in OUPS it has been gratifying to feel that I may have played a part in expanding the minds of some of our members by bringing to them the opportunity of hearing and meeting interesting psychologists, and also gratifying to feel that I may have played a part in promoting the Open University Psychology Degree.

Above all, it is rewarding to see the Society growing more and more successful and to see so many willing members giving their time and skills to this end.

I look forward to continued growth and success of the
Open University Psychological Society.

**It's not all academia !
(we do have parties)**



The Constitution of OUPS dictates that our own Regional structure shall mirror the regional structure of the Open University. We therefore have a total of 13 regions. (Our European members are looked after by Region 09.) Each region is encouraged to form a local committee that will be responsible for organising local OUPS events, and to act as a link between their local membership, the National Committee, and the wider affairs of the Society in general. To this end, regions may send a representative to the national committee meetings.

The regions are the backbone of the Society. Their committee members work phenomenally hard to produce events of the highest quality, and many regional representatives double up with additional tasks on the national committee.

This short account of the resurrection of the 05 regional committee is included here because this is, essentially, how OUPS itself began.

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How Region 05 was coaxed into new beginnings Lois Philpott

05 Region

After last year's exams, I rashly wrote to John Denner offering my efforts to help organise something in my region, having been aware that for a couple of years previously there had been no regional committee. At the same time, Phil Hill had agreed to be the region rep, and was looking for support. This came in the form of Dave Crowther who agreed to be the treasurer, and me, who agreed to do the typing on my brand new computer!

At Phil's request I put together a newsletter and printed off 126 copies; this being the number of address labels that Angie Bartholomew had sent to me. My two teenage children then spent a wet afternoon folding letters and putting them in envelopes - this had novelty value; I haven't asked for their help since, but with another newsletter to be sent out soon, I may employ my psychology in bribery tactics to get them to help again!

Our first Committee meeting welcomed a total of 5 people, though several people answered my request to reply, and showed us that there was support for a regional group. We have had three further meetings, and have now organised our first event. This will be held

at The Octagon in Nottingham on 12th November 1994, starting at 10.30 am and finishing around 4pm.

We have arranged for Laurence Paltiel, a Chartered Occupational Psychologist, to discuss current thinking about the use and abuse of personality assessment. Everyone attending the meeting will have the opportunity to have their own detailed personality assessment, which will be included in the very reasonable ticket price of £5 to those OUPS members who send their cheque and s.a.e.

Tickets for friends, and also on the door, will cost £8. Tea and coffee will be provided, but lunch will need to be taken at one of the local hostelrys!

It has been great fun trying to organise our first event and we hope that the region will support us. To those regions who are still without a local group, it only needs one or two people to get together and to have a go; it is a good way to make new friends, and I'm sure that it must look good on a C.V.

NEXT YEAR
we hope to arrange for
ELIZABETH NEWSOM
to come and talk to us;

Phil has already spoken to her about this and we just need to get all the arrangements sorted out.

**For further details of Region 05
and to book tickets for the November event**

**send a stamped addressed envelope
and cheques payable to Region 05 OUPS
to**

**Lois Philpott, 4, Burbage Road,
Burbage, Hinckley LE10 2TP**

**The Newsom event is likely to be a sell-out
so please write, indicating your advance interest,
to make sure you will not be left out.**

MARKETING NEWS

Margaret Goodlad

OUPS has run a marketing operation since its early days. It was originally intended as a service for students at the various events in the eventuality of them forgetting an important item. Mary Shepherd, in her time as marketing officer, remembers stocking a few boxes in her garage. She remembers the Fido T-shirt too. I wonder how many members can recollect them, or better still, have still got one! (For the uninitiated, Fido appears elsewhere in these pages.) John Denner followed Mary as marketing officer and he was able to contain all the stock required in a couple of old brown suitcases.

Sue Glendon took over from John and continued until 1991, increasing stocks and sales. Her claims to fame include the introduction of hats for open days, slogans on mugs (thought up by tutors), extra large T-shirts (doubled as nighties) and the necker nickers (his n' hers with discreetly embroidered necker cubes). Guilt gifts came into their own (delightful presents to ease one's guilt at abandoning the children). Sue's were gorillas! At this time, marketing was expanding so rapidly that the treasurer, Jill Greenacre, envisaged the formation of a separate entity, with its own accounts and stock records, and run as a commercial enterprise. This idea never came to fruition and marketing remains a corporate part of OUPS.

Jean Wing took over from Sue in 1991 and remained in post until 1993. She diversified even further, and ensured that there was always a stock of sweatshirts and T-shirts in every colour and size to meet the ever constant demand for them. She was also the originator of a celebrated, though quite unintended joke.

We now have enough rubbers to last us for five years!
(These have been referred to as erasers ever since.)

Jean's contributions to the success of the marketing enterprise were the formalisation of the accounts and stock records, setting

**Psychologists
do it to stay Jung**

**Psychologists do it
by standard
deviations**

**Psychologists like
to think about it**

up mini-marketing areas in Ireland, Manchester and Yorkshire, and bulk purchasing, to offset future price increases. Her guilt gifts took the form of Cuddly Vultures and Boxer dogs.

In 1992 the book sales and sale of goods had to be split into two separate entities in order to spread the workload. Sales and stocks had doubled, bringing an increase in problems that often accompanies rapid growth. Loading and unloading requires a lot of physical strength, one needs a larger vehicle for transportation, and last (but not least) time and patience for stocktaking.

I took over the marketing job from Jean in the Autumn of 1993 with enough stock to fill a 35cwt transit van. The first question was; where do you put it all? It found a home in the spare bedroom of my house (a good way of alleviating the problems of unwanted guests staying at short notice). Fortunately, the financial climate made 1993 a save-money and reduce-stock year, so very little was done to change the existing stock, but at the end of the year we were in dire need of replenishing the more popular items.

This year we are re-stocking the sweatshirts to meet demand and, in our anniversary year, we hope to have a small range of anniversary mugs, T-shirts and badges. My own contribution to the future of marketing I hope will be the use of modern technology to reduce the burden of the tedious annual stocktake and to keep an ever increasing change in the line of goods for sale. Any ideas for future stock items are always welcome, so please seek me out at the stall!

Just remember this:
(to quote from the black coloured mugs)

**OUPS refreshes the parts
that other academics
can't reach !**

Spreading OUPS' success around

When OUPS first started, we had next to nothing in the way of funds and, during the years that followed, the Society has faced lean times. (Lilli has mentioned the fact that OUPS has had cause to be grateful to a benefactor in the past.) Since this time, we have learned to be much more careful when it comes to financial matters.

The OUPS treasurer's job is not one for the faint-hearted. We have been very fortunate over the past few years in securing the services of Susan Glendon and Jill Greenacre who, between them, evolved the present business-like system of accounting, and those of our present incumbent, Cynthia Austin, who is a real live accountant. The Society now handles vast quantities of money - such has been its success.

An old film had some memorable lines in it -
There's nothing wrong with money, but it's like manure. To do any good with it, you've got to spread it around!

The editor must be credited with the suggestion that our financial position was such that we should consider offering free places on the Revision Weekend to those who might not be able to afford it. Mary Shepherd took the idea on board, with the blessing of the committee, and approached OUSET with an offer of two such funded places. As our finances improved, two became four. Today, OUSET manage the equivalent value of up to EIGHT free places on the Revision Weekend (in total confidence -the committee has nothing to do with how they apportion the money; all applications are made direct).

It was recently realised that OUPS has some convicted prisoners as members too. These persons can hardly find the 50 pence needed to buy a past-exam paper from OUSA (their cash problems make the purchase of a postage stamp a major outlay!). As a result of writing to OUSA about this, we have been pleased to learn that OUSET might be willing to fund the purchase of exam papers for those in this predicament. It will now be suggested to the committee that OUPS might consider meeting this small expense with an additional contribution.

**OUPS
and
OUSET**

OU Are Wonderful

Jean Hewson

As the 25th anniversary of the Open University approached, and with it the 20th anniversary of the Open University Psychological Society, I was prompted to ponder on the considerable changes that have occurred in my life as a result of my involvement with both of these Institutions.

Eleven years ago I was persuaded by a friend to have another attempt at applying for a place with the Open University. Two years previously I had sent for the application forms, only to be daunted by their complexity. However, this time I finally got to grips with the forms and sent them off. I was fairly apprehensive about my application for a number of reasons; not the least being that I had ended my formal education 20 years earlier at the age of 16 and had attempted no academic work since then. I had enjoyed working in various jobs (mainly clerical and secretarial) over the years, but felt in need of a greater challenge.

As I had developed an interest in psychology I thought I might as well study it formally with the OU Hence my application. I can still remember the immediate and gratifying change that occurred in my self-image when I learned I had been accepted on to the undergraduate programme.

Over the next nine years I followed the British Psychological Society package and worked my way through eight credits to finally gain an Honours Degree and Graduate Membership of the BPS. By the sixth credit I had begun working as a lecturer, running an A level psychology course for a College of Further Education - quite a change from clerical and secretarial work! The relative autonomy, freedom and (dare I say it) status which went with this job gave me considerable pleasure, especially when I realised that I was the College's only psychologist and they regarded me as their expert.

Incidentally I can recommend a stint teaching A level psychology to anyone who is looking to use their newly acquired knowledge and also firm up their own understanding of the subject. At the moment many F.E. colleges are desperate to find good lecturers

in psychology, which is becoming an increasingly popular subject. I found it useful here to do a one year City & Guilds Adult Education Course which gave me some idea of how to structure my lessons and put information across in an interesting and accessible manner.

During the nine years I studied with the Open University, my academic gains were considerable, as I had entered the system with but a handful of 'O' levels (no more than John Major has!) and I finished with an Honours Degree (a First) thereby opening up many more interesting possibilities for myself. But the benefits were by no means all academic. My contact with other Open University Students at the various tutorials and summer schools I attended over the years gave me access to a whole new spectrum of ideas and attitudes and widened my view of the world and what it was possible to do in life. It was also tremendous fun!

Joining the Open University Psychological Society enriched my experience of OU study considerably. I found the study weekends run by OUPS invaluable, in particular the Revision Weekend, held in September each year. This was such a great help in coping with the rigours of preparing for the exam in October. It also turned out to be important that I was able, through OUPS, to make contact with other people who had an open-minded interest in the study and furtherance of psychology. It was through these contacts that I got to know about the Humanistic Weekends, where experiential workshops in a variety of psychologically related activities added another dimension to (and sometimes a relief from) academic struggle. These activities included hypnotherapy, stress management and a variety of psychotherapeutic techniques and theories.

I know that there are many others who could write about the benefits of OU study and membership of OUPS. From my observation of the students I have met and spoken to over the past eleven years or so I have recognised that there are a variety of reasons why people commit themselves to the challenge of becoming mature students. In some cases there is the hope of improving one's career prospects, but this is not always the case. The aim of some students is a career change; sometimes from a highly paid, but unfulfilling job, to one that is less well paid but has more scope for job satisfaction. People also exist who simply love finding out more about psychology. And we must add to this the fact that studying with the Open University often tends to facilitate personal

development and a broadening of attitudes. When the subject studied happens to be psychology this is particularly so.

In my own case, personal development encompassed nearly all of these factors - and I have never regretted any of it. After gaining my honours degree I went on to do an MSc in Counselling Psychology with the Roehampton Institute and I now work as a counsellor in a GP's surgery (a far cry from being a humble clerk!). I also have my own, well established private practice.

On top of this, I am now in my third year as a tutor for the OU (DSE202 Introduction to Psychology). I count myself as fortunate to be involved in this activity and to have remained in contact with the University after the end of my studies. Equally important (and satisfying) is being able to retain contact with so many OU students. Every now and then I toy with the idea of embarking on a PhD - but not yet!

In a way then, I feel I have come full circle. I did not begin my OU studies with any thought or ambition of making major changes to my working life, but these have happened, nevertheless. Also, I never envisaged the effect in terms of self development, but I consider that this has been considerable, and entirely beneficial.

I wish every student who reads this article every success with their own studies and I hope that their experiences, both with the Open University and with the Psychological Society will be as ultimately rewarding as mine have been.

Jean neglects to mention here her activities with the OUPS committee, which have spanned a number of years. Many people came to know her as booking officer, when the Revision Weekend bookings were handled by just one person. She has served as minutes secretary (a vital, and frequently under-rated post) in the past, and has latterly undertaken the task of assistant editor for the Newsletter, handling the book reviews.

Thank you, Jean. And may your retirement from OUPS be the start of even greater personal success.

A Theme

An unusual collection drawn from correspondence and Newsletter articles in the editor's possession

..... a year later, at Lower Shaw Farm, I remember sitting in a sulk of rage. There were no less than three policemen on the Humanistic Weekend, whose names were I had the problem of how to accommodate my somewhat anarchic views and negative notions of the men in blue with these three, gentle, trusting law enforcers. My mind was set too deeply etched with notions of them and us.....

After lunch we began an exercise in choice, which comprised some frank talk and gentler airing of views.

The Lower Shaw weekend is an exercise in just being there: being with people, being open and honest, being supportive to others and allowing ourselves to be supported; being whatever we happen to be at the time, experiencing and sharing our feelings.

These very private feelings were expressed in trusted company. Every single person felt that they had learned a lot more about themselves in these forty eight hours.

The empathy within the group had grown throughout the weekend and, for some, a new self awareness had been realised in fact there seemed a definite reluctance to depart I personally came away feeling elated, and sure in the knowledge that I had made many new friends.

As was pointed out to me by one of the leaders, quoting Jung: Just because something is imaginary doesn't make it any less real.

Although these snippets are all quite unrelated, and are not even chronological (they span from 1984 to 1994), the story they appear to tell is absolutely true. OUPS has helped thousands of people along the way to securing their academic qualifications. It has also helped several hundreds more along their way to greater understanding of themselves and their fellows.

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and
Events
Organisers**

The Regions

01 London

02 South

04 West Midlands

05 East Midlands

06 East Anglia

07 Yorkshire

08 North West

**09 North
(incl. Europe)**

12 Ireland

13 South East

03, 10, 11

LOUPS 01

SOUPS 02 Inaugural event !

ZIMBARDO 50 more seats !

EMOUPS Region 05 Inaugural event !

06 especially and 08, 09

Regional Events

Watch your letterboxes!

*(probably) **Saturday 19th November**
A Special Dayschool at Regional Office*

Wednesday 7th December

*AGM and guest lecture
at Westminster Cathedral Centre*

Watch your letterboxes!

Date in November

*Somewhere in Oxford Richard Stevens will talk
about his ideas for the future of psychology
and Fred Toates will make a critical response*

*This inaugural meeting for Region 02 holds a lot of
promise and provides a taster for Region 13's major event?*

Wednesday 21st September

*at Birmingham University
50 more seats have been squeezed for Philip Zimbardo's lecture
Don't miss this - phone Maurice for late booking availability -
021 744 4688 (or write to the address in the committee pages).
A ten pound cheque payable to WMOUPS and
an A5 size SAE will still get you a ticket*

Saturday 12th November

*at The Octagon, in Nottingham
Lawrence Paltiel on the use and abuse of
personality assessment instruments. Have your own
personality professionally assessed!
See the article on Region 05 for more details
and next year
Elizabeth Newsom - now there's a scoop!*

*Watch your letterboxes in all these regions!
No formal notification of events here, but do
contact your regional reps because there is
something being planned in each region*

*The luck of the Irish!
Elaine Hamilton (see committee pages)
will tell you about the BPS and
Southern Irish events that are
being held, both in Belfast and in Dublin
This arrangement has been made to help
overcome the geographical problems
experienced by Irish members*

*North of England members are invited to
the BPS branch meeting and buffet supper
at Manchester Metropolitan University on
Thursday 27th October
The guest speaker, Professor James Reason
will talk on Error Management
Details from Hilary Neve
061 437 6443 (after 6pm)
or 0625 516357 (daytime)*

And 5th April 1995

*A careers in psychology day
will be held at the same venue*

*See the advertisement
on the next page for the major event
being held in the South Eastern Region
This event is being supported
by a host of famous people
whose views ought to be taken seriously*

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will preside over the Day.

Psychologists speak from a variety of different standpoints using different approaches, epistemologies, and methodologies. Can these disparate voices produce a coherent vision for the future of Psychology to take us into the 21st Century?

The University of Sussex • 26th November 1994

This is the first in a series of Conferences presented by the **South Eastern Open University Psychological Society** on directional issues in Psychology.

The Conference offers a forum for all delegates through the provision of syndicate sessions as well as the main talks, and the **price will include a full lunch and bound notes** despatched afterwards. Full pack of information on reasonably priced weekend accommodation available.

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£30 for OUPS members

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