Professor Keith Shine joins illustrious ranks of the Royal Society

Keith Shine, Professor of Physical Meteorology at the University, has been elected to the Fellowship of the Royal Society.

As a Fellow of the UK’s national academy of science, Professor Shine joins the likes of Richard Dawkins, Jocelyn Bell Burnell and Stephen Hawking.

Professor Shine said: ‘I am delighted and honoured that my research has been recognised in this way; it is not only recognition for myself, but also for the University and my many colleagues, who have helped create the environment in which my work could thrive.’

The Royal Society is the world’s oldest scientific academy in continuous existence, and has been at the forefront of enquiry and discovery since its foundation in 1660. New Fellows are elected through a peer review process that culminates in a vote by existing Fellows. The main criterion for election as a Fellow is scientific excellence.

Professor Shine is Director of Research in the Department of Meteorology at the University, having previously held the post of Head of Department. He joined the University in 1988 after studying physics at Imperial College London and taking a doctorate in meteorology at the University of Edinburgh followed by spells as a researcher at Liverpool and Oxford Universities. He became a Professor in 1998. His research focuses on understanding how human activity initiates climate change and the role of water vapour in the Earth’s energy balance. He has been heavily involved in major United Nations’ assessments of both climate change and stratospheric ozone depletion. He also led the University’s successful bid for a Queen’s Anniversary Prize in 2006.
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Professor Gordon Marshall, Vice-Chancellor said: ‘This is the ultimate accolade for Keith’s remarkable 20 year contribution to the University’s world-renowned Department of Meteorology, which is central to the wide-ranging study of climate change currently being undertaken here. Keith’s election to the Royal Society continues a tradition of distinguished scholars from Reading being elected to the Royal Society.’ The Fellowship of the Society is composed of the most distinguished scientists from the United Kingdom, other Commonwealth countries and the Republic of Ireland. Fellows of the Royal Society are elected for life and designate themselves through the use of the letters FRS after their names. Martin Rees, President of the Royal Society, said: ‘Our new Fellows are at the cutting edge of science worldwide. Their achievements represent the vast contribution science makes to society. They join an outstanding group of over 1,400 Fellows and Foreign Members of the Royal Society, and all rank among the international leaders in their field.’ More information at http://royalsociety.org/newFellows

Professor Ken Norris

Professor Ken Norris, Professor of Agro Ecology at the University has been appointed to champion one of the Natural Environment Research Council’s seven environmental research themes.

Professor Norris will lead the Biodiversity theme, succeeding Professor Lloyd Peck who steps down from the role later this month. The seven themes form the core of NERC’s science strategy, which sets out the science needed to provide solutions to the global environmental challenges the world is facing today, and will face in the future. Professor Norris said: ‘Biodiversity provides essential services that we all take for granted – food, clean air, clean water and many others. Championing research in this area is a huge challenge but extremely important if we are to continue to have access to the services from the environment that we all depend on.’ Professor Norris has very broad research experience, from the solid foundation of basic science provided by the research councils to the policy-led, applied research on biodiversity that is supported by organisations such as Defra and the wider user community. His research interests span a range of individual, population, community and ecosystem approaches to understanding how biodiversity responds to environmental change. For the past four years he has directed the strategic and operational management of the multi-disciplinary Centre for Agri-Environmental Research (CAER) at the University.

Health, work, well-being

The second annual well-being week was organised by Human Resources, in partnership with Commercial Services, Health and Safety Services, the SportsPark and Occupational Health to promote employee health and well-being.

This year there were activities at Whiteknights, Bulmershe Court and Greenlands. As a result of the week, we discovered a continued demand for health and well-being initiatives at the University. Again, the health checks, massage therapies, gym classes and presentations on health-related issues were all extremely popular and well attended. The live cooking demonstration was a favourite and in response to your requests the healthy recipes are available at: http://www.rdg.ac.uk/humanresources/rdg-only/health_work_wellbeing.htm

Commercial Services enjoyed meeting their customers face to face to discuss catering needs across campus. There was a good response from catering suppliers who offered a number of healthy products for staff to sample. The SportsPark would like to thank all staff who participated in the week of classes. They hope their programme helped to improve motivation towards a more active and healthier lifestyle.

Commercial Services and the SportsPark offered great prizes, including the chance to win Nirvana Spa vouchers, a raffle for an exotic fruit basket, a trial gym membership and personal training sessions. The lucky winners were all pleasantly surprised!

We hope you found the activities, presentations and advice useful and informative. We would appreciate your feedback on how we can improve future activities, please send any suggestions to j.m.marsh@reading.ac.uk

Human Resources

Beccy Bridges takes part in a reflexology session
Art on URS wall

Fine Art student Ed Quick, displayed his latest captivating work by projecting it onto the wall of URS Building, Whiteknights from 11 to 15 May.

The affectionately titled Eso (Evolutionary Sculptural Organism) is a continuation of Ed’s 2nd Year degree project which aims to ‘take art into the public environment in an engaging manner’.

This dynamic, digital sculpture consists of a randomly seeded population of cuboids interacting in real-time. These symbiotic cuboid-cells coexist and compete through stages of birth, reproduction, and death. The result is an ‘organic’ series of unique, non-predetermined, evolving forms.

Ed, who also works for the University as a Senior IT Support Technician, said:

‘I am exceptionally proud of Eso which is not a pre-recorded film but a projection of a computer-based, real-time, moving sculpture which constantly evolves without human influence’.

The project was made possible with support from the School of Business and School of Real Estate & Planning. To see photographs and a video of the display please see http://www.edquick.co.uk/

Sharing expertise

The University highlighted its expertise in literacy and language education in April when the Institute of Education hosted a one day conference on behalf of The British Education Research Association.

The conference attracted 80 delegates from all over the UK and several eminent speakers.

A number of papers from established and new researchers also contributed to making this first conference of its type a great success. The day ended with a stimulating plenary on the question ‘Research evidence suggests that at least 20% of adults in England are still functionally illiterate, that is over 5 million people; who, or what is to blame?’

Professor Andy Goodwyn, who organised the event, said: ‘This really was an outstanding success, enhancing the reputation of the Institute of Education and of the University. Researchers came from all over the country, some highly distinguished, others at the start of their careers, several colleagues gave excellent papers and our PhD students gained a real insight into the best work coming through in our field. We are already planning for next year’.

Feminist Judgments

Re-writing case-law from feminist perspectives.

The School of Law hosted a two-day workshop in April, in which over 30 writers (academics and practitioners) put theory into practice by writing alternative feminist judgments in a series of cases. A number of academics from the University are involved in the project: Grace James, Rachel Horton, Rosemary Auchmalty, Martha-Marie Kleinmans and Samia Bano.

The project will inaugurate a new form of critical socio-legal scholarship, one which seeks to demonstrate in a sustained and disciplined way how judgments could have been written and cases could have been decided differently.

Pupil researchers visit Bulmershe

At the beginning of the summer term, four pupils from Baylis Court School in Slough visited the Institute of Education to learn about research methods they could use in school.

Their teacher, Sarah Bate (PGCE and MA, University of Reading) is working on a ‘pupil voice’ initiative in school to involve pupils in leading school improvements. The group worked with Deb Heighes, Lecturer on the Secondary PGCE at the Institute; she has been working with three other local, partnership schools on ‘pupil voice’ projects. The pupils learnt about questionnaires, one-to-one and group interviews, observing and ethics. The group are keen to continue the link and plan to focus on developing the pupils’ skills in lesson observation.

Pupils will now take advantage of this initial meeting by experiencing a planned sequence of training delivered jointly by the school and the University. As a result, they will be well equipped to observe volunteer teachers lessons and give them valuable feedback.

‘I am extremely pleased to be able to work in partnership with the Institute of Education again. It will enable the pupils to contribute to the schools continued outstanding success,’ said Sarah. One of the pupils from year 9, Haleema Abbas, felt that the visit was ‘inspirational’. The group are now extremely keen to get started.

The video Pupils as Researchers is available for public viewing http://mediasite.reading.ac.uk
**Loveliest of trees**

In the spirit of the BBC’s Spring 2009 commitment to literature with a pan-BBC season dedicated to poetry:

The cherry tree outside the Physics building, taken recently and sent in by Professor Michael J. Sewell, Emeritus Professor of Applied Mathematics, along with this poem by A.E. Housman:

From a Shropshire lad
Loveliest of trees, the cherry now
Is hung with bloom along the bough,
And stands about the woodland ride
Wearing white for Eastertide.

Now, of my three score years and ten,
Twenty will not come again,
And take from seventy springs a score,
It only leaves me fifty more.
And since to look at things in bloom
Fifty springs are little room,
About the woodlands I will go
To see the cherry hung with snow.

**Peer Supporters**

The Peer Support Network at Reading has grown from half a dozen students in 2006 to nearly 60 trained Peer Supporters at present.

It offers a confidential listening and support service run by students for students who may be struggling with a range of personal or academic problems. Recently three Peer Supporters, Avril Gabriel, Navneet Rai and Natalie Rosset, attended a seminar in Oxford on Preventing Student Suicide, run by Papyrus, a national charity committed to the prevention of young suicide (www.papyrus-uk.org). Writing in the Papyrus Spring Newsletter, the students commented on how informative the seminar had been and had helped them feel more confident about making appropriate referrals.

As a result of attending the seminar, Avril, Navneet and Natalie were invited by the Head of Student Services at Bath Spa University to make a presentation about the Reading University Peer Support Network to the Student Services Department there, as the first step towards exploring setting up a similar Peer Support service in Bath.

To find out more about Peer Support in Reading, visit the website www.reading.ac.uk/peersupport or contact the Peer Support co-ordinator, Kate Ward-Perkins k.s.wardperkins@reading.ac.uk

**Savitri Wilson retires**

The Statistical Services Centre recently said goodbye to Savitri Wilson after 20 years.

Staff past and present attended her retirement party to give her their best wishes.

Savitri formally joined the Centre in 1989, but had already become well acquainted with Applied Statistics staff through her work with the Statistical Unit in Colombo University, Sri Lanka. Formerly Savitri Abeyasekera, she married Ian Wilson, then Director of the SSC, in 1991.

Over the years Savitri has played a vital role in the Centre, with a particular interest in development work. This saw her managing the SSC’s contract with the Department for International Development (DFID) for many years and more recently being instrumental in securing work on the DFID-funded “Research Into Use” programme. Everybody at the Statistical Services Centre would like to wish Savitri a happy retirement.

**Finnish connections**

Dr Geoff Taggart, Lecturer in the Institute of Education, made a trip to Finland recently as part of the Erasmus Teacher Exchange Scheme.

He spent a week based at the Department for Teacher Education in Rauma at The University of Turku, Finland. This Erasmus teacher exchange arose out of an introductory visit organised in 2008 for Early Years Professionals by the Finnish Early Years Workforce Development officer for Slough Borough Council.

The main event of the week was an international seminar on ‘multiple cultures’ which included presentations about the Romany communities of Hungary, the challenges of accommodating immigrant cultures in a Turku school. Dr Taggart gave an overview of citizenship education in the UK and the recent concerns over cohesion (and subsequent re-appraisal of multiculturalism) in the wake of the London bombings.

Several opportunities for collaborative research have arisen out of this visit.

**Letter to the editor**

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to my leaving gift, which was much appreciated, and also to those who bought tickets for my Barn Dance – we raised an excellent £300 for the Easthampstead Parish Church Restoration Fund.

I would love to keep in touch with former colleagues and friends – you can find me on Facebook!

Jo Nyirenda
Recent awards

Professor Sir Brian Hoskins has recently been appointed to the government Climate Change Commission.

Adrian Simmons of the Environmental Systems Science Centre, a Visiting Professor at the University, has been awarded the Symons Gold Medal by the Royal Meteorological Society, its highest award for outstanding research.

Lennart Bengtsson of the Environmental Systems Science Centre has been elected to honorary membership of the Royal Meteorological Society and has also won the Alfred Wegener Medal and awarded honorary membership of the European Geosciences Union.

Dr Simon Booth, Associate Head of the School of Management, has received a leading group award that will be presented at a ceremony to be held in Toronto, Canada, in August 2009. Dr Booth contributed to the book that made the most significant contribution to psychology as a global discipline: Culture and Leadership Across the World.

Richard Bisgrove has been elected an Honorary Fellow of the Kew Guild. The Guild was founded in 1893 as an association of alumni of the Royal Botanic Gardens. Honorary Fellowship is limited to 25 members. The award is made for Richard’s “distinguished service to the general advancement of horticulture and garden history within this country and abroad”.

A final year student from the University of Reading has won the most prestigious award for agriculture students in the UK. George Hood, a BSc Agricultural Business Management student from the School of Agriculture, Policy and Development, won first place in The Farmers Club Pinnacle Awards.

Dr Running Yao, Construction Management and Engineering, has been awarded a grant from the Royal Academic of Engineering to fund a series of research exchange visits to Chongqing University in China. This will enhance the link between Reading and Chongqing University, and help research in the field of built environment, which tackles global climate change issues.

Issues in global change

The Walker Institute for Climate Research recently awarded funding for one of their PhD students to attend the 7th International Science Conference on the Human Dimensions Global Environmental Change held on 26–30 April 2009 in Bonn, Germany.

The meeting was an event for the global research community to conjoin and address key issues on the social dimension of global change. Miss Sarah Cooper from the School of Agriculture, Policy and Development who is currently studying livelihood adaptation to climate change in Uganda attended the event on 30 April which had a focus on Adaptive Capacity & Institutions. The event directly linked into her research which will be focusing on how institutions are contributing to the adaptation process, especially with regards to members of communities who are particularly vulnerable to climate change.

Green roofs

Green roof – your thoughts

Anna McWilliam is a Wildlife Conservation and Management MSc student who is completing a thesis on people’s attitudes to green roofs. A green roof consists of vegetated layers over a waterproof membrane laid on a roof. It is possible to have green roofs on houses with a pitched roof, but little research has been done in this area. Anna would like readers of the Bulletin to answer a simple questionnaire on their knowledge and attitudes to green roofs. If you would like to help Anna, please go to www.survey.bris.ac.uk/reading/greenroofs and fill out the simple questionnaire: it should only take a few minutes of your time.

e-Research Open Meeting 2009

This year’s e-Research Open Meeting will be taking place on Wednesday 17 June at 10am in 1N06 in Agriculture and is an opportunity to find out what is going on in e-Research (the application of advanced ICT to research) in the University.

This year’s e-Research Open Meeting will be focusing on what users have achieved using e-Research technologies, with the bulk of the presentations being from users. We will also be giving update on the developments in this area in the last year.

To register for this event please email David Spence (d.r.spence@reading.ac.uk) with your name, email and department. For more information see http://www.reading.ac.uk/internal/its/e-research/its-eresearch-openmeeting09.asp

Funding available for Innovative Projects

The Annual Fund has raised £1.7 million over the last 5 years to support and enhance the student experience here at the University.

Over 400 students have taken part in the telephone campaigns which take place every autumn and spring, encouraging Reading Graduates to make a donation to support current students. The generosity of the alumni has been overwhelming, making the University of Reading’s Annual Fund one of the most successful in the UK.

Students, Staff, Clubs and Societies can apply for up to £10,000 from the Annual Fund for student focussed projects which will have a huge impact on the lives of students studying at the University. Funding will be given to projects which have a wide impact, and that fall under one of three categories: Student Support, Innovative Teaching and Learning and Extra-Curricular Activities. Funding for individuals is not available.

For more information about the Annual Fund, or for an application form, please contact: Becki Mckinlay, Development Officer: 0118 378 5238, r.j.mckinlay@reading.ac.uk
Harris Garden News

The new season of Open Days at the Harris Garden got off to an excellent start on 19 April when the garden opened in aid of the National Gardens Scheme.

£1,200 was collected from a large number of visitors. £780 was collected for the University Playgroup on 10 May. Forthcoming dates are:

**Sunday 14 June**
Plant Heritage (NCCPG). Friends of the Harris Garden – with plant fair, tea and cake stall

**Sunday 12 July**
Berkshire Autistic Society

**Sunday 9 August**
St John Ambulance Brigade

**Sunday 13 September**
Hardy Plant Society

**Sunday 11 October**
Duchess of Kent Hospice

Gardens open at 2pm.

Head gardener, Julia Wesley and her staff and helpers are to be congratulated on the way that they maintain the 12 acre garden. The Harris Garden now has registered charity status which means that it is able to benefit from Gift Aid – a tax relief available on money donated thanks to the hard work of David Hewitt, Stephen Jury, Richard Biggrove and Ann Derbyshire especially.

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Picture Loan Scheme

The Picture Loan Scheme is based on a collection of pictures built up over a number of years which are made available to University staff for display on University premises.

They are hired on an annual basis for a modest fee of £10 per picture. The collection is a varied one of paintings, prints and drawings. It is possible to loan pictures at times other than the official hiring, but it is not possible to loan pictures to individuals or companies outside the University.

We ask patrons who currently have pictures to return them to the Department of Fine Art, Earley Gate on Tuesday 15 or Wednesday 16 September 2009 between 10am and 12.30pm and ask that every effort is made to return works. Please check in pictures with Mrs Jean Butler or her representative. It is important that no pictures be left unchecked in corridors etc.

The picture lottery will be held on Wednesday 23 September at 12 noon, with viewing from 10am, and we look forward to seeing you again and, hopefully, many new faces.

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Little Learners Day Nursery

Reading University Students’ Union are delighted to announce the opening of a brand new Nursery in September 2009.

Little Learners Day Nursery will be located at Whiteknights and will offer approximately 94 places to children aged from three months to five years.

The facility will be staffed by a team of experienced and professional childcare practitioners.

Places are offered to the children of students and staff of the University of Reading only. The Nursery is also able to offer free education sessions to children who are in the term after their third birthday subject to availability.

The purpose-built modern facility will boast five child-centred rooms which lead directly into the outdoor area. Each room will be designed to be flexible to the needs of the children and will offer contemporary equipment throughout. An on-site cook will ensure that the children are offered fresh and nutritious meals and snacks.

The Nursery will be open all year round with the exception of University closure periods (Easter and Christmas), Public Bank Holidays and Students’ Union Closure Days. More details of opening times can be found on the website www.rusu.co.uk/nursery

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New studentships webpages for academics

The Research and Enterprise Services (RES) webpages have been expanded and now offer more information to academics looking for external postgraduate research funding.

The new webpages provide an overview and key information on all research studentships schemes available across the research councils as well as a growing selection of studentships schemes available from other funding bodies such as charities and industry (over 40 non-council schemes are currently listed). For each scheme you should be able to find a brief description, call specifications, main eligibility requirements, what funding is on offer, and likely deadlines. Each scheme is also linked with the funder’s own website for further details.

These new pages complement other sources of information already available on the Research Support webpages which include the monthly funding newsletters, a monthly calendar of call deadlines and the funding guides. Find the expanded studentships webpages under the Research Support section in RES: http://www.reading.ac.uk/res/researchsupport

If you have any comments on these pages such as content, format or functionality, or wish to discuss any postgraduate studentships opportunities, please contact Dr Mischa Phillips, Research Support Officer for Research Studentships on ext 4494 or m.phillips@reading.ac.uk
Grow your own!

Grow your own, a new exhibition at the Museum of English Rural Life, opens on
4 June.

The exhibition, which has been created by new Assistant Curator at MERL, Ollie
Douglas, explores some of the many ways in which gardening has become deeply
embedded in English life. It celebrates the last two centuries of a passion shared by
town and country alike. Ollie was assisted by colleagues from Plant Sciences, the Harris
Garden, Agriculture and History.

The opening of the exhibition marks the beginning of a season of events inspired
by the theme of gardening and growing your own. This is the theme of MERL’s
biggest family event this year – the Spectacular on 6 June. There will be
plant stalls, gardening information, craft demonstrations and workshops, as well as
local food, music, dancing and much more.

As part of the programme linked to the exhibition, on 16 June Dr Jeremy
Burchardt, Lecturer in Rural History, will give a MERL Seminar entitled Why
Wiltshire? Early allotment provision in England, 1795–1830

An important factor requiring action is

Library news

The University Library is launching its
major Collections Project 2009-2013.

The time is ripe for this wide-ranging
review because of the rapidly changing
balance between printed and on-line
information resources (now increasingly
taken in e-books as well as e-journals and
databases) and the continuing
challenge of making sure the collections
are as responsive as possible to the
needs of our users. The need to increase
spaces to work in the Library for
students and researchers, and provide
more variety in the study environment,
is also behind our Collections Project.

A new Library storage facility should
come on stream by 2011 – this will
accommodate the lower-use material
which is being retained and also some of
the Special Collections.

An important factor requiring action is
the projected closure of Bulmershe
Library in 2011. In line with the
University’s strategy to withdraw
academic activity from Bulmershe Court,
its core Library stock will be assimilated
at Main Library Whiteknights. Originally
planned for 2010, the new closure date
for Bulmershe Library will prove more
workable for those Schools most affected.

If you would like to know more about the
Library’s Collections Project, and what it
will mean for you, or if you would like
to send a comment or suggestion, why
not look at the Collections Project www.
reading.ac.uk/library/collections-project

Your views would be very welcome.

Loans and leavers

Students leaving the University at the end of the Summer Term must return their
University Library loans and pay any fines. They can borrow until the end of term
provided there are no outstanding overdue items or unpaid bills. Each
borrower is responsible for everything issued to them and must ensure they are
returned before leaving the University.

Students going abroad must return all
vacation loans before leaving. They
should keep their University Access Card
safe as they will need it when they return
for their final year.
The diary is compiled from events posted on the Events page of the University website. For fuller details, to post your own events or to see events posted after the copy date for the Bulletin please see http://www.reading.ac.uk/events

Friday 29 May to Thursday 4 June
Please see Bulletin 497 or Events website

Thursday 4 June to 1 September
MERL Exhibition, Grow your own! An exhibition celebrating the passion for gardening and vegetable growing shared by town and country alike over the past two centuries, Museum of English Rural Life, 9am–5pm Tuesday–Friday, 2–4.30pm weekends. See Page 7

Monday 8 June
Institute of Cardiovascular and Metabolic research seminar, MR coronary angiography and vessel wall imaging using novel molecular contrast agents, Professor Rene Botnar (King’s College London and St Thomas’ Hospital, London), Harborne Lecture Theatre, 1pm

Tuesday 9 June
Biomolecular Sciences and Pharmacology seminars, Sequence, Structure and Functional Studies of Viper Venom Protolytic Enzymes, Dr Sakhthivel Vaiyapuri, and Cord mesenchymal stem cells: neural potential and neuroprotection, Dr Andy Hill, 101 Hopkins Building, 1pm

Meteorology lunchtime seminar, The Representation of Extratropical Cyclones in HiGEM, Jen Catto, GU01 Meteorology, 1pm

Music@Reading lunchtime concert, Soprano and flute, Jo Howe and Laura Baker, Physics LTR, 110pm

Chemistry seminar, Organic Synthesis with N-heterocyclic Carbenes and Transition Metal-Catalysed Desymmetrisation Reaction, Dr Dave Lindsay (Reading) LTG Chemistry, 4.30pm

Wednesday 10 June
Law Staff Research seminar, Legal Education and the Democratic Imagination, Professor Ian Ward (Newcastle), Foxhill House, 12.30pm

NanoScience and Materials Theme seminar, Peptides and Peptide-Polymer Conjugates as Tuneable Hydrogelators, Dr Dave Adams (Liverpool), Chemistry LTG, 2.30pm

History of Art & Architecture research seminar, Making up Femininity: Portraits of Women in Nineteenth-Century France, Tamar Garb (UCL), 230 HumSS 4pm

ICMA Centre research seminar, Does the Stock Market Fully Value Intangibles? Employee Satisfaction and Equity Prices, Alex Edmans (University of Pennsylvania), G03/04 ICMA Centre, 4.30pm

Reading Classical Association meeting, Virtual Rome, Dr Matthew Nicholls (Reading). (This follows the AGM which starts at 6.30pm), 44 HumSS, 7.30pm

Saturday 13 June
Fabulous feltting techniques masterclass at MERL, A follow-up to the popular felted bags workshop, this is for anyone who wants to find out some of the tips and tricks of felt making, with textile artist Ellen Brown, please book, £10 for materials, for more information see www.reading.ac.uk/merl, MERL, Redlands Road, 2.15pm

Monday 15 June
Fine Art exhibition, work for BA Honours and Postgraduate Diploma in Fine Art, Earley Gate, 10am

Meteorology seminar, The Far Infrared Earth: water vapour feedback and planetary energy balance, John Harries, Imperial College, Salfulife Lecture Theatre (GU01) Meteorology Dept, 12noon

Institute of Cardiovascular and Metabolic research seminar, The failing heart: Can we understand an organ in distress? Dr Samuel Boating (Reading), Harborne Lecture Theatre, 1pm

Tuesday 16 June
Fine Art exhibition, see Monday 15 June

Typography & Graphic Communication student displays, BA Design for Graphic Communication, MA Design, MA Information Design, Typography, Earley Gate, 9am–5pm.

Meteorology lunchtime seminar, Error Growth at the Convective Scale, Giovanni Leoncini, GU01 Meteorology, 1pm

Music@Reading lunchtime concert, Soprano and piano, Eileen Pinkarchevski and Sally Goodworth, G10 Palmer, 11.00pm

Chemistry seminar, Multiphase Catalysis in Supercritical Fluids, Professor M. Poliakoff (Nottingham), Chemistry LTG, 4.30pm

MERL seminar, Why Wiltshire? Early allotment provision in England, 1795-1830, Dr Jeremy Burchardt explains why allotments became an increasingly significant element of rural society during the c.19th, Museum of English Rural Life, Redlands Road, 4.30pm, This seminar is part of the Grow your own! exhibition programme of events. Free, please register.

Wednesday 17 June
e-Research Open Meeting. This year’s e-Research Open Meeting will be focusing on what users have achieved using e-Research technologies, with the bulk of the presentations being from users. To register for this event please email David Spence (d.r.spence@reading.ac.uk) with your name, email and department. For more information see http://www.reading.ac.uk/internal/its/e-research/its-e-research-openmeeting09.asp, 1L06 Agriculture, 10am

Fine Art exhibition, see Monday 15 June

Typography & Graphic Communication student displays, See Tuesday 16 June

History of Art & Architecture research seminar, Art and Non-Art: Experiments in Modern Realism, Giovanni Leoncini, GU01 Meteorology, 1pm

Thursday 18 June
Fine Art exhibition, see Monday 15 June

Institute of Education open seminar, Commonwealth Education, Tim Boswell, MP, Bulmershe Court, Conference Room, 1.30pm, Seminar sponsored by the International Centre

Typography & Graphic Communication student displays, See Tuesday 16 June

Friday 19 June
Typography & Graphic Communication student displays, See Tuesday 16 June

Fine Art exhibition, see Monday 15 June

Saturday 20 June
Typography & Graphic Communication student displays, BA Design for Graphic Communication, MA Design, MA Information Design, Typography, Earley Gate, 10am–3pm

THE FOURTH HUGH BUNTING MEMORIAL LECTURE

Presented by Professor Jules Pretty, OBE, FRSA, FIBiol
Professor of Environment & Society, University of Essex and Deputy Chair of the Advisory Committee on Releases to the Environment (ACRE)

Sustainable Agriculture and the Future of the World Food System
Monday 1 June 2009
Madejski Lecture Theatre
Agriculture Building
Earley Gate
RSVP to: Melissa Bradley
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Holiday lets
Self catering, 600 year old listed cottage Harlech, Wales. See www. cottageguide.co.uk/harlech
St Helens, Isle of Wight, 2 newly refurbished, 1 bedroom holiday apartments, www.draytonvillas.co.uk, Contact: Alistair Grandison: a.s.grandison@reading.ac.uk

THE READING FILM THEATRE

Palmer Theatre, Whiteknights

June
2 Tues Hansel and Gretel (PG) 7.45pm
4 Thurs The International (15) 7.45pm
9 Tues Slumdog Millionaire (15) 7.45pm
11 Thurs Three monkeys (15) 8pm
16 Tues Il Divo (15) 7.45pm
17 Wed Trouble Sleeping (12A) 8pm
18 Thurs Anvil! The story of Anvil (15) 8pm
Seats: £4 for members and £5.50 for non-members. Further details: please phone 0118 378 7151, (or ext. 7151).