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Obituary: Rex Collings

Rex Collings, who died on 23 June 1996, had that maverick talent which distinguishes the exceptional publisher from the rest of us. He was one of the earliest publishers in the late fifties and early sixties, when African countries were coming up to independence, to set out to provide paperback books for Africa on serious subjects. We take paperbacks for granted now, but at that time Penguin (where Rex started) and Pan were just about the only two rivals for the British paperback market. With Michael Scott's Africa Bureau he persuaded Oxford University Press to start a 'Pelican' series for Africa. He managed to cajole his colleagues into allowing him to start the Three Crowns Series, in which he published plays and poetry by de Graft, J.P. Clark, Soyinka, Easmon and others; though because of some peculiar self-denying ordinance of the Press neither he, nor I after him, were allowed to publish novels from Africa.

In the African context Rex was above all Wole Soyinka's publisher. He brought Soyinka's plays to a world-wide audience in the mid-sixties when at the OUP. When Rex went to Methuen, and later when he set up Rex Collings Ltd., Soyinka went with him. For some years Rex would greet the autumn announcement of the Nobel jury with groans of annoyance; then, when at last in 1986 Soyinka was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature, he continued to mutter through clenched teeth that the prize did not improve sales.

Rex made a deep impression on a whole generation of young publishers in whom he cultivated a serious assessment of things African. He made it possible for me to take over his list at the OUP when he went to Methuen. He was the person who persuaded me that I should apply to Heinemann to run the African Writers Series and the rest of the African publishing. There are many of our generation who benefited from his clear vision on the importance of Africa.

Rex was also a publisher of children's books, and the financial success of *Watership Down* allowed him to pursue further his African publishing interests. With Soyinka and his other African authors he benefited from the extraordinary flow of oil wealth into Nigerian education. But container loads of books did not get paid for and put his whole business in jeopardy. He managed to sell his debts to a Nigerian professor of business studies but found it difficult to go on working in the firm which bore his name: one year players in the Nigerian tennis championships wore 'Rex Collings' T-shirts.

Rex took every chance to push African interests in Britain, notably through the African Educational Trust and as African adviser to the British Liberal Democrat party (even, at one time, standing for Parliament). Unstinting in the time he freely gave, he made a life-long impact on African education and African studies at all levels. (*James Currey*)

Meetings, Lectures and Events

15th-19th October: 'African-Caribbean Week', co-sponsored by Cambridge University's African Studies Centre and Centre of Latin American Studies. Events include poetry reading, food tasting, films, music making, dances, an exhibition of photographs at Churchill College. Contact Casey Synge, Administrator, African Studies Centre, Free School Lane, Cambridge CB2 3RQ (tel: (0)1223-334396/9; fax: (0)1223-334396).

25 October: The Centre of African Studies, SOAS, in conjunction with Dillons the Bookstore and Oxford University Press, present a lecture by Nobel Laureate Wole Soyinka on the launch of his new book, *The Open Sore of a Continent*, published by OUP. 6.30 pm, Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre, SOAS, £2 admission (redeemable against the purchase of signed copies of the book, which will be on sale at £16.99). Tickets available from Dillons, Gower Street, London WC1 (tel: (0)171-636-1577).

10 November: 'Light through the bars 2', a meeting on the first anniversary of the executions in Nigeria, organised by Scottish Pen and Scotland Africa '97 (based at the Centre of African Studies, University of Edinburgh), including readings by A.L. Kennedy from Ken Saro-Wiwa's prison diaries 'A Month and a Day', at the Traverse Theatre, Edinburgh, 5.00-7.00 pm.

Survey of Africanist Seminars in the UK, 1996/97

The following survey is compiled from responses to a questionnaire announced in issue number 3 of the Newsletter and circulated to various departments and institutions during the summer. It attempts a comprehensive list of scheduled seminars either wholly devoted to Africanist topics, or regularly including Africanist material. Departmental and other seminars which only occasionally refer to Africa have been excluded. Current schedules and speakers lists can be obtained from the contacts listed below. Readers are invited to contact the Editor to make good any omissions.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

African Studies Research Seminar, Monday (each term), 5 pm, Room 606, Centre for Family Research, The Old Cavendish Laboratory Building, New Museums Site, Free School Lane, Cambridge, contact Casey Synge, Administrator, African Studies Centre, Free School Lane CB2 3RQ (tel: (0)1223-33496/9; fax: (0)1223-334396; email: african-studies@lists.cam.ac.uk)

Africana Forum (a series of lectures and performances to address questions linking Africa to its diaspora, including Black Britain), Tuesday (each term), 5 pm, principal venue to be The Little Hall, Sidgwick Site, Sidgwick Ave, Cambridge, contact Casey Synge (as above)

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL LANCASHIRE

Words on Wednesday, Wednesday (1st & 2nd semesters), 2.00-5.00 pm, Harris Building, contact A.B. Zack-Williams, Dept. of Social Studies, University of Central Lancashire, Preston PR1 2HE (tel: (0)1772-893970; email: T.Zack-Williams@uclan.ac.uk)

EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY

African Studies, Wednesday (autumn and spring terms, starting week 2 of each term and ending in week 9), 4 pm, Centre of African Studies (CAS), Adam Ferguson Building, George Square, University of Edinburgh. A termly Royal African Society Lecture forms part of the programme. Contact Pravina King (tel: (0)131-650-3878)

LEEDS UNIVERSITY

African Studies Seminar, Wednesday (1st & 2nd semesters, 4 seminars each semester), 2.15 pm, Kimble Room, Department of Politics, contact Kate Banham, African Studies Unit, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT (tel: (0)113-233-5069)

LONDON UNIVERSITY

[NB: for venue and additional seminars and activities consult the periodical newsletter issued each term by the Centre of African Studies, SOAS, Thornhaugh St, Russell Sq, London WC1H 0XG]

Institute of Commonwealth Studies, London University, 28 Russell Sq., London WC1B 5DS

Commonwealth History, alternate Thursday (1st & 2nd term), 5.00 pm, contact Dr Robert Holland, ICS (tel: (0)171-580-5876), or Prof. A N Porter, King's College, University of London

Gender in Empire and Commonwealth, Thursday (each term), 5.00 pm, contact Dr Karen Jochelson, ICS (tel: (0)171-580-5876), or Dr Deborah Gaitskell, SOAS

The Societies of Southern Africa, Friday (each term), 5.00 pm, contact Prof. Shula Marks, SOAS, Dr Hilary Sapire, Birkbeck College, or Dr David Simon, Royal Holloway College

Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1H 0AL

Standing Conference on Library Materials on Africa (SCOLMA) Seminar Series, occasional seminars (each term), 12.30-2.00 pm, contact Diana Guthrie (tel: (0)171-612-6087; email: d.guthrie@ioe.ac.uk)

Institute of Historical Research

Imperial History, Monday (each term), 5 pm, Senate House, University of London, International History Room (2nd floor), contact Dr David Killingray, Dept. of Historical & Cultural Studies, Goldsmiths College, New Cross, London SE14 6WW (tel: (0)171-919-7486) or 72 Bradbourne Road, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 3QA (tel: (0)1732-453008)

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel St., London WC1E 7HT

Southern Africa Health Seminar Group, occasional meetings (each term), contact Dr Anthony Zwi, Department of Public Health and Policy, LSHTM (tel: (0)171-927-2374; email: a.zwi@lshtm.ac.uk)

School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, Thornhaugh St., Russell Sq, London WC1H 0XG

African History Seminar, Wednesday (each term), 5.00 pm, contact Joy Hemmings-Lewis, History Department, SOAS (tel: (0)171-323-6146)

Centre for Economic Policy for Southern Africa (CEPSA), occasional seminar series (each term), contact the Administrator, CEPSA, SOAS (tel: (0)171-323-6169)

Department of African Languages and Cultures Seminar, Thursday (1st & 2nd term), 5.00 pm, contact Wangari Muoria-Sal, Department of African Languages and Cultures, SOAS (tel: (0)171-323-6255)

Political Economy of Development Seminar, Tuesday (1st & 2nd term), 5.15 pm, contact Ann Lawson, Economics Dept, SOAS (tel: (0)171-323-6180)

Water Issues, Monday (each term), 5.00 pm, contact Tony Allen, SOAS (tel: (0)171-323-6159; fax: (0)171-426-3844; email: tal@soas.ac.uk).

University College, University of London, Torrington Place, London WC1

West Africa Seminar, Friday (1st & 2nd term), 4.30 pm, Daryll Forde Laboratory, contact Prof. Murray Last, Department of Anthropology (tel: (0)171-387-7050, ext. 2446)

OXFORD UNIVERSITY

[NB: for precise details of these and other Africanist activities consult the termly 'Bulletin of African Studies', obtainable from Dr Phyllis Ferguson, St Antony's College, Oxford OX2 6JF (tel: (0)1865-284735; fax: (0)1865-554465)]

African Research Seminar, Tuesday (each term), 2.00 pm, 66 Woodstock Rd., contact Prof. T O Ranger (tel: (0)1865-284730), or Dr Phyllis Ferguson (tel: (0)1865-284735), St Antony's College, Oxford OX2 6JF (fax: (0)1865-554465)

African Societies, Wednesday (Hilary term), 9.30 pm, School of Geography, contact Dr P O Daley, School of Geography, Mansfield Rd., Oxford (tel: (0)1865-271918; fax: (0)1865-271929)

African Studies Seminar, Thursday (each term), 5.00 pm, St Antony's College, Nissan Lecture Theatre, contact Prof. T O Ranger or Dr Phyllis Ferguson (as above)

Centre for the Study of African Economies, Tuesday lunch time Seminar (each term), 1 pm (lunch provided), Institute of Economics and Statistics, Staff Common Room, contact CSAE, St Cross Building, Manor Road, Oxford OX1 3UL (tel: (0)1865-271084; fax: (0)1865-281447)

Creole Societies and Histories, Monday (Trinity term), 5.00 pm, History Faculty, contact Dr Stanley Trapido, Queen Elizabeth House, 21 St Giles, Oxford OX1 3LA (tel: (0)1865-273643; fax: (0)1865-73600), or Prof. Megan Vaughan, Nuffield College (tel: (0)1865-278500; fax: (0)1865-278557/621)

Ethnic Relations, Thursday (each term), 11.00 am, Modern History Faculty, contact Prof. T O Ranger or Dr Phyllis Ferguson (as above)

Nigeria Seminar, Tuesday (Trinity term), 5.00 pm, Queen Elizabeth House Library Wing seminar room, contact Gavin Williams, St Peter's College, Oxford OX1 2DL (tel: (0)1865-278851; fax: (0)1865-278855)

North East Africa Research Seminar, Friday (each term), 2.15 pm, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology Annex at 61 Banbury Rd., contact Prof. Wendy James, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, 51 Banbury Rd., Oxford OX2 6PE (tel: (0)1865-274677; fax: (0)1865-274630)

Refugee Studies Programme Seminar: Forced Migration, Wednesday (each term), 5.00 pm, Queen Elizabeth House, Library Wing seminar room, contact Dr Barbara Harrell-Bond, Refugee Studies Programme, Queen Elizabeth House, 21 St Giles, Oxford OX1 3LA (tel: (0)1865-270722; fax: (0)1865-270721)

Southern African History and Politics, Monday (Michaelmas and Hilary terms), 5.00 pm, Queen Elizabeth House, Library Wing seminar room, contact Gavin Williams, St Peter's

College, Oxford OX1 2DL (tel: (0)1865-278851; fax: (0)1865-278855), or Dr Stanley Trapido, Queen Elizabeth House, 21 St Giles, Oxford OX1 3LA (tel: (0)1865-273643; fax: (0)1865-73600)

UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX

Institute of Development Studies Seminar Series, Wednesday (every term), 1.00-2.30 pm, Institute of Development Studies, room 221, contact Director, IDS, University of Sussex, Brighton BN1 9QN

Rural Development Seminar Series, Thursday (every term), 1.00-2.30 pm, Institute of Development Studies, room 221, contact Simon Maxwell, IDS, University of Sussex, Brighton BN1 9QN

South African Studies Workshop, Wednesday (every term), afternoons, Arts C, contact Ralph Grillo, CDE, University of Sussex, Brighton BN1 9QN, or Saul Dubow, School of African and Asian Studies, University of Sussex (tel: (0)1273-606755; fax: (0)1273-623572; email: s.dubow@sussex.ac.uk)

Conferences Future...

UNITED KINGDOM

23 November: A one-day conference on '*Nationalism, ethnicity and end of empire*', will be held at St Antony's College, Oxford. It will seek to establish a comparative framework for studying the ethnic consequences of the end of empires by examining the phenomenon in Africa, India and Russia. Contact Obi Igwara, St Antony's College, Oxford OX2 6JF (fax: (0)1865-554465).

29-30 November: '*The UN System-Wide Special Initiative on Africa*', co-hosted by the Centre of African Studies, London and the United Nations Association. Contact David Wardrop, London Regional Council, United Nations Association, 23 New Quebec Street, London W1H 8DH (tel: (0)171-402-9029; fax: (0)171-402-9020).

7 December: A one day ASUK symposium on '*African urban poverty*' will be held at SOAS. Contact Nici Nelson, Anthropology Department, Goldsmith's College, London SE14 6NW (tel: (0)171-919-7804; fax: (0)171-919-7813; email: anaoinn@goldsmiths.ac.uk).

16 December (date to be confirmed): A one day conference on *Rwanda/Burundi*, held by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in collaboration with the Centre of African Studies, London. Enquiries should be directed in writing to the Centre of African Studies, SOAS, with the envelope marked 'Rwanda conference'.

May 1997: A call for papers on the theme of '*The relationship between African Studies in the Academy and in the Applied Sector*', to be presented at an ASUK symposium in London. Contact Nici Nelson, Anthropology Department, Goldsmith's College, London SE14 6NW (tel: (0)171-919-7804; fax: (0)171-919-7813; email: anaoinn@goldsmiths.ac.uk).

INTERNATIONAL

1-3 November: The African Studies program at Central Connecticut State University is holding a conference on '*African civilization*'; contact Prof. Gloria Emeagwali, Co-ordinator, African Studies, Central Connecticut State University, Stanley Street, New

Britain, CT 06050, USA (tel: +1-860-832-2815; fax: +1-860-832-3140; email: emeagqali@ccsua.ctstateu.edu).

15-17 November: International symposium on *'Art and rituals of divination in Central and West Africa'*, Amherst College; contact John Pemberton III, Department of Religion, Amherst College, Amherst MA 01002, USA (tel: +1-413-542-2211; fax: +1-413-542-2727).

February 1997: *'Images in Africa that bear the mark of empire'*, Yale University; contact Paul S. Landau, Dept. of History, PO Box 208324, Yale University, New Haven, CT 06520, USA (email: plandau@minerva.cis.yale.edu).

...Conferences Past

'Africa's Urban Past', held at SOAS on 19-21 June, was the largest gathering of Africanist historians ever held (certainly the largest ever in Europe). With 199 registered participants, 108 came from overseas, ranging from Australia, through Africa and Europe, to North America. Of these 33 came from African universities in Angola, Benin, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, South Africa and Tanzania. The very welcome number of African colleagues was made possible by assistance in travel and accommodation costs from the British Academy, Basler Afrika Bibliographien, Calouste Gulbenkian, the Institute of Archaeology of University College London, the British Council, and the Anglo-American and De Beers Chairman's Fund. Papers were presented in four daily sessions, each with four parallel panels. Professor J.D.Y. Peel of SOAS concluded the conference with a masterly review of the methodological implications of the many papers read at the conference. This was a highly successful occasion. It was clear that the theme was felt by all participants to be appropriate and that discussion of future research directions in African urban history was timely.

Audrey Richards Prize for African Studies

The ASAUk Dissertation Prize has been renamed the Audrey Richards Prize for African Studies. It is offered every two years for the best doctoral dissertation in any branch of African studies. The award takes the form of book vouchers to the value of approximately £1000, generously provided by a consortium of publishers, who this year included Avebury Press, Cambridge University Press, Carfax Press, Christopher Hurst, Heinemann, James Currey, Macmillan, Oxford University Press, Penguin Books, and Routledge. To all of these the Association expresses its profound appreciation. The selection was made by a panel chaired by the Vice-President of the Association, J.D.Y. Peel (Anthropology, SOAS), who would like to express his thanks to his fellow judges for the assiduous work they put in reading the entries: W.T.S. Gould (Geography, Liverpool), T.C. McCaskie (West African Studies and History, Birmingham), and John Sender (Economics, SOAS). From the sixteen entries, all of a high standard, the winner of the Audrey Richards Prize for 1996 is David Maxwell, *'A social and conceptual history of north-east Zimbabwe, 1890-1990'*. Three other entries were judged as equal runners-up: Andrew Bank, *'Liberals and their enemies: racial ideology at the Cape of Good Hope, 1820-1850'*, Paul Clough, *'The economy and culture of the Talakawa of Marmara (Northern Nigeria)'*, and John Parker, *'Ga state and society in early colonial Accra, 1860s-1920s'*.

Recent and Forthcoming Publications

Listings of recently published or forthcoming books by ASAUk/RAS members. Members are invited to send in details, including ISBN numbers, price and publication date (where known).

Ngwabi Bhebe & Terence Ranger (eds), *Society in Zimbabwe's Liberation War*, Oxford, James Currey, ISBN cloth 0-85255-660-8 (£35), paper 0-85255-610-1 (£12.95).

Christopher Clapham, *Africa and the International System: The Politics of State Survival*, Cambridge, CUP, ISBN cloth 0-521-57207-X (£40), paper 0-521-57668-7 (£14.95).

James Fairhead & Melissa Leach, *Misreading the African Landscape. Society and Ecology in a Forest Savanna Mosaic*, Cambridge, CUP, ISBN cloth 0-521-56353-4 (£40), paper 0-521-56499-9 (£16.95).

Graham Furniss, *Ideology in Practice: Hausa Poetry as Exposition of Values and Viewpoints* (Westafrikanische Studien: Frankfurter Beiträge Zur Sprach- und Kulturgeschichte, Band 9), 245pp, Köln, Rüdiger Köppe Verlag, ISBN 3-927620-51-3.

Gaim Kibreab, *People on the Edge. Displacement, Land Use & the Environment in the Gedaref Region, Sudan*, Oxford, James Currey, ISBN cloth 0-85255-235-1 (£40), paper 0-85255-233-4 (£14.95).

David Simon, *Transport and Development in the Third World*, London, Routledge, 216pp, ISBN paper 0-415-11905-7 (£9.99).

Ivor Wilks, *A Portrait of Asantehene Otumfuo Opoku Ware II as a Young Man*, Accra, Anansesem Publications, 36pp, ISBN 9988-552-06-08.

New Series on African Issues

African Issues, a new series of concise books, dedicated to debating the most pressing questions facing the continent today has been launched by The International African Institute (in association with James Currey Publishers), with Alex de Waal as series editor. The first three titles in the series are: Melissa Leach & Robin Mearns (eds), *The Lie of the Land. Challenging Received Wisdom on the African Environment*, 240pp, ISBN cloth 0-85255-410-9 (£40), paper 0-85255-409-5 (£11.95); Joseph Hanlon, *Peace Without Profit: How the IMF Blocks Rebuilding in Mozambique*, 176pp, ISBN cloth 0-85255-801-5 (£35), paper 0-85255-800-7 (£9.95); Paul Richards, *Fighting for the Rainforest - War, Youth & Resources in Sierra Leone*, 182pp, ISBN cloth 0-85255-398-6 (£35), paper 0-85255-397-8 (£9.95).

Appointments, Academic Links and Exchanges

Edinburgh University: The following academic visitors will be at the university during the academic year 1996/97: A. Asiwaju, Professor of History, University of Lagos, Nigeria, will be at the International Social Science Institute/Centre of African Studies (tel: (0)131-650-6355), for nine months; Duard Kleyn, Professor of Law, University of Pretoria, South Africa, will be at the Department of Private Law (tel: (0)131-650-2017) from 1 October 1996 to 31 January 1997. The Centre for the Study of Christianity in the Non-Western World will be hosting the following visitors: Dr Kenneth Ross, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies, Chancellor College, University of Malawi (currently through December 1996); Ms Hazel Ayanga Lecturer in the Department of Religion, Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya, researching the secularisation process in Kenya (1 October through 31 December 1996); The Rev Prof. David T. Adamo, Professor of Religious Studies and Dean of the Faculty of Arts in Delta State University, Abraka, Nigeria, researching the use of psalms in independent churches in Nigeria (1 November 1996 through 30 April 1997); Mr Ezra Chitando, Lecturer in the Phenomenology of Religion, University of Zimbabwe, Harare, Zimbabwe, researching trends in the use of indigenous names among Zimbabwean Christians (19 January through 19 August 1997); Dr Kwame Bediako, Director of the Akrofi-Christaller Centre for Applied Theology and Mission Research, Akropong-Akuapem, Ghana (20 October to 17 December 1996); Ms Teresa Cruz e Silva, Director of the Centre of African Studies, Eduardo Mondlane University, Maputo, Mozambique (as a part of the Centre Seminar Series on 5 November 1996); Prof. Martin Prozesky, Head of the Department of Religious Studies, University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa (May 1997, dates to be confirmed).

London University: The following visiting scholars will be at the Centre for African Studies, SOAS during the rest of 1996: Musa Abdullahi (Dept of Sociology, Bayero University Kano), Jeremy Grest (Dept of Politics, University of Natal) and Pamela Reynolds (Dept of Social Anthropology, University of Cape Town) as Associate Members; Abner Nyamende (Dept. of African Languages and Literatures, University of Cape Town) as the eleventh Oppenheimer Academic Fellow; Joseph Eboime (Curator, National Museum, Benin City) and Erhabor S. Idemudia (Dept. of Psychology, University of Ibadan) as the two 1996/97 Leventis Fellows.

Oxford University: The following Africanists had the title of Professor conferred upon them in the recent 'Recognition of Distinction Exercise 1996' (the Chancellor's Birthday Honours List): Wendy James (Professor of Social Anthropology), J.B. Knight (Professor of Economics), F.J. Stewart (Professor of Development Economics), and Megan Vaughan (Professor of Commonwealth Studies). Abdul Raouf Mustapha has been appointed to a five year (temporary) University Lectureship in African Politics at Queen Elizabeth House. James Fairhead from SOAS has begun a fifteen month appointment as (temporary) University Lecturer in Anthropology and Development at Queen Elizabeth House. Ngwabi Bhebe (University of Zimbabwe) is at St Antony's College until December. The first two recipients of the Kirk-Greene Junior Research Fellowships in Tropical African Studies (established at St Antony's College to enable recent post-graduates to revise theses for publication) are Obi Igwara (1996), and Simon Heap (1996/7).

Stirling University: Robin Law will be on sabbatical at York University, Canada for the academic year of 1996/7.

Awards, Prizes and Fellowships

The Amaury Talbot Prize for African Anthropology 1995 has been awarded to Liisa Malki for *Purity and Exile*. Applications for anthropological works on Nigeria, West Africa, or Africa generally published during the calendar year of 1996 should be sent, together with two copies of the book, article or work in question, to Barclays Bank Trust Company Ltd., Executorship and Trustee Service, Osborne Court, Gadbrook Park, Rudheath, Northwich, Cheshire, CW9 7UE, England, and must be received by 31st March 1997.

Association of Commonwealth Universities Scholarship has been awarded to Salem Badat (Faculty of Education, University of Western Cape, South Africa), at the Department of Sociology, University of York, where he is completing a doctorate on higher education student politics in South Africa during the 1970s and 1980s.

Kirk-Greene Prize in Modern African History 1996: awarded to Mark A.K. Bearn, of Balliol College, Oxford University.

Note to Contributors

The *Newsletter* solicits short reports (of around 2-300 words) on recent conferences, announcements of forthcoming conferences, symposia and workshops (giving topic, date, venue, and contact address), announcements of the awarding of grants, fellowships and prizes, news of appointments and visiting fellowships, publication announcements of books by members, and brief articles or notices on matters of importance to Africanists in the UK. All items for inclusion in the *Newsletter* should be sent to Douglas H. Johnson, Editor, ASUK Newsletter, James Currey Publishers, 73 Botley Road, Oxford OX2 0BS (fax: (+44) (0)1865-246454), or email: 106155.3441@compuserve.com. *Deadlines* are 31 December (for the January Newsletter), 25 March (for April), 25 June (for July), and 30 September (for October). Any opinions expressed are those of the contributors and do not necessarily represent the ASUK.