

OUR HIDDEN LIVES

Publishing Everyday Diaries

A research event hosted by
THE CENTRE FOR LIFE HISTORY RESEARCH with
THE MASS-OBSERVATION ARCHIVE, University of Sussex

Bob Malcolmson, Emeritus Professor of History at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, talks about editing and publishing Mass-Observation diaries from the Second World War. He will discuss the responsibilities of a Mass-Observation diary editor, the distinctive merits and limitations of diaries and the appeal of diary writing, particularly to women during the Second World War.

Simon Garfield, Writer and Journalist and editor of *Our Hidden Lives: the everyday diaries of a forgotten Britain 1945-1948*. He will talk about the very unique nature of Mass-Observation diaries and how juxtaposing large world events and everyday minutiae help us in our understanding of both. Simon will also address issues relating to the techniques and responsibilities of editing diaries and oral history.

Tom Roper, Information Resources Development Coordinator at Brighton & Sussex Medical School, talks about blogging, some technical background and its professional and personal uses. While the Baghdad Blogger's diary offered a unique insight into the early phase of the invasion of Iraq, the act of keeping a blog highlights the presentation of self and construction of identities and the interface between the public and private in diary keeping.

WEDNESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

2 - 5.30 pm

**Brighton & Sussex Medical School
Lecture Theatre
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