

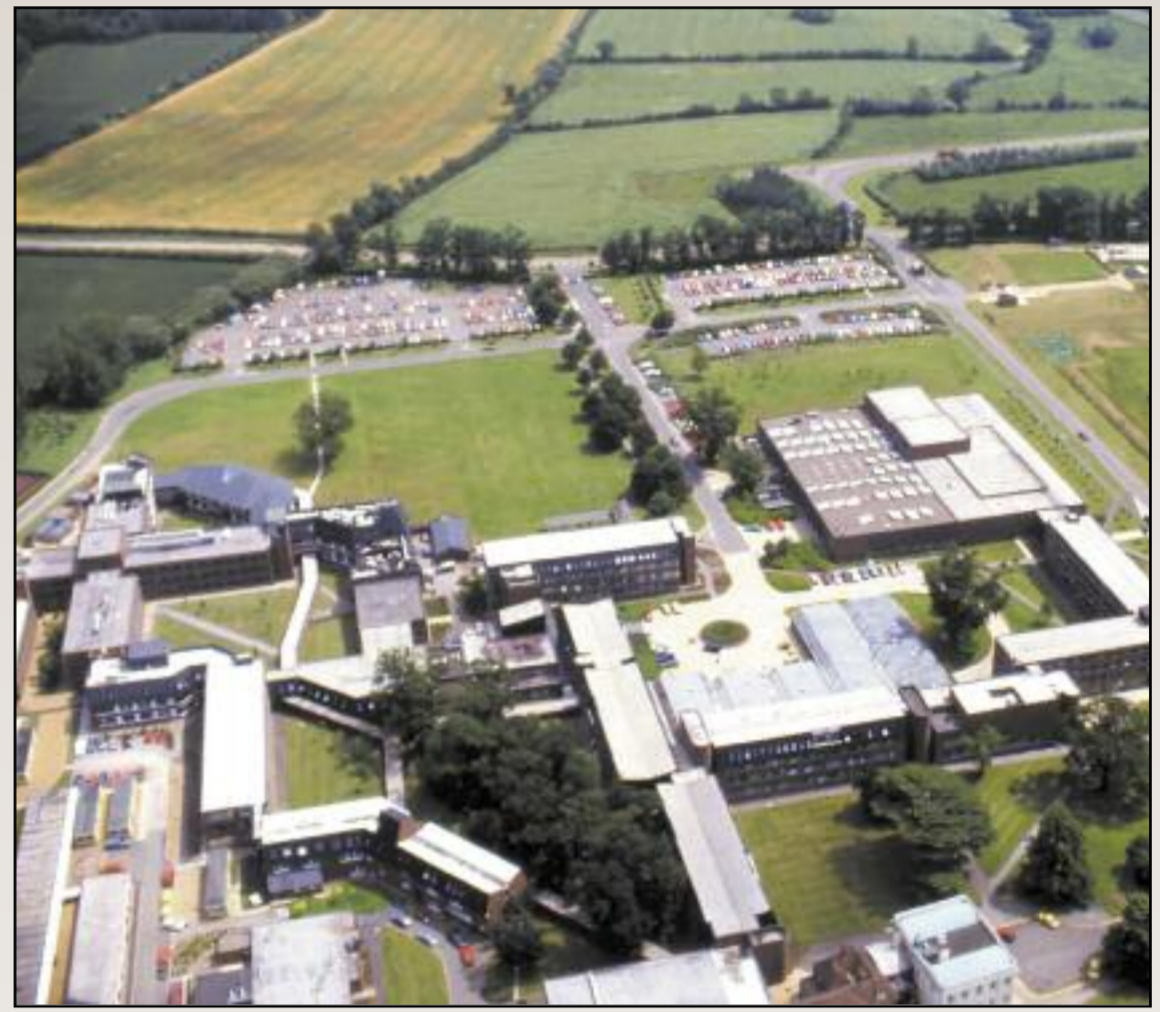


Publishing & Printing

Time Out to academic publishing



Bletchley Printers, 1972



Aerial view of the Open University Campus

George Pulman and Sons had a factory near the canal in Fenny Stratford. In the early 1970s, they printed many national magazines such as *Punch* and the weekly alternative London listings magazine, *Time Out*. Lucky staff would get the latest issue literally hot off the press!

Bletchley Printers had a purpose built factory in Bletchley Road in the 1930s near where the Leisure Centre stands today. They produced the *Bletchley Gazette*, and after selling the title in the 1950s, they printed magazines and did colour printing before becoming part of Pergamon Press in the 1960s.

Robert Maxwell, the infamous MP for Buckingham from 1965 to 1970, became involved with the Oxford based Pergamon Press in 1951. As the publishing business prospered, the company acquired a number of redundant industrial buildings in the MK area, including the Lodge Plugs factory in Olney and the Works Paint Shop in Wolverton, to use as storage facilities.

In late 1969, the newly established Open University set up home at Walton Hall, and the first 25,000 of nearly 1.8 million students over the years, began studying in January 1971. As publisher of its own materials, including digital downloads nowadays, this makes it one of the largest publishers in the World.

