Institute Shuttle Service
The Institute operates a free shuttle service (large white bus) Monday through Friday that goes to and from the town of Princeton and two local shopping centers. You may meet the shuttle in front of Field Hall, the Activities Building (across the street from the ECP building). The shuttle is met at the Institute by daytime workers. Please see the schedule at www.ias.edu/shuttle or pick up a copy at the Institute reception desk. No reservations are needed.

Bits & Pieces
Coffee and Sippy Cups
Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.
Activities Center
Coffee and Sippy Cups is a time for babies and children to play together and for their parents to socialize. The group meets in the Activities Center on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., beginning September 17. Each child is to bring at least one parent or adult, but anyone is welcome to drop by with or without children. Coffee and snacks are provided. There is no need to register. For further information, please contact Linda Geraci at (609) 734-8259 or llg@ias.edu.

Institute Welcome Reception
Tuesday, September 23, 5:30 p.m.
Dining Hall
To welcome all of the newly arriving Members and Visitors and their spouses or partners, Peter and Helen Goddard host a reception in the Institute Dining Hall on Tuesday, September 23, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. No reservation is required. Unfortunately, children cannot be invited to this event.

Tennis Lessons
Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.
Tennis Courts
Tennis at the Institute has become a fall tradition that encourages Members and Visitors and their spouses or partners to play tennis while getting to know people from all academic areas. If you know how to play, then the intermediate and advanced group is for you and meets for five weeks every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m., beginning September 24. If you do not know how to play or would like to become a better player, then please join the beginner and advanced beginner group, which meets on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. for five weeks, beginning September 22. All tennis lessons are provided free of charge at the Institute Tennis Courts located on the hill behind the playground. We have a limited number of tennis rackets that may be borrowed for the lessons. Registration is suggested by calling Linda Geraci at (609) 734-8259 or online at www.ias.edu/about/amias/activities- list.html.

Hatha Yoga
Fridays, 12:00 p.m.
Dilworth Room
Please join Dr. Jaime Stover Schmitt on Fridays at lunchtime to enjoy the relaxation of an end-of-the-week Hatha Yoga class. Jaime demonstrates the yoga moves while taking us through the one-hour sessions that begin on Friday, September 26, at 12:00 p.m. No previous yoga experience is necessary. Please bring a yoga mat or a towel and wear comfortable clothes. We meet in the Dilworth Room, located on the bottom floor of the Institute Dining Hall. No reservation is required.

Helen Goddard writes:
Hello, and a big welcome to all, particularly to our new readers. This newsletter comes out monthly and is designed to get you acquainted with the Institute, with each other, and with the surrounding area as quickly as possible. The calendar on page 3 tells you what is going on and we have articles about things to do, places to visit, and so on. You might find some of the previous issues useful to read. They are easily accessed via the Institute website at www.ias.edu/about/publications.

Peter and I arrived in Princeton from Cambridge, England, nearly five years ago and were made to feel very welcome. We were quickly drawn into the Institute community and into the wider Princeton community. Because of the large number of people at IAS from all over the world, we feel part of the international community too.

Princeton is a small town but very active with some interesting shops, a good theater, the Princeton University Art Museum, a concert hall, and an excellent public library. The walk into town is an attractive one, about 25 to 30 minutes from housing. Or you can always cycle in or take the Institute shuttle bus. The Dinky station is even closer and will get you into New York or down to Philadelphia.

You will soon find that the laundry room is a good place to meet people and read notices. Moreover, it is in the same building as the Activities Center where the pottery group meets, where coffee and sippy cups takes place (open to all, no need to have children!), and where a new reading group meeting is about to start.

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Peter and Helen Goddard

Linda Geraci writes:
An excellent way to meet the other Members and Visitors and their families who are also arriving for the Fall 2008 term is to attend our Association of Members and Visitors of the Institute for Advanced Study (AMIAS) barbecue. On Friday, September 26, the grassy area near the laundry facility will be transformed as we provide great American barbecue cuisine under a festive tent. Clowns and music will also be on hand. The evening begins at 5:00 p.m. and is free and no reservation is needed. Children of all ages are very welcome. So, please join us as we celebrate your arrival.

AMIAS Family Barbecue

Founded in 1974, the Association of Members of the Institute for Advanced Study (AMIAS) is the organization of scholars and researchers who are current or former Members or of Visitors to the Institute. Its central purpose is to support the mission of the Institute and to continue for future generations the opportunities for independent, undistracted scholarship which AMIAS members themselves have experienced.
The Institute Woods

Brig. Gebert writes:
You have safely arrived, unpacked very little or a lot, and found your way to the Dining Hall and the local grocery store. Besides the housing area that is surrounded by beautiful wooded lawns, you have the Institute Woods to explore, which is small enough not to get lost, but big enough not to get bored. You can download a map at www.njtrails.org/trailmap.php?TrailID=7.

My favorite starting point is the pond, which you can see at the foot of the lawn with Fuld Hall behind you. The pond is a remarkable sight in any season and I find it very peaceful to watch the occasional hobby fisherman, the dog owner throwing a stick, or just a flock of geese chatting on the water. Facing the woods and with the pond on your left you can venture to your right and you are already on a historic trail, called the Trolley Track Trail. As the name suggests this was once the bed of the Princeton-Trenton trolley.

There will be a number of trails leading you directly into the woods, but keep walking so you get the feel for the dimensions. On your walk you will pass stone markers on your right showing you the paths to Princeton Battlefield State Park and Clarke House, both historic sites of great interest. When you reach a point where you can only go left or right, you are at the end of the woods. To your right is the Quaker Meeting House, but take the path to your left and keep on this wide path as it bears round to the left. This “Pipeline” trail is basically parallel to the trail you just walked. It will lead you back to the Institute housing area, all the way to von Neumann Drive.

If this seemed too short, or you are more adventurous, take the Swinging Bridge Trail by turning to your right off the Pipeline Trail and explore the magic of the swing bridge!

Enjoy the woods in every season and make sure to include them in your long-lasting memories of your stay at the IAS.

Helen Goddard writes:
The Monday morning English Conversation group began in September 2004, so this is now our fifth year. Each year we welcome a whole new group of people with one or two others whom we have come to think of as friends. In the first year there were over a dozen Americans, and others from all over: the Czech Republic, Japan, Russia, Uzbekistan, Germany, Israel, Denmark, Spain, and elsewhere. Everyone is welcome, whether English is your first language or your third or whether you are a fluent or a beginner speaker.

The aim of the group is to meet people, to learn about Princeton and nearby places, and to share insights into our different cultures. Naturally we talk about American holidays when they come up but we also look at the customs of other countries. We will usually go on one or two local excursions, perhaps to Clarke House on the Battlefield, the Governor’s Mansion at Drumthwacket, or a visit to the nearby Amish market.

The morning conversation is always structured in a light-hearted way with a break around 11:00 a.m. for elevenses, a typically English custom. Unfortunately, it is not possible to bring children to these gatherings although sleeping babies are fine. I do hope that many of you will make your way up the hill to the Director’s house at 97 Olden Lane for the first session on Monday, September 15. You may join or leave the group whenever you wish, just come when you can. Members and Member spouses are both welcome, men as well as women. Any questions please ask Jennifer Hansen, who can be reached at (609) 734-8206.