

How the tea lady, **A ROTTEN ROCK MELON** and penicillin won the war.



By the early 1940s Howard Florey had proved the lifesaving properties of penicillin, but mass manufacture was proving difficult. Florey's team desperately searched for a productive source of the mould. Enter 'Mouldy' Mary (aka Mary Hunt, tea lady) who earned her sobriquet collecting rotting material for the team to analyse. One day she retrieved a mouldy rock melon from the garbage and the most productive source of penicillin to date landed in Florey's lab. Allied soldiers were being treated with the new drug by 1944. The rest, as they say, is history.

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DATE: Tuesday 10 August 2004 at 5.00-5.45 p.m.

**VENUE: University House, Lower East Dining Room,
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