



RETIRED STAFF ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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It is a pleasure to announce, in the first issue proper of this Newsletter, the formal creation of a new society in the University: the University of Exeter Retired Staff Association (UERSA). After a well-attended Inaugural General Meeting on 7th October (66 present, apologies from over 40 others), a constitution was discussed and accepted and an Executive Committee elected. The interest, indeed enthusiasm, shown by those present at this meeting has much encouraged the Committee's deliberations at its first meeting on 22nd October. Inevitably, as the subsequent pages of this Newsletter will show, there is quite a bit of administration to get through (subscriptions, lines of communication, the setting up of interest groups). However, the Committee is delighted to announce the details of our first occasion for putting into practice what is the main aim of the Association: enjoying ourselves. There will be a party on December 2nd in the Institute of Arabic and Islamic Studies, from 7 pm to 9 pm, with wine, soft drinks and light refreshments and a short talk by Professor Tim Niblock on the Institute and its building. The proceedings have deliberately been kept fairly informal so that people can have plenty of time to meet and chat with old friends. (Please return the slip enclosed with this Newsletter if you wish to come).

Subscriptions

The annual subscription for membership of the Association is £6. This covers individual membership or joint membership with spouse or partner. Please fill in the form enclosed with this Newsletter and return it to the Membership Secretary Sandy Simpson at the address given in the Executive Committee list over the page.

Associate Membership of the University (Unicard)

We are aware that the status of retired staff in the University and their access to various facilities (Library, IT services, Sports hall, etc.) is not entirely clear. However, discussions concerning some aspects of these problems are ongoing and we feel that it would be better to wait until (we hope) the next issue of the Newsletter, to give members a full account of the outcome of these discussions and the agreements arrived at.

Personal notices

Colleagues will be saddened to learn of the recent deaths of three members of the University :
Dr Fred Meyer. Dr Meyer joined the School of Business and Economics as a Lecturer in 1949 and retired as a Reader in International Economics in 1983.

Dr Geoffrey Pope. Dr Pope was Pro-Chancellor and Chair of the University Council

Dr Ronald King. Dr King was a former member of the School of Education and Dean of the Faculty of Education

[Editorial note: The Personal Notices section of the Newsletter would be glad to include any personal information about members, such as deaths, marriages, honours received].

Executive Committee Members

We wish to encourage members to contact members of the Committee; indeed, we rely on members to “feed” us with information and ideas, particularly in the formation of interest groups and subjects for talks, visits etc. To this end here is a list of Committee Members and their contact details:

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UERSA Activities and Interests

The following are proposals for participation by all/any members of the Association.
Please return annotated forms to Cynthia Ransome at the address given on the Executive Committee list.

General activities

Trips to local venues (if interested please tick as appropriate)

- Met Office.....
- Cathedral Library.....
- Norman Lockyer Observatory.....
- Fire Brigade Control Centre.....
- Any other suggestions.....

Talks by members of UERSA or others

Please give suggestions for topics and/or speakers

Special Interest Groups

The Association intends to set up special interest groups to bring together members with similar interests. It should be stressed that the Executive Committee does not intend to act as an organiser of such groups, merely as a facilitator in putting people in touch, who will then organise their own groups.

To help us to do this, please complete the following:

Please tick appropriate boxes

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| Hiking/Walking | Would participate | <input type="checkbox"/> | Would like to organise/assist | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Golf | Would participate | <input type="checkbox"/> | Would like to organise/assist | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Badminton | Would participate | <input type="checkbox"/> | Would like to organise/assist | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bridge | Would participate | <input type="checkbox"/> | Would like to organise/assist | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Keep fit | Would participate | <input type="checkbox"/> | Would like to organise/assist | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reading Group | Would participate | <input type="checkbox"/> | Would like to organise/assist | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Restaurant visits | Would participate | <input type="checkbox"/> | Would like to organise/assist | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Wine evenings | Would participate | <input type="checkbox"/> | Would like to organise/assist | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Gardening incl.visits | Would participate | <input type="checkbox"/> | Would like to organise/assist | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Photography | Would participate | <input type="checkbox"/> | Would like to organise/assist | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Art incl.gallery visits | Would participate | <input type="checkbox"/> | Would like to organise/assist | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cinema visits | Would participate | <input type="checkbox"/> | Would like to organise/assist | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Theatre visits | Would participate | <input type="checkbox"/> | Would like to organise/assist | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Music, concert visits | Would participate | <input type="checkbox"/> | Would like to organise/assist | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please give details)..... | | | | |

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(UERSA)**

MEMBERSHIP

I/we* confirm that I/we would like to become a member/members of the Association

*please delete as appropriate

SURNAME**

FORENAME(S)**

**please add surname and forename(s) of partner if different from the above

ADDRESS.....

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POSTCODE.....

TEL.NO.....

E-MAIL ADDRESS.....

Would you prefer to receive Newsletters and other UERSA information via E-mail or Royal Mail? (please delete as appropriate) E-mail Royal Mail

CHEQUE FOR £6.00 ENCLOSED made payable to The University of Exeter.

Please return the completed form to the Membership Secretary, Sandy Simpson, 10 Hammond Croft Way, Exeter EX2 8FZ

These details will be used only for the purposes of providing you with information about the Association and will not be released to any third party.

UERSA PARTY

December 2, 2004
Institute of Arabic and Islamic Studies

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

The cost for those attending is £4 per person, payable by cheque or cash at the door on the night.

In order to have some idea of the numbers to cater for could you please complete the following tear-off slip and send it to **Cynthia Ransome**, the Social Secretary, at the address given in the Executive Committee list, **by 25th November**.

I/We would like to come to the UERSA party on 2nd December.

Name(s).....

Number attending.....