



RETIRED STAFF ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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UERSA website <http://groups.exeter.ac.uk/uersa/index.html> - *for those on the internet*

Editor's spot

The University is changing! We've all known this for some time. Over the years since I retired (10th anniversary last month!), many younger colleagues have also retired. Forget about policemen looking like schoolboys, I am amazed, though I guess I shouldn't be, to find that young men and women I knew as undergrads and postgrads are now Heads of Schools. Buildings, too, show an obvious tangible change, but what about the grounds? Who would have thought so many trees would have been felled and those wide-open sports fields would have been filled – some with cars and others with astroturf and barns? *Plus ça change*, but is it *la même chose*?

Anyway, here's the spring/summer edition of your newsletter. Can it really be three months since the last one? It seems more like three weeks.

Rachel Kirby, (Newsletter Editor). Contact details in the Committee list near the end.

A Message from our Chairman

What an odd, unseasonal spring it's been so far, with perhaps some sign of warmer, if wetter, weather on the way as I write. I cannot recall a cooler, duller, more miserable winter and spring, with hardly a glimpse of the sun. We in Britain are apparently at the confluence of a whole series of weather systems, hence the variability of our weather. But what seems to have caused the recent troubles, the autumn floods, the cold winter, the delayed spring, is the Jetstream, which has remained stuck right over us rather than much further north as is the norm. All the same, our British weather is very much what makes us the people we are, stoic, cheerful in adversity, expecting the worst, inventing games and the rules for games played in autumn, winter and spring that involve mud, rain and cold. Our elder twin, Jacquie, took up cross-country running, representing school and county, and I can still vividly remember one event in which she battled on in wind, rain and mud, well behind the eventual winner, a certain Paula Radcliffe. But there's a great feeling of achievement after you have been out in the rain, walking or running or playing sport, specially getting back home afterwards to a hot shower, food and warmth.

However much we might fancy it given our present weather, it must be odd living in a hot climate where the sun rises in a cloudless blue sky at roughly the same time every day, and sets at the same time, and there's nothing to grumble about. In this country we can have several seasons in a day, and as a consequence we have produced great creative artists, painters, poets, writers, who have revelled in the variety of our weather. Indeed I think we only had to cancel one outdoor event, a walk, because of the weather – we UERSA members are hardy folk, well able to cope with the vagaries of the British climate. Perhaps spring is indeed just round the corner, let's hope so and make the most of it. Do feel free to join in the outdoor events and trips we have planned, which include the Garden Party and the Visit to Downes. Let's hope the sun shines on us.

Stop Press: Just to say, for the benefit of the UERSA Newsletter, that I will be appearing on Melvyn Bragg's 'In Our Time' programme on Thursday 2nd May from 9.00 to 9.45 am on Radio 4, talking about Gnosticism, the early Christian heresy which I have been researching since 1969, when I began my doctoral studies in St Andrews.

Alastair Logan

Personal Notes

In the last few newsletters, I asked if anyone had personal news that they would like to be in the newsletter. I have at last had a response!

David Harvey (thank you David) wrote on 30th January 2013 with news of Alan Griffin (Revd Dr A.H.F.Griffin) who retired from the Classics department a few years ago. Dr. Griffin writes

“I was ordained in June 2012 as a (Roman) Catholic Priest of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham - a new adventure in retirement and better than being put out to grass ... If you could send me any news of former colleagues and friends I would be delighted to receive [it] ”

Anyone who would like to get in touch with him can do so through David at 53 Thornhill Road, Exeter EX4 4NR , e-mail "Harvey, David" <F.D.Harvey@exeter.ac.uk>

We are sorry to record the **deaths** of several people who were, or were known to, our members. If you receive any such notification, please pass it on to **Sue Odell** –

email : seodell@bavent.eclipse.co.uk

Ewart Johns, Artist, and former Lecturer in Geography at the University 1948-71, died on Feb 8th 2013. After leaving Exeter, he took up a post at the University of Lancaster as Head of the Department of Visual Arts, and later retired back to Devon. *From Mary Ravenhill*

(Some of Ewart Johns's paintings are held by Exeter University's Fine Art Collection. More information is available via

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/arts/yourpaintings/> and
<http://www.exeter.ac.uk/fineart/index.shtml>)

Peter Fletcher, a former member of the Politics Department, died in February 2013.

He worked in the Politics Department from 1957 to 1969, when he took up a post in the Department of Health and Social Security in London until his retirement from the Civil Service in 1985. He then came back to live in Topsham and worked again on a part-time basis in the Department from 1985 until 1990. *From Michael Rush*

Former colleagues will have been sad to see the recent news in February of the tragic death of **Roger Duggan**, following a long standing depressive illness. Roger was Lecturer in Numerical Analysis in the Mathematics Department from 1976 to 1984, when he went to teach at Exeter School. *From David Oates*

Sent Thursday, April 18, 2013 I don't know whether you had heard but **Rosemary Lane**, wife of Dennis, founder member of the UERSA committee, has died. *From Tony Wragg - (sorry I don't have the date. Ed)*

Reports on General Events

Twelfth Night – March 12th

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend this event, quite a disappointment to me as I have thoroughly enjoyed past performances from these students, but Linda Hale wrote - It was a wonderful evening thank you. The play was excellent with plenty of laughs. The students really do put on a good show, one of the best I have been to.

University Tour – April 19th

Tour of the new University Buildings: This took place on Friday, 19th April. About 50 UERSA members were given a tour of the new (and not so new) University buildings. A most interesting morning, with some stunning buildings of the highest quality. Parts of the campus have been completely transformed and we were all left wondering where all the money had come from! *(from Laurie Burbridge)*

The Quiz - April 23rd at the Isca Centre.

Nick Maguire, a member of UERSA, was our Quizmaster once again for the evening and the 28 members taking part in the Quiz seemed to enjoy the evening very much. At half time, we all tucked into a tasty buffet prepared by the staff at the Isca Centre. I am sure many more of our UERSA Members would enjoy taking part next year. – *Jan Reynolds*

UERSA Coffee Mornings at the Imperial Hotel

Coffee Mornings (arranged by Jan Reynolds) were held regularly on the last Tuesday in each month from 10 a.m.-12noon. They are very informal (not to mention noisy on occasion) and an average of around 30 members attend.

A reminder about parking charges:- If you pay for parking and show your 'parking receipt' this amount will be refunded at the bar on your purchase of coffees, etc.

Special Interest Groups

The Special Interest Group Organisers are:

Badminton:	Jan Reynolds (tel: 01392 271204, e-mail: janandmikereynolds@gmail.com)
Bridge:	Paul Ellison (tel: 01626 867999, e-mail: p.a.ellison@exeter.ac.uk)
Gardens:	Anne Mayes (e-mail: a.c.mayes@exeter.ac.uk)
Music / Opera:	Helen Pope (tel: 01392 860159, e-mail: h.pope174@btinternet.com) Alastair Logan (tel: 01392 434715, e-mail: a.h.b.logan@exeter.ac.uk)
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Theatre and Shows:	Sue Cousins (e-mail: scousins@talktalk.net)
Walking:	Trevor Preist (e-mail: preist.exeter@blueyonder.co.uk)
Wine:	John Carroll (e-mail: carroll595@btinternet.com)
Membership Secretary:	Judy Mead (tel: 01392 425571, e-mail: JudyMead@hotmail.co.uk)

Reports and news from Special Interest Groups

Reports on group activities over the last few months, gleaned either directly from the organisers, or from browsing our website .

If you can get on the internet, all this information can be found on the UERSA website where it is kept up-to-date, and is easy to navigate (thanks to Roger Coles).

If you are interested in participating in any of these groups, please apply to the Membership Secretary, Judy Mead. This is particularly important if you are unable to use e-mail, as information and updates on group activities are sent by ordinary mail only to members of that group

You can contact Judy by telephone or via her e-mail address above.

Garden Group (Anne Mayes) (Group Leader)

East Worlington - March 2013 Sixteen hardy souls turned out for our first visit of the year in a biting wind, but they soon found solace and warmth in the village hall where the ladies of Worlington had done us proud with their baking. (It was good to know that every cake we ate would help the residents who are in the process of raising funds to renovate the village hall!) The garden was beautiful with snowdrops, purple crocuses and wild daffodils in a vast array under trees. If only the sun had come out then so would the crocuses and daffodils to provide an even more colourful sight. We did admire the view over the ha-ha down to the East Dart, but it really wasn't a day for standing around for too long.

Trewidden, 16th April 2013 - This trip was a huge success, a full coach of 34 of us, and a delightful garden much enjoyed by all. Fine weather too!

Music and Opera Group (Helen Pope) (Group Leader)

The Cunning Little Vixen On Thursday 4th April a group of twenty five of us went to the Theatre Royal, Plymouth, to see Janáček's delightful 1924 opera, sung in English by Welsh National Opera, in a classic production by David Pountney, which at least one member had seen many years before. It was very well performed with an imaginative stage setting and fine singing and acting, particularly by Sophie Bevan, the Cunning Little Vixen herself. The music is

wonderful, tuneful, and very characteristic of Janáček, and some of the ideas, e.g. on nature and feminism, remarkably prophetic. *From Alastair*

Restaurant Group (Frankie Peroni and Liz Smith) (Group Leaders)

This spring the restaurant group enjoyed good lunches at a number of new venues: The Cote Restaurant with views over Exeter Cathedral; The Galley Fish Restaurant in Topsham; and Nessie's Bistro in Crediton. While the group appreciates good food the lunches are also very enjoyable social occasions. Our thanks to all those involved in organising the different visits.

Theatre Group (Susan Cousins) (Group Leader)

Walking Group (Trevor Preist) (Group Leader)

A taste of what walkers have enjoyed this spring:- Six walks were planned, but on one of these, it appears that the leader Tom had the Two Moors Way to himself. The other walks sound more successful in terms of numbers and weather, though on a quick flick through the reports, it seems that the shorter ones had the best of it.

For full reports, do try to look at their website. The most recent walks don't have the photos up yet though (Ed.)

Wine Tasting Group (John Carroll) (Group Leader)

Our first wine tasting of the year was well attended (27 people) and very enjoyable. Many thanks to Judy Mead for bravely hosting the event in her own lovely home and Iain Smith for an entertaining presentation. Iain will be running other wine tastings at his shop during the year and I have said I will forward details of these on to members of the group.

Now, looking to the next few months!

All Events Calendar for Summer 2013 (and beyond)

Date	Time	Activity	Group
Tue 30th Apr	10.00 – 12.00	Imperial	UERSA coffee
Wed 8th May		Haldon Grange	Gardens Group
Tue 14th May	19.00 at 21 The Mint	Wine Tasting Masterclass,	Wine Group
Tue 14th May	10.30 at start	Shobrooke 6-7 miles	Walking Group
Thu 16th May		Railway Inn, Honiton	Restaurant Group
Tue 28th May	10.00 – 12.00	Imperial	UERSA coffee
Tue 28th May	10.30 at start	Cockwood 4-5 miles	Walking Group
Wed 29th May	19.00 – 22.15	Clayden	Bridge Group
Thu 6th Jun	The Hermitage, Exwick Hill	Summer Event, Laurie B at home	Wine Group
Wed 12th Jun	Coach 0800	Hidcote	Gardens Group
Wed 19th Jun		Lamb Inn, Longdown	Restaurant Group
Wed/Thu 19th/20th Jun	12.0 bus at Newquay	2-day Summer Saunter around Newquay	Walking Group
Tue 25th Jun	10.00 – 12.00	Imperial	UERSA coffee
Thu 27th Jun	19.00 – 22.15	Clayden	Bridge Group
Thu 27th Jun	10.30 at start	Scorhill 8 miles	Walking Group
Tue 2nd Jul	Exeter Cricket Club	Annual Garden Party	UERSA
Wed 10th Jul		Venn Cross	Gardens Group
Thu 11th Jul	11.00	Downes, Crediton ?? <i>if sufficient interest</i>	<i>See forthcoming uersa events.</i> UERSA.
Thu 12th Sep	8.15 ECC car park	Stratford	UERSA
??? Oct		Majestic Wines	Wine Group
Tues 19th Nov	19.00 at 21 The Mint	World Wines	Wine Group
Tue 10th Dec	The Devon Hotel	Christmas Lunch	UERSA

Forthcoming General Events (UERSA)

Annual Garden Party

The date for our Annual Garden Party has now been confirmed as Tuesday 2nd July. It will take place as usual at the Exeter Cricket Club.

Coffee Mornings

UERSA's Coffee Mornings will be held at the Imperial Hotel, New North Road, Exeter, on the following dates: Tuesday 30th April, Tuesday 28th May and Tuesday 25th June.

We shall have a break for July and August but will resume again in September (dates will be confirmed in our next Newsletter).

RSC Stratford on Avon

Hamlet at the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre Thurs 12:09:13 at 13.00

Bruce says :- 22 people have booked for this event and they all have their own theatre tickets. I will be circulating a reminder and update to all the party in June, though I hope to do some reconnoitering of the local eateries in Stratford before I do so. Obviously any of the party who have or foresee any problems should contact me a.s.a.p.

The coach will be leaving from the Exeter County Cricket Ground (as so many UERSA trips do), probably at 8.15 am, to arrive in Stratford around 11.45-12 noon, coach cost around £27 p.p. There will be a stop of up to 30 minutes at a service station en route. For other details, please contact Bruce. (Bruce.I.Coleman@exeter.ac.uk)

Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas Lunch date has been confirmed as Tuesday 10th December, at The Devon Hotel. Details in our next Newsletter

Other events being considered for this year include:

UERSA visit to Downes (the family home of General Sir Redvers Buller).

11 a.m. on Thursday 11th July

This will be organized by Frankie Peroni, who writes

If there is enough interest I can arrange a guided tour of the House plus the opportunity of looking at the Gardens at Downes in Crediton at 11 a.m. on Thursday 11th July.

The guided tour will only be for UERSA so I need to know if there is likely to be any interest in this event? There is a charge of £7.50 per person but this will be reduced if there is a take up of 15 or more.

If you would like to come on the guided tour of Downes please let me (Frankie) know by Friday 24th May at the latest so that I can confirm the UERSA booking. See the slip at end of Newsletter for contact and other details.

Frankie Peroni

Forthcoming Group Events

Badminton: (Jan Reynolds)

The Badminton Group is still meeting at the University's Sports Hall on Wednesday mornings between 11-12 noon. If anyone is interested in joining our friendly Group, please contact Jan Reynolds on 01392 271204.

Bridge: (Paul Ellison)

The schedule to June:

Wed 29th May

Thu 27th June

We tend to play Chicago most evenings, but occasionally are able to play rubbers. We start at 7.0 pm, stop for coffee/tea and biscuits mid-session, and aim to finish around 10 to 10.15pm. To be able to access Clayden, we have registered as 'Music Associates' and have bought a small batch of Associate cards.

If anyone wants to talk to me about joining, then I can be phoned on 01626 867999

Paul Ellison e-mail: P.A.Ellison@exeter.ac.uk)

Gardens (Anne Mayes)

Wed 8th May Haldon Grange Dunchideock. EX6 7YE OS192

Admission £3.50 light tea available.

Wed 12th Jun Hidcote The NT garden at Hidcote GL55 6LR

There is a café and a new restaurant so all tastes should be catered for. Admission is free for NT members, £8.95 for group non members.

The coach, price £19 p.p , will leave at 08.00, and be back between 6 and 6.30pm. It is a 2.5 hour journey (+ toilet/coffee stop), so a long day.

Wed 10th Jul Venn Cross Advance notice. Details later.

For all visits please let me (Anne Mayes) know by email first.

Anne Mayes (e-mail:a.c.mayes@Exeter.ac.uk)

Music / Opera: (Helen Pope)

The Music/Opera Group has 2 more performances at Plymouth booked for the coming year.

6th December 2013 The Rape of Lucretia

It is the centenary of Benjamin Britten's birth and Touring Glyndebourne Opera will be honouring this by performing his opera The Rape of Lucretia. The theatre is holding 40 tickets on our behalf (for this opera) on 6th December 2013, at 7.15.

28th March, 2014 Manon Lescaut

In the Spring, the Welsh National Opera Company will be giving Manon Lescaut by Puccini and we have tickets for 28th March, 2014, at 7.15. This does not conflict with Easter, as has been the case in the last 2 years. Easter will be 18th April in 2014.

Helen Pope (tel: 01392 860159, e-mail: h.pope174@btinternet.com)

Restaurants (Frankie Peroni and Liz Smith)

May 16th The Railway Inn in Honiton with its varied menu with an Italian flavour.

June 19th there will be a welcome return to the Lamb Inn in Longdown. N.B.If you intend to come on this visit please confirm with Linda Hale (Tel: 01392 210498 E-mail: linda39howard@blueyonder.co.uk) or Jean Cole by Wednesday 5th June at the latest.

July - we are looking forward to having lunch at the Huntsman Inn in Ide, another new venue for us.

Liz Smith (tel: 01363 84667, e-mail: lizsmith15@icloud.com)

Frankie Peroni (tel: 01363 773946)

Theatre and Shows: (Sue Cousins)

There are no events planned at the moment.

Sue Cousins. Sue Cousins E-mail: scousins@talktalk.net.

Walking (Trevor Preist)

Please make sure you have joined the group if you wish to be sent the details of any of these walks.

10.30 Tue 14:05:13 Shobrooke: 6 - 7 miles.

Led by Roger PACKED LUNCH ADVISED / Possible late pub lunch

Start at Shobrooke (OS Landranger 192 or Explorer 114, GR872014) and proceed to Stockleigh Pomeroy - Chilton -Cherlton Cross - Westwood Farm - Shobrooke, 6-7 miles, with a voluntary extra loop (1 mile+) south of Shobrooke for those who would like a slightly longer walk. Be prepared for wet and muddy conditions.

10.30 Tue 28:05:13 Circular walk at Cockwood 4 - 5 miles

Led by Christine

A short circular walk, 4/5 miles, starting at the Ship Inn at Cockwood with the option of lunch at The Ship.

June 19 / 20 2-day Summer Saunter

Organised by Trevor

This year we will centre on the Newquay area in North Cornwall where there are plenty of Guest Houses available.

Wed, 19th June: Walk back to the town from Bedruthan Steps (8 miles).

Thur, 20th June: Walk from St Pirans (buried church) near Perranporth back to Newquay via Holywell Bay and The Gannel (8 miles).

On the first day it will be a late start on the 12.00 bus from Newquay so participating on a day basis is possible.

However you have to start from Newquay as we will not return in time for the last bus back to Bedruthan Steps.

Future circulations of detailed information about this 2-day event will go only to those who have expressed interest so please let me know if you definitely plan, or hope, to participate.

Trevor

10.30 am Thu 27:06:13 Scorhill 8 miles

Led by Pete

PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED

From Scorhill past the stone circle - cross the North Teign River- Batworthy Corner - Kes Tor, Middle Tor and Frenchbeer Rock, footpath to Teigncombe (which will be new to me!!!?) through the wood to Gidleigh Tor, Gidleigh and Buttern Hill before dropping down to Scorhill.

Parking is limited at Scorhill (GR SX 661 877) so car sharing could be vital.

Trevor Preist E-mail preist.exeter@blueyonder.co.uk

Wine Tasting (John Carroll)

N.B. To join any of these, please contact (J.C.) for an application slip and full details.

7.00 pm Tue 14:05:13 at 21 The Mint Wine Tasting Masterclass .

£16 p.p. by Alistair Peebles of Devon Wine School. a well-respected Master of Wine. We shall be tasting some good quality wines (reason for higher-than-usual cost) - two sets of three wines simultaneously - and will therefore need three glasses each. We haven't enough glasses so please bring your own if you can.

Your cheque and slip for this meeting to arrive no later than Tuesday 7th May

7.00 pm Thu 6:06:13 Summer Event hosted by Laurie Burbridge:

in the garden of The Hermitage, Exwick Hill . This is the annual tasting of wines without knowing what they are, with costs per bottle between £5 and £25. More an opportunity for some fun and a social get-together than a formal wine tasting.

More details from John Carroll.

Mid October Majestic Wines. Details to follow.

Tues 19th November World Wines by Brian and Rachel Kirby. Details to follow.

John Carroll. E-mail: carroll595@btinternet.com Tel: 01392 876048

Important for all groups

Full details of the activities and, importantly, updates or changes can be seen on the UERSA website <http://groups.exeter.ac.uk/uersa/index.html>. For those who do not use the internet, organisers can be contacted either by mail or telephone - listed in this Newsletter - and I recommend that you join any group in which you are interested, so that you will get any postings and updates from that group.

News from around the University

Snippets from University news in Brief and local news.

Student flats to house homeless from -E&E- 31 Jan 13. It is reported that the City Council has voted in favour of leasing from the University 96 bed spaces for single people and couples, in a bid to ease the City's housing shortage. The University says that it has only "quite modest growth plans" in terms of future student numbers in Exeter. Student accommodation continues to be built, with new blocks currently under construction in Western Way and Sidwell Street. Geoff Pringle, Director of Campus Services at the University, is reported as saying that, in addition to the University's own developments, private sector developers have created their own student accommodation and the University supports any moves to convert unoccupied units for the use of families who are in need of a home.

Exams looming Examinations will be taking place from Mon 29 April (starting with INTO exams) to Tues 28 May from 9am to 6pm including lunch periods and some weekends.

Summer swimming. The Outdoor Pool at Cornwall House is opening on 26 April. Open seven days a week and staffed by qualified lifeguards. Non-Members can swim for just £2.80 and the pool is available for private hire. For a full price list and opening times visit the [Sports Office website](#).

Exeter Northcott Theatre events

Tue 23 Apr – Sat 27 Apr

Mon 29 Apr – Sat 4 May

Sun 05 May – Mon 6 May

Wed 8 May – Thu 9 May, 7.30pm

Fri 10 May

[The Misanthrope](#)

[Guys and Dolls](#)

[The Gruffalo's Child](#)

[Ballet Black](#)

[The Complete Works of William Shakespeare](#) (abridged) (revised)

World rankings The Leiden University World Rankings 2013, rank the University of Exeter as 49th best institution in the world. The rankings are based on citations and provide a measurement of the scientific impact and performance of 500 major universities worldwide. <http://www.leidenranking.com/ranking>

Woodland planting. U of E is working with the Woodland Trust to plant around 1,100 trees in a hectare of the Hoopern Valley on Wed 27 Mar, 1.30-3pm. Species will include oak, silver birch, hazel, cherry and lime (petiolaris).

Greener Cornwall House Cornwall House will be given a new look in the summer to increase its energy efficiency performance and reduce its carbon footprint. The building will get new external cladding, solar photovoltaic panels on the roof, electricity metering to monitor energy usage and light sensors. All of these measures aim to reduce the carbon footprint of Cornwall House and increase its energy efficiency.

Exhibition

Anton Walbrook – enigmatic star of ‘The Red Shoes’ and ‘Gaslight’.

Artefacts from the Bill Douglas Centre’s collection and original artwork by Matt McLaren

Location: Old library foyer, Streatham Campus, until June.

Met Office partnership . The [Met Office’s partnership with the University](#) has made Exeter an international hub of expertise in weather and climate research. Together our two organisations have developed collaborative ideas with a potential value of over £30m. ... and four professors are employed jointly. Together our scientists are working to improve weather and climate prediction models and researching key environmental science challenges, including the reduction of greenhouse gases in China and Europe and evaluating models to predict storms. Researchers have a high profile role in creating what will be the world’s most comprehensive report on climate change, with a combined total of 12 selected as lead authors for the 5th Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

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Expression of Interest slip

From Frankie Peroni

UERSA VISIT TO DOWNES, THE FAMILY HOME OF GENERAL SIR REDVERS BULLER

If there is enough interest I can arrange a guided tour of the House plus the opportunity of looking at the Gardens at Downes in Crediton at 11 a.m. on Thursday 11th July.

After Elizabeth Quicke of Newton St Cyres married James Buller in 1739 Downes became the home successive Buller's many of whom were M.P's. In 1874 General Sir Redvers Buller of the Zulu and Boar wars fame inherited the property.

The guided tour will only be for UERSA so I need to know if there is likely to be any interest in this event? There is a charge of £7.50 per person but this will be reduced if there is a take up of 15 or more.

If you would like to come on the guided tour of Downes please complete the slip below and return it to; Frankie Peroni, 'Franklyn', 4 Belle Parade Crediton, Devon. EX17 2AA or telephone 01363 773946

by Friday 24th May at the latest so that I can confirm the UERSA booking.

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I/ We would like to come on the guided tour of Downes on Thursday 11th July

Name(s)

Address(es).....

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Tel No Email.....

Parking is available at the house. From Exeter you will see the signs for Downes on your right on the Exeter to Crediton road (if you get to Tesco's you have come too far). Enter the grounds taking the road that veers up to the right. You will come to a gate that says private but continue through up to the main house and park.

Buses 50, 51, 315, 377 and 369 stop at a request stop outside Downes. The house is on the Exeter side of Crediton.



**RETIRED STAFF ASSOCIATION
(UERSA)**

ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY

on Tuesday 2nd July at 3 p.m.

at the Exeter Cricket Club
Prince of Wales Road

The Summer Garden Party will again be held at the Exeter Cricket Club, Prince of Wales Road. The club provides views over Exeter and a lovely lawn for us to enjoy our traditional afternoon tea (after a suitable welcome drink), but if it happens to rain, all is not lost as we have use of the clubhouse.

There will be no charge for this event.

Please complete the slip below and return it to;
Susan Cousins, UERSA Social Secretary,
21 Chantry Meadow, Alphington, Exeter. EX2 8FT.
Tel.No:01392 432309.
Email: scousins@talktalk.net
By Friday 14th June 2013.

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I/We would like to come to the Garden Party on **Tuesday 2nd July**

Name(s).....

Address(es).....

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Tel No.....Email.....

PARKING

Parking is available on the side of the cricket ground. Drive through the Devon & Exeter Squash Club car park (entry from Prince of Wales Road) to find the cricket ground behind it. Park there and walk across to the Cricket Clubhouse. As that will involve climbing steps to the clubhouse level, any members who want to avoid the steps could park in Prince of Wales Road opposite the Cricket Club’s formal gates and, going through them, walk along the path to the Clubhouse.

You can take the bus from town, get off at the Northcott Theatre bus stop, walk down the hill to Prince of Wales Road then up to the cricket ground.