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

Editor's Comment

I'd like to thank all the organisers who spend a long time dreaming up a treat, collecting information and making bookings, a rewarding occupation when it all works out as planned, but frustrating when it doesn't. A special benefit of a group outing is that participants can be transported by coach, overcoming the need to drive and park (and maybe allowing for an odd drink!). However, a coach booking does mean that we must make sure there are enough people on the trip to cover the cost of the coach. Usually we use a 34 seater coach for which we are charged by the time away and the distance, not for the number of passengers. There have been several occasions when an event has had to be cancelled because there were too few interested people – very dispiriting. So please don't blame the organiser if you are disappointed !

About the Newsletter – is it time for a change? I am coming to the end of my sixth year in the post, and will be happy to make way for new blood and new ideas. I believe the Newsletter could do with a makeover – change in format, and perhaps some extra content? This will be an item on the Agenda when the Committee meets in August - when I am away - so the Committee can have a full, frank discussion without me! Suggestions, please to me or to David Batty. I will be most grateful and I am sure so will my successor.

My usual reminder - I would like to hear any interesting news from members, especially if suitable to be included in the next newsletter. I would also like to have any comments and feedback about UERSA events you attend, so that those who didn't, couldn't (or wouldn't) can hear more about them.

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Chairman's Message for May 2016 Newsletter

Dear Friends

I'm writing this message in late April with the temperature outside barely reaching 10°C and our boiler at home malfunctioning! Let's hope that this unseasonable cold weather will soon be a thing of the past and that May and beyond will see sun and warmth return. We'll then be able to enjoy even better the various UERSA events that are on offer during the coming summer. One of the first of these, on Thursday 9 June and available to all members, is a day in Sherborne graced by its abbey and castle, so lots to see there. And then on Tuesday 2 August there is the chance to visit Wells (to include a guided tour of the cathedral) and Glastonbury. Fine weather will also enhance our annual garden party on Thursday 30 June when we are returning to the Exeter Cricket Club, this time at its spanking new pavilion. And for further fun, even if the weather is inclement, do join us for the annual quiz night on Wednesday 1 June at the Isca Centre. These special events are, of course, additional to all the outings organised by some of our specialist groups, especially the gardens and walking groups. Details for all these events can be found later.

Sue Odell (our President) and I have had a recent meeting with folk from the alumni and supporters area of the Global Engagement and Development section of the University's Professional Services. We exchanged views on how we might help each other, with Sue and I stressing the many invaluable contributions that UERSA members had already made to the University as past members of staff, but also our continuing support for the institution. One area which we hope to explore further is using these contacts to facilitate the occasional UERSA visit to a University facility, one such being the exciting new Living Systems Institute scheduled to open later in the year. Our attention was also drawn to the activities of the Exeter University Club which may be of interest to members; Mike Aspray, EUC Exeter Branch Secretary, writes about the Club later in this newsletter.

It's been gratifying to see some of our more recent recruits to UERSA coming to some of our events including the monthly coffee morning. With this in mind, and looking ahead to our AGM on Friday 14 October, do think about whether you might want to involve yourselves further in the activities of UERSA by joining its Executive Committee. Vacancies arise from time to time and new faces would always be welcome!

Do have a most enjoyable summer.

David Batty

Notifying Changes to Personal Email Addresses - from Chris King

It is important to notify Chris King, Membership Secretary, of any changes to personal email addresses so that she is able to update the UERSA group email lists. Please provide **your existing email address** together with **the new email address** in

order to ensure continuity of your UERSA communications. A note about any UERSA groups that you belong to would also help to ensure that you are kept informed of activities. **Email changes should be sent to chrisandmikeking@gmail.com.**

Personal Notes

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
Please note that I have taken an Editorial decision to keep all of the notices short, as many are very brief, and I feel it is better to show the same respect to all. In some cases we do not have the exact date. Ed

Professor Paul Webley CBE died on 3rd March 2016 at the age of 62 . He was Head of SOAS, University of London, from 2006 to 2015, retiring for ill health reasons, but before that was Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Exeter, where he had been a member of staff in Psychology for 26 years. He also became Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of London.

From Sue Odell

Denis Lynch, who died just before Easter 2016 in Spain, was Assistant Registrar (Examinations) at Exeter University.
Express & Echo

Diana Kay, widow of Professor Harry Kay, Vice-Chancellor of the University 1973-84, died on 4 April.
From Gar Yates via Alan and Brenda Leadbetter.

Professor Charles Thomas CBE, historian and archaeologist, died on 7 April 2016. Professor Thomas was Professor of Cornish Studies and the first Director of the Institute of Cornish Studies from 1971-91.

From Barrie Behenna.

Professor Avril Henry, retired Professor of English Medieval Culture at the University of Exeter and a campaigner for the legalisation of voluntary euthanasia, died at her home in Brampford Speke, Devon on 20 April 2016, aged 82.

From Sue Odell

Reports on General UERSA Events

We have had very few General UERSA events in the last few months, but your Committee has been busily devising plans for the summer, as you will have read in David's Message.

Coffee Mornings

Most of you will know that they are held on the last Tuesday of most months, from 10:00 to 12:00 in the Nutters Bar area (!) at The Imperial in New North Road. They are very informal (not to mention noisy on occasion!) and an average of around 30 members attend. Thank you, Jan, for keeping it going!

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)
Cinema:	Ruth Preist (e-mail: preist.exeter@blueyonder.co.uk) Sue Odell (e-mail: seodell@bavent.eclipse.co.uk)
Gardens:	Anne Mayes (e-mail: a.c.mayes@exeter.ac.uk)
Guided Nature Walks:	Judy Mead (email: judymead@hotmail.co.uk)
Music / Opera:	<i>Hoping for a volunteer for this group!</i>
Restaurants:	Frankie Peroni (tel: 01363 773946) Liz Smith (tel: 01363 84667 e-mail: lizsmith15@icloud.com)
Table Tennis:	Ruth Preist (email: preist.exeter@blueyonder.co.uk)
Theatre and Shows:	Sue Cousins (e-mail: scousins@talktalk.net)
Walking:	Trevor Preist (e-mail: preist.exeter@blueyonder.co.uk)
Wine:	John Carroll (tel: 01392 876048, e-mail: carroll595@btinternet.com)
Membership Secretary:	Chris King (tel: 01392 255533, e-mail: chrisandmikeking@gmail.com)

Reports and News from Special Interest Groups:

If you can get on the internet, all this information can be found on the UERSA website (<http://groups.exeter.ac.uk/uersa/index.html>) where it is kept up-to-date, and is easy to navigate (thanks to Roger Coles) and where you will also find reports and photos from most of the groups

If you are interested in participating in any of these groups, please contact the appropriate Group Organizer. Your contact details will be added to the relevant mailing list, and you will be sent all the information for meetings and plans as they evolve, usually by e-mail. *If you are unable to use e-mail, please make sure the Group Organiser knows this when you join the Group, so they can arrange to send the information through the post.*

If you have a suggestion for any additional group (which you would be willing to organize?), the Committee would be happy to hear from you.

Now, here are some of the highlights of our special interest group activities over the last few months, gleaned either directly from the organisers, or from browsing our website. I have used my editorial freedom to write some of the commentaries – the reports actually sent by leaders have their name added.

Badminton (Jan Reynolds)

Seems to be trundling along well – no bad reports! Editor

N.B. a few more members would be most welcome!

Jan

The Bridge Group (Paul Ellison)

Due to a drop in numbers, there have been no meetings since the last Newsletter, but it is hoped that activities will recommence later in the year

Paul.

Cinema Group (Ruth Preist and Sue Odell)

Since the Group was formed in September 2015, the list of films attended (as far as I know) by more than 1 person has lengthened each month and now we have a list of 9 films! Quite an eclectic mix of topics as one would expect, with the maximum numbers being 6 for Dad's Army, February, (thank you, Sue) and 5 for 'The Big Short', also February. (Trevor says it was about the crash of 2008 treated light-heartedly but very informative.) There were 4 for 'The Lady in the Van', November, and others booked for the following week as the first showing was full!

The most recent film was 'Eddie, the Eagle', April, and three of us went. I came out stunned by the amazing scenes of the Calvary ski slopes and incredible ski-jumps and Michael investigated what had happened to Eddie since 1988. For anyone who is interested, here is Michael's summary:

Briefly, Eddie went into show business, appearing on TV shows and on cruises, reaching number 2 in the Finnish pop chart, and appearing on Strictly Come Dancing. The Olympics Committee contrived rules to prevent him from entering the Olympics again - he was too much in the show business vein for their liking. In his early fifties, he now lives with wife and two daughters not far from Cheltenham, which is where he learned his original plastering trade. I found the movie to be a very funny and enjoyable, quite uplifting and heart-warming treatment of Eddie's incredible tale.

It is up to any member of the group to say he or she intends to go to a particular film (with details of time & date!) and anyone to respond to say that they will join him/her. Have a chat over coffee before or after and enjoy the company of other UERSA members.

Hope you find a reason to visit the Picture House soon!

Ruth

Gardens Group (Anne Mayes)

Note from the editor – Apparently, Anne has managed it again – the 2 visits so far this year have enjoyed good weather as usual. She has written a report of the visits (with photos) which you can see in the Gardens group section on the website. I have selected a couple of her comments.

March – Rosemoor 'was looking terribly neat and tidy – hedges neatly clipped, plants pruned, compost, manure and mulch piled high on the beds. Weed free ... Depending on your view either something to strive for (Laurie!) or really rather depressing (the rest of us!). We reminded ourselves that they are very well staffed and equipped and so felt a lot better.'

Anne (but the pictures look good! Editor)

April - Charlestown and Tregrehan: Comment from Anne This is not a big commercial concern and really does seem to be Cornwall's best kept secret. We were able to relieve them (the shop) of a few unusual plants – we do try to be helpful!

Music/ Opera Group

As was reported last Autumn, Alastair has now stepped down as the organiser of the UERSA Music/Group.

When I asked him if there was any information for the Newsletter, he replied :- "I am not really involved in any UERSA musical activity at the moment (no response to my plea re the Music/Opera group), so nothing to contribute."

The Committee is still hoping that someone (or more!) will step forward to take on this role.

Nature Walks (Judy Mead)

The choice of Saturday 6th February for our Avocet Cruise from Exmouth was not the best! It turned out to be the wildest and wettest day of the winter but a good few brave souls from the Nature Group turned up for what was an enjoyable few hours on the Exe. Our commentator from the RSPB was very knowledgeable and kept us all engaged and interested, although inevitably the number of birds on the estuary was lower than usual that day.

Restaurant Group (Frankie Peroni and Liz Smith)

This spring the restaurant group made welcome return visits to the Redwing in Lymptone and the Lamb Inn at Longdown. Our most recent visit was to Moores, a family run restaurant, in Newton Poppleford. Here we received a most warm welcome

and enjoyed a very tasty lunch. While the group appreciates good food the lunches have also proved to be very enjoyable social occasions. Following our spring events we are now looking for people to host lunches in June and July.

Table Tennis Group (Ruth Preist)

Table tennis group THRIVES! Great activity, much laughter and happiness throughout every session!

Theatre and Shows: (Sue Cousins)

There were no events in the Autumn.

Walking Group (Trevor Preist)

Unusually in the new year we had to cancel two walks because of strong winds and heavy rain and these have been rescheduled for this quarter.

Trevor April 2016

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A report and summary of the Spring walks is available on the UERSA website along with archival descriptions and photos of previous walks. If you think you might like to go for a walk with a sociable group of people, look at these and the new programme for Spring/Summer and choose one (or more!) to join. (Check with Trevor!) Walks are of various lengths, so there's something for everyone.

Wine Tasting Group (John Carroll)

There have been 2 wine events since Christmas.

16th February Alan Leadbetter arranged an interesting and entertaining tasting of Riesling and Pinot Noir wines at 21 The Mint. It was a full-house so apologies to those of you who were not able to attend. *John*

28th April, again at 21 The Mint. John managed to find another selection of interesting and slightly unusual Spanish wines ('even further off the beaten track than for the tasting back in February 2015'). Those of us fortunate enough to be there thoroughly enjoyed the experience and most of the wines! 21 The Mint is a splendid and historic venue on the top floor of the building – worth going to a Wine Group meeting to enjoy the ambience and the company, if you can manage the 2 flights of stairs. *Rachel*

NOW, LOOKING TO THE NEXT FEW MONTHS!

All Events Calendar for May 2016 onwards

Date	Time	Activity	Group
Wed 11th May	10.30 at station	Kings Nympton	Walking Group
Wed 18th May	14.00 at Thorn	Thorn	Gardens Group
Thu 19th May	10.30 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Table Tennis Group
Tue 24th May	9.21 train from Exeter Central	Barnstaple - Instow	Walking Group
Tue 31st May	10.00 – 12.00	Imperial	UERSA coffee
Wed 1 st June	19.00 at Isca Centre	Fun Trivia Quiz Isca Centre, Summer Lane	UERSA
Thu 2nd June	10.30 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Table Tennis Group
Thu 2nd June	Contact Sue Cousins	"Guys and Dolls"	Theatre Group
Mon 6th June	10.30 Lydeard Hill car park	The Quantocks OS181:181339	Walking Group
Thu 9th June	09.15 at Devon Hotel	Sherborne day trip	UERSA
Thu 16th June	10.30 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Table Tennis Group
Thu 16th June	19.00 at 21 The Mint	Rosé wines	Wine Group
Tue 21st June	11.00 at the entrance	Hestercombe	Gardens Group
Tue 21st June --Wed 22nd June	Contact Trevor Preist	Ilfracombe mini-break	Walking Group
Tue 28th June	10.00 – 12.00	Imperial	UERSA coffee
Thu 30th June	15.00 Exeter Cricket Club	Summer Garden Party	UERSA
Fri 29th July	Details to follow	The Garden House & Wildside	Gardens Group
Tue 2nd Aug	08.15 Coach at Belgrave Road	Wells and Glastonbury day trip	UERSA
Thu 18thAug	Details to follow	Byes Reach, Sidmouth	Gardens Group
Tue 11thOct	19.00 at 21 The Mint	Madiran wines	Wine Group
Fri 14 th Oct	18.30	Annual General Meeting	UERSA
Thu 15 th Dec	12.30 for 13.00	Christmas Lunch at Devon Hotel	

FORTHCOMING GENERAL EVENTS (UERSA)

Note – Please read all these new items carefully – and act quickly if you want to join in!

Wednesday 1st June 2016 at 7 p.m.

UERSATrivia Fun Quiz

at The Isca Centre, Summer Lane, Exeter (our usual very pleasant venue, with plenty of parking).

Organised (as usual!) by Jan Reynolds.

Cost: £4.50 per person (which includes light refreshments)
(drinks -including teas and coffee - can be bought separately at the bar)
The closing date for receiving applications is Wednesday 18th May 2016. There is a booking form at the end of the Newsletter.

Thursday 9th JUNE UERSA Trip To Sherborne & Castle

Organised by Mary Banks

9.15 meet at Devon Hotel for the coach to Sherborne at 10.0 .

I believe there are still several places on the coach for this trip, the details for which were sent out in February. It sounds to me like a very enjoyable day. Editor

Full details and instructions can be found on the booking form at the end of the newsletter. To find out about availability please contact Mary:

Mary Banks - Phone: 01392 669239. email: alanandmary@blueyonder.co.uk

Thursday 30 June at 15.00 UERSA Garden Party, at Exeter Cricket Club's new Pavilion.

The party starts at 15.00, with the food and tea being available from 15.30 (free).

Pymms will be readily available for £3.60 each, and you can order other drinks at normal prices.

The parking situation is not known, but is likely to be minimal as builders are still around. There is a lift in the building, and it is hoped that arrangements can be made for disabled members to park nearby.

Sue Cousins will be contacting members with final details and a booking form as they become available.

If you need more information, you can contact Sue by E-mail: scousins@talktalk.net or Tel: 01392 432309

Tuesday 2 August UERSA Outing To Wells And Glastonbury

8.15 am Depart Exeter (Belgrave Road) with Otter Coaches, arriving at Wells about 10.15

Organised by David Batty

Join us for an all-day outing to Wells and Glastonbury on Tuesday 2 August, with a guided tour of Wells Cathedral (11.15-12.15), time for lunch in the smallest city in England; and then an opportunity to take in the delights of Glastonbury, perhaps the ruined Abbey (with its tales of the Holy Grail and King Arthur) or a quick hike up the nearby Tor, leaving for Exeter at 16.30.

The cost of the trip will be £20 per person, to include the cost of the coach, the guided tour of Wells Cathedral and coffee beforehand. Full details are to be found on the booking form at the end of the Newsletter.

And here are 2 other dates for your diaries – you will get more details in the Autumn.

Friday 14th October at 18.30 UERSA AGM

Thursday 15th December 12.30 for 13.00 UERSA Christmas Lunch - Devon Hotel Regency Room

And last, but not least, our regular entertainment for all members:-

Coffee Mornings - Imperial Hotel, New North Road, Exeter

Coffee Mornings (arranged by Jan Reynolds) are held on the last Tuesday of most months, from 10:00 to 12:00 in the Nutters Bar area (!) at The Imperial in New North Road. They are very informal (not to mention noisy on occasion) and an average of around 30 members attend. (Some recent research indicates that coffee is good for the memory!)

(If you haven't been to a coffee morning before, do go along and introduce yourself – I'm sure you'll be made very welcome. ... Ed)

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.

Dates for Meetings in Summer 2016 will be :-

31st May; 28th June ; None in July or August

Resume again in September

From Jan Reynolds at janandmikereynolds@gmail.com: Tel 01392 271204

FORTHCOMING GROUP EVENTS

Badminton (Jan Reynolds)

The Badminton Group regularly meets on Wednesday mornings between 11 a.m. and 12 noon for a game of badminton at the University's Main Campus Sports Hall. Sessions run from 11:00 till 12:00, with time for a coffee and a chat afterwards.

However, there will be no Badminton from the end April – June 7th due to University Exams taking place in the Sports Hall during May, followed by some maintenance work being carried out at the Sports Hall at the beginning of June until 7th June.

From the **8th June until 22nd June** - Badminton resumes. Possibly a Court may be available during July and August.

As from the 7th of September (but excluding 14th Sept.) we will resume our regular Wednesday Badminton Club Bookings i.e.

7th, 21st, 28th September 2016 (Not 14th)

5th, 12th, 19th, 26th October 2016

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th November 2016

7th, 14th December (Not 21st or 28th)

For further details, or if anyone is interested in joining, please contact Jan Reynolds. New members are always welcome. Jan Reynolds at janandmikereynolds@gmail.com: Tel 01392 271204

Bridge: (Paul Ellison)

Paul has let me know that the Bridge Group is in abeyance at the moment. There are a few people who would come if the group started again, but not enough to get a regular quorum. Anyone who is interested and would want to attend on a reasonably regular basis, please contact **Paul Ellison on P.A.Ellison@ex.ac.uk, or by phoning 01626 867999.**

Gardens Group: (Anne Mayes)

Directions on how to find these gardens are on the Gardens page of the UERSA website, along with pictures of past events. If you are unable to use the internet, please contact Anne for these details.

Gardens Group Summer 2016

Wednesday 18th May - Thorn, PL9 0EQ [OS201 540492] 14.00 hours (www.thornhouse.co.uk)

Admission £8 + £5 for a cream tea. If we get more than 20 then entrance and tea is £12pp. This is a visit just for us so I must know if you are coming.

Tuesday 21st June - Hestercombe House and Garden, TA2 8LG [OS 193 244288] (www.hestercombe.com)

Meet at 11am at the entrance. £9.50 or £10.50 with Gift Aid.

Hestercombe House opened to the public in May 2014 for the first time in over 200 years. A unique combination of three centuries of garden design: Coplestone Warre Bampfylde's Georgian landscape garden, the Victorian terrace and shrubbery and the stunning Edwardian garden design by Sir Edwin Lutyens and Gertrude Jekyll.

Friday 29th July - The Garden House and Wildside – Buckland Monachorum

Details to follow.

Thursday 18th August - Byes Reach, Sidmouth

Details to follow.

For all visits please let me know by email first. a.c.mayes@exeter.ac.uk

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

Guided Nature Walks (Judy Mead)

No events currently planned

Judy Mead at judy_mead@hotmail.co.uk

Music / Opera:

No plans for the Summer – awaiting a volunteer to lead the group

Restaurants (Frankie Peroni and Liz Smith)

We are looking for suggestions on venues and offers to host restaurant group visits in June and July. If you are interested in organising a lunch but would like more information on what is involved or would like any assistance please contact me as soon as possible. To date we have nothing fixed for these months and the possible May event appears to have fallen through.

Many thanks

Frankie

If anyone has any NEW venues they would like to suggest please let us know. Liz and I have been organising the restaurant group for a number of years now so we thought it would be a good idea to have some feedback to see if there are venues that people might be keen to revisit. Please email if you would like a list of venues we have attended in the last four years.

Frankie Peroni (tel: 01363 773946)

Liz Smith (e-mail: lizsmith15@icloud.com)

Table Tennis (Ruth Preist)

Session dates for Spring/Summer 2016:

The usual day, time and place; Thursdays as before

10.30 – 12.00, Sports Park, Studio 3. All equipment supplied.

I hope that those who missed so many sessions in the Spring will find they are able to fit in some table tennis before we finish in mid-June and that there will be lots of you raring to play on the last 3 Thursdays!

19th May, 2nd June, 16th June 2016 *Pay £2.50 for individual sessions as before.*

Ruth Preist (email: preist.exeter@blueyonder.co.uk)

Theatre and Shows: (Sue Cousins)

Thursday June 2nd or Saturday June 4th Guys and Dolls Theatre Royal, Plymouth

Guys and Dolls will be coming to Plymouth directly from the West End at the beginning of June 2016. Sue was disappointed with the level of interest shown in going to this show, which was insufficient to cover the cost of a coach for the party.

However, she is organising a smaller group making their own way to Plymouth for either the Thursday or Saturday matinee on June 2nd / 4th. If you would like to join this group, please contact Sue as soon as possible. There were still some tickets left when she last enquired at the theatre.

Sue Cousins. E-mail: scousins@talktalk.net. Tel: 01392 432309

Walking (Trevor Preist)

The Walking Group section on the UERSA website links to details of the walks and how to get there.

Forthcoming Meetings

Walks for early Summer. (The programme for July onwards will be available when ready.)

Please let Trevor know if you wish to join a walk.

10.30am Wed, 11th May

Kings Nympton

led by John B

A circular walk from the station at Kings Nympton. Details to be circulated later.

10.40am Tues, 24th May

Barnstaple - Instow

7 (or 3.5) miles

led by Tom

PUB LUNCH OR SANDWICHES

Train to Barnstaple (9.21 from Central, 9.27 from St Davids, 9.38 from Crediton) arriving at 10.38.

We will take the (flat) Tarka Trail to Instow **and there is a short option (3.5 miles) to Fremington Quay where there is a café and a convenient bus back to the railway station.**

The walk will continue to Instow and end with lunch there at a pub for those who wish.

I plan to return by bus (every 15 minutes) in time for the 15.43 train from Barnstaple to Exeter. (The next is at 17.13 reaching Exeter at 18.38.)

For those preferring to eat a sandwich there are frequent return buses to Barnstaple station.

10.30am Mon, 6th June

The Quantocks

7 miles

led by Roger F

PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED

Meet at Lydeard Hill car park (OS181 : 181339) for a walk in this very attractive area (which, thanks to Roger, we visit regularly).

Tues 21st / Wed 22nd June Ilfracombe mini-break

led by Trevor

This year it is centred on Ilfracombe with two walks.

Day 1 Combe Martin to Ilfracombe 6 miles

Day 2 Woolacombe to Ilfracombe 7 miles

Although the distances are not overlong, the terrain is challenging with ascents of over 1500ft on each day and the SW Coast Path guide describes the level as moderate but strenuous in parts. We won't be hurrying but both walks will be demanding. Please contact me if you are interested in participating and, as always, accommodation is difficult to find in June, so an early decision and booking is advisable.

Trevor Preist (e-mail : preist.exeter@blueyonder.co.uk)

Wine Tasting (John Carroll)

We have now put together an initial programme for the remainder of the year incorporating some of your suggestions. We still have a potential slot in early 2017 so any further suggestions would still be welcome.

16-June Rosé wines (21 The Mint) by Lauren Hodgkins (Regency Wines Ltd)

11- Oct Madiran and other Tannat-based wines (21 The Mint) by Roger Camble

Nov/Dec South African wines (21 The Mint) by Laurie Burbridge (date to be finalised)

Early 2017 TBA

If you would like to join one of these events and are not yet a member of the group, please contact John so that you are kept informed.

John Carroll (e-mail: carroll595@btinternet.com) (01392) 876048

Reminder for all Groups

N.B. IMPORTANT FOR ALL GROUP ACTIVITIES

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.

UNIVERSITY SNIPPETS

(David Batty asked me to include this piece about the EUC for your information)

EXETER UNIVERSITY CLUB

Exeter University Club (EUC) exists as six regionally-based independent branches: London, East Anglia, Wessex (covering central southern England), Bristol, Cheltenham and Exeter. Each has its own programme of social and cultural activities with meetings in various locations including theatre and concert visits, talks, pub lunches and visits to museums, exhibitions and other places of interest. A seventh branch, known as 'Bradninch Branch', has been set up to include all those EUC members who live outside the areas covered by existing branches.

A quarterly magazine, "Branch Lines", is available for a small annual subscription. The Club maintains its website and organises an annual outing weekend in various parts of the country. EUC continues to support the University by awarding a variety of scholarships.

Exeter Branch members meet once or twice a month in and around the city. Details of events and how to book appear in the Exeter Branch Newsletter that is published quarterly and on the EUC website at

<http://www.exeterconvocation.org/exeter/>. An outline programme for 2016 is also available. Exeter Branch members include alumni, retired staff and their immediate families. Members of UERSA would be most welcome at our events.

Mike Aspray, EUC Exeter Branch Secretary,

mikeaspray@btinternet.com

April 2016

NEW PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN EXETER AND PEKING

A partnership between the University of Exeter and one of China's most prestigious universities will see academics [collaborate on new studies in the arts and languages](#). The joint work between Exeter and Peking University (PKU) was discussed at a two-day conference in Beijing, involving 35 academics from both institutions. This is the first joint event between academics from PKU's School of Foreign Languages, and two of Exeter's academic Colleges - Humanities and Social Science and International Studies - and points towards developing partnerships between academics.

GOOGLE IOT RESEARCH AWARD

Congratulations to Andrey Somov from the Energy Harvesting Group (CEMPS) who, along with colleagues Yang Kuang, Scott Tuddenham, and Prof Meiling Zhu, has won the Google IoT Research Award. The project, entitled Heed your Knee, aims to apply the Google IoT technologies and the University of Exeter energy harvesting technologies for knee rehabilitation.

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TRIVIA FUN QUIZ

**Wednesday 1st June 2016
7 p.m.**

at

**The Isca Centre, Summer Lane,
Exeter**

(our usual very pleasant venue, with plenty of parking)

Cost: £4.50 per person
(which includes light refreshments)

*(drinks -including teas and coffee - can be bought
separately at the bar)*

Please Note: the closing date for receiving applications is Wednesday 18th May 2016.

Please complete the slip below and send it to Jan Reynolds,

77 Rosebarn Lane, Pennsylvania, Exeter, EX4 5DG Tel.No. 01392 271204

I/We would like to come to the Trivia Quiz on Wednesday 1st June 2016

Name(s).....

Address(es).....

Tel..... Email.....

Number attending.....

I/We enclose a cheque payable to **The University of Exeter** for £

n.b. Please note that if you are booking for more than one event we need a separate cheque for each event.



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Thursday 9th JUNE UERSA Trip To Sherborne & Castle
Organised by Mary Banks

Here are the details of our trip to Sherborne, which I hope will appeal to you.

I encourage you to use their web page (<http://www.sherbornecastle.com/>) to explore the places you may wish to visit in the town.

The plan is to spend late morning and lunch time in the town, then move on to the castle.

As you will be aware, parking for the various UERSA events has been a problem lately, so with the help of the management of the Devon Hotel I have been able to arrange the following:

9.15a.m. Meet at the Devon Hotel where I have arranged for us to park the cars, have coffee and use the toilets (and the price for this is included in the cost of the trip).

10a.m The coach will pick us up at the Devon Hotel, we will hopefully then drive straight to Sherborne, est. journey time 1hr.30mins.

11.30 approx. Arrive Sherborne.. You may wish to lunch here as there are tea rooms only at the castle

2p.m. Depart Sherborne to arrive at castle 2.15 – we will have till about 4.30 to enjoy the house and gardens. I did enquire about a private tour but this was not possible, so you will be free to roam the house, with help and information available in every room.

4.30 Depart for home. The cost of the day will be £29 per person, this covers the cost of the coach, entrance to the castle and gardens, coffee at the Devon Hotel and of course being able to park there.

We have a 34 seater coach with 4 seats already reserved as a result of my February email.

I hope to see you there,

Best Wishes. Mary

I/We would like to join the trip to Sherbourne @£29 per person

Name/Names-----

Your email-----Phone-----

Please send cheque made out to **The University of Exeter** to me

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**UERSA OUTING TO WELLS AND GLASTONBURY
TUESDAY 2 AUGUST 2016**

Join us for an all-day outing to Wells and Glastonbury on Tuesday 2 August, with a guided tour of Wells Cathedral, time for lunch in the smallest city in England; and then an opportunity to take in the delights of Glastonbury, perhaps the ruined Abbey (with its tales of the Holy Grail and King Arthur) or a quick hike up the nearby Tor.

The cost of the trip will be £20 per person, to include the cost of the coach, the guided tour of Wells Cathedral and coffee beforehand.

Timetable for the day:

8.15 am	Depart Exeter from Belgrave Road with Otter Coaches. (parking available at nearby Triangle Car Park, £6.20 for the day)
10.15 am (approx)	Arrive Wells
10.30 am	Coffee (or tea) in the Cathedral café
11.15 am	One hour guided tour around the Cathedral
12.15 pm	Free time in Wells
2.00 pm	Depart Wells
2.30 pm	Arrive Glastonbury for free time activities
4.30 pm	Depart Glastonbury
6.00 pm (approx)	Arrive back in Exeter

I/We should like to join the UERSA outing to Wells & Glastonbury on Tuesday 2 August.

Name(s)

E-mail Phone

I enclose a cheque for £ made payable to 'The University of Exeter'.

Please send your form and remittance **no later than 11 July** to:

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