



Retired Staff Association (UERSA)



Chair's message

Dear Friends

I hope that I shall see many of you at UERSA's AGM on Friday 11 October, details of which are enclosed with this newsletter. I have been encouraged by the recruitment of a number of recent retirees who add a little more 'youth' to our membership and, potentially, to the Committee. I hope that some of them will join us at the meeting which will be held at 6.30 pm in LT1 in Queen's Building. In keeping with recent practice, the formal business should be over in comparatively short order to allow plenty of time for some socialising over a glass of wine. Do please come along – we have a quorum to satisfy!

Another traditional opportunity for meeting up with UERSA colleagues has been our Christmas lunch in December. As a result of members' requests for a less formal occasion and, perhaps, a lighter menu, we shall this year be returning to the University for a seasonal lunch in Reed Hall on 12 December. I am grateful to Chris Austin for undertaking sometimes tortuous negotiations to come up with a set of arrangements which should enable guests time to circulate and chat while enjoying a varied buffet. There is also the added advantage of Reed Hall being more adjacent to bus routes than our previous venue. You'll find further information later in this newsletter.

Mention of the Christmas lunch shouldn't suggest the summer is completely over! The August weather hasn't been particularly special but any Indian summer that arrives in September should encourage you to take advantage of UERSA's various outside activity groups, sometimes beyond their normal areas of interest. Indeed, a number of us from the Walking Group have just spent a day walking out of Lustleigh to the nearby Kelly iron mine where we were given a tour of the old workings – see the short report elsewhere in the newsletter. And for something completely different but equally fascinating, plans are in hand for a visit at the end of October to Exeter City Football Club and its new museum.

Keep an eye on our website for upcoming events. I do hope you feel able to make the most of the Autumn months with UERSA before Winter sets in!

David Batty

GROUP NEWS and FORTHCOMING UERSA EVENTS

UERSA general events are found on the [website](#). If any member would like to advertise their forthcoming event in the newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact the newsletter editor [Sandy Day](#)

A quick reminder of some of the UERSA and [special interest groups](#) booked events for 2019:

Coffee Mornings are held on the last Tuesday of most months, from 10:00 to 12:00 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. A reminder about parking charges: If you pay for parking and show the 'parking receipt' this amount will be refunded at the bar on your purchase of coffees etc.

A suggestion has been proposed to start a short distance **cycling group**. If any members would like to meet others for a ride, the committee thought it best to create a group that runs along the lines of the cinema group. Any member can invite group members to join them on a cycle ride via the group email address and provide start time, location and length of route, and ask others to reply if they intend to go. Are there any offers from members to initially co-ordinate this group please?

Wine Group
Thursday 19th September
St David's church

Iain Smith of Smith's wines in Magdalen Road is presenting "An overview of Italian wines". Please note this is a later start date than usual at 7.30pm.

Walking Group
September 12th
Crediton Circular

Please meet at 10.30am outside the Crediton Coffee Company cafe in Market Street, Crediton. Picnic lunches are recommended, but the local cafes also offer food including cream teas.

This 7 mile walk takes place in very peaceful undulating countryside north east of Crediton.

AGM
Friday 11th October
Queen's Building –LT1

Wine Group
Thursday 21st November
St David's church

Roger Camble has offered to do a tasting entitled "A white and a red from around the world".

Christmas Buffet
Thursday 12th December
Upper Lounge, Reed Hall

As mentioned in the last newsletter the Committee have now agreed a menu for the Reed Christmas festive buffet and this is attached with a booking form which will need to be returned by Monday 11 November please. It is fixed for 12 for 12.30 on Thursday 12 December in the Upper Lounge with a cost of £20pp, which includes your welcome drink and tea/coffee. Please note that those with special dietary requirements have specific instructions on the form to ensure that you are properly considered and there is an opportunity for those of you who are happy to divulge University- related secrets to provide some quiz material in advance of the event! Please send any comments/requests to [Chris Austin](#)

RECENT UERSA EVENTS

Restaurant Group
The Manor Inn, Lower Ashton
 Thursday 30th May



Thanks to the organising skills of Linda Hale and Jean Cole, UERSA members enjoyed 2 or 3 course meals at the family owned inn, which is close to the river Teign.



Walking Group
Quantocks
 11th June 2019



Five members braved the elements and joined the walk of 8-9 miles in the Quantocks from Lydeard Hill. The weather forecast had threatened heavy rain, but all that we encountered was mist and light drizzle, with gusty winds. The walk followed moorland tracks and forest paths and access roads, returning via the Drove Road, which dates back centuries - it was probably used by King Alfred's army. A Bronze Age monolith suggests it was a very ancient trackway. The rhododendrons and foxgloves were prolific, occasionally the mist cleared giving us views east to the estuary of the River Parrett or to the broad valley to the west and the edge of Exmoor. The walk was notable for a picnic area with tables (and flushing loos) and for the company of a stray dog, Eric, whose energy put the walkers to shame. One of us sacrificed his trouser belt to restrain Eric until his distraught owner arrived.

Dr David Smith (UERSA treasurer)



Garden Group
Hillersdon House, Cullompton
Wednesday 5th June



Hillersdon House itself is a grade II listed late Georgian style manor house overlooking the town of Cullompton. The house sits in 200 acres of parkland, pasture, lakes and woodland overlooking the Blackdown Hills. It was open last year for the NGS but not this year. That opening was only the second time the garden has been open to the public in the last century. So UERSA members were very lucky that Anne Mayes kindly arranged for us to visit the gardens which now include several ornamental lakes, new collection of rhododendrons, restored walled garden, secret garden, stumpery, formal parterres, wild flower meadow, red deer and the ancient and enigmatic chestnut walk.



Wine Group
Wines of the Levant
(Eastern Mediterranean Wines)
St David's Church
11th June 2019



Twenty five members were treated to an array of Eastern Mediterranean wines accompanied by a generous selection of salami, cheese, bread and biscuits. Brian Kirby and Rachel kept us amused with stories of sampling wines on their travels, and with 10 wines to taste some felt quite merry, especially as many of the wines were very pleasant to drink, or should I say 'quaffable'.

Wine		Origin	Producer	Alc	Grape	Price
			White Wine	%		£
Narince	1	Turkey	Vinkara Gursel Family	13	Kalecik kerasi	8.95
Laguna Vina Istria Malvazija	2	Croatia	Vina Laguna	12	Malvasia	7.95
Mtsvane Dry White	3	Georgia	Schuchmann	13	Mtsvane	11.50
Feteasca Regala	4	Moldova	Ch Vartely	13	Feteas	6.50
Slovenian WS	5	Slovenia	Dveri Pax	12.5	Furmint	8.95
			Red Wine			
Dipnos	6	Greek	Geo Skouras	11	Agiorgitiko	6.75
Ch Vartely	7	Moldova	Ciornii	13	Cabernet sauvignon	6.50
Black Kalavryta	8	Greek	Tetramythos	12.5	Kalavryta	8.50
Tandem	9	Morocco	Graillet & Thalvin	12.5	Syrah	12.95
Ch Ksara	10	Lebanon	Ksara	13.5	Syrah/Cabernet	9.95

Summer Party
Cricket Club pavilion
Tuesday 25th June



Seventy members attended the Summer Party and enjoyed meeting up with ex colleagues. Accompanied by Pimms and a selection of delicious sandwiches and cream teas.



A total of £130.50 was raised at the Summer Party for the Devon Air Ambulance – please see the correspondence from the Devon Air Ambulance below.

Gardens Group

Middle Well, Stoke Gabriel

Wednesday 10th July



With 4 acres of woodland, streams, a small arboretum & orchard, pergola, summer house, walled gardens and vegetable plots there is something for everyone.

Neil and Pamela, who does all the planting herself, have created a wonderful garden over many years of hard work.

With plenty of seating for enjoying views of the garden and the sound of water, and a huge variety of interesting perennials, shrubs and bulbs, 24 members enjoyed a lovely afternoon in the sunshine. Twelve members started the tour of the garden with homemade soup(s) and focaccia, followed by fresh fruit. I think we all went back for seconds!



We explored the gardens at leisure with information sheets, but Neil and Pamela were on hand to answer any questions. The visit culminated in tea and cakes at 3pm, again all homemade. How does Pamela do it all?

It is one of the most beautiful and impressive private gardens, so if you have the opportunity to visit under the National Garden Scheme you won't be disappointed.



Tiverton Canal Horse Drawn Barge Trip
Tuesday 16th July



On a warm sunny morning eighteen members enjoyed a tranquil journey on one of the last remaining horse drawn barges in the South West. It was a peaceful trip to East Manley, where we moored up and some of us took the opportunity to walk to Brunel's aqueduct, whilst other took photos or talked to George, the horse.



We were privileged to see some baby moorhens and cygnets that followed the barge hoping to be fed.



Restaurant Group
Regent's Bistro
Old Walls Vineyard, Bishopsteignton.
Wednesday 17th July



Fourteen members enjoyed 2 or 3 course lunches at this historic vineyard setting, followed by coffee on the outdoor terrace.



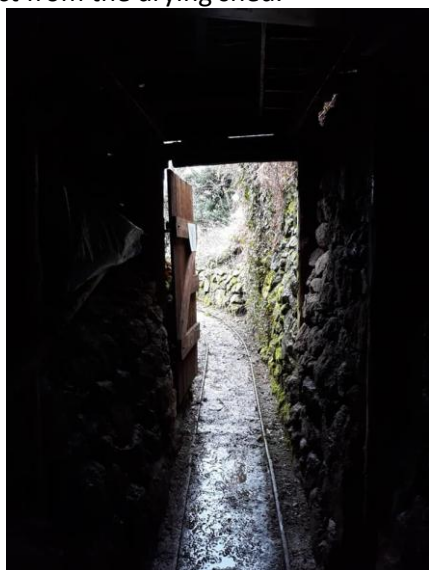
**Walking Group
Kelly's Mine
4th September 2019**



UERSA members at Lustleigh on their way to visit Kelly Mine



Twenty members enjoyed a walk and tour of the iron mine, which closed in 1951. Members traced the whole process from mining the ore, via the adit and shaft, to the dispatch of the final product from the drying shed.



**JUST FOR FUN
Where am I in Devon?**



1.



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UNIVERSITY OF EXETER NEWS

Derek Philips, ex Director of Hospitality Services at the **University of Exeter**, as been voted in as "Exeter's Champion" at a ceremony in the Great Hall. Derek has been at the centre of Exeter's business community for 20 years, working tirelessly for Exeter. He now holds 14 company directorships, both locally and nationally. (Express & Echo, June 2019)

Spending time among nature is only beneficial if it is done for more than two hours a week, a new study by Dr Mat White of the **University of Exeter** suggests. The study used data from nearly 20,000 people in England and found taking a walk in the woods, listening to birdsong, looking around and engaging with nature lowers stress and blood pressure. (The Telegraph, June 2019)

Archaeologists digging near a Roman fort near Calstock in Cornwall have unearthed remains of a mine and a Roman road. Dig leader **Dr Chris Smart**, from the **University of Exeter**, led a team of students and local volunteers including refugees and asylum-seekers based in Plymouth. The excavation has revealed a "rare glimpse" of timber-built Roman military buildings, as well as rubbish and cesspits. Next year the team hopes to unearth more detail of the Romans in Cornwall with a dig inside the fort. (BBC, July 2019)

Exeter City Council's policy of offering discounts to developers of student accommodation in the city has cost the council £1million, it has been claimed. Plans are also revealed to turn Exeter's Harlequins Shopping Centre into student accommodation and a hotel. (DevonLive, July 2019)

Madeleine Goumas and researchers from the **Centre for Ecology and Conservation** at the **University of Exeter's Penryn campus** conducted research in coastal towns in Cornwall on scavenging seagulls. According to the study, the gulls are more likely to steal food when they can avoid the gaze of their victims. (BBC, August 2019)

Researchers at the **University of Exeter** studied nearly 200,000 people from the age of 64 over a period of about eight years and gave people a healthy lifestyle score based on a combination of diet, exercise, alcohol and smoking. Results showed people were not doomed to get dementia if they had a healthy lifestyle. Nearly everyone can lower their risk, even if dementia runs in the family. The findings were revealed at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference. (BBC, July 2019)

A teenager from Gloucester who planned to go to the **University of Exeter**, appeared to be an ordinary A level student but who had a persistent interest in mass murder, is accused of buying a pistol and ammunition at a cost of £1,000. USA police tipped off British police after the package was found at Newark Airport. (BBC, July 2019)

Led Zeppelin's Robert Plant joined music industry figure Rod MacSweeney on stage when he was awarded an honorary degree at the **University of Exeter** (ExeterLife, August 2019)

There is early evidence that encouraging people to wear an effective hearing aid may help to protect their brains and reduce their risk of dementia according to research, according to project lead lead **Dr Anne Corbett**, from the **University of Exeter**. (British Academy of Audiology, July 2019)

As part of the Two Moors Festival, **Tim Kendall**, **Professor of English** at the **University of Exeter**, and Philip Lancaster are bringing some of Ivor Gurney's (Composer and Poet of War and Place) previously unknown and unpublished poetry and music in a lecture-recital at The Great Barn, Higher Ashton, Exeter on 16th October.

REMINDER

UERSA committee members list can be found [here](#)

NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION DATES

End of May
End of September
End of January

NOTICES

Deaths:

Edwyn Crowle died on 9 May. He was a senior lecturer in English at the School of Education at St Luke's.

Neville Barratt, formerly of Biosciences passed away in June. From the late 1950s until his retirement, was successively Technician, Chief Technician and Laboratory Superintendent in Zoology, Biological Science and Biosciences. Neville was also a founder member of the Nomads Cricket Club in the 1960s. Hugely wise, and a major strength and source of stability throughout, and greatly valued and liked by just about everyone.

Hilda Swinburne died peacefully at The Lodge Nursing Home on 15 June in her 102nd year. She was formerly a Lecturer in German and a Hall Warden at the University.

Emeritus Professor **Ken Schofield**, late of the Department of Chemistry, on 16 July, at the age of 98.

Sir Rex Richards, Chancellor of the University of Exeter (1982-1998) died on 15 July 2019.

OBITUARY

Hilda Swinburne

21 June 1917 – 15 June 2019

Hilda Swinburne was appointed to a Lectureship in German in 1946 at what was then still the University College of the South West, based in Bradninch Place, now the Phoenix Arts Centre. She had studied at Oxford as a member of St. Anne's Society (which later became St Anne's College), and graduated in 1939 with a Double First and Distinctions in the spoken language of her two subjects, German and French -- a quite outstanding achievement, which she herself never spoke of.

Circumstances at the outbreak of war determined that Hilda could not take up postgraduate study, in which she would certainly have also excelled, but instead went into school teaching. This route into academic life was not uncommon at that time.

Her main teaching and research interests were Medieval German Literature and the contemporary German Language and its history. Though Hilda did publish work on some of the texts she knew best -- which included the brilliant medieval German versions of the famous stories of Tristan and Isolde and Percival and the Holy Grail - she was first and foremost a teacher. Her careful preparation of her teaching and her enthusiasm for its subjects inspired many generations of students.

Hilda was very much involved also with the pastoral care of students, both as a Personal Tutor in the Department of German and as a warden of both Hope and Lopes residences. Many students kept in touch with her after her retirement.

Hilda served on the Board of the Arts Faculty (when it existed) and in fact she was a member of the very first Senate of the University after it received its charter in 1955. In a photograph of this committee, which once hung on the wall of a room in Northcote House, she can easily be picked out, one younger woman seated among the ranks of elder statesmen.

After her official retirement Hilda continued to teach part-time in the Department, and her enthusiasm for teaching led to her hosting courses in the University of the Third Age, where she was able to share her enjoyment of plays and poetry of her own language.

UNIVERSITY PROJECT TO EXAMINE 'PRICE OF BIRDSONG'

What is the natural world worth? Can you put a price on birdsong?

As part of an occasional series on current research developments at the University, here is news of a new funded project which aims to discover how economics can help protect the environment.

Economics and conservation are often seen as unrelated, but the project will try to place an economic value on biodiversity so it can be taken into account and become part of individual, corporate and governmental decision making. Dragon Capital and the University have together committed £1.6m over the next five years, and a newly appointed Professor will take the role of "Dragon Capital Chair in Biodiversity Economics".

Dominic Scriven, Executive Chairman and Co-Founder of Dragon Capital, said: "How can markets price the absence of birdsong? How much are people willing to pay to maintain the existence of, or be compensated for the loss of, biodiversity in all its forms? It has never been more important for businesses and individuals to understand the impact they are making on society to ensure the conservation of our planet." Mr Scriven, an Exeter graduate who studied Sociology and Law at the University, added: "We regard sustainable development as a fundamental aspect of business management, and it is core to our values at Dragon Capital. We are therefore delighted to be making this combined commitment and look forward to working with the University to find answers to the key questions that too few people are asking."

The project will address the central question of whether there is any correlation between biodiversity and the success of the economy and whether individuals and organisations can, and should, place an economic value on biodiversity. As part of the applied research, the Dragon Capital Chair will develop trading platforms to advance price measurements of biodiversity. Individuals and businesses will have access to counterparties offering a wide array of conservation solutions in-country, following through on their stated preferences.

The international programme will cover both developed and developing countries, with a particular interest in the United Kingdom and in South East Asia (especially Vietnam, Cambodia, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Bhutan).

VOLUNTEERING WITH THE RNLI
An appeal by Barrie Behenna

In press articles about what is good for you, there is general agreement that having something purposeful and useful to do in one's retirement is good, and that volunteering can be both physically and mentally stimulating, not to say hugely beneficial to any organisation that one serves.

For fourteen years, I have been an RNLI volunteer (a throw-back to my sailing days). As everyone knows, it is staffed almost entirely by unpaid people, and welcomes everyone into its ranks. One is told, very early in one's association, "You have joined the Lifeboat family ". Only 10% of its volunteers are seagoing Lifeboat crew (and they are the ones whom we see in the current BBC 2 series, 'Saving Lives at Sea'.) The rest fill a variety of different roles within the Fundraising arena, with lots of opportunities for individual initiative, all strongly supported by the RNLI itself.

My own role has included meeting and greeting visitors to the Teignmouth Boathouse, managing the Boxing Day Walk in the Sea, giving talks at schools and to a wide variety of adult groups, representing the RNLI at various events, and , believe it or not, committee membership !

Come and join us! The water's lovely (though has to be respected.) Please contact me if this might appeal to you. RNLI presence and visibility in and around Exeter needs strengthening.

barriehenna@gmail.com

DEVON AIR AMBULANCE
1ST July 2019

Dear Mr Batty,

Thank you for the generous donation of £130.50 that we received from the University of Exeter Retired Staff Association following a collection at a recent summer party.

You have helped us to save a life, and for that we would like to say a huge thank you!

Following another successful year of night flying and support we have been able to increase our flying time until 2am, and help even more people. Your fantastic support will enable us to carry on our life saving work whilst we head towards our next milestone to extend our flying hours even further. This, together with the development of further community landing sites across the county means we will be available to help even more people.

We are also continuing to invest further in the clinical development of our aircrew, giving them the skills needed when faced with the most severe medical emergencies. In addition, we continue to invest in our future, which will include the replacement of our aircraft to ensure our developing needs are met.

We would like to thank you for your support, which is immensely appreciated and which will enable us to continue to provide and develop our service.

Louise Newbery
Part Time Fundraising Administrator

Answers to Where am I in Devon?

1. Boundary stone to mark the limit of the military area at Berry Head. Grid ref SX 940 559.
2. Whitewashed block of granite marker of Trinity House when the first lighthouse on Lundy was built.
3. Mermaid on the supports of Bideford bridge

SOME 2019 LOCAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

September

7-22	Devon Open Studios FREE event guide is available from Devon Libraries, Tourist Information Centres and arts and community venues across Devon. Devon Artists
17	Professor Brian Cox Live Plymouth Pavilions
18-22	Budleigh Salterton Literary Festival Budleigh Salterton
22	Only Fools and Boogie Northcott Theatre
22	The Life and Rhymes of Benjamin Zephaniah Exeter Corn Exchange
Sept – 23 Nov	The Lion King the Musical Bristol Hippodrome
28 & 29	Teignmouth Shanty Festival Teignmouth and Shaldon

October

3	Boyd and Lane (Cello and Piano) Wellhayes Vineyard, Tiverton
6	Sinatra : Raw Northcott Theatre, Exeter
8	North Devon Shipwrecks North Devon Records Office, Barnstaple
9	Goose Fair Tavistock
11-20	The Two Moors Festival Festival details
12	The Secret Life of Dartmoor Birds Ashburton Arts Centre
13	Killerton apple festival National Trust, Killerton
18	Gilbert O'Sullivan in Concert Babbacombe Theatre
18	Rebecca Barnfield Theatre, Exeter

November

4	An Audience with Mark Billingham Exeter Corn Exchange
4	In my Life : Alan Johnson Red House Theatre, Plymouth
7	An Audience with Simon Reeve Plymouth Pavilions
16	Ruisi String Quartet <i>Winners of the Philharmonic Society award for Young British String Players</i> Teignmouth Community College
17	Remembrance Concert Newton Abbot Orchestra and Plymouth Military Wives Barbican Theatre, Plymouth
18-23	The Lady Vanishes Princess Theatre, Torquay
19	Lecture - HMS Exeter and the Battle of the River Plate in December 1939 Mint Methodist Centre, Exeter Devon History Society
28 – 1 Dec	Mayflower 400 1620-2020 Illuminate Plymouth 2019 Mayflower Events
29-30	Candlelit Dartmouth Dartmouth

December

7	Exeter Chamber Choir A Celebration of Christmas Buckfast Abbey
8	The Royal Marines Christmas Spectacular Princess Theatre, Torquay
12, 19,24	Carols in the Cave Kents Cavern, Torquay
20	Jools Holland and his Rhythm and Blues Orchestra Plymouth Pavilions

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	Mayflower 400 Plymouth
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For further updated information please visit the UERSA [website](#) :
<http://groups.exeter.ac.uk/uersa/index.html> (Web Editor: Roger Coles)



INVITATION TO THE EXETER FORUM

The Exeter Forum is a friendly social group for retired a person which has been presenting interesting and entertaining talks by leading local figures, experts and enthusiasts almost every week for nearly 50 years. We also have walks, visits and book and music groups. Our membership has always included a number of retired university staff and you should find some familiar faces.

We would very much like to invite you and any retired friends to meet us and come to any of our talks you may be interested in. They are at the Mint Methodist Church, Fore Street, Exeter on Wednesday mornings with tea/coffee from 10.00 and the talks are from 10.45 to 12.00. The programme for September - December 2019 is as follows:

September 11th	Alan Rosevear	Travel in Exeter Before the Train
September 18th	Mick Harrison, Retired Police Officer	Policing in Devon and Exeter
September 25th	Karen Deveraj	The Work of the Citizens Advice Bureau
October 2nd	Professor Sir Steve Smith	The University of Exeter
October 9th	Sue Knox	General Lawrence and His Tower
October 16th	Clive Wilson	Met Office Climate Change
October 23rd	David Oates	Life Round the Green; A Cambridgeshire Village in the 1890s
October 30th	Rev Andrew Johnson, Stained Glass Master Glazier	A History of Coloured Glass and How it is Made
6th November	Rachel Trethewey	Before Wallis - Edward VIII's Other Women
20th November	Todd Gray	Mob and Street Violence in Exeter
27th November	John Jameson	A Cornish Hairdresser Goes to War
4th December	Mike Richards	The Victoria Cross (and Local Connections)
11th December	Members	A Seasonal Anthology of Words and Music

Admission is £3 per talk, free for members. Membership from October 2019-March 2020 is £25.

You will be very welcome. All enquiries to exeterforum@btinternet.com or Tel 01392 273732.

Our website is: www.exeterforum.org

David Oates
Chairman

University of Exeter Retired Staff Association
Festive Finger buffet lunch



Venue: Reed Hall Upper Lounge
Streatham Drive, Exeter, Devon, EX4 4QR

Date: Thursday 12th December 2019

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A festive spiced mulled wine, cider or Fresh orange juice on arrival

A selection of festive sandwiches (M,V, F)
Duck Spring rolls with plum sauce (M) - Hot option
Vegetarian Spring Rolls (V) - Hot option
Fig and Goats Cheese parcels with spiced fruit chutney (V)
Cosy pigs in blankets (M) - Hot option
Mini Yorkshire puddings with beef and horseradish (M)
Mini Smoked Salmon and chive bagel (F)
Spinach, pea and mint falafel bites (Vegan)
Festive nuts, chilli cracker, sweet and salty popcorn (V)

Selection of Christmas cake, stollen bites and mini mince pies (hot) served with
clotted cream

Speciality teas and coffee

Christmas cracker and napkin





**RETIRED STAFF ASSOCIATION
2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Friday 11th October at 6.30 pm, Queen's Building Lecture Room 1, University of Exeter

AGENDA

1. **To note the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting of UERSA held on 5th October 2018**
2. **Chair's Report**
3. **Treasurer's Report (attached)**

4. **Election of Officers and Committee for 2019/20**

The following Officers and Members of the UERSA Committee have offered to serve a further year:

Judy Mead will become **President** for a year from the AGM 2019

Alastair Logan will become **Immediate Past President** for a year from the AGM 2019

David Smith (Treasurer)

Julie Orr (Secretary)

Wojtek Krzanowski (Membership Secretary)

Sandy Day (Newsletter Editor)

Roger Coles (Website Editor)

Chris Austin (Committee Member)

David Batty (Committee Member)

Three Vacancies (Committee Members)

(Frankie Peroni's term as Immediate Past President will cease at the AGM)

The following nominations have been put forward (and agreed by those nominated) for approval at the Annual General Meeting on 11th October 2019:

Bruce Coleman be elected as **President-designate** for 2019/20

Chris Austin be elected as Chair for 2019/20

Sue Milward and **Christopher Dean** be elected as Committee members

5. **Special Interest Groups**
To receive any reports on the activities of the Special Interest Groups (many of which are included in the September Newsletter)
6. **Suggestions for future activities and events**
7. **Any other business**

After the AGM, wine and nibbles will be available for Members

UNIVERSITY OF EXETER

RETIRED STAFF ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report for 2018-19

The UERSA account is held within the general University financial system, and is audited as part of this system at the close of each financial year on 31st July. I am extremely grateful to Mrs Lynda Swallow of Finance Services for being such a helpful and efficient point of contact with that system.

The table below shows our position at the turn of the financial year for the most recent four years. Events are those which are open to all members and activities are those enjoyed by the specialist groups; in the last four years, most of these groups are self-supporting, and the financial records cover the Gardens group, the Opera group and the Wine group. The expenditure on events may appear rather higher than usual; this is because payment for the summer party in 2018 appears in the 2018-19 accounts as does the payment for the summer 2019 party. A further expenditure on events in the 2018-19 accounts is the deposit for the Christmas 2019 event. A disbursement of £250 was made for the chapel choir for their special event in summer 2018.

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Surplus Brought Forward	7462	6672	6421	6,669
Subscription Income	1368	1344	1386	1355
Administration Costs	-172	-137	-63	-114
Events				
- Income	2666	2376	1772	2126
- Expenditure	-4025	-2845	--3222	-3487
Activities				
- Income	2178	1937	2002	2026
- Expenditure	-2036	-1810	-1564	-2154
Disbursements	-330	-75	-60	
Surplus Carried Forward	7111	7462	6672	6421

Our balance is still very healthy and there is no need to change the annual subscription from £6. Members will note that membership income has remained steady for the last four years

I can supply detailed information about individual transactions on request, and will be very happy to answer any questions at the AGM.

David Smith (Treasurer) August 2019



RETIRED STAFF ASSOCIATION – CHRISTMAS BUFFET AT REED HALL

THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2019

If you would like to join us, please complete the form below and send it with your remittance (cheques payable to the 'University of Exeter') **no later than Monday 11th November.**

To: Chris Austin, 2 Otter Court, Ingsdon, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ12 6NW

Please reserve place(s) for me/us (@ £20 pp

I/We will require table and chair provision for the event. Please note that there will also be small tables to allow you to put your food/drink down so that your hands are free to complete the quiz!

I/We will require the vegetarian menu.

If you have other dietary requirements please contact Harriet Munday (H.Munday@exeter.ac.uk), tel. 01392 222621 **BEFORE** you send in this form and cheque to ensure that they can meet your needs and you will then have a plated buffet. I /We have informed Harriet of requirements and she has confirmed they will be met.

The quiz is intended to encourage a bit of mingling so if you are willing to share an Exeter memory or fact that will form the basis of a quiz question on the day please provide this below. No need to be too revelatory but something that will enable the quizzers to put your name to the quiz question with a bit of asking around. Eg. I served x years in the Department of y, or I was one of those responsible for making the University Calendar gender neutral or I had 5 different jobs in Northcote House.

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

Name(s)

E-mail Telephone