



NEWSLETTER ISSUE NO 52, SEPTEMBER 2021

Chair's message

Dear All

Great to see such a busy newsletter with reports from the groups that have been able to remain active -well done to the organisers as I am aware that extra work is involved.

It is the end of my 5 year stint on the Committee /as Chair and we are now looking for volunteers to take over.

You will see that we also need a volunteer to take over editing the newsletter. Sandy has done a stalwart job keeping the newsletter going during such difficult times and I would to express thanks from all of us. I always enjoy reading it and am amazed at her ability to find interesting content.

Do please contact Sandy or myself (chrisaustin4@btinternet.com) if you need further information about either role and inform the Committee (uersa-committee@ex.ac.uk) if you are happy to be nominated at the AGM.

Chris Austin

GROUP NEWS AND FORTHCOMING 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

Please note that due to any future coronavirus restrictions, planned events may be cancelled. Please check with the group organiser.

A reminder of some of the UERSA and [special interest groups](#) events for 2021:

RECENT EVENTS

GARDEN GROUP VISITS

The group has been very active over the summer months. Anne kindly arranged monthly garden visits from May to September. Please see some of the photos from the visits. Further photos can be found [here](#)



May – Heathercombe, Bovey Tracey.
As you can see a bit of rain didn't dampen our spirits. We are a hardy bunch!



June – The Garden House, Yelverton.
We were welcomed by blue skies.



July - Springfield House, Colyford.
Stunning views.



August – Little Ash Bungalow, Honiton
20 attendees!

September – Cadhay Manor, Ottery St Mary

WALKING GROUP

The group had a packed calendar of walks over the summer including a tour of Exeter Castle. Each walk varies in distance so there is something for everyone. However, it is essential that you book on to a walk in advance as numbers are limited to 15. The winter programme will be advertised soon on the [UERSA webpages](#).

TABLE TENNIS GROUP

The UERSA table tennis group has been meeting weekly since 15th April, all through lockdown. They have had great games throughout at Heavitree Pleasure Grounds on outdoor tables!
Ruth Priest

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

July – Darts Farm walk

After an enjoyable stroll along the footpaths taking photographs, the 4 members stopped at Darts Farm for lunch after we found the Cuppa Cabin unexpectedly closed!



WINE TASTING

24th September

Southern Italian Wines

Sixteen members met at St David's Church for a tasting led by Bruce Evans from Grape and Grain wine merchants Crediton, with a 10% discount on wine purchased on the night.

CINEMA GROUP

Exeter Picturehouse reopened on 19 May and details of the forthcoming programme will be found on the Picturehouse website. Any member of the group who spots a good film (*Nomadland*, for example) coming up is urged to let the rest of the group know, with suggested date and time. Members will have to decide individually whether they feel ready to attend.
Sue Odell

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

WINE GROUP

Thursday 25th November at 7pm
St David's Church
Pinot Noir lead by Rebecca Mitchell.

Rebecca is a sommelier with a diploma in wines and tutor to the Wine and Spirit Education Trust. She works closely with her sister who owns The Rendezvous Wine bar in Exeter.

COFFEE MORNING

Exeter Cricket Club
Thursday 30th September 10.15 – 12 noon

Bruce Coleman has kindly arranged a coffee morning in the Club's pavilion. Parking is available in the hardcore area alongside the cricket field, parking is £1. It is cash only, so please bring £1 coins for your coffee! Please email Bruce.I.Coleman@exeter.ac.uk if you would like to come as it is on a first come first served basis.

Twin brothers Adam and Jack Tremlett have defied the odds by becoming doctors on the same day. The pair, from Ivybridge, both graduated in Medicine at the **University of Exeter** in July. Adam is going to Derriford Hospital in Plymouth and Jack will be at the Royal Devon and Exeter hospital. (DevonLive, 19 July)

Following a significant upturn in numbers putting Medicine down as their first choice, The **University of Exeter** offered medical applicants free accommodation for a year and £10,000 if they agree to defer their place. Students holding an offer to start their course in autumn 2021 were able to access the deal if they push their studies back a year and start in 2022 instead. (The Independent, July)

The **University of Exeter** is ranked 143rd in the world in the latest *Times Higher Education* World University Rankings, released on Thursday, September 2nd 2021 – a rise of 31 places. The University has also moved back into the top 20 in the UK in the league table, rising five places to 19th. (Times Higher, Sept)

Student accommodation at **Exeter** has been ranked as the second best throughout the entirety of the UK. Loughborough was voted the best. The research carried out by Uni Compare, shows the best universities for accommodation using reviews from current and past students. (DevonLive, 8 Sept)

The Cornwall housing crisis, made a lot worse by second homes, holiday rentals, and relocating has hit students hard as they struggle to find suitable housing. Students at both Falmouth University and the **Exeter Penryn Campus** have reported being unable to find a rented house to live in for their studies. (CornwallLive, 10 Sept)

WHERE AM I IN DEVON?



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University of Exeter - Festival of Compassion 19 - 28 November 2021

The Festival of Compassion is a University event which will consolidate and present some of the key and current thinking related to compassion. It also takes a pragmatic position on providing practical guidance about how to actively implement compassion for wellbeing both at the University and in life beyond. There will be ample opportunity for all attendees to listen to engaging talks from renowned experts as well as participate in 'taster' sessions with practitioners, e. g. artists; yoga; music; photography therapy spiritualists; guided nature walks, etc.

The festival will be addressing the following 4 themes and subjects:

1. Compassion and self	General wellbeing Aging, disease (COVID) and death
2. Compassion and education	Student & staff wellbeing (including international) Compassionate campus
3. Compassion and community	Refugees & Violence Compassionate Cities (including environment)
4. Compassion and play	Playful acts of kindness Playful compassion

Further details can be found [here](#).

May I please draw your attention to budding poets amongst us as there is a call for poetry submissions at the bottom of the official Festival [web page](#).

NOTICES

DEATHS:

Simon McCandlish, who joined the Department of Chemical Engineering in 1971, died on 22 July 2021.

Christopher McCullough, Emeritus Professor of Drama passed away on Friday 23rd July 2021.

NOTIFICATION FROM SANDY DAY, NEWSLETTER EDITOR

As you may be aware, I resigned from the UERSA Committee in May as I am unable to continue editing the UERSA newsletter due to other commitments.

If any members would like to be the new Newsletter Editor with effect from the January 2022 issue, please do not hesitate to contact me at sandyday013@gmail.com

I have enjoyed compiling the newsletter in the 4 years I have undertaken this task, but unfortunately with other commitments I wish to pursue I can no longer commit the time.

Answers to Where Am I in Devon.

1. *Riverside Depot, Seaton Tramway*
[Seaton Tramway history](#)
2. *Lopwell Dam, Plymouth*
[South West Lakes Trust](#)
3. *Egyptian House, Devonport, Plymouth*
[Odd Fellows Hall history](#)
4. *Oldway Mansion, Paignton*
[Oldway Mansion history](#)

EXETER FORUM TALKS

The Exeter Forum would like to invite UERSA members to their lockdown programme of fortnightly talks and weekly email Newsletters.

The Newsletters are sent to everyone on the Forum's email list and contain details of the talks and the Zoom links. To receive them, please email msmith6507@gmail.com with a request to be included on the Exeter Forum's email distribution list. Until the Forum is able to resume normal meetings there will be no charge.

We look forward to seeing you.

David Oates
Exeter Forum Chairman

Programme of Talks

Wednesday 6th October
Mint Methodist Church 10.45am
Refreshments will be available from 10.15 in the Entrance Lounge. Visitor - £3 or £25 for 6 months

Humour in the Police - A personal perspective
A talk by Mike Richards

Mike Richards spent over 30 years policing in Devon and Cornwall and this light-hearted talk details some of his experiences as a teenaged Cadet in Tiverton, through his training to be a Constable, and several events over the years that made him chuckle or otherwise had a lasting effect on him. There is some black humour and the odd sanitised profanity or double entendre.

Mike Richards is a former Police Chief Inspector who on retirement developed an interest in local history. He is both a Redcoat and Cathedral guide and assists in the training of trainee guides for both organisations. He lives in Exeter with his wife and has three children. He enjoys walking, meeting people and learning new skills; he is a very bad golfer.

Note: The talks programme from September 2021 onwards will be published once decisions can be made on restarting in-person talks at the Mint Methodist Church.

For updated information please refer to [The Exeter Forum](#) website.

Using Links to Zoom Meetings and Recordings

We have found that on some devices and systems it is not possible to just click on the link provided to join Zoom meetings and on these you may have to use one of the following methods.

1. Copy and paste the link into your browser.

2. If you are using Windows mail you may find that the link is shown in grey rather than blue and when you click on the link it displays a message saying it cannot open the link. If this happens you can try the following :
(a) Launch the Zoom app. Click on the home icon and click on JOIN. Enter the meeting ID.
OR (b) Make Microsoft Edge your default browser. Restart your device.

This should have fixed the problem and if you don't like Edge as your default browser you can change the default back to the one you want and restart the device.

Full details of the talk and the link to join the Zoom meeting will be included in the Exeter Forum News prior to the talk and a separate reminder with the link will be emailed on the day before the talk.

REMINDER		NOVEMBER	
<p>UERSA committee members list can be found here</p> <p>NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION DATES</p> <p>End of May End of September End of January</p> <p>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN 2021</p> <p>Please note that due to coronavirus restrictions, planned events may be cancelled or postponed.</p>		3	<p>SETH LAKEMAN 15th anniversary tour Exeter Cathedral 7.15pm Tickets available here</p>
		3-4	<p>EXETER LITERARY FESTIVAL St Nicholas Priory Mint Lane, Exeter Visit St Nicholas Priory for further information and tickets</p>
		13	<p>MICHAEL MORPURGO Talking about his latest books 2pm Petroc, Sticklepath Obtain tickets here</p>
		26 Nov – 2 Jan	<p>CHRISTMAS TRAIL AT KILLERTON An after dark Christmas illuminated trail will be bringing festive sparkle to the garden Mon- Sun 4.30-10pm Visit Killerton for further information and tickets</p>
		26-27	<p>WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S HENRY V Brixham Theatre 2.30 and 7.30pm For further information please click here</p>
		27	<p>ERIC AND LITTLE ERN Theatre Royal ,Plymouth Click here for latest information as the running time has not been confirmed yet</p>
OCTOBER		DECEMBER	
3	<p>LUCY WORSLEY; A VERY BRITISH MURDER Palace Theatre, Paignton 7.30pm Visit Palace Theatre for further information and tickets</p>	4	<p>EXETER CHAMBER CHOIR : Christmas a capella Buckfast Abbey A celebration of the festive season Visit Buckfast Abbey for further information</p>
2-3	<p>POWDERHAM FOOD FESTIVAL Visit powderhamfoodfestival.com for further information and tickets</p>	14	<p>CHRISTMAS WITH BLAKE Exmouth Pavilions 7pm For further information and tickets click here</p>
4	<p>ST NICHOLAS PRIORY Mint Lane, Exeter NEW now open every Monday 10-4 Visit St Nicholas Priory for further information</p>	17	<p>MESSIAH - HANDEL Powderham Castle Click here for tickets</p>
4-5	<p>AUTUMN FAIR Exeter Cathedral For further details and to book please click here</p>	<p>For further updated information please visit the UERSA website http://groups.exeter.ac.uk/uersa/index.html (Web Editor: Roger Coles)</p>	
8	<p>ALL IS MENDED Cygnet Theatre, Exeter 7.30pm Further details and tickets are available here</p>		
16-31	<p>SOUTH HAMS ARTS TRAIL Click here for details</p>		
20	<p>SIR RANULPH FIENNES An evening with.... Exmouth Pavilion 7pm Click here for tickets</p>		