



## RETIRED STAFF ASSOCIATION

### NEWSLETTER Issue 25, August 2012

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

I hope we shall be welcoming many newly retired members at this, the start of the new Academic Year – this newsletter should give you a taste of what UERSA is all about.

The Association exists for us and is run by us – our committee's main task is to dream up interesting things to do in special interest groups or jointly. Suggestions for events or new groups will be gratefully received, but much more so if accompanied by offers to help planning and organising. Current organisers have been doing a splendid job – see the past and future events listed – but several would like a bit of a break to seek new ideas and, well, have a rest! In any case, let me suggest that you join any of the groups in which you may be interested, so that you get the news from the organisers – details near the end of this newsletter.

The Annual General Meeting comes up on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 6.0 pm. Please try to come if you can. We try to be friendly, and if we're not doing as well at that as you would like, put it down to decline in vision and hearing, and do introduce yourselves to people. Some of us are still shy even after all these years.

Finally, the newsletter editor\* would love to have reviews of any of the general UERSA events you have attended – or, indeed, of any special interest group events though you may prefer to send them to the group Leader.

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#### **A Message from our Chairman**

Hello again!

As I write this, the summer sun is – finally – shining very brightly and, with the Olympics now upon us, I felt that a sporting-flavoured message was in order. However, please do not stop reading, all those of you who are turned off by the subject! Academics tend to be those who were terrible at sport at school and were always left to the very end when sports teams were being picked. But being associated with such a lovely campus as Exeter with unsurpassed sporting facilities at both Streatham and St Luke's sites, it seems a shame that we retired folk do not take more advantage of what is on offer. As a family, even when we lived on the other side of the city, we loved to come up and walk round the campus, a magic place for children in the 70s and 80s when the shrubberies were much more dense. In the summer we often decamped to the swimming pool at Cornwall House, and spent many happy days there, when the sun always seemed to shine (sign of a failing, or rose-tinted, memory!). I still swim regularly at the St Luke's indoor pool and at the Cornwall pool, if it is hot and sunny and not swamped by tourists, as recently. There's nothing better than gentle, but regular, exercise to keep fit in body and mind. Certainly the statistics about our lack of exercise as a nation are truly worrying, although I suspect we in UERSA buck the trend, and are fitter than most, particularly those in our walking and Badminton groups. But even for those who are not, it's not too late to get more active. Indeed, if you still have a university retired staff card you can sign up to use the varied facilities for a modest yearly fee.

Finally, on this sports-related topic, wasn't our Garden Party at the Cricket ground pavilion with all its regalia and sepia photos, a great success this year, with the sun shining despite the puddles? Our grateful thanks go to Susan Cousins (UERSA's Social Co-ordinator), Bruce Coleman and Tony Wragg, for their work in arranging and organising this annual fixture, as well as to those many volunteers who helped provide and serve food and drinks. Let's hope this particular fixture will continue for many years yet.

**Alastair Logan**

#### **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](mailto:seodell@bavent.eclipse.co.uk)**

The death of **Jean Levers** was recorded in the Express and Echo, early in May. She was one of our members and came to some Garden Group meetings.

*From Anne Mayes - E&E 12th May*

**Betsy Smith**, a former member of staff in Engineering, Education and Law, died recently of a heart attack. Betsy and her husband Charles moved to the Oxford area some years ago.

*From Shirley Hoole 24th May*

**Madeleine Constable**, a retired member of the academic staff in Italian, died in mid-June. Mrs Constable had been resident at The Lodge for a while.

*From Marie-Thérèse Crowle 26th June*

**Liz Snowden**, wife of Professor Bob Snowden, died on 3 August. Liz was for some years a Research Fellow at the University, working with Bob in the Institute of Population Studies

*From an article and a notice in the Express and Echo 9th Aug.*

**Professor D. J. O'Connor**, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy, died peacefully at home on Sunday August 12th. He was 98. As Dan O'Connor was one of the most distinguished scholars of his generation, it is thought that UERSA members should be informed.

*From Richard Hitchcock [R.Hitchcock@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:R.Hitchcock@exeter.ac.uk)*

**Irene Gurney**, wife of Peter Gurney (retired member of staff at the School of Education), died on 15th August at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital.

*From a notice in the Express and Echo on 23<sup>rd</sup> August.*

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*It was suggested that it would be good to include in this section interesting news from or about our members (marriages? Achievements? ...) as well as the sad but necessary notices of deaths. If you have anything you think would be suitable, please write or email it to the newsletter editor, (details at the end of the newsletter) Who is going to be first? You don't have to wait until newsletter time! (In fact, if you do, it will probably be too late). ed*

### **Reports on General Events**

Our Annual Garden Party was held on 4th July at the Exeter Cricket Club, and large quantities of Pimms and cream teas were consumed. Anne Mayes, our President sends this message:

I'd like to thank everyone who played a part in this, from organising to buying the essentials, borrowing the crockery, preparing the scones, dashing out for extra jam and cream, concocting the very acceptable Pimms (how many cucumbers?!) and clearing and washing up afterwards. Our thanks too to Bruce for arranging for us to use the Cricket Club. Not sure who to thank for that rare commodity - the sun! Finally, thanks to all who came. It was a full house and it was clear that a very enjoyable time was had by all.

Hear, hear – ed.

### **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, with an average attendance of around 35.

*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: <a href="mailto:janandmikereynolds@gmail.com">janandmikereynolds@gmail.com</a> )
Bridge:	Paul Ellison ( tel: 01626 867999, e-mail: <a href="mailto:p.a.ellison@exeter.ac.uk">p.a.ellison@exeter.ac.uk</a> )
Gardens:	Anne Mayes ( e-mail: <a href="mailto:a.c.mayes@exeter.ac.uk">a.c.mayes@exeter.ac.uk</a> )
Music / Opera:	Helen Pope ( tel: 01392 860159, e-mail: <a href="mailto:h.pope174@btinternet.com">h.pope174@btinternet.com</a> ) Alastair Logan (tel: 01392 434715, e-mail: <a href="mailto:a.h.b.logan@exeter.ac.uk">a.h.b.logan@exeter.ac.uk</a> )
Restaurants:	Liz Smith ( tel: 01363 84667, e-mail: <a href="mailto:Geoffandlizsmith@yahoo.co.uk">Geoffandlizsmith@yahoo.co.uk</a> ) Frankie Peroni ( tel: 01363 773946, e-mail: <a href="mailto:F.Peroni@exeter.ac.uk">F.Peroni@exeter.ac.uk</a> )
Theatre and Shows:	Sue Cousins ( e-mail: <a href="mailto:scousins@talktalk.net">scousins@talktalk.net</a> )
Walking:	Trevor Preist ( e-mail: <a href="mailto:preist.exeter@blueyonder.co.uk">preist.exeter@blueyonder.co.uk</a> )
Wine:	John Carroll ( e-mail: <a href="mailto:carroll595@btinternet.com">carroll595@btinternet.com</a> )
Membership Secretary:	Judy Mead ( tel: 01392 425571, e-mail: <a href="mailto:JudyMead@hotmail.co.uk">JudyMead@hotmail.co.uk</a> )

## **Reports and news from Special Interest Groups**

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. Or you can download an application form, in pdf format, from the Membership forms page.

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

### **Garden Group (Anne Mayes) (Group Leader)**

Since the last Newsletter we have had three excellent visits, all in fine weather, which this year has been a particular challenge to achieve. June saw us up at Heddon Hall in N Devon, July at Lewis Cottage, Spreyton and August at Kia Ora, Cullompton. These have all been humbling given that many of us have used the dire weather to excuse the state of our own gardens. (Bad workmen and tools? Ouch!)

(Full reports are on the web along with lovely photos and descriptions.)

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

*This item was included in the last newsletter, but I'm repeating it here for the benefit of any new members.*

*Events for this group are not very frequent because of the difficulty of finding suitable performances. Ed.*

Thirty-two of the Music and Opera group attended Welsh National Opera's production of Berlioz's delightful *Beatrice et Benedict* at Plymouth's Theatre Royal on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April. The coach left the Exeter Squash & Cricket Club promptly (thanks to Bruce who saw to the parking) and sped down the A38, arriving in Plymouth in good time for a meal (twenty-five at La Tasca next door, others elsewhere). The production involved a splendid, very Italianate set, and the singers were in good voice, particularly the two stars, Sara Fulgoni and Robin Tritschler (Irish, would you believe!). Donald Maxwell, as the fussy choirmaster Somarone, brought the house down with his buffoonery and allusions to Gareth Malone and his choir. The music was enchanting and overall it was a grand night out.

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

Our recent events have been well supported and it is always good to welcome new faces. The visit to The Ship in Cockwood, where fresh fish was the speciality, was most enjoyable. Everyone was impressed with the range of choices provided. This was followed by good country fare at The Harris Arms, near Lewdown. Beforehand, with drinks in hand, we were able to sit outside enjoying the sunshine looking out over Dartmoor. In June a late change of venue was needed but we were able to return to Tobias in Budleigh Salterton where again the desserts were a particular delight. Many of us used the opportunity for a stroll along the seafront. The July lunch was held at Il Casita in Crediton. The restaurant opened especially for the UERSA group with over thirty members taking part in this good value event. As an added bonus the bus from Exeter stopped right outside. In August the group is returning to The Manor Inn in Lower Ashton with its lovely setting in the Teign Valley. Our thanks go to all those who have organised events this year, we are now looking for suggestions and offers to organise future visits.

### **Theatre Group (Susan Cousins) (Group Leader)**

The most recent event for this group was on 14<sup>th</sup> March when 20 people went to see the Phantom of the Opera at the Theatre Royal in Plymouth. It was an excellent production, very slick and well done, and was much enjoyed by the group.

### **Walking Group (Trevor Preist) (Group Leader)**

A taste of what walkers have enjoyed this summer:-

*For full reports and some great photos, do try to look at their website. ed*

Cothelstone, Quantocks, 31st May .... the Quantocks looking their best in bright sunshine ... a very enjoyable, quiet walk

Bampton, 14th June - only 4 turned out for this, one of the top 1000 walks in GB - ... some idyllic landscapes with open views of the hills around ... and dry until the teashop at the end!

Devon Digressions, 20th / 21st June ... a mini-break in the Lynton / Lynmouth area with a 9-mile walk on each day. On day 1, Lee Bay to Hunter's Inn and back (in good weather!), the route contoured to Heddon

Mouth with stunning views of the coast and across the channel to the Gower. Day 2 started with a bus trip from Lynmouth to County Gate, with a wet, but still enjoyable, walk back along the SW coastal path.. The weather could have been kinder but everyone thoroughly enjoyed the walks, accommodation and social gatherings in the evenings.

### **Wine Tasting Group (John Carroll) (Group Leader)**

The Wine Group has had another two excellent tastings at 21 The Mint: On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May, Lesley & Jeremy Noakes gave a presentation and tasting of German Wines and on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June, Rachel & Brian Kirby gave a presentation and tasting of the Wines of the Loire.

Many thanks are due to the members who volunteered to host events this year: Diana & John Jacob, Rachel & Brian Kirby, Alan Leadbetter, Lesley & Jeremy Noakes and also to Sandi Ellison for the excellent venue.

If the group is to continue we need more volunteers to host events next year, so if you would like to help please get in touch with John Carroll [carroll595@btinternet.com](mailto:carroll595@btinternet.com) or (01392)876048.

Note of encouragement from Brian Kirby - we ran a wine-tasting! First, and foremost, it was fun, and we learned a lot about the wines we chose. Brian has written a longer piece about it for anyone who is interested – email [brian@briankirby.co.uk](mailto:brian@briankirby.co.uk) . You will get lots of help from other members of the group if you decide to give it a try. Don't be shy!

## **Now, looking to the next few months!**

### **All Events Calendar for Autumn 2012 (and beyond)**

Date	Time	Activity	Group
Wed 5th Sep	11-12	First weekly meeting at Univ.Sports Hall	Badminton
Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept		“Oliver”(coach from Exeter Squash Club)	Theatre Group
Mon 10th Sep	13.30 @ Samp Pev	Halberton, Sampford Peverell	Walking Group
Tue 18th Sep	14.00	Bickham Gardens, Kenn	Gardens Group
Wed 19th Sep	10.30 @ Belstone	Belstone circular walk	Walking Group
Tue 25th Sep	10 - 12	Coffee Morning at Imperial	UERSA
Wed 26th Sep	8.30-19.30	Longleat (coach from Exeter Squash club)	UERSA
Thu 27th Sep	19.00	Wines of Southern France @ 21 The Mint	Wine Group
Fri 12th Oct	18.00	Annual General Meeting	UERSA
Wed 24th Oct	9.00	Stourhead (coach from Exeter Squash club)	Gardens Group
Tue 30th Oct	10 - 12	Coffee Morning at the Imperial	UERSA
Wed 31st Oct	19.00	Clayden	Bridge Group
Tue 13th Nov	19.00	New Zealand wines @ 21 The Mint	Wine Group
Wed 14th Nov	3.45	"Rusalka" at 19.15 Plymouth	Music Group
Tue 27th Nov	10 - 12	Coffee Morning at Imperial	UERSA
Thu 29th Nov	19.00	Clayden	Bridge Group
Tue 11th Dec	12.30 for 1 p.m.	Christmas Lunch at Devon Hotel	UERSA
Mon 17th Dec	19.00	Clayden	Bridge Group
Thu 4th Apr	3.45	“Cunning Little Vixen” 19.15 Plymouth	Music Group

*N.B. A date has yet to be confirmed for a **Bridge Evening during September.***

### **FORTHCOMING GENERAL EVENTS (UERSA)**

#### **UERSA’s Annual General Meeting – on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 6 p.m.**

The AGM will be held in the Queen’s Building Lecture Theatre 1. The Agenda for the meeting is attached to this Newsletter. As usual, after the meeting ends, Members can meet in the Queen’s Building Reception Area (adjoining the Lecture Theatre 1) for wine and nibbles. (In order to ascertain numbers for the wine and nibbles after the meeting, can you please complete the form attached to the AGM Agenda).

### Visit to Longleat House, Wednesday 26th September.

This trip, arranged by Linda Hale, is on Wednesday 26th September leaving the Exeter Squash Club, Prince of Wales Road (where you can leave your car) at 8.30am prompt and will probably return at approximately 7.00 - 7.30 p.m. The cost will be £29.00 for senior citizens, adults (+15) £32.50 and children 3-14 £27.25. All prices include the coach, entry to the house, gardens and the animal park and also include a tip for the driver. There are food outlets there, of course, if you don't want to pack a lunch.

Please send the application form with cheque, made payable to the University of Exeter, to Linda Hale at 39 Howard Close, Exeter EX4 2LX. **by Sept 4th** .

My telephone numbers are 01392 210498 or 07969794809 for any queries.

*Note – Linda is away on holiday at the beginning of September –if you wish to join the trip I hope you get this newsletter at least in time to phone her before the deadline. – ed.*

### Coffee Mornings

UERSA's Coffee Mornings will resume again at the end of September. Dates for this term are:- September (Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>), October (Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>) and November (Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>).

As per usual, these will be held at the Imperial Hotel, New North Road, Exeter from 10 a.m. - 12 noon.

### Christmas Lunch at the Devon Hotel, Exeter, Tuesday 11th December 2012

This has been arranged to be held in the Regency Suite at 12.30 for 1 p.m. – the same venue as last year.

### Other events being considered for this year include:

A tour of the University's new buildings - quite a lot of the new buildings are nearing completion so this begins to look like a possibility at last. Details will be circulated if a date is agreed before the end of September.

A Beer/Skittles Evening is also being researched.

### **FORTHCOMING GROUP EVENTS**

#### **Badminton: (Jan Reynolds)**

We will recommence our weekly meetings on Wednesday 5th Sept. at 11 a.m. until 12 noon at the University Sports Hall .

For further details, please contact: [janandmikereynolds@gmail.com](mailto:janandmikereynolds@gmail.com): Tel 01392 271204

#### **Bridge: (Paul Ellison)**

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.

The schedule for next term:

September??? (awaiting confirmation)

Wednesday, 31st October

Thursday, 29th November

Monday, 17th December (mince pies!)

I hope to see all the regulars and a few new faces. I will bring coffee/tea etc.

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](mailto:P.A.Ellison@exeter.ac.uk)

#### **Gardens: (Anne Mayes)**

Coming up this Autumn we have :-

**Bickham Gardens, Kenn** on Tuesday 18th Sept at 2pm. Combined admission £4.50 Refreshments available.

Again, this is an opening for us alone, please let me know in plenty of time if you intend to come!

and then our final 2012 visit is to

**Stourhead**, on Wed October 24th We hope to see the autumn colour, but if the weather is unhelpful there is always the house, restaurant, shop, farm shop and art gallery, "Food is an important part of Stourhead". I am booking the house tour which takes 90 mins.

This will be a visit by coach, leaving the Exeter Squash/Cricket Club at 09.00hrs. The cost for the coach will be £10; for the tour, £3; for entrance: free for NT members, non members £12.50 for house and garden; £7.50 for either house or garden (to be paid on the door as I don't know who is a member or who can persuade someone



with a card who can take a guest!). Please therefore send me a cheque, made payable to the University of Exeter, for £13. We aim to be back by 18.00hrs.

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

### **Music / Opera: (Helen Pope)**

#### **Rusalka by Dvorak – Glyndebourne Touring Opera, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

The Theatre Royal, Plymouth, is holding 40 seats for us for the performance of Dvorak's opera, *Rusalka*, on Wednesday, 14th November, 2012 at 7.15pm. As usual 20 tickets are for the Circle and, I'm sorry to say will cost £45.50, and 20 are in the Upper Circle at £27.50. The coach will cost £8.50 per person.

The theatre cannot give us supper that evening. Chloe's Restaurant, charging £18.50 per person, has only 8 places to offer us and these will be allocated on a first come first served basis. La Tasca can take a substantial number but cannot, in spite of several telephone calls, give us a price for a meal in November, as they expect to change their menu before that date. You may prefer to go elsewhere and to book your own meal.

#### **The Cunning Little Vixen by Janacek - Welsh National Opera Thursday 4th April, 2013**

Seats are also booked at The Theatre Royal, Plymouth, for the Welsh National Opera's production of The Cunning Little Vixen, on 4th April, 2013 at 7.15pm. On this occasion a Circle seat will cost £44.50 and an Upper Circle seat £24.50. Easter Sunday falls on 31st March, 2013.

We have been able to book the Mezzanine Restaurant in The Theatre Royal for supper, though we have no costing for the meal yet.

Please DO NOT send any money for this production until January, though it would be helpful if you would express interest where appropriate. Payment is requested by 14th March, 2013.

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

### **Restaurants: (Frankie Peroni and Liz Smith)**

Due to various problems, the organisers are still working on events for this autumn. If you are interested in knowing about the programme when it becomes available, please make sure you have joined the group.

### **Theatre and Shows: (Sue Cousins)**

A future event (at least at the time of writing!) for this group is an outing to

**Oliver on Thurs 6th September**, details below, from the last newsletter. If you want to go, it might just be worthwhile contacting Sue Cousins.

*From Newsletter 24 - I have booked some tickets for the performance of "Oliver" at Plymouth Theatre Royal for Thursday 6 September. The seats cost £45 in the Circle and £35 in the Upper Circle. It is a new production by Cameron Mackintosh with Brian Conley as Fagin. If you would like a ticket or tickets please send me a cheque, made payable to me, for the appropriate amount, stating whether you would like to be in the Circle or the Upper Circle.*

*There will be a charge of approx £11 each for the coach journey there and back, depending on how many we have in the group. It will pick us up at the Exeter Squash Club, Prince of Wales Road, where you can park your cars and arrive in plenty of time for a pre-show meal, which I will be happy to arrange for those wishing to eat together.*

Sue Cousins. E-mail: [scousins@talktalk.net](mailto:scousins@talktalk.net).

### **Walking: (Trevor Preist)**

There are 2 walks still to come before the start of the Autumn programme :-

*Mon, 10th Sept.* Halberton – Sampford Peverell an almost flat 5 miles along the Great Western Canal  
13.30 Meet in Sampford Peverell in the car park by the tennis club (032144:OS128).

13.48 catch No 1 Stage Coach Devon bus opposite the Globe Inn to Halberton Village Hall (13.53). Bring your bus pass. Bus Option: the No 1 bus that we will catch leaves Exeter Bus Station at 12.30.

Walk through the village to join the canal at Crownhill Bridge, then follow the canal around the 'swan's neck' loop passing through the outskirts of Halberton and on to Sampford Peverell for afternoon tea at the Globe.

*Trevor P*

*Wed, 19th Sept* Belstone 8 - 10 miles - PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED

10.30 Meet at the car park on the left as you approach the village. (621940 : OL28) This is a circular walk including the edge of Cosden Hill and the Taw valley. *John B*

**The new programme** will not be finalised until the last half of September. Please make sure you have joined the group if you wish to be sent the details.

Trevor Preist [preist.exeter@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:preist.exeter@blueyonder.co.uk)

### **Wine Tasting: (John Carroll)**

We have two more events organised for 2012 at 21 The Mint, at 7.0 pm:

*Thu 27-Sept* Alan Leadbetter Wines of Southern France (presented by Jim Kingston of Topsham Wines)

*Tue 13-Nov* Diana & John Jacob New Zealand Wines North to South

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

### ***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**

On a recent walk round the campus, after quite an absence, I was saddened by the impression that green space had been reduced to about 10% of the site, and that most of the top fields have been covered with roofs or concrete. The new buildings look smart and clean, but everything seems formal, and, dare I say it?, a little arid, even on quite a bright Sunday afternoon. I guess this is an indication that I am succumbing to the 'grumpy old person' phenomenon, and I expect and hope that the young will enjoy it hugely. Still, after nearly 40 years of having the University campus as my personal park for a Sunday walk or jog, I find it rather hard! Ed.

Here are some items culled from recent University News in Brief postings – I am refraining from comments!

### **Marilyn - The Enduring Icon.**

Special Exhibition to mark 50 years since her death. *Bill Douglas Centre for the History of Cinema and Popular Culture, Old Library, Streatham Campus Aug 4<sup>th</sup> until Christmas*

### **Freshers' week starts on Mon 17 Sept.**

Fri 14 Sept over 1,000 students will be arriving early at Birks Grange and Lafrowda, to ensure that roads and car parks on campus and in the city do not become too congested, and the remaining 4,000 will arrive over the Saturday and Sunday.

### **CIMA Global Business Challenge winners**

The Indivisibles, one of the two teams from the Business School that made it to the UK final, went on to win the global competition. They competed against 21 other teams, each a champion in their respective countries.

### **Commercial University win**

Event Exeter won 'Commercial University of the Year' at the first College and University Business Officers Awards, launched this year to help recognise and reward the non-academic areas in Higher Education which through business and innovation, support the core work of a university. Event Exeter is the commercial trading arm of the University, representing our portfolio of venues.

**Demerger of PCMD** - The University of Exeter and Plymouth University have now signed the legal agreement that marks the demerger of PCMD and the creation of the University of Exeter Medical School, and Plymouth University Peninsula Schools of Medicine and Dentistry.



**RETIRED STAFF ASSOCIATION**

**UERSA**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Friday 12th October 2012 at 6 p.m.  
In The Queen's Building (Lecture Theatre 1)**

**AGENDA**

1. **To note the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of UERSA held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2011**
2. **Chairman's Report**
3. **Treasurer's Report**
4. **To confirm the subscription rates for 2012/13**
5. **Election of Officers and Committee for 2012/13**

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

**Alastair Logan** (Chairman)

**Wojtek Krzanowski** (Treasurer)

**Jan Reynolds** (Secretary) (from AGM 2004) – unless other nominations are received

**Judy Mead** (Membership Secretary)

**Susan Cousins** (Social Co-ordinator)

**Rachel Kirby** (Newsletter Editor)

**Roger Coles** (Committee Member and Website Editor)

**Frankie Peroni** (Committee Member)

**John Carroll** (Committee Member)

**Linda Hale** (Committee Member)

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**Mary Banks** will become President for a year from AGM 2012.

**Anne Mayes** will serve a further year on the Committee as Immediate Past President from AGM 2012.

**Laurie Burbridge** will leave the Committee, having completed his term as Immediate Past President.

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6. **Election of President Elect for 2012/13**  
To confirm that **Alan Leadbetter** will become the **President Elect** for 2012/13.
7. **Special Interest Groups**  
To receive a report on the activities of the Special Interest Groups (many of which are included in the September Newsletter).
8. **Suggestions for future activities and events**
9. **Any other business**

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





**UERSA**

***ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2012***

**Friday 12th October at 6 p.m.**

**In the Queen's Building, Lecture Theatre 1**

(Wine and Nibbles will be served afterwards in the Queen's Building Reception Area)

In order to ascertain numbers for the wine and nibbles after the Meeting, please complete the form below and return it to Susan Cousins:

Either by post to: 21 Chantry Meadow, Alphington, Exeter, EX2 4PE

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I/We intend to come to the AGM on 12<sup>th</sup> October

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Retired Staff Association

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**RETIRED STAFF ASSOCIATION**

**Subscription Fee for 2012/13**

The UERSA Committee at its meeting on 22nd August 2012 discussed Subscription Fees for 2012/13 and agreed it should remain at £6 per person/couple, subject to the approval of the AGM. The Committee decided that the agreed fee could be paid by members at the AGM, or as soon as possible thereafter, and definitely not later than 1<sup>st</sup> December!

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