



RETIREE STAFF ASSOCIATION  
(UERSA)

## NEWSLETTER Issue 28

August 2013

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

### **Editor's Comment**

It hardly seems possible that Issue 28 completes 3 years of Newsletters since I took over as editor - my first issue was in January 2011. Time flies with increasing rapidity with age.

As one of the few who truly read every part of the Newsletter, I feel myself in a very privileged position to know what everybody is doing. (Is there anyone else out there, other than Jan Reynolds and myself who does read it all?) It has been fun seeing the huge variety of activities. There's something for everyone, and if there isn't then it can be started. It's sad, though, there are some within UERSA and others outside of it, who are not benefitting.

It's an intriguing task putting the Newsletter together. Like everything, it's worth reviewing it critically to see where it can be improved. If you have ideas, now's the time to let me\*, or your Committee, know. I'm glad to have even critical ones too – in fact they can be more useful!

N.B The AGM is on Friday October 11<sup>th</sup>. Please do come.

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### **Chairman's Message for August 2013 Newsletter**

Now that, as I write, English schools are finally on holiday (the Scots were off weeks ago!), an end-of-summer message and end-of-season report seems in order. In the end we did have a scorching July to make up for and partly erase memories of June that was colder, duller, and greyer than usual. We seem to get some kind of record every month, not the mixed, changeable British weather we used to get, if my (fallible) memory serves me. Of our summer UERSA events perhaps typically it rained during the Garden Party, although that did not seem to dampen our enjoyment of a great annual event, this time with food from a local delicatessen which seemed to go down well and involve less work for those dedicated folk who always gravitate to the kitchen. My thanks to all those involved, particularly to Bruce Coleman, who always manages to get the Cricket Club pavilion for us, to Tony Wragg who produces the cutlery and crockery, and to the Pimms team for a very fruity version this year. On the other hand we had a fine evening for Laurie Burbridge's blind winetasting which was great fun and turned up some unexpected results, and the weather was hot for the afternoon tour of Topsham organised by John Carroll, which attracted a fair number. Thanks to both. Elsewhere in the Newsletter you will find details of the Walking Group's summer strolls, Restaurant Group's lunches and the Garden Group's visits. Never let it be said that we allow the weather to get the better of us!

One nice thing about being retired for many of us is the chance to enjoy visits from our grandchildren. This is particularly true of the summer holidays, when families descend on us for longer and we are allowed to spoil our grandchildren a little and take them to playparks and local attractions. One of the advantages of us oldies is that we represent a rich repository of stories and traditions about the past, which we preserve and can hand on to our grandchildren, great nieces and nephews. Telling my grandchildren favourite stories (repeatedly!) is one of the great pleasures of life for me at the moment. To conclude, I hope you all have a busy and rewarding late summer of holiday breaks, excursions and family reunions which will set you up for the resumption of the full range of UERSA activities in the autumn.

**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)

**Dr John Bryant**, Chemical Engineering died on 22 May. John and his wife Margaret moved to North Yorkshire after he retired and then last year back to Newton Abbot, but John was apparently not well enough after the move to see even old colleagues. In addition to his work in Engineering, he also assisted in Mathematics and the Careers Service. *From John Boyle*

**Pat Tytherleigh** died on 23 May, a former member of staff of the Registrar and Secretary's Department (office of the Faculty of Education) and later the School of Education. *From Linda Hale*

**Dr James (Jim) Hetherington CBE** died on Monday 20 May. Jim was lay member of Council and Treasurer of the University from 1985 to 1991, Hon LLD 1992. (He succeeded Peter Chalk as Treasurer and was succeeded by Norman Hardyman.) He was also a former Chief Executive of Manchester City Council. *From Judith Wragg and Alan Leadbetter*

**Brom Webster**, wife of Professor John Webster, Biosciences, died early in June. The funeral was to be private, but John wished former colleagues to be informed. *From Alan Leadbetter*

**Professor David Rees**, passed away on 16<sup>th</sup> August. He was in the Maths Dept from 1958 until 1982 but during the War had worked at Bletchley Park. He is survived by his widow, Joan, who was also in the Maths Dept and was a renowned artist, many of us have some of her pictures. The funeral will be a requiem mass at 10 a.m. on Wednesday 4 September at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, 29, Heavitree Fore Street, Exeter EX1 2QJ. *From Anne Mayes*

### **Reports on General Events**

Our **Annual Garden Party** was held on 2nd July at the Exeter Cricket Club. The weather was not of the best, but we had a delightful tea (and the Pimms of course!). There are pictures in the website Picture Gallery (P.4) to show all those people who didn't turn up just what they have missed!

However, those of you who were at the Garden Party will have been aware of the large amount of food we had left over. The organisers work hard to provide the refreshments and to ensure that there is enough for everyone. To be faced with about £100 of excess provisions is both wasteful and a drain on our resources. The organisers were upset and they and the committee were disappointed that so many had replied to say they would be coming, but then failed to turn up. We've never charged for the event, but that doesn't mean that there is no cost involved! We're happy to do the work, but do please be considerate.

**Guided tour of Topsham** led by David Batty and John Carroll. The knowledge of these two showed us so many nooks and crannies that we now see Topsham in a new light. From shipbuilding in the Victorian era with naval vessels under construction towering over the houses – but how did they get them out to deeper water? – to the idea that in the past, Topsham had so many soup kitchens for the poor. An extraordinary social commentary on how towns change. And without guides, who would have thought to open a small door to show a wash-house or spotted a former dissenters' chapel? It came to an appropriate end sitting in the sun outside a pub – appropriate because of the long history of Topsham's pubs.

**Coffee Mornings** (arranged by Jan Reynolds) were held regularly on the last Tuesday in each month from 10 a.m.-12noon. Jan reported that an average of 35-40 members had been attending the Coffee Mornings, but the numbers have recently dropped to an average of 25 (which was a little disappointing). Has anyone any comments to make about this?

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

### **Special Interest Groups**

**The Special Interest Group Organisers are:**

Badminton:	Jan Reynolds ( tel: 01392 271204, e-mail: janandmikereynolds@gmail.com)
Bridge:	Paul Ellison ( tel: 01626 867999, e-mail: p.a.ellison@exeter.ac.uk )
Gardens:	Anne Mayes ( e-mail: a.c.mayes@exeter.ac.uk )

Music / Opera:	Helen Pope ( tel: 01392 860159, e-mail: h.pope174@btinternet.com ) Alastair Logan (tel: 01392 434715, e-mail: a.h.b.logan@exeter.ac.uk )
Restaurants:	Liz Smith ( tel: 01363 84667, e-mail: lizsmith15@icloud.com ) Frankie Peroni ( tel: 01363 773946)
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:	Judy Mead ( tel: 01392 425571, e-mail: JudyMead@hotmail.co.uk )

### **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**

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 :-

#### **The Bridge Group** (Paul Ellison)

has been meeting in a Music practice room in Clayden, but this building is now closed as of 21st June. A suggestion for the future is to meet at 21 The Mint. Please see the information in forthcoming Bridge Events.

**Garden Group** (Anne Mayes) - from some lovely accounts (with photos) on their web page of the summer visits I have extracted the following:-

**Haldon Grange in May** - magnificent trees, in the rain! **Hidcote in June** – ‘a fascinating garden that has to be just wandered round. There is nowhere where the whole garden can be seen; in fact there are a series of different ‘rooms’, **Venn Cross Railway Garden in July** - 2 gardens in one place, among remnants of an old railway, both very interesting, and a good place to explore

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

Frankie writes:- Over the summer the restaurant group focused on venues outside of the City. Our first visit to the Railway Inn in Honiton was prompted by a well-deserved rave revue in Exeter Living. It is close to Honiton Station and worth a trip out just for one of their starters. This was followed by a much-requested return to the Lamb Inn at Longdown. Our most recent visit was to the Huntsman Inn at Ide where we enjoyed the food and the good company.

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

A taste of what walkers have enjoyed this summer is best seen by visiting their web pages where there are accounts (with photos) of all their walks. I've picked out for mention the more unusual **2-day Summer Saunter** when participants stay for a night in a beautiful place and manage 2 days of walking. This year, Newquay was chosen, with on day 1 a walk from Bedruthan Steps to Newquay in stunning weather and with incredible views, and day 2 starting from the interesting St. Piran's Church and Oratory, walking along the coast, again with beautiful views, to a damp end in Newquay !

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

In June, Laurie and Pauline hosted a wonderful party (*er, I mean wine tasting!* – Ed) at their home, and the sun shone!

Now, looking to the next few months!

All Events Calendar for Autumn 2013 (and beyond)

Date	Time	Activity	Group
Wed 4th Sep	11:00 -12:00	Sports Hall	Badminton
Thu 5th Sep	10:30 meet	Stockland – 9 miles	Walking
Wed 11th Sep	11:00 -12:00	Sports Hall	Badminton
Thu 12th Sep	08:15 from Squash Club	Stratford - Hamlet	UERSA
Mon 16th Sep	Meet at 11.00 for 12.00 house tour	Forde Abbey –( inc. guided tour of house) Chard TA20 4LU	Gardens
Tue 24th Sep	10:00 – 12:00	Imperial – Coffee Morning	UERSA
Wed 25th Sep	11:00 -12:00	Sports Hall	Badminton
Wed 25th Sep	10:00 meet	Stoke Canon – 5 miles	Walking
Wed 25th Sept	19:00	21 The Mint	Bridge
Tue 8th Oct	14:00 at the garden	Andrew's Corner - Belstone EX20 1RD	Gardens
Wed 9th Oct	11:00 -12:00	Sports Hall	Badminton
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	18:30	Annual General Meeting	Queen's Building
Wed 16th Oct	11:00 -12:00	Sports Hall	Badminton
Fri 18th Oct	08:30 from Exeter Squash Club	GWR Museum, Swindon	UERSA
Wed 23rd Oct	11:00 -12:00	Sports Hall	Badminton
Thurs 24th Oct	19:00	21 The Mint	Bridge
Tue 29th Oct	19.00	Majestic Wines at 1 Bridford Rd	Wine
Tue 29th Oct	10.00 – 12.00	Imperial – Coffee Morning	UERSA
Wed 30th Oct	11:00 -12:00	Sports Hall	Badminton
Wed 6th Nov	11:00 -12:00	Sports Hall	Badminton
Wed 13th Nov	11:00 -12:00	Sports Hall	Badminton
Tue 19th Nov	19:00 21 The Mint	Wines from off the Beaten Track	Wine
Wed 20th Nov	11:00 -12:00	Sports Hall	Badminton
Mon 25th Nov	19.00	21 The Mint	Bridge
Tue 26th Nov	10:00 – 12:00	Imperial - Coffee Morning	UERSA
Wed 27th Nov	11:00 -12:00	Sports Hall	Badminton
Wed 4th Dec	11:00 -12:00	Sports Hall	Badminton
Fri 6th Dec	16:00 from Squash club	"The Rape of Lucretia" (19.15 at Theatre)	Music
Tue 10th Dec	12.30 for 1 p.m.	Christmas Lunch at Devon Hotel	UERSA
Wed 11th Dec	11:00 -12:00	Sports Hall	Badminton
Wed 18th Dec	11:00 -12:00	Sports Hall	Badminton
Wed 18th Dec	19.00	21 The Mint	Bridge
Tues.11 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	7.30 p.m.	The Lion King at Plymouth – see under Theatre and Shows	Theatre
Mar 28th 2014	19:15 at theatre	"Manon Lescaut" (19.15 at Theatre)	Music

FORTHCOMING GENERAL EVENTS (UERSA)

**UERSA's Annual General Meeting – on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30 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).

### **RSC Stratford on Avon - 12<sup>th</sup> Sept - Reminder**

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

Leaving at 8.15 am, sharp, to arrive in Stratford around 11.45-12 noon. Make sure you find your tickets before the day! ([Bruce.I.Coleman@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:Bruce.I.Coleman@exeter.ac.uk))

### **Coffee Mornings - Imperial Hotel, New North Road, Exeter**

UERSA's Coffee Mornings will resume again at the end of September. Dates for this term are:- September (Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>), October (Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>) and November (Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>).

As per usual, these will be held at the Imperial Hotel, New North Road, Exeter from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. There will not be a meeting in December.

### **UERSA's Christmas Lunch 2013 at the Devon Hotel, Exeter – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

This event has been arranged to be held in the Regency Suite (Ground Floor) at 12.30 for 1 p.m.

### **The Steam Museum of the Great Western Railway - Friday 18 October 2013**

UERSA is re-arranging this visit to the Steam Museum - of the Great Western Railway in Swindon on Friday 18 October 2013. The cost will be **£17.50 per head**, which includes the coach and an introductory talk of about 20 minutes organised especially for groups. Entry to the Museum is £5 per head (as senior citizens). For those not so enthusiastic about steam railways, next door to the Museum is the Swindon Designer Outlet Great Western! See the form at the end of the newsletter for more details about the Museum, and to make your booking.

### **FORTHCOMING GROUP EVENTS**

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

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

Jan

The following dates have been confirmed for the last four months of this year:

4th, 11th, 25th September 2013 (not 18th)

9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th October 2013 (not 2nd)

6th, 13th, 20th, 27th November 2013

4th, 11th, 18th December 2013

For further details, please contact: Jan Reynolds at [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.

As Clayden is now unavailable for our meetings, we have arranged to meet at 21, The Mint. . (Water supply and toilet available!) There is a charge to use this room so there will be a charge of £2 for each attendee at Bridge evenings

It has been quite hard to come up with a set of dates which will satisfy most people, but I have decided following the discussion at the last session of last academic year to go for 3 Weds, 3 Thurs, 2 Mons and 2 Tues to make up the 10 sessions for the year. Hence sessions will be held on:

#### **2013**

Wed 25th Sept

Thurs 24th Oct

Mon 25th Nov

Wed 18th Dec (with mince pies)

#### **2014**

Thurs 30th Jan

Tues 25th Feb

Wed 26th March

Mon 28th April

Thur 29th May

Tues 24th June

Please remember that we'll be meeting at 21 The Mint. Before mid-Sept, I'll let everyone know the precise location and how to get in, and confirm that there aren't any existing bookings for the room at the Mint on the dates we have chosen.

I hope to see you at 21 The Mint in September. PaulE.

Paul Ellison e-mail: [P.A.Ellison@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:P.A.Ellison@exeter.ac.uk))

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

### **Autumn 2013**

*These 2 visits have been arranged just for us, so it is even more important than usual to let me know if you are coming.*

**Monday 16th September - Forde Abbey** (<http://www.fordeabbey.co.uk>)

Chard TA20 4LU [OS 193 363054]

Meet at **11am for 12 noon** when we have booked a guided tour (1 hr) of the house. The price for house tour and gardens is £9.50 provided we get 20 or more. Any fewer, there is a £20 surcharge.

30 acres, fine shrubs, magnificent specimen trees, ponds, herbaceous borders, rockery, bog garden containing superb collection of Asiatic primulas, Ionic temple, working kitchen garden supplying the Tea Room. Centenary fountain, England's highest powered fountain.

**Tuesday 8th October - Andrew's Corner** <http://www.ngs.org.uk/>

Belstone EX20 1RD

Booked in for **14:00 hrs.**

3m E of Okehampton. Sign to Belstone, in village signed Skaigh. Parking restricted but cars may be left on nearby common.

Entrance is £3.50 + £2.50 for tea + 50p for guided tour by owner.

Well-established, wildlife-friendly, well-labelled plantsman's garden in stunning high moorland setting - spectacular autumn colour - organic kitchen garden, greenhouses and chickens. Home made (cream!) teas.

Anne

**For all visits please let me know by email first.**

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

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

**The Rape of Lucretia, by Benjamin Britten performed by Touring Glyndebourne Opera**

**The Theatre Royal, Plymouth, 7.15 Friday, 6th December, 2013.**

Leaving Exeter at **4.00 pm** from the Devon and Exeter Squash Club as usual.

The Theatre Royal is holding 40 tickets for us, 20 for the Circle and 20 for the Upper Circle. A Circle seat will cost £44.50 and an Upper Circle seat £24.50. This performance celebrates the centenary of Britten's birth and the opera is accepted as Britten's most lyrical. It was first performed at Glyndebourne in 1946.

Supper is booked at the View Pan Asian Restaurant. This time, a three course meal, with as much as you like to eat, will cost £13.99, but you are, of course, free to book your own. Travel will again be with Downes Motors/Otter Coaches (£8.70 per person).

Payment is requested by 30th October, please, and cheques should be made payable to **the University of Exeter**.

### **Advance notice**

In the Spring of 2014, the Welsh National Opera Company will be performing **Manon Lescaut by Puccini** and we have tickets for **28th March, 2014, at 7.15**. This does not conflict with Easter (18th April in 2018), as has been the case in the last 2 years.

In case of any query or problem please contact:

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Alastair Logan 168 Pennsylvania Road, Exeter EX4 6DX

Telephone 01392 434715 [a.h.b.logan@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:a.h.b.logan@exeter.ac.uk)

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

After our summer visits outside the City, a couple of events are being planned within Exeter in the autumn, but these haven't been finalised yet. Information will be sent to group members when it becomes available.

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

**"The Lion King" at the Plymouth Theatre Royal on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

(N.B. Sue Cousins has recently sent full details of this trip to all UERSA Members on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August, requesting a response by 1<sup>st</sup> September). So if there are any Members who are still wondering whether to book a seat, please contact Sue a.s.a.p.!

Sue Cousins. E-mail: [scousins@talktalk.net](mailto:scousins@talktalk.net). Tel: 01392 432309

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

10.30 Thur 05:09:13

Stockland -

9.5 miles

Led by Sara

**PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED**

From Stockland take the road to Membury and after 500m park on the right at Coker Elm Cross. This is a circular walk through farmland crossing the Yarty River a couple of times; Beckford Bridge; Heathstock; Mount Pleasant Farm; Stockland Little Castle, taking about 3.5 – 4 hours. Easy walk with one gentle climb, or there is an opportunity to take a shorter route (5 - 6 miles).

10.00 Wed 25:09:13

Stoke Canon:

5 miles

Meet opposite the pub; Tiverton bus 55B departs bus station 9.45, St David's 9.51, arrives 9.59 in Stoke Canon. From Stoke Canon we cross the Exe into Brampford Speke then follow lanes and fields to Upton Pyne before returning to Stoke Canon and a pub lunch for those who wish. No hills but some fine views!

N.B. The new walking 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 (e-mail : [preist.exeter@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:preist.exeter@blueyonder.co.uk))

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

Many thanks to Pauline and Laurie for a really excellent event in June.

#### **Dates for 2013**

Our final two events for 2013 are as follows

#### **Tue 29th October at Majestic Wines**

Majestic Wines for the Festive Season (Diana & John Jacob)

This will feature a comparison of some new world and old world wines.

*Booking form with important information at the end of the newsletter.*

#### **Tue 19th November at 21 The Mint**

Wines from "off the beaten track" (Rachel & Brian Kirby),

This was going to be "world wines" but we've narrowed our sights a bit in the face of sourcing difficulties.

We're enjoying tasting the new selection! *R&B.*

#### **Dates for 2014**

Finally we also have an event scheduled for early 2014 (date not yet finalised) which will be "Alsace Wines" by Lesley & Jeremy Noakes. Full details to follow in due course.

John Carroll ( e-mail: [carroll595@btinternet.com](mailto: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.

### **Suggestions put forward for Introducing Two New Groups to UERSA Members**

**Judy (Mead)** suggested **Nature/Wildlife Rambles** for a maximum of 15 members (organised by an experienced Leader). The cost to the Members taking part would be £50 for up to six rambles.

It was agreed that Judy should circulate an email to all UERSA members (at the beginning of September) giving them details of the proposal and seek their comments/agreement if they wish to take part in such a venture.

**Ruth (Preist)** has suggested a **Table Tennis Group**.

There will be a morning arranged towards the end of October and another in November - at the University of Exeter's Sports Hall and all equipment will be supplied! (There will also be chairs to rest on for those spectating or just needing a break!) . Members taking part in the 'trials' will not be charged a fee, but will have to pay for car-parking, of course, but it is understood that there will be over 100 spaces at the Sports Hall area, due to be completed in September.

The idea was taken up so positively that the UERSA Chairman and Treasurer have agreed to subsidise these two trial mornings at a cost of £100 to determine the possibility of a group being formed.

Please email indicating degree of interest to either:

Ruth Preist

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(Tel. No. 01392 259740)

Jan Reynolds

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Annual General Meeting

Friday 11th October 2013 at 6.30 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 12th October 2012
2. Chairman's Report
3. Treasurer's Report (attached)
4. To confirm the subscription rates for 2013/14
5. Election of Officers and Committee for 2013/14

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) – unless other nominations are received  
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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**Judy Mead** will be stepping down as **Membership Secretary**

Nominations are now sought for this Committee vacancy. Any nomination will be put forward for consideration/approval by the AGM.

If you have a proposal to put forward, please contact either:

UERSA Chairman (Alastair Logan) via email : [a.h.b.logan@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:a.h.b.logan@exeter.ac.uk) or Tel: 01392 434715

UERSA Secretary (Jan Reynolds) via email : [janandmikereynolds@gmail.com](mailto:janandmikereynolds@gmail.com) or Tel. 01392 271204

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**Alan Leadbetter** will become **President** for a year from the AGM 2013.

**Mary Banks** will become **Immediate Past President** for a year from the AGM 2013.

**Anne Mayes** will leave the Committee, having completed her term as Immediate Past President.

**The Election of President Elect 2013/14 with effect from the AGM 2013**

To confirm that **Tony Wragg** will become the **President Elect of UERSA** for 2013/14.

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

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





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**UERSA**

***ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013***

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at 6.30 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

Or via email at: [scousins@talktalk.net](mailto:scousins@talktalk.net)

or Tel. No. 01392 432309

I/We intend to come to the AGM on 11<sup>th</sup> October  
name(s).....

Address(es) .....

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

Number attending.....



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**Treasurer's Report for 2012/13**

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 31<sup>st</sup> July. My contacts in Northcote House last year were Isabel Clayton for the first few months then Bridget Kendrick since November, and I have been extremely grateful for their unfailing help and efficiency.

The position at audit for the immediate past and two preceding years is given below. "Events" are those that have been advertised in newsletters for all members, while "Activities" are those held within special interest groups. It was agreed by the Executive Committee some years ago that the latter should aim to break even but the former could be supported from general funds; events that benefited in this way last year were the Christmas lunch and the summer Garden Party. "Administration Costs" cover printing, photocopying, postal charges, general running expenses, and costs related to the AGM, while "Disbursements" comprise donations approved by the Committee. Last year these were to Wonford Methodist Church who supplied crockery for use at the Garden Party, and to Exeter Cricket Club who made available the pavilion for the Garden Party as well as parking space throughout the year for members attending events.

	<b>31-07-13</b>	<b>31-07-12</b>	<b>31-07-11</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Surplus Brought Forward</b>	<b>6,594</b>	<b>6,614</b>	<b>6,218</b>
<b>Subscription Income</b>	1,404	1,427	1,434
<b>Administration Costs</b>	-333	-387	-320
<b>Events</b>			
- Income	1,603	1,575	2,855
- Expenditure	-2,438	-2,444	-3,315
<b>Activities</b>			
- Income	6,728	6,422	6,203
- Expenditure	-6,858	-6,413	-6,311
<b>Disbursements</b>	-180	-200	-150
<b>Surplus Carried Forward</b>	<b>6,519</b>	<b>6,594</b>	<b>6,614</b>

After several years of increases in funds there has been a small deficit in each of the last two years. However, the balance of over £6,500 is a very healthy one, so the Committee has once again proposed to maintain the subscription at £6.

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

Wojtek Krzanowski (Treasurer)



## **RETIRED STAFF ASSOCIATION**

### **UERSA**

#### **UERSA Wine Group**

First up we have “Wines for the Festive Season” organised by Diana and John Jacob at Majestic Wines at 7pm on Tuesday 29th October. This will feature a comparison of some new world and old world wines. If you would like to join us, please complete the slip below and send it to John Carroll, with a cheque made payable to the University of Exeter, as soon as possible and to arrive no later than Tuesday 22nd October. Please note that seating is somewhat limited so please indicate on the booking form if you require a seat for the event and also if you are able to bring a folding chair.

The final event for 2013 will be “Wines Off the Beaten Track” by Rachel & Brian Kirby at 21 The Mint at 7pm on Tuesday 19th November. Further details and a booking form will be sent out in October.

Finally we also have an event scheduled for early 2014 (date not yet finalised) which will be “Alsace Wines” by Lesley & Jeremy Noakes. Full details to follow in due course.

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#### **UERSA Wine Tasting: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

From: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we would like \_\_\_\_\_ tickets (£10 each) for the Wines for the Festive Season with Diana and John Jacob at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 29th October, at: Majestic Wines, 1 Bridford Rd, Exeter EX2 8QX.

I/we enclose a cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to **the University of Exeter**.

I/we require \_\_\_\_\_ seats and/or can bring \_\_\_\_\_ folding chairs  
**or** I/we are happy to stand.

Please return as soon as possible and to arrive no later than Tuesday 22nd October to:

John Carroll  
8 Tophayes  
Elm Grove Road  
Topsham  
EX3 0BW



**RETIRED STAFF ASSOCIATION**

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**UERSA TRIP TO THE STEAM MUSEUM OF THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY  
On Friday 18 October 2013**

UERSA is re-arranging this visit to the Steam Museum of the Great Western Railway in Swindon on Friday 18 October 2013. The Museum tells the story of the men and women who built, operated and travelled on the Great Western Railway, a network that, through the pioneering vision and genius of Isambard Kingdom Brunel, set the standard for rail travel. The story is brought to life with videos – mixing rare archive film footage with the stories of ex-railway workers and hands- on exhibits and interactive displays, famous locomotives and GWR memorabilia.

For those not so enthusiastic about steam railways, next door to the Museum is the Swindon Designer Outlet Great Western – a huge undercover shopping centre offering great discounts on designer and high street brands - ideal for Christmas shopping. Also, just a short walk from the Museum, are Brunel’s famous Railway Village and the Railway Village Museum.

There should be something of interest for everyone. The coach will leave the Squash Club car park at 8.30 am and return between 6.0 and 6.30 pm.

The cost will be **£17.50 per head**, which includes the coach and an introductory talk of about 20 minutes organised especially for groups. Entry to the Museum is £5 per head ( as senior citizens).

I can also arrange, for those who wish it, to reserve seats for lunch in the restaurant.

If you would like to join us for this outing please fill in the form below and return it to me by **4 October 2013**, together with your cheque, made payable to University of Exeter.

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Please return this slip to  
Susan Cousins, 21 Chantry Meadow, Alphington, Exeter EX2 8FT.

I/we would like to join the trip to the Steam Museum of the Great Western Railway on Friday 18 October 2013

Name(s)-----

Address-----  
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Telephone number-----Mobile number-----

E-mail address-----

I/We would like to reserve ----- places for lunch at the Museum restaurant

I/We enclose a cheque made payable to the **University of Exeter** for .....



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**Subscription Fee for 2013/14**

The UERSA Committee at its meeting on 21st August 2013 discussed Subscription Fees for 2013/14 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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Please renew my/our subscription to the University of Exeter Retired Staff Association. A cheque made payable to The University of Exeter, is enclosed.

*(Please delete as appropriate)*

Name(s).....

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Address(es).....

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In the interests of minimising our administrative costs we strongly encourage Members to use email. Please indicate whether you are prepared to receive all future UERSA information by Email:

YES/NO *(delete as appropriate)*

If YES, your email address is.....

Please return this form to the UERSA Membership Secretary, either in person at the AGM or by post to:

Judy Mead  
Trenton  
Matford Road  
Exeter EX2 4PE

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