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(UERSA)

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

**Editor's Comment**

An advance excuse for this Newsletter, which may be even scappier than usual – I have only just returned from a 3 week holiday (great!) and now hope to be moving house this Autumn (not expected to be quite so enjoyable). So, important items only.

**AGM – October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015 at 18.30** (not Oct 9<sup>th</sup> as written in Newsletter 33). Please try to come (and you will be rewarded with drinks and nibbles!) Full details in the AGM section.

**28 September** Your chance to hear **Jeremy Black** on his new history of the University – see under Personal Notes.

**Christmas Lunch – December 10<sup>th</sup>**

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

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**Chairman's Message for September 2015 Newsletter**

Dear Friends

*Suggestions wanted!*

I'm starting off this contribution to the newsletter with a plea! A number of our special interest groups organise regular outings to places specific to the activities of the group. Only occasionally do we arrange outings for the wider membership, generally for a day by coach. The UERSA Committee is keen to kick start this service if you, our members, would like us to! Where would you like to go for a summer or winter day? Bath, Wells, Salcombe, Clovelly? Or somewhere not on the usual visitor's route? Or a National Trust or other major property further afield? Or a theatre trip, when a coach would be more convenient (and sociable) than a car? Or a trip afloat? And what's the limit you would pay? A principal criterion has to be that we can fill the best part of a coach (or boat!) but your ideas would be very welcome. Do please contact me ([D.F.Batty@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:D.F.Batty@exeter.ac.uk)) with your suggestions.

I hope in the meantime that you have been able to take advantage of the recent comparatively dry, summer months despite the seemingly constant cool breeze. I was especially glad that the rain kept away from UERSA's annual garden party held on 8 July at the University. Perhaps the return to Reed Hall after some time away was the attraction, but the event was attended by some 80 members, a marked increase on last year's number. And with the University preparing the cream tea and sandwiches, there was no washing up for our usual helpers! Thank you for supporting the occasion.

Many of you will know that the University recently implemented a voluntary severance scheme which resulted in 262 staff taking the terms offered and leaving the institution and I'm pleased to report that a number of these colleagues have expressed an interest in joining UERSA. It will be good to welcome new blood to our ranks!

Thinking of support, the time of our AGM is approaching, now scheduled for Friday 2 October, with the agenda and supporting papers circulated about three weeks before. Do please attend this occasion which, as usual, will be followed by refreshments. The AGM will be the last occasion at which Wojtek Krzanowski will be presenting his treasurer's report and Jan Reynolds, as our secretary, will be taking the minutes. I am very grateful to them both for keeping UERSA's affairs in such good order over their respective terms of office. Wojtek, in particular, has revamped UERSA's financial operation to simpler effect and has pursued a very good

relationship with the University's Finance Services who hold our reserves and manage our accounts. I'm also grateful that Wojtek has been able to persuade someone to come forward at the AGM for election to the Committee and the role of Treasurer.

David Batty

### **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)

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

**Pete Morton**, former Network Manager of IT Services at the University, died April 30<sup>th</sup> 2015.

From Laurie Burbridge

**Dr Willie Hunter** died in May 2015. He was a Lecturer in Spanish for many years.

From David Smith

**David Trotter** died on 24 August 2015. David was a member of the French Department in the late eighties/early nineties and had been Professor of European Languages at Aberystwyth since 1993.

From Flora Macleod

### **On a happier note -**

**Professor Jeremy Black.** *The City on the Hill – A Life of the University of Exeter*

As part of the celebration of the diamond jubilee of the granting of its Charter, the University is publishing a new history of the institution written by **Professor Jeremy Black** who has drawn on a range of sources, from archive material to personal recollections of staff and students, past and present, to record and analyse the story of the university as it engaged with the need to expand and evolve, while responding to constant financial and political pressures.

The book is due to be launched at a public lecture by Jeremy Black on Monday 28 September at 6.00 pm in the Xfi Henderson Lecture Theatre in the Business School on the Streatham Campus. The evening will end with a drinks reception and book signing. UERSA members hoping to attend should register their interest by contacting Sarah Shore at [events@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:events@exeter.ac.uk). It is also intended that copies of the book will be available for purchase at UERSA's AGM on 2 October. The cover price of this lavishly illustrated volume will be £45, but UERSA members will qualify for a 10% discount.

*The Committee thought this might interest our members, sent by Sarah Forde, Project Development Manager – WEB, Woodbury, Exmouth and Budleigh Neighbourhood Friends*

### **Neighbourhood Friends - Volunteering Opportunities for the University of Exeter Retired Staff Association**

Neighbourhood Friends is a project aimed at supporting people, 75 and over in the Exeter and East Devon area. Westbank has gratefully received funding from the Cabinet office to develop a team of volunteers to support this target group with an aim of trying to keep people out of hospital, speed up discharge if appropriate and therefore hopefully reduce the amount of financial pressure on the NHS.

The project began in October 2014 and has been successful to date in recruiting over 100 volunteers and helping over 500 older people in our local communities.

We have a variety of volunteering roles available including:

Rapid Response Friend – someone who is able to help with short term practical tasks, i.e. picking up some shopping, putting up key safes, furniture moving

Welcome Home Friend – a volunteer to meet an older person in their home to settle them following a hospital stay

Wellbeing Friend – someone who can help with longer term befriending or helping someone to access local community activities

*If you are interested in finding out more about this rewarding volunteer opportunity please contact:*

*Neighbourhood Friends t: 01392 823690*

*e: [neighbourhoodfriends@westbankfriends.org](mailto:neighbourhoodfriends@westbankfriends.org)*

*w: [www.neighbourhoodfriends.org.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodfriends.org.uk)*

## Reports on General UERSA Events

### Coffee Mornings

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

### The 2015 Garden Party

Our Garden Party was held on Wednesday 8th July at Reed Hall on the University campus, and was well attended (over 80 members). For some, memories of the old Staff Club came flooding back!

It sounds to have been a very successful event (*wish I'd been able to go - Ed*), apart from a couple of problems which occurred with the organisation by the Management at Reed Hall - nevertheless, the pictures make everyone look happy!. (Pictures taken at the event have been posted on a dedicated page on <http://groups.exeter.ac.uk/uersa/special-2.html> )

### 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> )
Guided Nature Walks	Judy Mead (email: <a href="mailto:judyriad@hotmail.co.uk">judyriad@hotmail.co.uk</a> )
Music / Opera:	<i>Hoping for a volunteer for this group!</i>
Restaurants:	Frankie Peroni ( tel: 01363 773946) Liz Smith (e-mail: <a href="mailto:lizsmith15@icloud.com">lizsmith15@icloud.com</a> )
Table Tennis	Ruth Preist email: <a href="mailto:preist.exeter@blueyonder.co.uk">preist.exeter@blueyonder.co.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 (tel: 01392 876048, e-mail: <a href="mailto:carroll595@btinternet.com">carroll595@btinternet.com</a> )
Membership Secretary:	Chris King ( tel: 01392 255533, e-mail: <a href="mailto:chrisandmikeking@gmail.com">chrisandmikeking@gmail.com</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 (<http://groups.exeter.ac.uk/uersa/index.html>) 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 join those groups by contacting the Membership Secretary, Chris King. *This is particularly important if you are unable to use e-mail.* Several of the groups' events are arranged interactively, mostly by e-mail, and information and updates on group activities are sent by ordinary mail only to *members* of that specific group who are known to require it.

You can contact Chris by telephone or via her e-mail address above. Or you can download an application form, in pdf format, from the Membership forms page.

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

### Badminton (Jan Reynolds)

*n.b. a few more members would be most welcome!*

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

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

Paul.

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

We've had 5 visits since the last Newsletter. Two were on totally dry days, with the others, we specialised in wet journeys but dry whilst there.

Lukesland was a riot of colour; Newton House where 33 members much enjoyed both the house and garden was a truly remarkable place; Sand was a complete contrast both in size and work done/money spent, but absolutely fascinating; and the castle at Trematon was different again. No buildings to go round, but history, an abundance of plants and amazing views.

Our last visit was quite dramatic. 15 stalwarts approached Cannington in a thunderstorm, waded through water to get in, but then went round a lovely garden in the dry. The journey back would have been better undertaken in an ark, the rain was torrential.

We have 1 more visit left, in September, to Holcombe Court.

Anne Mayes

### **Music/ Opera Group**

As reported in the last newsletter, Alastair Logan was warmly thanked by the group for all his work in arranging many Music/ Opera Group events. As all UERSA group leaders know, it can be challenging to organise any group of aging academics. Alastair has now stepped down as the organiser of the UERSA Music/Group and it is hoped that someone will step forward to take on this role.

### **Nature Walks (Judy Mead)**

The last walk of the season was on Saturday August 22nd at 10am on the Streatham Campus led by Nigel Pinhorn. (no reports yet)

Usual arrangements so far - Numbers limited to 15 on a first come first served basis.

The cost of the 2.5 hours session £10 per person, the money collected on the day (but by reserving a place this will be a definite commitment to pay).

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

Over the summer the restaurant group enjoyed lunches at some interesting venues. Firstly, there was Rob's 'Pop-up-restaurant' held at the Heart of Oak in Pinhoe. This was followed by a visit to a traditional Devon pub 'The Red Lion in Broadclyst'. Finally, there was a welcome return to the 'Manor Inn' with its beautiful setting in Lower Ashton. While the group appreciates good food the lunches have also proved to be very enjoyable social occasions.

### **Table Tennis Group (Ruth Preist)**

This group commenced with two trial sessions in Autumn 2013 and began as a definite group in December of that year. I just can't believe that we are now nearly two years old!

We meet fortnightly on Thursday mornings (recommencing on 3rd September) at Studio 3 in the Sports Park and usually have three tables. We play from 10.30 – 12.00 and there is a charge to cover the cost of tables. It is very much a relaxed group – even to the extent of sitting around and drinking coffee etc in the room, which you may purchase or bring if you wish!

Thanks to Roger with the UERSA web-site, we feature on the UERSA Photo archive page 5 (but, if you are new members of UERSA, then all Roger's photo pages are worth looking at!). The emphasis of this group is on FUN! No doubt you also realise that it is a very healthy activity and good for both body and spirit of mind! Do try it – you'll be surprised how good you feel afterwards!

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

There were no events in the Summer

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

A report and summary of the 4 Summer walks is available on the UERSA website along with archival descriptions of previous walks. There are a lot of photos and interesting descriptions too. If you think you might like to go for a walk with a sociable group of people, look at these and the new programme for Autumn and choose one (or more!) to join. (Check with Trevor!) Walks are of various lengths, so something for everyone.

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

I couldn't attend the last event at Pauline and Laurie's (June 4th) so I am indebted to Roger Camble for the following:

The evening kept fine and allowed us to gather in and circulate around Laurie's always immaculate gardens. Any nip in the air was quickly forgotten as the wine began to flow... and flow..... and flow. The atmosphere rapidly became more a family gathering than a wine tasting. A series of 10 sparkling wines was accompanied by a seemingly never-ending succession of canapés and nibbles. From a remarkably good value Cremant de Limoux to the aristocratic heights of Nyetimber and Pol Roger, we sampled sparklers from Italy, Spain, France (6) England and New Zealand. Heart-felt thanks for a truly splendid evening. (*Hear, hear! ... Ed*)

### **NOW, LOOKING TO THE NEXT FEW MONTHS!**

#### **All Events Calendar for September 2015 – June 2016**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Group</b>
<b>2015</b>			
Wed 2nd Sep	11.00 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Badminton Group
Wed 2nd Sep	10.30@ OS28: 526853	Bleak House, Lydford (7 m)	Walking Group
Thu 3rd Sep	10.30 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Table Tennis Group
Wed 9th Sep	11.00 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Badminton Group
Sun 13th Sep	14.15 @ CreditionFC	ELF charity walk, Crediton	Walking Group
Thu 17th Sep	10.30 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Table Tennis Group
Fri 25th Sep	11.00 @ OS183 689344	Hauser Wirth . BA10 ONL and Midney, TA11 7HR	Gardens Group
Mon 28th Sep	10.30@Car Park SX54094659	Noss Mayo (7.5 or 4.5 m)	Walking Group
Tue 29th Sep	10:00 – 12:00	Imperial	UERSA coffee
Tue 29th Sep	19;00	Côtes du Rhône (21 The Mint)	Wine Group
Wed 30th Sep	11.00 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Badminton Group
Thu 1st Oct	10.30 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Table Tennis Group
Fri 2nd Oct	18.30	Annual General Meeting Henderson Room - Xfi building	UERSA AGM
Tue 6th Oct	12.00 for 12.30	'Five Bells' at Clyst Hydon	Restaurant Group
Wed 7th Oct	11.00 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Badminton Group
Wed 7th Oct	10.30 @ EX8 2HX	Annual Cake Walk, Exmouth (7 m)	Walking Group
Wed 14th Oct	11.00 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Badminton Group
Thu 15th Oct	10.30 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Table Tennis Group
Tue 20th Oct	10.30 @Four Firs Car Park	Woodbury Common (6-7 m)	Walking Group
Wed 21st Oct	11.00 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Badminton Group
Tue 27th Oct	10:00 – 12:00	Imperial	UERSA coffee
Wed 28th Oct	11.00 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Badminton Group
Thu 29th Oct	10.30 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Table Tennis Group
Tue 3rd Nov	10.30 @ OS28:588734	Circular walk from Princetown	Walking Group
Wed 4th Nov	11.00 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Badminton Group
Tue 10th Nov	19.00	Majestic Wines 1 Bridford Rd, EX2 8QX	Wine Group
Wed 11th Nov	11.00 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Badminton Group
Thu 12th Nov	10.30 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Table Tennis Group
Tue 17th Nov	9:58 London train@EXSt.D	Grand Western Canal, Tiverton (7m)	Walking Group
Wed 18th Nov	11.00 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Badminton Group
Tue 24th Nov	10:00 – 12:00	Imperial	UERSA coffee
Wed 25th Nov	11.00 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Badminton Group
Wed 25th Nov	10.30 @ t.b.a.	Annual Lunch walk 4m	Walking Group
Thu 26th Nov	10.30 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Table Tennis Group

Wed 2nd Dec	11.00 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Badminton Group
Wed 9th Dec	11.00 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Badminton Group
Wed 9th Dec	10.30 @ Stoke Hill SX924957	Stoke Woods and Exe Valley	Walking Group
Thu 10th Dec	12.30	Christmas Lunch @The Devon Hotel	UERSA
Fri 11th Dec	10.30 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Table Tennis Group
Wed 16th Dec	11.00 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Badminton Group
Wed 23rd Dec	11.00 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Badminton Group
<b>2016</b>			
Wed 13th Jan	11.00 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Badminton Group
Wed 20th Jan	11.00 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Badminton Group
Tue 26th Jan	10:00 – 12:00	Imperial	UERSA coffee
Wed 27th Jan	11.00 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Badminton Group
Wed 3rd Feb	11.00 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Badminton Group
Wed 10th Feb	11.00 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Badminton Group
Wed 17th Feb	11.00 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Badminton Group
Tue 23rd Feb	10:00 – 12:00	Imperial	UERSA coffee
Wed 24th Feb	11.00 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Badminton Group
Wed 2nd Mar	11.00 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Badminton Group
Wed 9th Mar	11.00 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Badminton Group
Wed 16th Mar	11.00 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Badminton Group
Wed 23rd Mar	11.00 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Badminton Group
Tue 29th Mar	10:00 – 12:00	Imperial	UERSA coffee
Wed 30th Mar	11.00 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Badminton Group
Wed 6th Apr	11.00 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Badminton Group
Wed 13th Apr	11.00 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Badminton Group
Wed 20th Apr	11.00 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Badminton Group
Tue 26th Apr	10:00 – 12:00	Imperial	UERSA coffee
Wed 27th Apr	11.00 – 12.00	Sports Hall	Badminton Group
Tue 31st May	10:00 – 12:00	Imperial	UERSA coffee
Tue 28th Jun	10:00 – 12:00	Imperial	UERSA coffee

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

**The Annual General meeting** will take place on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015 at 18.30** (*not Oct 9<sup>th</sup> as written in the previous Newsletter 33*) in the **Henderson Room** (as last year) - **in the Xfi Building (Streatham Court, Lower Rennes Drive, (University of Exeter).**

**The Agenda for this meeting is attached to this Newsletter.**

Please try to come (and you will be rewarded with drinks and nibbles!) (See Form attached).

### **Christmas Lunch 2015**

It has been confirmed that this year's **Christmas Lunch** has been booked at our regular venue **The Devon Hotel** on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30 p.m.** (Details giving choice of Menu, Price and a Booking Form will follow in due course.)

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

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

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

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

Dates for Meetings in 2015/16 will be

**2015** - 29th September 27<sup>th</sup> October 24<sup>th</sup> November (None in December)

**2016** - 26<sup>th</sup> January 23<sup>rd</sup> February 29th March 26<sup>th</sup> April 24<sup>th</sup> May 28<sup>th</sup> June

None in July or August - Resume again in September

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

**Not strictly a UERSA event - 28 September** Your chance to hear **Jeremy Black** on his new history of the University – see under Personal notes

### **Suggestions for future events**

*Planned Trip to Wells Cathedral / and Possibly a visit to Clark's Village on way home*

David (Chairman) reported to the Committee that he had planned such a visit to take place in early October 2015, but after discussing this with various Members of the Committee he has decided that perhaps a date in May (next year) would be better – weatherwise and the evenings will be lighter for travelling home.

*David has included a plea in his Newsletter piece for ideas from Members for future outings. Please go back and read it again! We really do need new ideas from around the membership Ed*

**So, if you** have any suggestions for future UERSA events we would love to hear them. Also, if the suggestion above appeals, let us know. Please send comments and suggestions to David Batty ([D.F.Batty@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:D.F.Batty@exeter.ac.uk)) or to me, Rachel Kirby (*contact details on the Committee Page*) and I will pass them on to the Committee. If you can offer help with organisation of any trips, we'd be very grateful.

### **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.

#### **Dates to December 2015 (all Wednesdays):**

- September 2,9,30      October 7,14,21,28      November 4,11,18,25      December 2,9,16,23

#### **Dates to April 2016 (all Wednesdays):**

- January 13,20,27      February 3,10,17,24      March 2,9,16,23,30      April 6,13,20,27

For further details, please contact Jan

*Jan Reynolds at [janandmikereynolds@gmail.com](mailto:janandmikereynolds@gmail.com): Tel 01392 271204*

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

No events currently planned

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

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

*The last visit of the year!*

#### **Friday 25th September - Hauser and Wirth Somerset, and Midney Gardens**

**11 am - Hauser Wirth, Durslade Farm, Dropping Lane, Bruton. BA10 0NL** [OS183 689344]

Entrance is free, donations to the Somerset Wildlife Trust. Meet at 11 am.

Garden and contemporary gallery.

Piet Oudolf, the internationally-renowned landscape designer from the Netherlands, has designed the landscaping scheme for the entire site, including Oudolf Field – a large perennial meadow to the north of the farmyard and new gallery buildings. Food is available in the Roth Bar and Grill. *No picnics!*

**Then, on the way back: Midney Gardens Mill Lane, Midney Somerton TA11 7HR** [OS193 498276]

Admission £4.50 1-mile SE of the historic town of Somerton off the B3151

Dave and Alison started the garden at Midney in 2009 working around a few established trees and shrubs. Their aim was to create a garden which they and others would enjoy and that people would want to come and see.

According to the reviews on Trip Advisor the cakes are very good – as is the garden!

**For all visits please let me know by email first. [A.c.mayes@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:A.c.mayes@exeter.ac.uk)**

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

#### **Guided Nature Walks (Judy Mead)**

No plans yet

Judy Mead [judymead@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:judymead@hotmail.co.uk)

#### **Music / Opera:**

*No plans for the Autumn – awaiting a volunteer to lead the group*

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

October 6<sup>th</sup> 12.00 for 12.30 - 'Five Bells Inn' at Clyst Hydon

There will be four choices within each course with a maximum price of £30 for three courses including coffee. Sue has indicated there will be an option of one two or three courses including vegetarian options.

If you wish to come to this lunch please book with Sue Cousins at [scousins@talktalk.net](mailto:scousins@talktalk.net) (01392 432309) by Monday 28th September at the latest.

As the menu needs to reflect seasonality we will not have the menus for couple of weeks but it would be helpful if you are likely to be interested in coming to let Sue know as soon as possible so we have a rough idea of likely numbers. For information on the Five Bells see their website [www.fivebells.uk.com](http://www.fivebells.uk.com).

We are also hoping to arrange to visit a new venue for the group in Sampford Courtney.

Frankie Peroni ( tel: 01363 773946)

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

### **Table Tennis (Ruth Preist)**

Table Tennis new program

Dates for the Autumn: Thursdays, 10.30 – 12.00

3rd, 17th September, 1st, 15th, 29th October, 12th, 26th November,

**and** 11th December (N.B. FRIDAY – because the Annual UERSA Christmas lunch is on the Thursday!)

Cost: Single session £2.50 Term (eight sessions) £16

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

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

No events are currently planned.

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

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

Events for September – December 2015

Dates: Wed, 2 Sept Sun, 13 Sept Mon, 28 Sept Wed, 7 Oct Tues, 20 Oct

Tues, 3 Nov Tues, 17 Nov Wed, 25 Nov Wed, 9 Dec

Any more offers?

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

### **Forthcoming Meetings**

10.30 Wed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept Bleak House, Lydford 7 miles **PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED** led by John Boyle  
Meet at 10.30 at the car park on the moor (OS28: 526853).

Take the A30, A386 to Tavistock and turn off to the left on a lane immediately before the Dartmoor Inn which is at the junction with the road down into Lydford Village. After about 100 m the lane goes through a gate into the car park area on the moor.

From the car park we will walk to Bleak House returning along the old tramway track around the back of Great Nodden.

14.15 Sun, 13<sup>th</sup> Sept Elf Charity Walk at Crediton 4 miles led by David Hobbs & John Boyle

Meet at Crediton football Clubhouse. Walk entry fee £5 (for ELF)

The Football Clubhouse is on the Sports Centre site in Marsh Lane. At the new roundabout (Tesco), entering Crediton from Exeter on the A377, turn right – note the sign for the Sports Centre, the Rugby Club and the Football Club. Ascend on the new road and then descend through light industrial units to reach the Sports/Leisure Centre on the right. The football building is on the far side of the parking area. If the car park is full, go to the signed Overflow car park reached by going back to the road, turning left and then immediately left again. **Registration** takes place at the Football Clubhouse and that is where the walk starts and where we will gorge on cream teas and cake afterwards.

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David and John are involved in the Exeter Leukaemia Fund fundraising day at Crediton. One activity is a walk through and around Shobrooke Park (4 miles). There is an entry fee of £5 and teas are available afterwards for those who wish.

I hope Uersa walkers will join in, supporting David and his able assistant. It is also an opportunity to see the giant cricket bat at Shobrooke Cricket Ground carved from the trunk of a 125 year old pine tree destroyed in a storm.

Trevor

10.30 Mon, 28<sup>th</sup> Sept    *Revelstoke Carriage Drive at Noss Mayo*    4.5/7.5 miles  
PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED    led by David & Tina

Meet at National Trust Warren Car Park SX 5409 4659 at 10:30am

Join South West Coast Path and travel west along Revelstoke Drive -> the Warren -> Gara Point, -> through the woods to Noss Mayo. Flat to this point. (The shorter walk returns to the cars from here up a gentle slope). The main walk follows the valley SE of the village, climbs through Eastern Hill Wood (short, steepish climb) then Stoke Road for half a mile to Stoke Cross and the caravan site. A late lunch at the ruined church of St Peter. Then along the coast to Stoke Down, another short steepish climb to the Revelstoke Drive and South West Coast Path on Netton Down and from there follow the Revelstoke Drive back to the cars. Apart from the two short climbs, this is a gentle walk.

*Car sharing advisable.* Drivers are advised to ignore satnavs (or Google Earth) which suggest going through Yealmpton and Newton Ferrers; instead leave the A38 at the turn for Ugborough, follow on to the A379 and take the Holbeton turning at SX61365188, by pass Holbeton and continue through Battisborough Cross; the road passes Stoke Cross where it is signed as no through road, because it is! Those who choose the shorter walk could lunch at one of the two inns in Noss Mayo.

10.30 Wed, 7<sup>th</sup> Oct    *Annual Cake Walk, Exmouth*    7-8 miles  
PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED    led by Patrick & Sue

A walk in and around Exmouth (about 7 miles) including the Geoneedle and sea front. The walk is muddy in places so please wear suitable footwear.

10.30 Start from Sue and Patrick's house, 6 Merrion Avenue, Exmouth EX8 2HX

The start is 6 minutes walk from the Elwyn Road stop of the number 57 bus from Exeter (every 15 minutes). Stay on the bus through Exmouth town centre and get off in Salterton Road just after the Cranford Club. Walk the full length of Elwyn Road, turn left at the 'T' junction with Cranford Avenue then first right into Merrion Avenue. Number 6 is the last house on the right, on the corner with Douglas Avenue. For anyone with a sat nav the post code is EX8 2HX.

Please bring a PACKED LUNCH. Cakes and mugs of tea will be served at 6 Merrion Avenue afterwards.

10.30 Tues, 20<sup>th</sup> Oct    *Woodbury Common*    6-7 miles    PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED    Jan Smith

Start at Four Firs car park (Explorer 115 :032864);

A circular walk over Woodbury and Aylesbeare Commons

10.30 Tues, 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov    *Circular walk from Princetown*    6.5 miles    PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED    led by Pete

Meet at the main car park in Princetown (OS28:588734). We will walk to the Devonport Leat Aqueduct, via Hart Tor, then on to Swell Tor and Foggin Tor Quarries before climbing to North Hessary Tor before dropping back down to Princetown. It's a 6.5 mile walk with a 1100ft of ascent.

The walk is a mix of the disused railway, paths and crossing grass and heather.

10.30 Tues, 17<sup>th</sup> Nov    *Grand Western Canal, Tiverton*    7 miles    PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED    led by Judy

Meet at Exeter St David's Station to catch the **9:58 (London) train**.

Return by bus so **bring your pass**. This is a walk along the Grand Western Canal from Tiverton Parkway station to the canal basin in Tiverton, 7 miles dead flat.

10.30 Wed, 25<sup>th</sup> Nov    *Annual Lunch Walk*    4 miles    led by Trevor

The annual, end of year, lunch walk will take place in the Topsham/Lympstone area. It will be about 4 miles, fairly flat. I do hope that lapsed walkers will join us for the walk or simply for lunch. Full details will be circulated later.

10.30 Wed, 9<sup>th</sup> Dec    *Stoke Woods & Exe Valley*    6 miles    PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED    led by Tom

Start Stoke Hill car park at NGR SX924957 (OS Explorer Map 114) From there down through the woods, across the A396 and the railway and river at Stafford Bridge onto the Exe Valley Way to Brampford Speke. Join Devonshire Heartland Way to Stoke Canon, again crossing the A396 to Huxham. Footpath from Huxham through Huxham Brake with glorious view over the lower Exe Valley to Stoke Post. Join Two Counties Way to Stoke Hill Farm and back to car park.

6 miles, 3 hours walking mostly flat except for gentle climb up from Huxham.

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

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

*Tuesday 29th September 19.00 - Côtes du Rhône (at 21 The Mint)*

Roger Camble will explore the Where, What, Why and Which of Cotes du Rhone: Where exactly is Cotes du Rhone? What is the hierarchy of wines within Cotes du Rhone today; What grapes go into it? Why is it like that? Which ones to look out for? Roger also added that with 10 wines to taste, most over 13% ABV, not driving home might be a good idea!

Booking forms and cost are now available from me, to be returned no later than 22nd September.

The remaining event for this year, details to follow:

*Tuesday 10th November 19.00 - Wines for the Festive Season (at Majestic Wines).*

By popular demand we are returning for another event with Lauren at Majestic Wines, 1 Bridford Rd, Exeter EX2 8QX (more details to follow).

*February 2016 - Reisling and Pinot Noir (at 21 The Mint) with Alan Leadbetter (more details to follow).*

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

### ***N.B. IMPORTANT FOR ALL GROUP ACTIVITIES***

Full details of the activities and, importantly, updates or changes can be seen on the UERSA website <http://groups.exeter.ac.uk/uersa/index.html>. For those who do not use the internet, organisers can be contacted either by mail or telephone - listed in this Newsletter - and I recommend that you join any group in which you are interested, so that you will get any postings and updates from that group.

### **UNIVERSITY SNIPPETS**

*Selected by Rachel, both from UofE Weekly Bulletins*

The University of Exeter is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee in 2015-16.

To mark our 60th anniversary a host of events, awards and activities will take place throughout the year, both in Exeter and around the world. Celebrations are aimed at staff, students, alumni and the local community and begin with the launch of a book written by Professor Jeremy Black entitled *City on the Hill*, detailing the history of the University from 1955 to the present day. Diamond Jubilee launch week takes place 28 September – 2 October, and there are several events planned for everyone to enjoy including the book launch and a 50s-themed party, to which all colleagues are invited. Look out for more details on how you can get involved in the next couple of weeks. Our Diamond Jubilee website will also be launching soon

Academic Ranking of World Universities success *(I knew you'd like this one! ... Ed)*

The University of Exeter has reinforced its position as one of the best universities in the world, according to the latest influential rankings. The Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU,) also known as the Shanghai Jiao Tong rankings, was published [mid-August], and has seen Exeter leap into the top 200 ranked global institutions.

The rankings are based on six predominantly research-based measures, including the number of articles published in leading journals *Nature* and *Science*, and the number of highly cited researchers. This follows on from rankings published earlier this year, which saw Exeter as sixth in the UK, eighth in Europe, and 40th in the world in the CWTS Leiden Rankings 2015, and the most recent Research Excellent Framework (REF2014), where we were ranked 16th nationally, with 82% of research rated as world-leading or internationally excellent.



**RETIRED STAFF ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Friday 2nd October 2015 at 6.30 p.m.  
in the Henderson Room, Xfi Building,  
University of Exeter**

Immediately before the AGM, members will have the opportunity of purchasing Professor Jeremy Black's new history of the University, *The City on the Hill – A Life of the University of Exeter*, at the cost of £40.50, representing a 10% discount over the cover price. Members should either bring cash for this amount or a cheque made payable to the University of Exeter.

**AGENDA**

1. **To note the minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting of UERSA held 10<sup>th</sup> October 2014.**

2. **Chairman's Report**

3. **Treasurer's Report (attached)** (including a report on the financial outcome of this year's Summer Garden Party)

4. **To confirm the subscription rates for 2015/16**

5. **Election of Officers and Committee for 2015/16**

The following Officers and Members of the UERSA Committee have agreed to serve a further year:  
**Sue Odell** will become **President** for a year from the AGM 2015.

**Tony Wragg** will become **Immediate Past President** for a year from the AGM 2015.

**David Batty (Chairman)**

**Chris King (Membership Secretary)**

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

**Rachel Kirby (Newsletter Editor)**

**Linda Hale (Committee Member)**

**Roger Coles (Committee Member)**

**Ann Corbin (Committee Member)**

**Robin Turner (Committee Member)**

The following Members of the Committee confirmed that they will be '**Stepping down**' from the Committee at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting on 2nd October 2015:

**Alan Leadbetter (Immediate Past President 2014/15).**

**Wojtek Krzanowski (Treasurer)** – since Oct. 2009.

**Jan Reynolds (Secretary)** – since October 2004.

\*The Chairman wishes to nominate the following to membership of the Committee, subject to the approval at the Annual General Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015

**David Smith (as Treasurer).**

**Julie Orr (as Secretary).**

**Election of President-designate 2015/16**

It has been confirmed by **David Batty** (Chairman) that the following nomination has been put forward and agreed, for approval at the Annual General Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015:

**John Carroll** be elected as **President-designate 2015/16.**

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.

# UNIVERSITY OF EXETER

## RETIRED STAFF ASSOCIATION

### Treasurer's Report for 2014/15

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. 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 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 in 2014/15 were the refreshments after the AGM, the Christmas lunch, and the summer Garden Party. "Administration Costs" cover printing, photocopying, postal charges and general running expenses, while "Disbursements" comprise donations approved by the Committee. These were to Wonford Methodist Church, who had supplied crockery for use at the previous Garden Party, and to Exeter Cricket Club who had made available the pavilion for the Garden Party as well as parking space throughout the year for members attending events.

	31-07-15 £	31-07-14 £	31-07-13 £
<b>Surplus Brought Forward</b>	<b>6,474</b>	<b>6,519</b>	<b>6,594</b>
<b>Subscription Income</b>	1,382	1,308	1,404
<b>Administration Costs</b>	-160	-138	-333
<b>Events</b>			
- Income	1,539	2,146	1,603
- Expenditure	-2,823	-3,143	-2,438
<b>Activities</b>			
- Income	6,031	6,781	6,728
- Expenditure	-5,594	-6,820	-6,858
<b>Disbursements</b>	-180	-180	-180
<b>Surplus Carried Forward</b>	<b>6,669</b>	<b>6,474</b>	<b>6,519</b>

The surplus carried forward shows a profit of just under £200 over the year but this is illusory, as an expense of £330 under "Activities" was not met by the Finance Office until after the close of the financial year so has not been included. When allowance for this item is made, "Activities Expenditure" comes to £5924 leaving an overall balance of £6339. Thus the trend of slight annual losses has been continued this year, but our balance is still very healthy and 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)**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER 2015**

The AGM will be held in the Henderson Room in the Xfi building, as last year, on 2 October 2015 and will start at 6.30 pm. Wine, soft drinks and nibbles will be served after the meeting in the restaurant area of Xfi.

In order to finalise our catering requirements, it would be helpful if you could indicate your intention to attend by completing the form below and return it to me at:

21 Chantry Meadow, Alphington, Exeter EX2 8FT

Alternatively, e-mail me at: [scousins@talktalk.net](mailto:scousins@talktalk.net) or phone me on 01392 432309

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I/We would like to attend the UERSA Annual General Meeting on Friday 2 October 2015

Name(s) -----

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Sue Cousins

3 September 2015

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