



**RETIRED STAFF ASSOCIATION
(UERSA)**

The Annual General Meeting of the University of Exeter Retired Staff Association was held on Friday 12th October 2012 at 6 p.m. in the Queen's Building (Lecture Theatre 1).

1. **Those present at the meeting**

There were 48 members of the Association present at the meeting (list attached to Minutes in file).

2. **Apologies**

28 Apologies were received (list filed with the minutes).

3. **Chairman's Report**

A copy of the Alastair's report is attached to these Minutes in Minute Book.

4. **Treasurer's Report and Confirmation of Subscription Fees for 2011/12**

A copy of the Treasurer's Report for 2011/12 had previously been circulated to those members with email facility and hard-copies were also available at the AGM for those unable to receive emails. (Copy of Report attached to these Minutes). Wojtek confirmed that the Report showed a credit balance of £6,594 being carried forward to 2012/13. The comparing figure transferred to 2011/12 at last year's AGM was £6,614.

The Members at this year's AGM unanimously agreed that the Subscription Fees for 2012/13 should remain at £6 per person/per couple. Cheques to be made payable to The University of Exeter.

5. **Minutes of the Previous AGM – held on 7th October 2011**

It was noted that the Minutes of the previous AGM had been typed, agreed and filed in the Minute Book. However, it was noted that approved Minutes of Annual General Meetings are available on the UERSA Website for those interested in reading them. Hard copies can be requested from the Secretary.

6. **Election of Committee for 2012/13**

It was confirmed by the Chairman that this matter had been discussed at the previous Committee Meeting and all the present Committee Members had agreed to serve a further year:

Alastair Logan (Chairman)

Wojtek Krzanowski (Treasurer)

Jan Reynolds (Secretary)

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)

To confirm that **Mary Banks** will become **President of UERSA** for 2012/13.

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

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

7. **Election of President Elect – 2012/13**

The Committee proposed that **Alan Leadbetter** should be nominated as **President Elect for 2012/13**. Unanimous vote in favour of this nomination.

8. **Reports on the Activities of the Special Interest Groups**

The following reports were received at the AGM:

Gardens Group

Anne Mayes (Leader of the Group) gave an illustrated report on the various visits which had taken place over the past seven months.

Trebah (March)

Mothecombe (April)

Heddon Hall (June)

Lewis Cottage (July)

Kia Ora (August)

Bickham Gardens (Sept.)

Stourhead (visit due to take place in October)

(A copy of Anne's detailed Report is available on the UERSA Website).

Walking Group

Trevor Preist (Leader of the Group) forwarded a copy of his report for circulation to UERSA Members before the AGM took place (copy attached to these Minutes).

Music/Opera Group

Helen Pope (Leader of the Group) forwarded a copy of her report for circulation to UERSA Members before the AGM took place (copy attached to these Minutes).

Wine Tasting Group

John Carroll (Leader of the Group) confirmed his thanks to Alan Leadbetter and Jim Kingston of Topsham Wines for the tasting of the Wines of Southern France on 27th September. The final event of 2012 will be a tasting of New Zealand Wines North to South hosted by Diana and John Jacob on 13th November at 21 The Mint, Exeter.

John confirmed that a meeting of the Group is planned to take place in December to discuss next year's diary.

9. **Suggestions for Future Activities and Events**

Visit to Stratford Upon Avon

Bruce Coleman confirmed he would be happy to try once again to organize such a trip to Stratford Upon Avon, including a visit to the Shakespeare Theatre for Members to see a matinee performance of **Hamlet** in the Main Theatre. He pointed out, however, that he would need to know beforehand how many members would be interested in such a trip and he would be contacting UERSA members to ascertain interest.

Tour of the Lifeboat College, Poole, Dorset

Alastair mentioned that Barrie Behenna (a UERSA member and also a member of the Teignmouth Lifeboat Association) had obtained costings, etc. of such a trip and these were discussed at the Committee Meeting, held on 16th May 2012. It was decided that this matter should be left in abeyance until the next AGM in October to ask the members present whether they would support the idea of such a trip and, if so, whether there was a volunteer willing to take over the organization.

The Chairman asked the Members present at the AGM how many were in favour of such a trip taking place - only half a dozen were in favour.

A Conducted Tour of the University's 'Revamped' Streatham Campus (including the New Buildings)

The UERSA Committee had previously discussed the possibility of a such a tour (including the new **Forum** which was formally opened by H.M. The Queen at the beginning of May 2012), which may be of interest to many of our UERSA members.

This proposal was favourably approved by members present at this AGM and it was agreed that this Tour should take place - possibly during the Easter Vacation 2013.

Visit to Swindon GWR Museum

Sue Cousins confirmed that apart from a viewing of the GWR Museum, there was also an out-of-town Shopping Centre available for those who were not particularly interested in the Museum. Details to follow.

Visit to Longleat

Linda Hale confirmed that unfortunately she had had to cancel arrangements for the trip to Longleat at the last minute, due to lack of numbers.

Christmas Lunch – to be held on Tuesday 11 December at the Devon Hotel

Sue Cousins confirmed that menus will be circulated to UERSA members, together with booking forms for completion by Members wishing to attend the lunch and outlining their menu choice.

10. **Any Other Business**

Anne Mayes thanked all the Committee Members, Group Leaders and UERSA Members who participated in the trips/events throughout the year.

The meeting closed at 6.30 p.m. and the Chairman confirmed that wine and nibbles were available for everyone in the Queen's Building Café.